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MORE TIMBER IN PROSPECT

By Charles V. Stanton

Announcement that the Bureau of Land Management is increasing the allowable cut on forest areas served by the Roseburg district office would be sensational news at almost any other time. Right now, however, it hardly makes a ripple. An increased cut doesn't mean much when advertised offerings frequently are going without bidders.

It is quite probable, however, that by the time the timber is put up for sale the increased volume will be in demand and will contribute greatly to improved economy.

The Bureau of Land Management sets timber harvest quotas a year in advance. Advisory committees, maintained at local, state and regional levels, aid BLM officials in establishment of policies. Prospective purchasers are invited to make applications for timber they would like to acquire. If the harvest of that timber fits into the working pattern, sales are arranged as requested.

Operators have long contended that the BLM, as well as the Forest Service, could increase volume of sales and still remain within sustained yield limitations. Lacking late and complete inventories, and without sufficient personnel to make a thorough inventory, the BLM now has averaged production figures for the past several years and has applied a percentage increase to the harvest volume, thus making more timber available to operators.

Demand Now Is Low

Currently, however, there is little demand for timber. Little competition has been experienced in recent sales. In fact, several sales had no bidders. This has been true particularly with regard to salvage timber. This condition results from the slow lumber market. Competition for BLM timber is not expected to become strong until lumber demand and price improve. If and when, however, the market returns to normal—a prospect becoming more encouraging as the number of housing starts continues to climb, while the tight money policy on housing shows signs of relaxation—the increased volume of timber will be most welcome. It will supply more material for our mills.

The Bureau of Land Management is working to obtain a more complete inventory upon which to base an adjustment of allowable cut. But congressional appropriations for personnel do not even permit an adequate force for field work on current sales, so the work of inventory must proceed slowly unless more money is forthcoming.

The U. S. Forest Service likewise is struggling with inventory. It also lacks sufficient money with which to conduct the work speedily. Consequently it probably will take several years to do the job, unless Congress awakes to the need.

Larger Harvest In Future

The Forest Service is expected to follow the BLM lead in enlarging allowable cut. Early indications are that the annual harvest can safely be made considerably larger than at present.

Douglas County has been fortunate, I believe, that increases in allowable cut have been delayed until this time. Had there been more raw material available earlier in the period when we were installing cutting capacity, we would have had far too many mills. As it is, we have more mills than can be perpetually maintained on an efficient operating basis. But with an increase in allowable cut from federally controlled timber lands we will have a partial offset for the past and present overcutting of privately owned timber. Thus the eventual cutback in production volume will be less than would otherwise be expected. We will be able to maintain a large percentage of our existing cutting capacity on a continuing basis. Then, as we improve utilization and add secondary manufacturing processes, we can more than double the number of jobs without material increase in the volume of raw material harvested.

The current increase authorized by BLM is of great importance to the future of our timber economy, although the impact is causing no great excitement at this time.

Hal Boyle

NEAR MARYVILLE, Tenn. — Here lives a man who whips inflation by the only possible way. He doesn't buy much. He rarely spends in public. He lives by a personal standard above the changing dollar.

"This is no stunt with me," said Bert Garner, a tall, bent intellectual who at the age of 71 points out he can and does at times exist at the rate of 15 cents a day—or less.

He hand grinds corn and soybeans, puts in a little chocolate or powdered milk, and—when hungry, makes a meal of it and says he is satisfied.

"What is normal... what is right living," said Bert, who can still climb 25 to 30 miles a day through the Great Smoky Mountains. "I prefer simple ways."

To understand Bert you have to know him a bit. He doesn't fit any pigeon hole you know. He never will. If he found out he did, he would change so that you couldn't say he fitted anything you knew.

Bert has studied at a number of universities across the country. He worked in all kinds of wandering jobs. He spent about a dozen years with the U.S. immigration people.

He lives now all alone in a woodland building of his choice. It is a two-room cabin he built 37 years ago. It is in the area where his ancestors arrived some 200 years ago—or nearly.

Bert is slender, white-haired, widely read, and cheerfully proud that his way of life isn't for the family man.

Garner has a major criticism of civilization as most of us know about it—and, on occasion, complain about it.

"They're in a rat race, trying to keep up with the Joneses. Sometimes I feel that it is a good thing some people work so hard."

"Our education system doesn't prepare people for the right kind of leisure. You can work... or you can live... I like to live."

Bert has worked in cities such as New York and Philadelphia, studied on the West Coast. But either a greatness or weakness in his being has always brought him home to his woodland cabin near the hills of his birth—the Great Smoky Mountains. He figures he has held a job only 20 of his 71 years, and some of those 20 years were wasted.

In an era of creeping inflation the area of his desire remains small.

His home has no indoor plumbing, no electric lights, no radio, no television, no telephone. Utility bill—two gallons of kerosene to light his lamps—is 38 cents a year.

"No man raising a family could live as I do," he said, and when asked what was the main virtue of his unusual way of life, he replied:

"Freedom."

Bert says he has lived in depression times for as little as \$15 a year, and today can live comfortably—the woods have their bright free diet adventures—for \$100 a year, and spends at least \$40 of this amount on books, newspapers, and magazines. Out-

side of common sense, his major vice is reading.

"If everyone lived like I do, civilization probably would go—kerflooie," said Bert.

"Well, maybe it wouldn't be a bad idea to start it all over again from scratch."

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

(Continued From Page One)

supreme power seek to retain it. Those who yearn for supreme power seek to GAIN it.

Always the man on top must watch the men below him. When- ever he suspects that any of them are plotting to get rid of him, he must get rid of them first. In this particular case, it looks like Krush- chev moved swiftly to get rid of Molotov and Malenkov and Kaganovich before they could get rid of him.

That brings us to Question No. 2. For a possible answer, let's turn back through the pages of history.

For more than a thousand years, while England was ruled by Divine Right kings, with despotic powers over their subjects, this struggle for supreme power went on unendingly. Over all these centuries, someone whose fingers itched for power was always reaching for the crown.

As a result, England's resources were frittered away in dynastic wars that occupied her whole at- tention and she had little time for anything else.

Curiously enough, in the later years of this long dynastic struggle, England developed a weapon that was then almost as potent as the atom bomb is now. This weapon was the long bow. It was the long bow and its cloth yard arrow that put an end to the armored knight, who had hitherto

been supreme in warfare. Used first abroad at Crecy, the long bow vanquished the chivalry of France. It did it again at Poitiers. And AGAIN at Agincourt.

Only the English possessed this weapon, along with the skill of the archers who wielded it. With the aid of the long bow and the new striking power that it brought into warfare, England could have conquered all of Europe.

Why didn't she?

The answer is simple. England was so busy with her dynastic wars with her valiant intrigues, with her STRUGGLES FOR SUPREME POWER that she never had the time or the resources to wage wars of conquest on the continent.

It wasn't until England settled down to business under a fairly stable government in which the PEOPLE wielded a very considerable power that the worldwide British Empire was built.

So— For purely selfish reasons— Let's hope that these palace intrigues, these struggles for personal power, these liquidations of the opposition that follow every successful coup go on and on and on in Russia.

Indefinitely! Maybe, in that event, the communist big shots will be kept so busy liquidating each other that they will have no time left to try to liquidate us.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA)—Middle Eastern political pots are now boiling harder than ever in a fantastic brew of intrigue.

Nightly killings in mine explosions and raids along the Israeli-Egyptian borders still go on during the "cease fire."

But this is dull stuff compared to the plots and counterplots between Egypt and Syria on one side, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Arab world on the other.

Radio Cairo, "the Voice of the Arabs," wages a constant tirade against the Eisenhower doctrine, and Ambassador Richards' mission.

IN ONE RECENT INCIDENT, Cairo asserted it was the American military mission in Amman which directed the Jordan government in a plot to expel Egypt's military attaché, Col. Fuad Hilal.

In this bizarre affair, Jordan accused Colonel Hilal of trying to induce a Jordanian soldier, Safwat Shuqayr, to take part in the assassination of members of King Hussein's family and government during the visit of King Saud of Saudi Arabia.

Shuqayr reported this to his superiors. At their next meeting, Colonel Hilal had Shuqayr seized and searched, finding a pocket recorder and a loaded revolver. Hilal then charged that Shuqayr was a Jordanian agent who had been ordered to get false, incriminating recordings on an assassination plot at gun point.

Jordan demanded Colonel Hilal's recall by Egypt. Along with him, Jordan threw out Syria's military attaché at Amman, Col. Jawdat al-Aissi, and the Egyptian ambassador.

Egypt retaliated by demanding the recall of Jordan's ambassador to Cairo, Abdel el-Rifa'i. Jordan countered by closing its embassy in Cairo and relations between the two reached a new low.

MEANTIME, THE CABLES from Syria indicate that conditions in that country are anything but stable. Just before the Suez Canal crisis, there is reason to believe that a conservative revolt was shaping up against the government of Prime Minister Sabri Assali. These rumors were repeated in mid-June. More recent advices indicate the possibility of a pro-Egyptian coup.

Egyptian elections on July 3 have a list of candidates all approved by President Abdel Nasser. Some 40 of them are police and army officers who resigned commissions to run for Parliament. So any prospect for a change there seems remote.

Million Dollars Approved For John Day Dam Start

WASHINGTON — Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) said Tuesday a Senate Appropriations subcommittee has recommended appropriation of one million dollars to start construction of John Day Lock and Dam on the Columbia River.

He said the action was taken at a day-long closed session of the subcommittee.

The Columbia River project, which would cost an estimated 325 million dollars, would have more than one million kilowatts generating capacity.

There was no money for John Day construction in the budget sent to Congress by the President, nor in the public works bill as it passed the House.

Bonneville Gets Cash Magnuson said the committee also recommended addition to the

Bulgannin Gives Credit For Khrushchev's Action

LONDON — Soviet Premier Bulganin Wednesday gave personal credit to Nikita Khrushchev for "uncovering and defeating the anti-party group" in the Kremlin.

Bulgannin, who is with the first secretary of the Soviet Communist Party on a tour of Czechoslovakia, paid tribute to his traveling companion in a 14-minute speech broadcast by Prague Radio.

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Work Period, Fun On Tap At Center

A recreation night and work period are scheduled for this week-end by the Roseburg Youth Center.

The recreation event will be held Friday night. A band has been scheduled. Starting about noon Saturday, members will gather for the work period. Youths will paint the front entrance of their clubhouse, located at 745 SE Rose St., and move furniture into a completed "quiet" room.

An appeal has been made for furniture, such as tables, divans, chairs, lamps and rugs. Persons who wish to donate may call Mrs. Charles Brown at OR 3-5794 or the Youth Center, OR 2-2282. Members will pick up the furniture.

The center is in the process of offering an automobile to the public in a forthcoming contest. Proceeds will be used for betterment and improvement of the center.

Smaller Corn, Wheat Production Predicted

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department this week forecast this year's wheat crop at 940,000,000 bushels and the corn crop at 3,011,912,000 bushels.

The wheat forecast is 30,440,000 bushels less than last month's estimate of 970,333,000 bushels for this year's crop. Production was 997,207,000 bushels last year and 1,131,000,000 for the ten-year average.

The corn estimate, first this year, is 439,380,000 bushels less than last year's production of 3,451,292,000 bushels. It compares also with the ten-year (1946-55) average of 3,120,494,000 bushels. Both corn and wheat were grown under acreage allotment and soil bank programs designed to help hold down production at a time when surpluses exist.

Reader Opinions

England-Bound Eagle Scout Thanks Community

I would like to thank the News-Review, radio stations and KPIC and all the nice people of this area of Douglas County, who so generously helped me both financially and in other ways toward my trip to the Jubilee-Jamboree.

Thanks again to everyone.

John Brady
Winston

(Editor: John Brady, an Eagle Scout from Tenmile Troop 126, was among a limited number of Scouts in Oregon allowed to go to the international Boy Scout Jubilee in England this month. He found it difficult to raise enough money by himself to pay for the trip, but clubs, individuals and businesses came to his aid and quickly completed the money raising. Brady is now at the National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa. He will depart after the jamboree for England.)

Oregon Supreme Court Justice On Study Board

SALEM — Associate Justice George Rossman of the state Supreme Court has been named to a national committee which will study means of relieving congestion in the courts.

His appointment was announced Tuesday by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark, chairman of the judicial section of the American Bar Assn.

Bruce Biossat

Not all meetings among nations are critical, and it's something of a relief they're not.

One periodic gathering that manages generally to avoid a crisis atmosphere is the conference of the nine members of the British Commonwealth. Perhaps the most noteworthy thing about this association of countries is that they seem to assemble in harmony no matter what their individual differences.

This is not a powerful military alliance. It is not the British empire under another name. It does not pack the weight required to influence heavily the decisions in the great East-West struggle. YET ALL the same it is a strong factor for the peace and stability of the world.

The Commonwealth's meetings are possibly a symbol of the kind of order the world might know if 90 nations instead of nine enjoyed the warm understanding this association rightly boasts.

Though the group has its serious problems from time to time, nothing much really "happens" as international conference doings are generally measured these days.

This year there was a new member, Ghana, the former Gold Coast colony. In a couple of months another entry will follow, if the Malay Federation gains its independence according to plan. Other colonial territories seem headed toward freedom, presaging further expansion of the Commonwealth roster.

THE BRITISH willingness to foster this growth toward freedom—at the expense of old-fashioned "empire"—is perhaps one of the prime reasons the Commonwealth countries can meet in so harmonious a spirit: There is an overriding desire among the members to have friendship prevail, to stress the bonds of common interest rather than the things that divide peoples.

Probably the 1957 meeting won't make startling news. But to all those who value peace and order and good sense in the world, it should at least be comforting news that the British Commonwealth of Nations gathered once more simply to exchange views and increase understanding among the member countries.

Unlicensed Dog, Empty Pocketbook Nets Jail

PORTLAND — A license for Butch cost Walter Fellows three days in jail. Plus the more usual \$3 fee.

In April, Fellows, 58, received a citation for having an unlicensed dog. Two months later he bought a license. Last Friday he was arrested for failing to answer the April citation.

At the police station he was told bail was \$8. He didn't have it. That landed him in jail over the weekend.

Monday in municipal court he was found guilty, sentenced to the three days already served, and released.

FLU HITS AUSTRALIA — BRISBANE, Australia — Asian flu is sweeping across northeast Australia and already has struck 1,700 persons in the coastal town of Innisfail. Medical authorities said the cases reported so far have been mild.

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Washington Federation Votes Merger With CIO

SEATTLE — The Washington State Federation of Labor ended a three-day stalemate Wednesday and voted to merge with the State CIO Council.

By a 429-142 show-of-hands vote at the federation convention, delegates to the AFL meeting approved the formation of a new statewide labor body to be known as the Washington State Labor Council.

The CIO Council had approved the merger agreement and proposed constitution of the new organization Monday.

DISTRICT FORMED

KLAMATH FALLS — Residents of a suburban area just south of here have been approved formation of a sanitation district by a vote of 397-179.

A bond measure to finance the district probably will be voted on this fall. Sewage facilities are expected to cost about \$1,600,000.