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Exhaustion Of Log Supplies For Smaller Lumber Firms Seen In 5 Years At Longest

More Than One-Half Of Private Timber Acreage Held By Large Operators, New Survey Shows

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The end of the road for small lumber companies solely dependent on privately owned timberlands in Douglas County for their log supply apparently is in sight.

A maximum of three to five years' cutting remains for small lumbermen. Such is the estimate of Al DeVoe, former head of the now-defunct Douglas County Forest Appraisal Dept.

Foresters in other timber management and forest protection agencies concur.

DeVoe's department was taken over completely by the county assessor after wrapping up a five-year survey of private timber resources in the county. The survey of private timber resources in the sources in the county. The survey shows a maximum of 15 million board feet of merchantable timber standing on approximately 831,000 acres of productive and dormant timberland.

Here is the squeeze in which small lumbermen are caught: Far more than half of the acreage is held by larger operators — Weyerhaeuser Timber Corp., Roseburg Lumber Co., Long-Bell Lumber Co. and others.

Cut on private lands approached a billion feet last year. Actual figure was in the neighborhood of 850 million board feet. Foresters agree it can be assumed that some of the larger operators are holding private timber in reserve while bidding on federal sales.

Inference is that many of the small operators continue to cut primarily on their own holdings while the larger mills are buying up federal timber for current log supplies.

By projecting the 850-million-board-foot cut into the future, DeVoe arrived at his estimate of the dwindling of private resources for the small operator.

Volume of privately owned timber probably is much smaller than the estimated 15 billion feet. DeVoe said it may be as little as 11 billion feet, for it has been in.

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Myrtle Point Chief Faces Larceny Charge

COQUILLE — Richard E. Vines, Myrtle Point police chief accused of taking \$39 bail money, will be arraigned in court Tuesday.

Vines, 37, is charged with converting public funds to his own use, a larceny offense. The penalty is from one to 15 years in prison.

Coos County Sheriff Charles Strawn said Monday that Vines had made no formal statement, but orally admitted taking the money. Strawn quoted Vines as saying he had not intended to steal the money but took it and was unable to return it.

Strawn said an investigation conducted last week by Dist. Atty. John Pickett showed about \$700 in bail money missing, and the figure may go as high as \$1,000 before the investigation is completed.

Vines was arrested Saturday night by sheriff's deputies and state police officers after a complaint was signed by Myrtle Point City Recorder Ben E. Nichols. Vines is held for \$5,000 bail.

Officer Vern Pouncey is acting as police chief until a replacement for Vines is appointed by the city council.

William W. Bonebrake, Retired Conductor, Dies

William Wesley Bonebrake, 89, a lifelong resident of central Douglas County and son of a pioneer family, died Monday following a short illness. He was a retired railway conductor, having been employed by Southern Pacific Co. for 45 years.

He was born at Dixonville Jan. 25, 1896, the son of John Star and Mary Arnold Bonebrake. His parents had settled on a homestead in that community in 1864 after having crossed the plains in 1862 to California. Bonebrake was the oldest son of a family of eight children and he spent his boyhood and early manhood on the family homestead on South Deer Creek.

Bonebrake was married to Clara Belle Hein in Roseburg Jan. 1, 1899. She died in June 1953 after they had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1949. Their only son, Wesley, died in 1937.

Bonebrake retired from railroad work in 1940. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors.

Surviving are a brother, J. Fred Bonebrake, Melrose; a sister, Mrs. William (Hattie) Germdier, Dixonville; and a number of nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be in the chapel of Long & Orr Mortuary Thursday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Raymond Schaefer, of the First Baptist Church officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow in Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Bonebrake had lived at 822 W. Mosher St.

Latin America Short Of Priests, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY, (AP) — Pope Pius XII said Tuesday the Roman Catholic Church is suffering from a grave shortage of priests in Latin America.

The Pope's warning was made in an apostolic letter to the Latin American hierarchy, now meeting in Rio de Janeiro. The letter was published in L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper.

The Pope, referring indirectly to the recent troubles of the church in Argentina, recalled that there has been "even in our own days, no lack of fighting and vexations against the church" in Latin America.

"Thanks be to God," he said, "thus far nothing has been able to extinguish in this vast region the light of salvation emanating from the cross of Christ."

Christian Behavior Urged On U. S. Troops Overseas

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Dr. Eugene C. Blake said Tuesday that unless the American troops overseas "behave as Christians the people of the world will get a wrong idea of what we stand for."

The Philadelphia Presbyterian minister, who as president of the National Council of Churches is the titular head of 35 million U. S. Protestants, told a news conference.

"The importance of the young American soldier in the whole world is more than he will ever fully realize," he said.

"We have young American soldiers all over the world and, in a spiritual sense as well as in a military sense."

The Weather

Occasional rain today becoming partly cloudy with scattered showers tonight and Wednesday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours — 79

Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 58

Highest temp. any July — 109

Lowest temp. any July — 40

Precip. last 24 hours — .03

Precip. from July 1 — .14

Precip. from Sept. 1 — 22.58

Deficiency from Sept. 1 — 7.56

Sunset tonight, 7:42 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 4:57 a.m.

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Highway Accident Claims 2 Lives

Tragedy Hits 11 Miles South Of Reedsport

Sideswipe With Bus Wrecks Station Wagon; Four On Injured List

Douglas County's traffic fatalities rose to 13 today when two men were killed in a station wagon-bus collision on Highway 101 about 11 miles south of Reedsport. Four others were hurt in the accident.

The dead are Calvin Forrest Crass, 43, Empire, and Vern Maurice Fleck, 51, Coos Bay, reports Coroner L. L. Powers. Injured were: Woodrow Matson, about 35; Edward Clark, about 12; Walter Olson, about 40; and Clarence Bankhead, a 39-year-old Greyhound bus driver. All but the bus driver are from the bay area, and were riding in the station wagon.

Witnesses to the accident could not give clear reports of the cause of the tragedy. But it was reported by the sheriff's office that the five men were going toward Reedsport in a station wagon. Apparently they were enroute to work in the woods on their job with the Warren Lumber Co. of North Bend.

Vines said they met a Greyhound bus going south on a detour about a mile north of the Douglas-Coos county line. The two vehicles sideswiped and the station wagon was thrown into the ditch, demolishing it, killing the two men and injuring the other three in it. Bankhead was driving the bus. He was also slightly injured.

The Keizer Memorial Hospital in North Bend reports that Clark was in serious condition with head injuries. Olson suffered a fractured clavicle, and Matson had a broken leg.

Coroner Powers said the accident occurred at about 7 a.m. today. It was being investigated by Dep. Coroner Jack Unger and sheriff's deputies from Reedsport.

Ike Draws Kick Because Dolls Bought In Geneva

NEW YORK (AP) — Those dolls that President Eisenhower bought in Geneva for his grandchildren have brought an "official protest" from the National Assn. of Doll Manufacturers.

The entire American doll industry is "shocked" by such "spotlighting of foreign dolls," said Association President David Rosenstein in a wire to the White House Monday.

Rosenstein said he is sending the President some 100 per cent American dolls "as gifts and constant reminders."

Among the American dolls is one that drinks, wets, cries and blows her nose. Others are a walking doll with "pink coat" and hair impossible to pull off the head; a talking doll that recites "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep," and a remote-controlled boy doll that walks, talks and has eyes that light up.

One Snake Too Many

Preacher's Death From Rattler's Bite In Church Officially Listed Suicide

ALTHA, Fla., (AP) — The death of a 75-year-old preacher bitten by a snake he handled at a revival meeting was ruled a suicide.

The Rev. George Went Hensley, of Albany, Ga., picked up a rattlesnake at a church service Sunday to demonstrate his faith had made him immune to the venom.

He collapsed soon after he was bitten but refused all medical treatment and died Monday morning.

County Judge Hannah Gaskin ruled the death a suicide on the ground that Hensley voluntarily picked up the snake and refused medical care afterwards.

An associate, the Rev. O. M. Lassiter, said Hensley had told him that he had been bitten at least 400 times by poisonous snakes in the past 55 years but had never suffered any ill effects.

Lassiter said Hensley was one of the original founders of the Dolly Pond Church of God in Grasshopper settlement near Chattanooga, Tenn., where the handling of snakes as an expression of faith had its origin in the Hilliness Church.

Snake Handlers Fined For Breaking Up Service

FLORENCE, Ala., (AP) — Charges that they broke up a religious service by bringing a rattlesnake to a church resulted in \$20 fines for three snake-handling brothers.

The trial of Allen Covington, 37, and Mansel and George Covington, both 39, was watched by about 150 spectators. They interrupted testimony Monday with exclamations of "Amen," and "Praise the Lord."

Charged with disturbing the peace, the three brothers had been held in the Lauderdale County Jail since July 14, shortly after services at the rural Bumpas Creek Church were disrupted.

George Covington testified that the brothers expected to be jailed, "but we felt that we were obeying the spirit of the Lord."

Sheriff Earl Romine said earlier that the brothers described themselves as "faith healers."

BITTEN GIRL ON MEND

The little 7-year-old Wolf Creek girl who was bitten by a rattlesnake last Friday is progressing nicely, according to a report from Forest Glen Hospital in Canyonville to Glendale correspondent Mrs. G. B. Fox.

The young girl was the second in recent weeks to be bitten. Both were treated with anti-venom serum at Forest Glen Hospital.

Saturday, hospital attendants said the girl would be hospitalized for a few days.

Robbers Take Victim At Word, Also His Cash

PASADENA, Calif., (AP) — When Chick Williams' service station was robbed of \$55 a week ago, he inserted an advertisement in a newspaper urging the gunman to "come back and get your bonus green stamps."

Monday two robbers visited the station and took \$225 from an attendant.

Williams still believes in advertising. He inserted another ad which reads: "Staying open 24 hours a day for your convenience."

What Williams didn't say is that he has loaded his shotgun and taken it to the station.

SHOWERS FORECAST

Several showery periods, with precipitation higher than normal, are forecast in a five-day outlook issued today by the Roseburg office of the U.S. Weather Bureau.

Temperatures will be below normal with maximums ranging about 68 to 78 degrees, it is predicted.

Acid Test Due At October Meet In Geneva, President Reports In Talk To Nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower told the nation last night a spark of world peace was ignited at the Big Four conference. But he said such patience and sacrifice and "some giving on each side" will be needed to keep that spark alive.

Retarded Children Aid Organization Planned

An important meeting to lay plans for aiding retarded children will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Westside Christian Church, Broccoli Lane and Harvard Avenue, according to Mrs. Alice Johnson of Roseburg.

Lawrence Merriam, who heads the Oregon Assn. for Retarded Children, will be the principal speaker. He will show a film entitled "Children Limited."

Mrs. Johnson said Dist. Atty. Robert M. Stults also will be on hand to help draw up articles of incorporation for a local organization. The organization, probably will be called the Roseburg Foundation for Retarded Children, Mrs. Johnson said.

Mrs. Johnson urges parents of retarded children and anyone else who is interested to attend the meeting. "We will decide just how far we can go," she said, "and I'm sure we can go a long way."

After formal organization, a fund drive is planned to raise money to hire teachers for retarded youngsters.

Road Plan To Be Eyed By Taxpayers League

Directors of the Douglas County Taxpayers League, concerned about the controversy surrounding construction of the Sutherland-Glide road, have called a special meeting Saturday at 2 p.m. in Roseburg.

It will be held in the Hotel Umpqua's Civic Room and is open to all interested persons, according to Secretary T. H. Paragon.

The secretary said league directors wish to give the matter of the road construction more public scrutiny. He said they wish to determine "whether or not this money is being wisely spent."

Controversy about the road has come because some persons contend it is to be used as a logging road. Contrarywise, other groups contend it has no value as a logging route.

Paragon said the league directors are concerned about expenditure of funds "if there is a doubtful value." He said they were also concerned about existing roads which presently need maintenance and repairs.

The directors hope to clarify the matter at the Saturday meet.

Overhauling Of Local Property Taxes Urged

SEATTLE (AP) — A complete overhaul of local property tax systems was advocated Monday by Gov. Langlie of Washington at the 61st annual National Conference of government.

"In most states," Langlie told some 2,000 delegates attending the conference, "the administration of the property tax, mainstay of local finance, is scandalous."

"The inequity and unrealistic level of (property) assessments," Langlie continued, "make a mockery of constitutional and statutory provisions for uniformity and assessment standards."

TO CLAIM PRISONERS

King County, Wash., authorities were due in Roseburg today to take custody of two young men charged with grand larceny in that state. Thomas Hoyt Thompson, 19, Idleyd Route, and Gordon Elzie Clayton, 20, Dillard, were arrested on the charges Sunday by state police.

Good Samaritan Deed

Lester Neal, Glendale, apparently is a man hard to keep down. A doctor took 110 stitches to close eight slashes on his body Sunday night after Neal and another man supposedly became involved in a knife fight. His wounds closed, Neal was discharged from the doctor's care, according to Mrs. G. B. Fox, News-Review correspondent. One of the slashes was through the large muscle in Neal's back.

Industrialist Giving 1st Vacation To One-Armed Mother, Husband, 9 Kids

BOSTON (AP) — "I never knew people could be so good." That was Mrs. Richard O'Reilly's breathless comment when she learned that, thanks to a newspaper story, a Detroit manufacturer had offered her, her husband and their nine children a free two-week vacation on Lake Erie.

Never Had Vacation

When shown the letter, Mrs. O'Reilly exclaimed: "You bet we'll go. Dick and I have never had a vacation, what with nine children and all—but we've got a car and I think it has got a trip left in it."

Her husband was 100 miles off Cape Cod but he will probably walk into half-packed suitcases when he returns today to their second-floor home. He has been employed, helping to anchor a "Texas tower" floating radar station.

"This is a wonderful country," Mrs. O'Reilly said. "I never knew people could be so good. It will be marvelous. You know Dick and I never even had a honeymoon—but by golly—we'll have one now—nine kids and all!"

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

A group of American farmers touring Russia and a group of Russian farmers touring the United States are both meeting with cordiality exemplifying a genuine neighborly spirit. Ergo, let's have more exchange visits of commoners and fewer huddles of so-called statesmen.

Death Claims Ex-Slave Said 117 Years

RALEIGH, N.C., (AP) — Death has come to Rufus Holloway, a former slave who placed his age at 117 years.

Holloway was born New Year's Day, 1839, in a slave cabin on the Tom Holloway plantation near Durham. He moved near here 25 years ago.

Holloway, who died Sunday, was spry and active. Until his last illness he walked two miles to church regularly. His secret for a long life: "I eat good, sleep good, chop a little wood and take life easy."

TILLER MAN RELEASED

Charles Stephen Zimmerman, 44, Tiller, was released from custody Monday through a circuit court order after he paid \$500 support money. Zimmerman, arrested Saturday by a deputy sheriff, was charged in a court warrant with being in contempt for failure to keep up payments.