

Record Tree-Planting Program Under Way By Forest Industry

Elkton Nursery In 1957 Expected To Expand Volume Of Seedlings

PORTLAND — Oregon's forest industries and tree farmers have plunged into a record-breaking tree planting job.

They are currently planting an estimated 11 million or more tree seedlings on burned or barren timberlands — an all-time record for private tree planting in the state. The figure is roughly twice the number of trees planted by companies and private individuals last year.

Many companies are also seeding directly by hand or helicopter on additional thousands of acres of land.

The giant reforestation effort, which started in late November and will continue until next spring, is the latest phase in a growing tempo of industry interest in tree planting spanning the past decade. While most forest land reseeds itself naturally, planting in a speeded up the process, and in certain situations is necessary to establish new young stands of timber.

Barren Land Planting

Foresters point out that much of the planting and seeding will be done on barren land swept by forest fires which destroyed natural

their lands from helicopters say this method is faster and cheaper per acre, and has become more effective since the development of chemicals for treating seeds to repel seed-eating rodents. A poor crop this year, however, resulted in a small seed harvest and thereby restricted the amount of direct seeding which could be done.

The great bulk of Oregon forest industries which own timberland are managing those lands on a long-range basis under good forestry principles," said Sam Gobb, Dallas, chairman of the Oregon Committee of American Forest Products Industries.

"This is an indication of the basic permanency of the state's wood-using industries. Although the market may have its ups and downs, the long-term outlook for the industry is one of growth and stability."

Indicative of the ambitious reforestation programs mapped out by industry are the plans of several leading companies checked in a sample survey.

Included are at least two who are planting in Douglas County.

The Long - Bell Division of International Paper Co. has seeded 900 acres of land near Gardiner and will plant some 69 acres in the Eugene area. The company is also setting up a number of experimental plots by hand seeding.

Roseburg Lumber Co. of Dillard has treated over 6,000 acres of company lands to protect the nat-

ural seed crop from rodent damage.

Expansive plans

In other areas, the survey showed other companies with expansive tree-planting plans.

Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. has 600,000 Douglas fir seedlings available for planting on its Oregon tree farms near Coos Bay, Molalla and Springfield and is seeding 3,166 acres from the air. However, the bulk of the company's reforestation efforts this year is going into its Washington timberlands, where it will plant 6,500,000 trees and seed some 17,000 acres.

L. P. Jiller Lumber Co. of Monroe uses its logging crew to do hand planting when logging operations are shut down, thus giving more year-round employment to workers. It plans to plant some 360,000 trees this season.

Crown Zellerbach Corp. has tentatively scheduled a planting program on its Oregon tree farm lands which would use some 1,125,000 seedlings. The trees were grown from seed collected in areas with climate and soil characteristics similar to the planting sites.

Timber Service Co. of Eugene

is expected to plant some 800,000 trees this season in addition to aerial seeding. It will seed 6,000 acres by helicopter and plant 1,500 acres by hand.

Nurseries Expand

The growing appetite of forest industries and tree farmers for trees to plant has brought on great expansions in the tree nurseries which serve them.

The Col. W. B. Greeley Industrial Forest Nursery will ship about 12,500,000 seedlings throughout the Pacific Northwest this year — its biggest crop ever and more than twice the number it produced last year.

The John B. Woods nursery is producing 12 million seedlings this year, three times last year's figure. Next year it will have 30 million trees ready for shipment.

The Oregon State Board of Forestry's nursery near Corvallis is supplying private landowners with three million seedlings this year in addition to filling state needs. Next year, with production from the state's new Elkton nursery becoming available, the state will produce some 20 million trees for planting by private landowners.

Myrtle Creek Ball Proceeds To Equip Truck

A New Year's Eve benefit ball Tuesday night will help equip an additional fire truck at Myrtle Creek, reports correspondent Ruth M. Evans.

The ball is scheduled by the Myrtle Creek Volunteer Fire Department from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the high school gymnasium. Music will be furnished by Ollie Fosback and his orchestra from Roseburg.

Fire Chief Tom Frenness says the proceeds from the dance will benefit the whole community because they will be used to equip a truck with a catwalk and tank. The truck will be used to combat fires in the rural fire area.

The department purchased an old truck with four-wheel drive last summer after it was found impossible to get present equipment to an inaccessible area during a brush fire.

The slogan of the ball will be "We Answer Your Call — Now Come To Our Ball."

According to Frenness, the dance will be chaperoned so that parents may feel free to allow their teen-agers to attend.

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Manned Aircraft In Space Possible In Three Years

WASHINGTON — The president of the Aircraft Industries Assn. said Saturday this country could put a manned aircraft into space "in less than three years" by spending between 200 and 300 million dollars now.

Writing in the association's publication, Orval R. Cook said the aircraft industry has "most of the hardware and all of the basic knowledge needed to send a man into space."

There were trade reports in October that Lockheed Aircraft was working on a reconnaissance type satellite called the Pied Piper and would have a man-carrying version ready about 1965.

Agreement Near

The Los Angeles Examiner, in a Washington dispatch, said Saturday the Air Force and Lockheed are near agreement on a contract to build the Pied Piper and that an unmanned type would be ready by about 1960.

Neither the Air Force nor Lockheed would comment on this report.

However, the impression has

prevailed here that actual work on developing the first unmanned, television-carrying "big brother" satellite has been underway for some time.

In the past, some projects have been started by companies which used their own funds pending agreement on a formal contract. If this has been the case in the Pied Piper project, some developmental "hardware" already may be in existence.

Air Force Interested

The Air Force is known to have taken an interest in a surveillance type satellite more than two years ago, long before the launching of Russia's Sputniks gave urgent impetus to the American satellite program.

The Examiner said the Pied Piper would orbit around the earth at from 300 to 1,000 miles, and added:

"When the Pied Piper reaches the man-carrying stage, it is expected to orbit for a month with the big problem that of a safe return to earth."



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Walters Takes Grange Position For 2nd Year

By ADDIE SCHNEIDER

The adage that "experience is the best teacher" is being put into practice by Emmett Walters who is now in his second year as master of the Riversdale grange. Other officers installed at the county Grange were, Charles Kinyon, overseer; Mrs. Don Young, secretary; Clyde Downing, treasurer; Mrs. Ed Bayliss, Flora; Mrs. Robert Simonsen, Ceres; Mrs. Charles Kinyon, Pamona; Norman Wicks, steward; Robert Anderson, outside guard; Eugene Atwood, assistant steward; Mrs. Eugene Atwood, lady assistant steward; executive committee, Nelda Norris, Ed Bayliss and Ora Welker.

Holiday Party

A holiday atmosphere pervaded the grange hall for the annual Christmas party for members, their families and friends. Mrs. Norman Wicks presented a program of a family Christmas party where grandchildren performed for grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Em-

mett Walters. Children giving musical numbers, readings and singing songs were, Karen and Jule Tipton, Marvin Schneider, Tommy and Sharon Wicks, Nancy, Carol and Joyce Dunn, Charleen and Sherri Kinyon and Kimberly Anderson. Santa Claus came with gifts for all. A coffee hour was

held after the program. A collection of supplies for Christmas baskets was taken to the Salvation Army.

A watch party will be held New Year's Eve. Games, cards and dancing are being planned. Members are to bring one of the following gifts for all. A coffee hour was

Soviet Military Writer Calls For Fighting Bloc

MOSCOW — A Soviet military writer Saturday called for a "fighting commonwealth" of the armies of Communist countries united by a common love of Marxism and Leninism.

Writing in the newspaper Soviet Aviation, Lt. Col. K. Spirov said that in addition to missiles and guns, the decisive condition for the growth of Communist-bloc fighting power is "the deep ideological conviction of all army men in the triumph of communism and their loyalty to proletarian internationalism."

In the event of a military attack on any member of the Warsaw Pact, Spirov wrote, such a commonwealth would be united in its determination "to rid humanity once and for all from threats of atomic wars, exploitation and enslavement."

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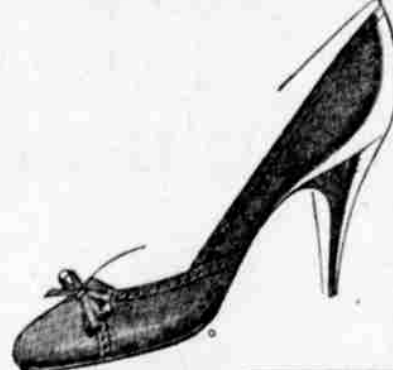
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