

New Industrial Wood Uses Bring Problem Of Modern Inventories To Fore For Bureau

(Second in a series on Bureau of Land Management timber sales practices).

The increasingly intense utilization of wood has been nominated a major frustration to Bureau of Land Management people trying to keep inventories up to date.

James F. Doyle, Portland, area administrator of the BLM, points out that new inventories since 1948 have tremendously increased the allowable cut on O&C and other BLM-administered land.

But the work of the foresters isn't done yet, Doyle says. "In spite of the progress made in re-inventorying BLM timber, industrial innovations have been so great that the new inventory now completed will have to be redone as soon as the present task is finished."

Trend To Continue

"Furthermore, although it appears probable that the increased cutting trend will continue in future calculations, it is unwise and unsafe to make timber sales in areas not yet inventoried on the basis of projections."

To maintain a sustained - yield forestry program, requires establishment of an allowable cut. To determine allowable cut limits requires timber inventories.

Take the problem from there. Doyle states that inventories never can be up-to-date, practically speaking, because industry finds new uses for wood faster than foresters can count trees on the 2-400,000 acres.

More Uses Discovers

Industry finds new manufacturing processes, develops new products and uses for formerly unusable species of trees are being found.

Then, the arrangement of BLM

Melrose PTA Takes Stand On Athletics

The Melrose Parent Teachers Assn. has gone on record endorsing the state elementary athletics regulations only if the fifth grade were included with upper grades in active interschool sports competition.

The PTA also stipulated that fourth graders be taught the fundamentals in the three major sports in school. The state policy calls for competition only in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

At the meeting where the decision was pronounced, parents were also urged to cooperate with the Douglas County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. in the coming tuberculosis patch tests to be given first, fifth and eighth graders. The tests will be conducted at Melrose School Dec. 8. More mothers were asked to assist with the tests.

In other action, the PTA:

1. Heard a report from Mrs. Joe Sand, ways and means chairman, that over \$250 was cleared on the recent PTA-sponsored carnival.

2. Heard a report that sawdust donated by St. Helens Wood products Co. with the assistance of Frank Smith, has been spread under playground equipment as a safety measure.

3. Saw a display of Thanksgiving murals made by sixth graders.

4. Heard results of the room count won by the fifth grade and PTA membership drive won by the second grade.

5. Distributed year books.

The next meeting is scheduled Dec. 12.

Garden Valley 4-H Club Has Second Meeting

The Garden Valley 4-H sewing class for girls had its second meeting after school Thursday, at the Women's clubhouse.

It was decided to keep the name "Garden Valley Sew and Sews."

Karen Tipton joined the club.

A sewing machine company loaned the club a portable electric sewing machine for Mrs. Wesley's second year girls to use.

lands in checkerboard patterns with other ownerships is a further complication in keeping up-to-date records of volume. Doyle estimates that 7,500,000 acres of land will be covered in the current inventory of BLM's 2,400,000 acres.

Inventories to date are about 625,000 acres of BLM land. Work is progressing on 3,200,000 more, but only 1,325,000 are BLM. Photography is available on 5,842,000, of which 2,120,000 are BLM.

Sales Average High

In the past three years, sales on O&C lands have averaged 107 per cent of the allowable cut. The average for the past five years is 95 per cent, and for the 17 years of management under the O&C act, 83 per cent. All the above figures exclude controverted O&C areas.

When the O&C act was passed in 1937, an allowable cut of 500 million board feet was established

Curtin Family Moves To California Home

By MRS. RUBY MEACHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Jacob bought a trailer house and moved to Eureka, Calif., where he is employed. They spent Thanksgiving at his parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob.

Moves Home

S. E. Elwood has moved the house back on the property he bought recently and moved his family here. They are clearing the ground ready to build a service station and truck service on the grounds.

Mrs. J. R. Sowles won a prize on a TV program for Christmas decorations with a bell made of tin lids.

Miss Emily Goins returned home Wednesday with her aunt and uncle and family from Ashland who came up to visit over Thanksgiving with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allison and son, Dennis, of Sun Valley, Calif., were guests over Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sands Jr. They are Mrs. Sands' aunt and uncle.

J. C. Drake's mother, Mrs. Jasper Fields, New Plymouth, Idaho, and his sister, Mrs. Ina Mae Blumenthal, and son of Boise, Idaho, came to visit over the holidays. Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Drake took them all to the coast where they stayed for two days at a cabin.

Spanish War Vets To Have Dinner Saturday

A 1 p.m. turkey dinner will be held by United Spanish War Veterans Camp and Auxiliary Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Hall, followed by business sessions.

Members and eligible members are asked to attend and for further information may call the auxiliary president at OR 3-5431, or the camp commander at OR 3-8637.

The November meeting was well-attended. Special guests were Mrs. F. M. Compton of Portland, mother of Atty. Ray B. Compton of Roseburg, and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cornwell, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Lookingglass, Tenmile Schedule 'Skate Night'

Lookingglass and Tenmile have scheduled a "skate night" Saturday in their efforts to raise more money through birthday calendar sales than Dillard.

The two areas are pitted as a unit against Dillard in the calendar sales contest to raise money for uniforms for the Douglas High School band.

The skating will start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Lookingglass Grade School. Also that night, parents from the two areas will discuss other plans for raising more money through calendar sales.

At stake in the contest is a trophy from Roseburg Jewelers.

pending studies to arrive at a more accurate figure. Cruisers worked to adjust the figures until 1945, when an allowable cut of 606,664,000 feet was reached. That included timber on the controverted lands.

Cut Boosted Again

The allowable cut was raised again two years later to 645,731,000 feet, which included 122,231,000 on controverted lands. The cut was based on the best inventory data available then. That was the year that 110 tentative sustained-yield units were grouped into 12 master units.

But the BLM found itself falling behind in keeping up the inventories. Ground cruising was too slow. A technique using aerial photography was adopted in 1948. The method was authenticated by random field sampling.

In 1954, the allowable cut on O&C lands, exclusive of the controverted, was raised from 523,500,000 to 534,500,000 feet.

October Raise Noted

Only last Oct. 15, that figure was raised again to 588,200,000. Doyle says further adjustments will be made as inventories are completed.

As a consequence of the cruising, new inventories have allowed an increase of 31 per cent in the allowable cut in the areas completed.

Former Lookingglass Woman Has Baby

By HAZEL S. MARSH

Word has been received in Lookingglass of the birth of a daughter Oct. 26 to Dr. and Mrs. Paul Stennfeld at La Grande. She was named Marsha Lynn.

The mother is the former Dorothy Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones, pioneer residents of Lookingglass valley who now live in Myrtle Creek. The Stennfelds live at Union.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Nelson drove to Medford recently to see Mrs. Nelson's sister, Mrs. Joe Weir, off by plane to her home in Sun Valley, Calif. Mrs. Weir had been visiting at Lookingglass for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marse have returned from a week's attendance at the annual conference of Pacific Supply Cooperative in Portland.

Among students home from college for the Thanksgiving holiday were: Miss Lorna Vance of Southern Oregon College, Ashland; Miss Mary Jean Buell from the University of Oregon, Eugene; and Ned Noy from Seattle Pacific College.

Winston Woman Returns Home From Hospital

By MRS. GLENN RYDER

Mrs. Loran Dow has returned home after spending several days in the hospital because of a serious ear infection. Little Anna Dow stayed with the Paul Veach family while her mother was in the hospital.

From Eugene Mr. and Mrs. George Eberstein and son, Alan, Eugene, were Sunday guests of the Glenn Ryders. The two families became friends 14 years ago while residing in Leavenworth, Kans., where Ryder and Eberstein were accountants for the Bureau of Prisons.

Kerry Hoover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bardwell, Winston, is now in Presidio, Calif., where he will be attending the Army School of Languages for a period of one year.

Sixteen young people of the Winston Christian Church attended the World Fellowship Youth Meet which was held at Northwest Christian College in Eugene Friday and Saturday. They were accompanied by the Rev. E. L. Coulter and youth leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ersel Gubser of Dayton, visited in the Erv. Gubser home on Thanksgiving Day.

Vancouver Bridge Contract To Be Let By May 1

SALEM, Ore. — The contract for construction of the new bridge across the Columbia River at Vancouver will be let before next May 1, Oregon Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said Tuesday.

The bridge will parallel the existing bridge on the Pacific Highway. Tolls will be collected on both bridges until the cost of constructing the new bridge and remodeling the existing bridge is paid for.

The total project will cost 14 million dollars.

Baldock said the new bridge will be advertised for bids on Jan. 13, with the bids to be opened March 1. Bids will be asked March 6 for sale of necessary bonds.

The Oregon State Highway Commission will design and supervise construction of the new bridge and remodeling of the existing one.

The Washington Toll Bridge Authority will sell the bonds, collect the tolls, and operate the bridges until the bonds are retired.

When the bonds are paid off, the tolls will be removed and both structures will be operated jointly by the two state highway departments.

The new bridge is scheduled for opening by June 30, 1958. Reconstruction of the existing bridge should be completed by Dec. 31, 1959.

Baldock said the bridges should be paid for by seven years after tolls are imposed.

Injured Umpqua Man Is Reported Improving

By MRS. G. W. MUNSON

Don Fickes, Umpqua, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Gross Road Sunday evening, is reported to be improving in a Roseburg hospital.

To Medford

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Peery drove to Medford Wednesday to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marcum.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mode are the grandparents of a girl born Monday evening to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellison.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Haines, Umpqua, drove to Tacoma, Wash., Wednesday, where they spent the Thanksgiving vacation at the home of their daughter and family, Mrs. Jim Schumacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Linsbury and daughter, Donna, from Coquille were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bacon of Umpqua.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Munson, and two granddaughters, Linnette Conn and Marietta Munson, drove to Port Orford, where they were houseguests for the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Munson.

Salem Man Elected New Director Of Pineapple Co.

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Stockholders of the Hawaiian Pineapple Co. have approved purchase of the Paulus Bros. Packing Co. of Salem, Ore., and elected Robert C. Paulus a director of the Hawaii concern.

The F. M. Ball Co. of Oakland, Calif., another canning firm, also was purchased by the pineapple company in the stock exchange deal. Dr. Albert D. Schwaner, executive vice president of Ball, was named a director.

The stock exchange will be carried out Wednesday at Salem and San Francisco.

Shareholders also approved creation of 200,000 shares of series A, 5 per cent preferred voting stock with par value of \$50 a share, establishing a par value of \$7.50 a share on common stock presently with no par value, and increasing authorized common to three million shares.

Senate Subcommittee Will Continue Al Serena Probe

PORTLAND, Ore. — A Senate Interior subcommittee will continue its probe in Washington, D.C., next year of the Al Serena mining claims, Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) reported here.

Secretary McKay's approval of the claims in the Rogue River National Forest last year was the subject of considerable testimony at a Senate-Interior subcommittee hearing Friday on federal timber policies in the Pacific Northwest.

Neuberger has contended—and the owners of the company have denied—that the claims were filed for the valuable timber on the land rather than for minerals.

McKay overruled two local forest agencies in granting the claims. This action was defended at Friday's hearing by Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore), who said that hearings on this matter were motivated by political considerations.

Neuberger replied by saying: "We already have established by testimony under oath that the highest level of the Interior Department overruled the expert judgment of mineral examiners in the employ of both the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management."

Neuberger said testimony indicated that the patents had been issued "on the basis of an assay conducted by an Alabama mining company employed by the Al Serena firm." If other patent seekers are given this same privilege, then our entire national forest system could be surrendered to people in the mining business, who are able to overrule expert forest officers on the grounds of privately sponsored assays.

"Our committee is going to find out why a special set of regulations was made for Al Serena and evidently for no one else. That's the duty of Congress, and it's not politics," he said.

Martha Rapp Elected Theta Rho President

Martha Rapp has been elected president of Gamma Delta Chapter of Theta Rho Girls, reports correspondent Mrs. Brittain Slack of Sutherlin.

Other new officers are: Noreine Wattman, vice president; Mildred Williams, recording secretary; Joan Graves, financial secretary; and Karen Hubbell, treasurer.

In other action at the latest meeting, Kay Wheeler and Joan Gault were installed as heralds and Janet Hutchins was installed as outside guardian. Noreine Wattman was appointed high sister to the new members. Three new proposals for membership were read.

The girls will have a Christmas party at their next meeting with an exchange of gifts. Initiation of new officers is also scheduled on that date, Wednesday, Dec. 13.

It was also voted to send the chapter's adopted grandmother, Ella Besner, at the IOOF Home in Portland, a Christmas box.

It was announced that the next drill practice will be Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Honor Roll Announced By Canyonville High

Canyonville High school's honor roll for the first quarter of school year has been released, according to O. J. Monger, school superintendent.

On the honor roll with grade point averages of 13 or better are: Jeannine Martin and Mary Sanford, seniors; Anne Harry, Bonnie Kingcade, Elaine Pankey and Dulcia Bailey, juniors; Pat Sandenaa, Gloria Johnson and Jean Harry, sophomores, and Nadine Fuller and John Patterson, freshmen.

Medford Woman Spends Holiday In Garden Valley

By ADDIE SCHNEIDER

Mrs. Nina Coon came from Medford Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brooks, Roseburg, who had stopped to visit her. She spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Enos Handy and family.

To Sunset Beach Felix Raddatz, Terry and Felix Jr., went to Sunset Beach, Sunday to enjoy a day of shell hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lark, Gary and Leon, were called to the Cambridge, Idaho, Friday due to the death of Mrs. Lark's mother, Mrs. LaVerna Lark, mother of Lark, is staying in their home while they are gone.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brodersen went to Eugene Thanksgiving Day where they met friends from Seattle and had dinner.

Mrs. Ted Post went to Portland Friday and returned Sunday. She attended the state child welfare conference of the American Legion and its auxiliary. Mrs. Post is child welfare chairman for the local legion post.



HEIRLOOM—That's what you might call this working TV receiver with a three-inch screen. It's owned by the Howard Squires family in Cleveland, Ohio. They keep it as a reminder of the "old days" of television. Giving you an idea of the smallness of the screen is five-year-old Jerry Squires, who says he has to stand up close to recognize his favorite cowboy heroes.

French, Rebels Clash In Riffs

RABAT, French Morocco, (U.P.) — More trouble from rebellious tribesmen in the Rif Mountains was reported Tuesday as Premier-designate Mohammed Bekkai continued conferences trying to form Morocco's first representative government.

Sketchy reports reaching here said a military truck was ambushed Monday in the Nador Pass area near the Spanish Moroccan frontier. The bodies of five soldiers were found near the vehicle.

About 2,000 rebels have been clashing intermittently with the French in the Rif Mountains since Oct. 1. Attacks by the rebels continued despite Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef's triumphant return from exile to power and French promises of greater Moroccan home rule.

The arrival of winter in the mountain area this week promised to delay large scale operations against the rebels until spring.

In Algeria, troops clashed with rebels in the Constantine area. Five rebels were reported killed, 71 suspects were arrested, and a quantity of arms was seized.

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Former Oregonian Tells Of Burning Post Office

HOUSTON, Tex. (U.P.) — John W. Nash, who wanted to get something off his conscience after he was arrested for drunkenness Sunday, told police he had burned down the Wenme, Ore., post office in 1931.

The attack of conscience, he said, was brought on by a visit to the Star of Hope Mission the night before. "They were so decent to me. I decided to confess," he said.

And then he said 24 years ago he set fire to a general store that he and his wife were operating. The store also housed the Wenme post office. He said he did it to collect about \$5,000 insurance.

He said that before the insurance was paid, however, he and his wife separated and he had to sign everything over to her.

He will not be prosecuted by the federal government since the affair occurred so long ago.

Man Charged With Theft Of Government Property

BAKER, Ore. — Harden Rex Bennion, 23, charged with theft of U.S. government property, has been released from the county jail on \$1,000 bail. Sheriff Lloyd Cook reported here.

Arrest of Bennion, which followed issuance of a warrant at Seattle, Wash., was reported by J. F. Santolana Jr., special FBI agent at Portland.

The government property was said to have been stolen in Seattle. Bennion was arrested here.

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