

High Timber Sales, Income Mark Year In Umpqua National Forest Activities

HIGH timber sales and income marked the year in Umpqua National Forest activities. Timber sales and cuttings on the Umpqua National Forest reached all-time highs in 1955, according to Vondis E. Miller, supervisor. The timber business included 293,500,000 board feet of timber sold at a total price of \$9,296,000; 258 million feet, approximately the annual allowable cut, harvested with a value of \$3,436,000. Higher timber prices of the year were reflected in this manner: The average value per thousand board feet sold in other years but cut last year was \$31.32. The average price per thousand for timber sold in 1955 was \$31.67. Reforestation activities included 1,442 acres of cutover land planted, 141 more seeded and 22 acres of young growth pruned. In pine areas, there were 1,213 acres put in blaster tree control. New Roads Constructed Eighty-nine miles of permanent road was built by timber purchasers

and 25.1 more built by the Forest Service. Eight bridges were constructed. The dwindling supply of private timber reflected in intense competition and high prices paid for public stumpage, said Miller. One development has been the marked increase in utilization on the forest and in the county. The shortage of private timber was emphasized by Roseburg Lumber Company's purchase last summer of timber on the Diamond Lake District — the first time that purchasers from the west side of the Cascade summit had bought timber on the other side of the mountains. But the rapid improvement of the North Umpqua Road also was a factor in that feature of timber selling. Road Work Planned The grading of the road soon will be completed to Apple Creek above Steamboat. It is planned this

summer to surface and oil this section and let an additional clearing contract to Marsters Bridge, a distance of 7 miles. Last year, reconstruction of the South Umpqua Road to Camp Comfort, 27 miles east of Tillamook, was completed. This year, it's expected a link will be made between the South Umpqua and Little River drainages. That road, Miller said, will mean a big savings in intra-forest travel. A big re-inventory program on the forest is to start this year in the Cottage Grove working circle. The re-inventory of the entire forest will be completed by 1960, and it's expected the work will result in a substantial boost in the forest's allowable cut.

Fire Loss Kept Low Although 1955 was potentially one of the most dangerous of recent years from the fire standpoint, losses were kept below a 20-year average. There were 17 man-caused fires and 66 lightning fires, both well above the average, but the actual acreage burned over was but 128, compared to the 20-year norm of 300. The forest cleared \$1,090,687 during the year, said Miller. Total receipts were \$3,550,191, with expenses adding up to \$476,143. Investments — road, bridges and equipment — were \$1,983,321. Miller said one of the largest projects completed by foresters in the past year was the completion of filed and office work for the exchange of some 100,000 acres of land with the Bureau of Land Management. The exchange, he said, should be completed by the coming June 30.

O&C Sets High Timber Income

PORTLAND — Income from the sale of O&C timber last year totaled \$21,379,769, the Bureau of Land Management reported. That was a record high, exceeding the previous record 1954 sales of \$15,845,833. The average bid on the 603,229,000 board feet of timber last year was \$37.11 per thousand. In 1954, the average bid was \$21.76. Virgil T. Heath, BLM state supervisor, said this was an indication of the sharp increase in competition for the timber. The total value of the blow-down, fire-killed and insect-killed timber sold from O&C district in the four-year salvage program has now exceeded one billion board feet and returned \$23,945,617 in revenue, he said. The program was begun after 1951's forest fires and wind storms.

Big Sale At Salem One of the major O&C sales of the year was the 7 million board feet of the Douglas fir which Clemens Forest Products, Inc., purchased for \$70 per thousand at a sale held in June at Salem. The largest sale of the year occurred in December at Coos Bay when Coquille Plywood Division of Texton American, Inc., purchased 17,700,000 board feet for \$570,070. Seventy-five per cent of the revenue from O & C lands is paid by the federal government to the 18 O&C counties of Oregon. These counties have agreed that Congress may appropriate one-third of their income for access road construction.

Pine Brings Cash Forest revenues also increased from the scattered pine forests on public domain land in central and Eastern Oregon, Heath reported. From 61 tracts, 31,171,000 board feet were sold for \$872,705.

In the five BLM grazing districts of Eastern Oregon and on the leased public domain outside the districts, the total receipts for grazing fee in 1955 fiscal year were \$180,000. Improvements made on the ranges included 13,576 acres of range reseeding, 40 miles of drift fence, 87 reservoirs, wells and springs developed to water livestock and wildlife. Leases on BLM lands in Oregon or oil and gas exploration returned \$231,155 in 1955.

117 Miles Of Log Access Roads Done

By the end of 1955, a planned 117 miles of mainline logging access roads will have been completed on O&C lands in western Oregon. Virgil Heath, state supervisor for the Bureau of Land Management, said construction of access roads and the survey of new routes to tap large blocks of old-growth timber will continue to be a major activity of the BLM in the area for years to come. Several large projects were under construction in 1955 and will be resumed in 1956 when weather conditions will permit. Many other projects are under survey in other O&C forest areas. The largest of the timber access road systems is that of the Smith River and Siuslaw River drainages between Gardiner on the coast and Eugene. A spur through Gunter to connect to Drain is under consideration. These roads will not only tap an immense volume of mature and old-growth timber, but will make possible the salvage of the last large volume of blowdown and insect-killed stumpage. All BLM access roads are self-liquidating. Funds are appropriated by Congress to construct the roads after a timber inventory and a road survey is made. When use of the route begins an amortization charge is made against each thousand board feet of timber transported over the road until all construction costs are paid. The Bureau of Public Roads lets the contracts by bids to private construction companies and is in charge of the construction projects.



REV. C. T. VANDERPOOL, ... leading services

The Rev. Crawford T. Vanderpool will continue to speak nightly at the Church of the Nazarene through Sunday night. The meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Robert Hempel, pastor of the church, stated that "attendance at the meetings has been good" and that "the Rev. Mr. Vanderpool's sermons have been well-received by his audiences." According to the Rev. Mr. Hempel, the speaker's father and two brothers also are ministers. His father presently serves as one of the five general superintendents of the Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Mr. Vanderpool, himself, serves as superintendent of the South Dakota District of the church.

MEETING POSTPONED The West Roseburg WCTU meeting scheduled for Wednesday has been postponed until March 14. The March 14 meeting will be held at the Free Methodist Church on Harvard Ave. at 1:30 p.m.

Neuberger Says President's Job Is Too Important

ATLANTA, Ga. — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said Monday the presidency is too important an office to be "whittled down" to fit one man's heart attack.

He declared that the issue of a "part-time president" is a legitimate one in this year's campaign, which President Eisenhower has entered. Neuberger said the presidency should not be reduced to a part-time job.

Adlai Stevenson, he said, has a chance of beating Eisenhower if the Democrats nominate Stevenson. The Oregon senator called the idea that Eisenhower is a well-informed president a "myth." "Mr. Eisenhower," said Neuberger, "is an attractive man, and a person of good will, but in most domestic fields—such as agriculture, conservation and power—he is basically uninformed." "In the West, the Republican administration has turned back the clock on conservation. It has abandoned power sites and leased away wildlife refuges and timber resources. These are actions which are irrevocable."

Circuit Court

Dismissal Orders State Unemployment Compensation Commission vs. Woodrow W. and Irma A. Walcott, doing business as Walline Lumber Co. Plaintiff's claim paid. Theodor K. Green vs. L. E. Garrison, administrator of the estate of Walter Clyde Green. Case settled.

Judgment Order Claude Humphreys vs. State Industrial Accident Commission. Plaintiff awarded additional compensation for permanent partial disability equal to 25 per cent loss of use of an arm, making a total award of 40 per cent.

Complaint Filed Farris Burke vs. State Industrial Accident Commission. Plaintiff equal to 100 per cent loss of use of arm for back injury received Oct. 5, 1954, while working as a carloader for Robert Dollar Lumber Co. Defendant previously agreed to award of 35 per cent.

HAYLOFT SQUARES DANCE

The Hayloft Squares will hold a square dance and box social at the Preschorn Barn Sunday, in the afternoon from 1:30 to 5:30. Hans Stelzenmueller will be master of ceremonies for the event and there will be eleven outside callers. All square dancers are welcome.

Easier Conditions For Sale Of O&C Timber Acreages Favored By Govt. Officials

By A. ROBERT SMITH News-Review Correspondent WASHINGTON — Director Edward Woolley of the Bureau of Land Management indicated to a congressional committee last week that he thinks perhaps BLM's marketing area restrictions on O&C lands have outlived their usefulness.

Chief Richard E. McArdle of the Forest Service went a step further and told the same committee his agency is studying the feasibility of making timber in each national forest working circle available to all bidders, regardless of the location of their mills. The restrictions imposed upon lumber companies against bidding outside their own marketing area, particularly on the O&C lands, has led to rising criticism BLM and Forest Service would eliminate duplication and cut government costs. McArdle said that "probably" the advantages of such a move would outweigh the disadvantages. Woolley said he didn't think it necessary to put both agencies under single management to gain peak efficiency. He said he agreed with an earlier suggestion of McArdle that we "coordinate our management more closely."

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He said his agency is now considering "more stringent standards" for the establishment of such units, and whether "timber can contribute more to maintain a healthy, progressive and competitive

condition in the forest products industries if the full sustained yield cutting capacity available in each nation's forest working circle is made available by the usual competitive procedures. Woolley did not spell out his attitude in detail, but said he agreed that lumber economies had changed in the past decade.

"I agree with Mr. McArdle that you don't have to have marketing areas to have sustained yield," Woolley told the committee. The testimony was taken by the joint Senate-House group which held hearings last November in Roseburg and other lumber centers of the Pacific Northwest.

Three Republican members centered their questioning of the two forestry officials on the issue of whether combining BLM and Forest Service would eliminate duplication and cut government costs. McArdle said that "probably" the advantages of such a move would outweigh the disadvantages. Woolley said he didn't think it necessary to put both agencies under single management to gain peak efficiency. He said he agreed with an earlier suggestion of McArdle that we "coordinate our management more closely."

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Roseburg O&C Sales Top \$4½ Million During 1955

Sale of federal O&C timber by the Roseburg District office of the Bureau of Land Management was a 4½-million-dollar business in 1955.

B. T. Vladimiroff, acting district forester, said total sales were \$4,506,083.16 for 124,546,000 board feet of timber. The price of Douglas fir averaged out to \$46.87 a thousand. All figures are new records. The 124 million feet included all sales, competitive and negotiated. Excluding the negotiated type, 112,400,000 feet of timber were sold in 51 sales. That included 16,437,000 feet of salvage timber in the BLM's accelerated salvage program. The remainder was green timber.

Vital Statistics

Marriage License Issued

MAKINSON - BOYD — Joseph Peter Makinson, Empire, and Virginia Mae Boyd, Lilelyd Route, Roseburg.

Divorce Suit Filed

FERGUSON — Irene Anna vs. Charles V. Ferguson, Married Jan. 5, 1949, at Kelso, Wash. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff seeks custody of one child, \$42.50 per month support until July 1957, then \$50 per month, and ratification of property settlement.

Rummage Sale Slated By U. O. Mothers Club

Members of the Roseburg branch of the University of Oregon Mothers Club have scheduled a rummage sale Friday at the Elks Ballroom.

Funds from the sale will be used to provide scholarships for deserving students, according to chairman Mrs. James Aiken. The rummage sale will start at 9 a.m. At a recent meeting of the Roseburg club, Mrs. Golda P. Wickham, director of women's affairs, told the mothers there was need for 600 scholarships to assist students.



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