

Lumbermen's Opinions Vary On Cruising, Sales Methods Being Used By Land Bureau

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It was a widely opined group of 22 lumbermen and others who gathered Thursday to tell the Douglas County Court its complaints against the cruising and selling practices of the Bureau of Land Management.

It included this description of the Bureau of Land Management: "It seems we have a frightened organization. Their people have an ear to the ground listening for criticism from above. As long as there's no (Congressional) investigation, they think they're doing a good job. What kind of position will they be in if they can't sell timber?"

Such was the opinion of M. L. Hallmark, general manager of the Douglas County Lumber Co.

It grew out of an earlier discussion of the relationship between the bureau and the General Accounting Office, the federal auditing agency.

GAO Criticizes BLM

After a few complaints that BLM timber cruises were short when checked against private cruises, Tom Clark, logging superintendent for Roseburg Lumber Co., was asked by Judge V. T. Jackson if he believed the allegedly deficient cruises to be deliberate.

Clark answered that the BLM had been criticized about two years ago, when bid prices ran far over appraisals, for undercruising and underpricing timber.

In general, Clark said, it's figured in the BLM appraisal method that an operator can bid twice the appraisal price and break even by the time the logs are turned into finished lumber.

In the good times of 1954-55, operators were doing just that—but, during double the appraised price on timber and more so an upward adjustment was made.

Method Said Lagging

The BLM appraisals haven't been adjusted downward sufficiently to coincide with the slump in lumber prices, and it was brought out by Sid Leiken, L&H Lumber Co., Sutherlin, that appraisals aren't being kept current—they often lag by six months behind the current lumber market.

The BLM uses lumber prices as the base for issuing appraisals, then works back through processing, hauling and logging costs to arrive at a fair price for timber.

Paulus McKee, general manager of Pacific Plywood Co., Dillard, said BLM timber should be sold on the scale method, that appraisals should be more realistic and that the BLM practice of requiring a high down payment on timber should be changed.

Sales Methods Differ

The bureau sales method is to sell on the basis of the estimated board footage in a sale. The scale method is a refinement used by the Forest Service, which also estimates board footage in a sale, but scales logs as they are hauled in so the final price actually is based on a per-thousand-foot price bid in auction.

McKee said that industry can't afford the high down payments on the O&C timber because capital is tied up before any lumber is sold

Reedsport Man Has Unique Arboretum

Oregon boasts the nation's westernmost arboretum, thanks to John Skaaluren, the famed planter of Pied Piper of Reedsport.

A unique collection of native and exotic trees thrives on the flat area between the E. K. Wood Lumber Co. sawmill and U. S. 101 just north of the coast city.

Skaaluren, who earned the title of Pied Piper of Reedsport for his efforts in promoting yearly plantings by school children in the Lower Umpqua River country, has planted over 50 tree species on the once-barren lot. He's put in golden trees as Chinese fir, golden quees, European hegg, black walnut and dawn redwood, to name a few.

The unassuming, Norwegian-born millman began his tree collection eight years ago after he decided the mill property needed sprucing up.

He planted a Sitka spruce flourish, he expanded his efforts until today the area is covered with beautiful trees.

Visitors driving along the coast see native Oregon trees, eastern hardwoods, mountain specimens and foreign imports. Most of them have been personally collected and planted by the indefatigable Skaaluren.

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The Rev. Wayne Wattman, who is superintendent of the school, announced there is still time for new students to enroll for the school, which meets from 8:30 to 11:30 a. m. Children who have no transportation are invited to meet him at station wagon which will drive down Glendale Road, across new highway 99 as far as Barton Road, then across and back old highway 99.

Teachers for the school are Mrs. LaVada Parth, Kay Edson and Mary Lee Pate, kindergarten; Mrs. Doll Taylor, Mrs. Ruth Davis, Mrs. Florabelle Moehne, Sally J. Thompson, and Linda Humphries, primary; Mrs. Jean Major and Mrs. Betty Vaughn, junior department; and Mrs. Frances Price, junior high department. Mrs. Jean Price is pianist and secretary, reports correspondent Mrs. Gerald Fox.

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Legion Auxiliary Woman To Be Honored Saturday

There will be a party honoring Mrs. Charles Brown, junior past president of the American Legion Auxiliary, at the home of Mrs. Jack Garey, 452 W. Ball St. Saturday at 2 p. m. Mrs. Garey and Mrs. Harry Rapp will be hostesses. All members of the American Legion Auxiliary and friends of Mrs. Brown are invited.

Senate Mulls Civil Rights Bill Action

WASHINGTON (AP)—Southern Democratic senators tentatively agreed Friday to permit a vote the middle of the next week on a motion to take up formally the controversial civil rights bill.

Their spokesman, Sen. Russell (D-Ga.), said he was authorized to work out details with Republican Leader Knowland (Calif.) and Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.).

Johnson said he thinks 20 additional senators want to speak before the question of taking up the civil rights bill can be brought to a vote in the Senate. He said he hopes such a vote can be reached Tuesday or Wednesday.

Johnson evidently expects the Senate to vote by about 2-1 in favor of the motion by Knowland to call up the bill.

"We're not trying to delay or procrastinate in this situation," he said.

After a breakfast meeting with President Eisenhower, Knowland told newsmen there is no change in the administration's position on the civil rights bill.

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Circuit Court

Order
Patricia Morgan by Edna E. McKean, guardian ad litem, vs. Douglas County and Alfred E. Ervine. Edna E. McKean appointed guardian ad litem for plaintiff and empowered to bring suit.

Complaint
Francis Lynn and Robert Lynn aka Lynn Bros. vs. Kenneth V. Warner. Seek \$316.13 and \$463.22 alleged due on written agreements to pay, and \$224.63 alleged due on account.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses
PULLEY-HYDE — Donald D. Pulley and Michelle Y. Hyde, both of Winston.

Judge Denies Mistrial Plea For Teamster

WASHINGTON (AP)—U. S. District Judge Burnita S. Matthews Friday denied a motion for a mistrial in the bribery case against Teamsters chief James R. Hoffa.

The motion was based on the mistrial granted Thursday to co-defendant, Hyman I. Fischbach, whose attorney had become ill.

Edward Bennett Williams, Hoffa's counsel, argued that Hoffa could not put up an adequate defense with Fischbach granted a separate trial.

Williams said Fischbach, a Miami attorney, had intended to testify at their joint trial and seek to refute testimony by the government's key witness, John C. Cheasty.

Cheasty is the lawyer-investigator of the Senate Rackets Committee whom Hoffa and Fischbach are charged with having bribed to pass out data from committee files to Hoffa.

Hoffa's counsel said Fischbach was refusing to testify in Hoffa's behalf and will give his version of the situation only when he comes to trial later.

Judge Matthews turned down Hoffa's mistrial motion without comment.

Williams had insisted lack of Fischbach's testimony would deal a fatal blow to the defense of Hoffa, a Teamsters vice president and possible successor to the union's retiring president Dave Beck.

Cheasty, the committee investigator Hoffa is accused of bribing, wound up three weeks of testimony Thursday with more details of how he let FBI agents in on every move of his alleged spying chore for Hoffa.

Hospital News

Douglas Community Hospital

Admitted
Medical: Lyle Seehawer, Mrs. Virgil Kaasdale, Sutherlin; Mrs. William Campbell, Oakland; Mrs. Lewis Brown, Roseburg; Mrs. Richard Pankey, Tenmile; Jack Renard, Winston.

Discharged
Mrs. Thurman Campbell and baby son, Daniel, Mrs. Melvin Reagle and daughter, Theresa, Mrs. Arthur Millard, Bill Rammey, Rose Hearn, Roseburg; Mrs. Grady Todd and daughter, Carol, Oakland; Mrs. Theodore Tomask, Chicago; Mrs. Carl Franklin, Winston.

Mercy Hospital

Admitted
Medical: Mrs. Phillip Erickson, Sutherlin.

Surgery: Mrs. Russell Cooper, Sutherlin.

Discharged
Mrs. Gilbert Bishop, Winston; Mrs. Carrie Bakke, Myrtle Creek.

Bankruptcy Petitions Involve Douglas People

Three bankruptcy petitions involving Douglas County people were filed in U.S. District Court, Portland, this week.

Wanda B. and Merle K. Branch, doing business as Kiddle General Store, claimed debts of \$19,483.70 in the business. In addition, each listed debts of \$23,983.86.

Donald A. Jack, Myrtle Creek smelter helper, claimed debts of \$2,306.01, and Charles H. Owen, Myrtle Creek truck driver, debts of \$976.12.

DRUNK FINED

Arrested Thursday in district court on a charge of being drunk on a public highway, Laren E. Reeves, 58, Azalea, was fined \$45 and \$5 costs by Judge Warren A. Woodruff.

Children Will Be Safe If Returned, Mrs. Ott Says; DA Called To Stand

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Putting chief defense counsel Robert Davis on the witness stand would just about round out the scene at the dependency hearing under way in Judge Charles S. Woodrich's juvenile court.

Thursday, in the matter being held to decide if the three foster children of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ott should continue to live with them, both Mr. and Mrs. Ott were called to the stand by their attorney. He also had Dist. Atty. Avery Thompson sworn as a witness and briefly questioned him. Thompson has petitioned the court to have the Ott children declared dependents and have them taken from the Ott home.

Refute Testimony

Both Edith Ott and her husband, Howard, refuted testimony previously given by their daughter, Suzanne, the head made accusations of acts of cruelty by Mrs. Ott. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ott stated that they held no animosity towards Suzanne.

When Davis called Thompson as a witness, he centered his questions on interrogations of Mrs. Ott which were made after the death of Wendy Kay, 22-month-old Korean orphan adopted by the Otts. Thompson said Mrs. Ott had been questioned three times, once by himself and former Roseburg Police Chief Carl Rumpf. The other sessions were conducted by Rumpf at his home and by other officers who called on Mrs. Ott at her home.

When Thompson said he couldn't recall who the officers were who were present when Mrs. Ott talked

to Rumpf at the Rumpf home, Davis asked him to get his report to refresh his memory. This was done and the names of the two officers were supplied. Thompson said the two men were in another room when Mrs. Ott and the chief talked. He said he had been informed that Mrs. Ott had called Rumpf and asked for the interview which took place on a Sunday.

Closely Examined

Mr. and Mrs. Ott were closely examined by Thompson about marks and scars claimed found on the body of Wendy. Judge Woodrich also questioned Mrs. Ott about these marks as indicated on photographs taken at the mortuary. She showed no apparent emotion as she looked at the pictures and answered the judge's queries.

Mrs. Ott said some of the scratches might have been made when she was trying to get breath into the child when she was choking. She was unable to account for the cause of some of the spots pointed out by Judge Woodrich.

The judge also asked her about scars on the body of Gregory Ott, a youngster who had been adopted and later released by the Otts. These had been mentioned in testimony of an earlier witness who said the child was placed in her home soon after leaving the Otts.

She said she could recall only one small scar on his back at one side and two at the temples. These on the head, she said, were the result of surgery.

Swelling Lips Questioned

Woodrich asked about swelling of Jean Edwards' lips as testified to by Julian Helleck, juvenile officer. Mrs. Ott stated that there was no swelling when Jean left for school that morning. Jean Edwards testified that when she was living with her two sisters at the Ott home she was forced to eat half a bar of soap. The Edwards girls were removed from the Ott home by the welfare department after the alleged incident.

Mrs. Ott was reminded of Suzanne's claim that Gregory had been struck to make him run about the house for exercise. She denied this. Judge Woodrich asked, "Was she lying?" Mrs. Ott replied, "I would say it was not so."

Asked if she had ever struck Gregory hard enough to leave marks on him, she stated that she might have on his "bottom." She denied ever causing black and blue marks on his body and said she wouldn't know how they got there. Such marks were claimed to have been placed on the boy when he was placed in another home.

Mrs. Ott had testified about Wendy falling on a concrete sidewalk the morning she died. She had said she did not actually see the child fall but heard her cry and that Wendy was lying on her back. She said the youngster might have tripped on a rough spot on the walk and that she had been watching Wendy walk along the sidewalk although had not seen the fall.

Judge Woodrich, in his questioning of Mrs. Ott, said it would be expected that in such a fall the child would fall backward.

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He asked if the child was crying a great deal, and Mrs. Ott said Wendy was crying hard. Judge Woodrich queried Wendy had told Mrs. Ott where she had hurt herself and received the answer, "She doesn't talk."

Mrs. Ott said the fall did not appear to be serious and that Wendy had stopped crying when she was picked up.

The Otts testified they had had 14 children in their home in the last seven years and had assumed the responsibility of their care and support.

Davis asked Mr. Ott why they had taken so many children into the home. Ott said, "It seems we have a weakness for children, particularly underprivileged children. When a child was offered it was very difficult for us to say, 'No, we're not interested.'"

In addition to providing this care, they told of sponsoring through World Vision, Inc. two Korean and one Japanese child and a native worker in Formosa. Mr. Ott said the sponsoring of the children costs \$10 each per month, while the worker costs \$15.

At the close of Ott's direct examination, Davis asked if he feels the children (the three involved in the dependency hearing) will be safe if they are returned home. "Absolutely," was the answer.

Ott completed the direct phase of his examination by saying, "It will seem next to impossible to go on without the children."

Missionaries Slated At Alliance Church

Rev. and Mrs. Dick Stewart and sons will be missionary guests at all services of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church Sunday.

The Stewart's missionaries to Venezuela, South America, under the Orinoco River Mission for six years, will present their work through sermons, curios and pictures. The Sunday school hour will feature their curios. The Rev. Stewart will bring the 11 a. m. message and Mrs. Stewart will speak at the 6:30 p. m. youth meeting. Missionary pictures in color will be shown in the evening.

The Rev. and Mrs. Stewart have done jungle missionary work and conducted lunch ministry on the Orinoco River and its tributaries. The public is invited to each service. The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church meets in the Labor Temple auditorium.

Glendale Rebekahs Host Group Residents

The Glendale Rebekah Lodge was host to Mrs. Mary Barker, Rebekah Assembly president from Sutherlin, on her official visit this week.

The lodge put on degree work and a session of instruction with a question and answer period was conducted. A dinner in the president's honor preceded the business meeting. The Rebekah Lodge and its auxiliary clubs presented Mrs. Barker with a money tree to be used to purchase a silver service. She was also presented with a money corsage to apply toward equipment for a beauty parlor to be installed in the Rebekah-Odd Fellow Home in Portland, reports correspondent Mrs. Gerald Fox.

Funeral Services Held For Former Resident

Funeral services for Carl Setterberg, owner of the Pleasant Motel and former resident of Roseburg, were held at Denver, Colo., Friday.

Setterberg, 63, died in a Denver hospital Tuesday. He moved from Roseburg to Denver last September. He resided in Roseburg for approximately nine years. His wife, Nancy, preceded him in death in November 1956. Setterberg is survived by a son, Douglas, Moses Lake, Wash.

Man Killed Attempting To Avoid An Accident

CONCORD, Calif. (AP)—Fred Drotsch, 46, was killed trying to avoid an accident.

Coming upon a minor three-car collision, he swerved his pickup truck off the pavement, then back on Thursday. But his car sideswiped another and overturned. Drotsch was killed outright. None of the other drivers was hurt.

TESTIMONY ENDS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey ended four weeks of testimony before the Senate Finance Committee Friday and told newsmen he has one more job to do before bowing out of the cabinet.

That concerns a refinancing of \$15,800,000,000 of the public debt on which he said "I've been working nights while I've been up here."

18-Year-Old Selected Miss Portland Thursday

PORTLAND (AP)—An 18-year-old blonde became Miss Portland Thursday night. She is Nancy Wenman, who will represent the city in the Miss Oregon contest at Seaside July 26-28.

She is 5 feet, 7 1/2 inches tall and weighs 121 pounds. Her measurements: 36-25-36 1/2.

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Noisy Disturbance Develops At Clinton Trials Over Life, Time Desegregation Stories

By RELMAN MORIN
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A bitter controversy developed in U.S. District Court Friday over pictures taken by Time and Life Magazine photographers of the Clinton desegregation disturbances last fall.

Defense attorneys, questioning a photographer, said:

"They (the magazines) slanted their pictures to lower and degrade these people."

Grover S. McLeod of Birmingham, Ala., the defense lawyer, gestured toward the 15 Tennesseeans and John Kasper. They are on trial for alleged criminal contempt of court.

Photographer On Stand

The witness was A. Y. Owen, 41, a free-lance photographer from Oklahoma City. He said he is employed by Time and Life.

When McLeod made the statement about the pictures, U. S. Dist. Atty. John C. Crawford Jr. jumped to his feet, shouting objections.

Federal Judge Robert L. Taylor sustained him.

"I can appreciate the government's apprehension about Time and Life magazines," interjected Robert L. Dobbs of Memphis, spokesman for the defense battery.

Crawford shouted, "That is a most improper statement and it should not be said in the presence of this jury." The judge agreed and said, "Mr. Dobbs, do not do that any more."

Noise Subsides

When the noise died down, Dobbs asked Owen if he had any special instructions from the magazines when he came to Clinton.

"I had no instructions to slant the story one way or another," Owen said.

"I had no prejudice whatever. I tried to shoot both sides as fairly as possible."

The government introduced the pictures in evidence to identify some of the 15 defendants.

A few minutes earlier, in an effort to speed up the trial, both government and defense attorneys had agreed not to call scores of news media representatives to testify.

The government was nearing the heart of the controversy in the trial of 16 people who fought to keep Negroes out of Clinton High School.

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