

farm forest acts

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Log prices are running high in Douglas County.

Even with the high prices, a number of the mills are unable to get enough logs to run full time.

It's my notion that a number of the small sawmill operators are missing a good bet by not buying like a lot of the outfits do in the central and eastern states.

FOR YEARS in these states, log prices have been quoted FOB at the farm woodland owners' landing. This gives a farmer a chance to use his farm equipment to yard his logs to a landing. And best of all, he doesn't have to worry about rigging up loading equipment or buying or renting a truck to do his hauling.

Log prices being what they are, many landowners would probably do some logging during the winter and help keep some of our smaller mills in operation.

FRANK SCHOEFER, county agent from Benewah County in Idaho, tells of a mill operator in his area that has such a plan. This operator who lives in the Santa area would scale and pay for the logs roadside.

He goes an extra step and says all the landowner has to do is fall and limb the trees and yard them to roadside. The sawmill operator would then do the bucking, scaling, loading, and hauling.

Sounds like a good idea.

WE'VE TALKED written timber sales contracts to every landowner that is interested in selling his timber. Some are interested—some aren't.

One of the big problems in a sales contract is enforcing the items that are listed. This is especially true if the sale is a small one. The cost of court action soon eats up the profits.

In the timber sales contract check list that the Douglas County prepared, they encourage the use of a performance bond or cash deposit.

This bond or deposit guarantees the seller that the buyer will live up to the obligations of the contract. If the buyer fails to fulfill his contract agreements, he automatically forfeits his bond or cash deposit.

Normally, the contract agreements will be fulfilled and the buyer's bond or cash deposit will be returned.

E. R. STINNER, out near Melrose, has just finished selling a patch of timber.

That in itself is not unusual. What is unusual is that Mr. Stinner



BEST IN OREGON—The News-Review Douglas County Fair edition published Aug. 25, 1954, garnered top honors in the state. Fair manager Dick Turley entered the edition in the state-wide contest sponsored by the Oregon Fairs Assn. recently. The edition won first prize for all Oregon fairs (including the Oregon State Fair and the Pacific International) for publicity and advertising. News material for the edition was compiled, written, edited and made up by News-Review Staff Writer Chuck Grell (above). (Paul Jenkins photo.)

Bang's Disease At All-Time Low

The brucellosis (Bang's) disease in Oregon cattle is at an all-time low.

The report from federal and state officials on the outcome of the 1954 brucellosis testing program in the state showed more cattle were tested and fewer reactors were found.

In Douglas County 12,058 cattle were tested. Nineteen were listed in the report as reactors. A total

of 273 calves were vaccinated during the year.

The report was released by Dr. A. G. Beagle, Portland, veterinarian in charge of the federal animal disease eradication branch, and M. E. Knickerbocker, Salem, chief of the division of animal industry of the state department of agriculture.

The 1954 report shows 295,107 cattle were tested and that 1620 of them, or just over one-half of one per cent, reacted. The actual reactor percentage figure is 0.548. It represents a drop from the 0.85 per cent of last year when 1,838 reactors were found in 281,003 beef and dairy animals tested.

ner has a written timber sales contract with the logger and a \$200 cash performance bond.

This gives him a pretty good idea that the contract will be lived up to—if it isn't, he's a couple of hundred dollars richer.

This timber sales contract check list has some good points to consider if you are selling your timber. You may have one by writing to the County Agent's Office, Post Office Bldg., in Roseburg.

Wheat Export Down In 1954

Export movement of wheat out of Portland during the last six months of 1954—the first half of the crop year—dropped to 3,326,946 bushels. This compares with 10,359,279 bushels in the same period of 1953 and is the smallest export movement since the first half of 1948. The figures are from the semi-annual report of the division of grain inspection of the state department of agriculture.

Export movement of barley, on the other hand, took a good upturn, according to T. Ralph Harry, division chief. Barley loaded at Portland ports for export totaled 1,686,977 bushels, compared with 33,329 bushels in the first half of 1953. Grain inspection reports also reflect a small export movement of flax-seed, 18,929 bushels.

Wheat received at Portland graded 10.5 per cent smutty and carried 2.7 per cent foul dockage. Smut was greater, foul dockage less than a year ago.

No inspections of export flour were recorded, either at Portland or Astoria.

The inspection service issued certificates on over 9 million bushels of wheat moving into government storage, mostly the mobil ball fleet. This represented 7,343,094 bushels inspected at Portland and 1,831,275 at Astoria.

Almost twice as much incoming wheat—4,024,946 bushels—as in the last six months of 1953 was inspected at Astoria. Incoming wheat inspections at Pendleton also were higher—360,334 bushels compared with 534,401 a year earlier. Bean, pea and flour inspections reported by the Pendleton branch office were down.

Contest Offers Cash To Builders

Oregon farmers and lumber dealers joined this week in a nationwide contest which offers \$10,000 in cash prizes for farm building improvements.

Designed to encourage farmers to make their operations easier and more profitable, the 1955 Farm Building Improvement Contest offers two grand prizes of \$1,500 each and also two prizes each of \$750, \$500 and \$250. There are 40 \$100 prizes.

Local lumber dealers are cooperating with the sponsors of the contest, the National Lumber Manufacturers Assn. and Better Farming Magazine, in advising farmers on their building projects.

Eligible to compete are such projects as a new farm building, the remodeling of an old one, an addition to a barn, or the construction of such things as penicillines, feeders and other specially-designed devices.

Improvements could be, for instance, easier to build, or more efficient, or more original in planning, or best adapted to the use of new and improved farm practices.

Any project begun after Jan. 1, 1955, and completed before Nov. 1, 1955, is eligible for a prize. The official entry blank can be secured by writing to Better Farming Magazine, Entry blanks are free; there is no charge or fee of any kind to enter the contest.

4-H Leaders To Confer In Corvallis Jan. 25-27

Western and central Oregon 4-H leaders will meet for a three-day conference in Corvallis beginning Jan. 25.

"Building Today for Tomorrow" is the theme of the meeting. First year leaders and the relation of 4-H to the Community will be emphasized, according to Burton S. Hutton, Oregon State College extension leader. A new 4-H film, "The Town That Came Back," will be previewed for the leaders. Not yet released, it had its first showing at the National 4-H Club congress in November.

An International Farm Youth Exchange delegate of last summer will take part in the program. Dorothy Teel, formerly of Hillsboro who visited farm families in Germany, and Barbara Larson of Hermon, who was a delegate in England and Wales, are to report their experiences.

Allen Guerber of Corvallis will preside over the annual meeting of the association Jan. 27.

WESTERN MAN ELECTED

An Oregon State College professor of range management, Charles E. Poulton, has been named chairman of the Society of American Foresters' range management division of 1955. Poulton's duties will include program planning for the division when the SAF holds its annual meeting in Portland next fall. He was the only West Coast man elected to office at a recent meeting held in Milwaukee, Wis.

FINALLY MAKE UP

CHICAGO (AP)—Jerome Hooker, 57, and his 56-year-old wife are back together again today after facing each other 40 times in Circuit Court since she filed a separate maintenance suit against him.

Mrs. Hooker's attorney told the court that they "got to like each other again because they were seeing each other so often. As a result the couple has made up."

Judge Charles S. Dougherty dismissed the suit.

FARM and Garden

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HEN SCORES A STRIKE—That's not a bowling pin that Tommy Zibinski, of West Springfield, Mass., is holding. It's an odd-shaped egg found in a hen's nest. When opened the egg contained a small yolk and a normal amount of albumen.

Ladino Clover Seed Surplus Fades

Good news for Oregon ladino clover seed growers came this week with announcement that government surplus holdings are expected to fade rapidly to replace national shortages of red and alsike clover seed.

Ray H. Teal, Oregon State College seed marketing specialist, said year-end inventory of red and alsike clover seed shows that heavy 1954 exports, along with the midwest drought, reduced holdings of the two legume seed stocks to only 80 per cent of the 1943-52 average. Seed harvest was also lighter than normal in 1954 as a result of low prices. Hay shortages in the midwest drove many growers to harvest clover as feed rather than holding it for seed.

Alfalfa and ladino will be used to fill the gap for pasture mixtures and green manure crops. Teal pointed out, however, that much of the 1954 bumper alfalfa crop along with large government holdings have been exported or moved into domestic trade channels.

This is expected to speed up disposal of 10-million-pound holdings of ladino seed to meet domestic demands.

Safeway Sponsors 3-4-H Contests In '55

Three special 4-H contests sponsored by Safeway Stores will be offered in Oregon again this year, according to Burton S. Hutton, the 4-H club leader.

They are the livestock breeding project, dollar dinner demonstration contest, and the demonstration of food preparation or preservation.

The livestock breeding contest offers \$25 4-H summer school scholarships for outstanding livestock breeding projects in counties. The 4-H club member with the highest scoring project in the state receives a \$100 college scholarship.

In the dollar dinner contest, lowest cost meals for four are prepared. State winner in the senior division receives a \$100 college scholarship, and the junior winner gets a 4-H summer school scholarship.

These contests are decided at state fairs.

In the food preservation or preparation contest, the award is given to a high scoring demonstration team or individual. In the county division, a \$10 award is given, and at state fair, a \$50 savings bond.

Wool Growers Meet In Salt Lake

Organization of the new American Sheep Producers Council, Inc. was completed this month.

The directors met with government officials in Salt Lake City, Utah. They voted to enter into an agreement with the government to develop and conduct advertising and promotion programs for lambs and wool. The agreement may be made in accordance with the provisions of the Wool Act, according to Director R. A. Ward, general manager of the Pacific Wool Growers of Portland.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson will be petitioned by the council. Members hope to stage a referendum vote of sheep and wool producers, Ward said. If 2/3 of the producers or the volume of wool vote approval of the deduction of one cent a pound from the incentive payment for the promotion of their products, the deductions may be made and the funds turned over to the American Sheep Producers Council for this promotional use.

G. N. Winder, of Denver, Colo., was elected temporary chairman of the Council. James Lemmon of S.D., vice chairman; and J. M. Jones, of Salt Lake City, secretary.

SIX DIVORCES

PORTLAND (AP)—For every nine marriages there were six divorces in Oregon last year, but the State Board of Health believes the figures are misleading.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said he believes many Oregon residents cross into Washington to get married.

The divorce rate represented a slight increase over the previous year.

Oregon's Unemployment Rate Soars Upward

SALEM (AP)—Oregon's unemployment rate soared last week to 10.3 per cent of those insured by the Unemployment Compensation Commission.

The unemployment index in December went to 110.4 per cent, highest of any month in 1954. This index is based on the 1947-49 average, and is seasonally adjusted.

The commission said that despite high employment, the unemployment rate is going up. The peak of last winter was 13 per cent of those insured.

The commission added that benefits paid out this month are expected to total 15 to 20 per cent under those of January, 1954.

It estimated that 78,800 were working in the lumber industry in mid-December, compared with 70,000 a year earlier.

The construction and metals industries also had better records.

Nut Grower Prexy Protests Hearing

A strong protest against the "rush hearings" scheduled for the proposed Cooper Tariff bill has been made to Oregon and Washington Congressmen by John E. Trunk, general manager of Northwest Nut Growers, Portland.

In letters to the Washington, D. C., delegations, Trunk voiced disapproval of the fact that hearings on the measure were started Jan. 17, less than two weeks after the bill (H.R. 1) was introduced.

Multi-million dollar crops would be affected by this legislation, according to Trunk.

"The state's economy is vitally affected by crops vulnerable to tariff reductions under the Cooper bill," Trunk said. "The rush hearings give interested industries and groups no opportunity to adequately prepare for this tariff possibility," he continued.

Trunk said Northwest Nut Growers plan to join with almond and walnut industries of California in requesting a hearing before the committee, so that views of the fiber and walnut growers of these areas may be put on record.

Cost Of Living During December At Low Figure

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government reported here that lower food prices in December brought the nation's living costs to their lowest level since May 1953.

The report showed prices of living cost items at the end of the year 1954 were one-half of one per cent below the level at the year's start. It was the first time since 1948 that the government living cost index had shown an over-the-year decline.

Substantially lower prices for eggs, pork chops and poultry led the December decline.

The index kept by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics dropped three-tenths of one per cent to 114.3 per cent of the 1947-49 base period average.

While prices declined generally during 1954, especially since July, the drop was gradual and moderate. December's 114.3 index was about one per cent below the record high level of 115.4 in October 1953.

Mrs. Arnyess Joy Wickens, acting labor statistics commissioner, reported that rents recently have been displaying a tendency to go down. She said modest declines have been reported in a fairly large number of instances.

Mrs. Wickens declined to predict the January price trend but said she would guess there would not be "much change." She said some foods such as poultry and fruits and vegetables were higher in January but other items such as pork, were registering further declines.

Food prices have dropped 3.7 per cent since July. The December decline was six-tenths of one per cent.

Better Grading Percentage

Mr. Stovall, who is a city commissioner in Toppish, reports that he can get better grading percentage by feeding molasses dried beet pulp with his ration. Also, he claims that the pulp will replace grain pound for pound up to 50 per cent in the fattening ration.

No Bloating or Getting Off Feed

"To our bigger steers (on full feed) we feed 7 pounds of molasses dried beet pulp and 14 pounds of grain. We don't have any trouble with bloat or cattle getting off feed. One can do a better job of feeding than if he has just straight grain and hay."

Mr. Stovall starts his cattle with alfalfa hay and about two or three pounds of the grain and molasses dried beet pulp mixture. This mixture is increased about 3 pounds a day until the cattle are on full feed.

If you are feeding silage, keep this in mind: Experts on feeding say that molasses dried beet pulp and silage complement each other. Additional molasses dried beet pulp can be fed with excellent results, even to cows that receive silage that has been preserved with pulp!

Farm Incomes To Decrease

Oregon farm incomes will probably slip a bit more in the year ahead, says M. D. Thomas, extension service economist at Oregon State College.

and supplies, lower price supports, production restrictions and high marketing costs all point toward a smaller take from farm sales in 1955 despite strong domestic demand and increasing exports, according to the economist.

In the latest "Agricultural Situation the Outlook" circular prepared and released by economists at OSC, Thomas explains that grain growers seem likely to take the biggest part of the income cut.

A further roll-back on wheat acreage, plus lower price supports on all grains, will hit hard.

Daily incomes in Oregon are expected to be down some too. Production probably won't increase much and prices seem almost certain to average lower. Until supply and demand adjust further, there seems little chance to recover the drop in market milk prices that followed the November election, Thomas said.

Copies of the circular are available at the Douglas County Extension Office, Post Office Bldg., Roseburg.

Douglas And Lane PTAs Set Instruction Series

Douglas and Lane County Councils of Parent-Teacher Assns. will meet in Roseburg in February in one of a series of schools of instruction for high school PTAs.

The joint meeting will replace the regular county meeting, according to Mrs. R. J. Karp, county president. Exact meeting time has not been determined.

A team of three state officers will conduct such schools throughout the state.

Mrs. Karp recently represented the 30 PTAs in Douglas County at the Oregon Congress board of managers meeting in Portland.

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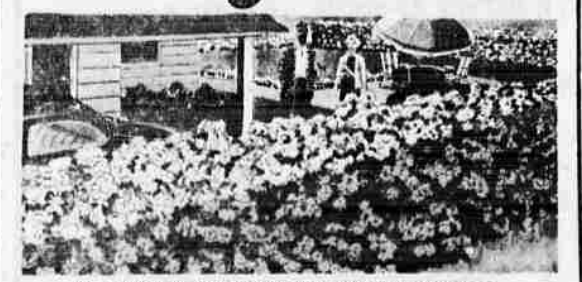
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McKAY BID TOO HIGH

SALEM (AP)—The state of Oregon is buying Gov. Paul Patterson a new 8-passenger Cadillac limousine, but it can't buy it from Patterson's good friend, Interior Secy. Douglas McKay.

McKay, who owns a Chevrolet and Cadillac agency in Salem, didn't bid low enough.

The low bid of \$4,991 was submitted by Bernard Motors, Portland. The McKay bid was \$5,530.

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