



FARM FOREST FACTS

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To a person visiting Oregon for the first time from glaciated New England, one of the things that impresses him as being different is the much greater depth of hill soils. This is very noticeable in road cuts.

Another point of difference, which becomes apparent from prolonged observation, is that our soils are also less stable, as evidenced by our very numerous slides that occur each year.

Greater soil depth, with greater mass, could offer more opportunity for slide activity, but this factor in itself is probably of little importance. Such things as soil composition, steepness of slope, saturation from winter rains (possibly accentuated by lack of ground freezing) and vegetative cover undoubtedly contribute much more to the occurrence of slides. While little or nothing can be done about the first three causes, there is something that can be done about the last one.

Slides Occur
Don Baird of Umpqua told me that when he logged and burned the hillside opposite his home on Cole Road, a number of slides occurred following the clearing, even though the area was well grassed over at the time. Fortunately, he left many seed trees, so that the area today is growing up to a mixture of hardwoods and conifers. Interestingly enough, no slides have occurred since the land has become re-established in tree growth.

So, vegetative growth can make a difference in soil stability. Although in many cases, forage crops will do the soil holding job, trees are hard to beat for their soil and water holding capacity on steep slopes. Incidentally, did you ever see a forested hillside turn brown for lack of moisture like man planted vegetation often does? Not only is forest growth, with its vast root systems, better suited

to holding steep terrains in place, but it is better suited for economic reasons as well. We are learning in farm forestry that intensive forest management in second growth stands is yielding continuous crops of trees with little or no need for planting, once the area is established in trees. How can you beat a crop that sows itself and needs only periodic scientific harvesting — from Christmas trees, to car stakes and pulpwood, to stud logs and small poles, to large poles and piling, to sawlogs and veneer logs?

Sensitivity Needed
If nature had intended these upland areas to be in vegetative growth other than trees, the first humans to visit this country would not have found a land primarily clothed in forest growth. Instead, they would have found extensive prairies (as in the Central States) or other non-forest growth from the river bottoms to the tops of the highest mountains.

This does not mean that men, both Indian and white, did not have the right to burn or otherwise clear the more inhabitable, more fertile, or more useable lands for better hunting and farming, for they did so to survive, grow, and develop their respective civilizations.

This does mean, however, that men should be sensitive enough to their environment to recognize the forces of nature at work and work with them where advisable and not against them when the opposing odds are great.

SCIENTISTS OFFERED JOBS
BONN, Germany (UPI) — The government said recently it has offered jobs in this country to German rocket scientists working for the United Arab Republic. Israel has protested vigorously against the presence of the scientists in Egypt.

Musa Sees More Long Sessions

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SALEM (UPI) — Having served in the Oregon Senate since first in 1949 I believe the 1963 Legislature has been the hardest working of any which has assembled. The 90 men and women of the House and Senate have worked long and hard in considering the legislation which came before them. They have given the public the best reception it has ever received. Hearings have been more numerous than any previous session, and even minor bills received thorough consideration.

As I have stated on previous occasions, it is just as important not to pass bad legislation as it is to pass good legislation. But here is where the casual (or the caustic) observer pays no heed: It takes just as much time to consider (and finally determine) that a bill is bad as it does to determine the merits of a good bill.

The news media (particularly in their editorial comments) along with many special interest groups, say we spend too much time on non-essential bills and propositions. However, if we would even on one single occasion disregard their petition or plea, we would immediately be castigated for our indifference and autocratic attitude.

As far as our accomplishments for this session, time will be the better judge. We have had a grave responsibility, even prior to our convening: Increased spending for desired and probably necessary needs; all within the framework of insufficient revenues under present tax programs.

If there are two things a legislator does not like to do — at least not both at the same time — they are: 1. Increase taxes, and 2. Reduce accepted public services. This was the burden and the heartache of this session. Herein lay our long hours of work.

I can truthfully say not one of the 90 legislators wanted to add to the taxpayers' burden unless

there was no other way out. Here came the clashes of philosophies. How to change the structure without too greatly disturbing the accepted present system and formulas and still get more individuals into the fold of active direct taxpayers.

The governor had a radical and ill-advised tax proposal he submitted in his inaugural address; but when the chips were down, and his bill was before the House of Representatives for a action, there were only eight members of his party out of a membership of 29 who would vote for this stupid and misnamed "net receipts" tax. Whether the people will buy the final tax bill adopted, we will know within the next 90 days.

We have been criticized in many places for a too-long session. Unless Oregon citizens want to be governed by political hacks, sessions will continue to be long. There are those who want to decide all policy matters and legislation by party machine caucuses. Oregon has been pretty free from this kind of money business.

Sure we have differences of opinion in our membership — but they are honest differences. A legislator who thinks for himself is more to be trusted than a hand-picked lackey of a political machine and collectively will make fewer bad judgments. Our state was founded and developed by the free thinkers and people of independent judgment.

Let us face up to the reality of the times — legislation covers more area than 50 or 40 years ago, or even 20 or 10 years. To perform these tasks reasonably and properly takes time. Let us not make haste here and prove the old adage — "Act in haste and repent in leisure."

In reference to the long and unfortunate violent disagreement of the last few days of the session, this was attributable to one group

of special lobbyist interests: The Board of Higher Education, in trying to upset the conclusions of the joint House and Senate appropriations committees. In all my years down here I have never before witnessed so much undesirable political pressure exerted on so many individual legislators. It was an unfortunate situation and not becoming to an otherwise well-respected administrative department of our state.

I have only one regret — but I guess in partisan politics one should expect these things — and that is when the governor calls us a do-nothing legislature and looks upon us with scorn as a "faceless group of 90 persons."

We were more charitable to him. My contacts with the other 89 members convinced me that each one of them worked hard and diligently for those things in which they believed. I respect their divergent views and opinions, even if I may be in disagreement with some of them. I feel highly honored I was one of them! They have my thanks as well as my affection and my blessings. As President Washington so ably said so long ago: "If to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterwards defend our work?"

WARNS OF PROBLEM

WASHINGTON (UPI) — G. Mennen Williams, assistant secretary of state for African affairs, has told Congress in testimony made public Friday that the number of "hard-core Communists" in Africa will be a problem within three years.

Williams, appearing March 8 before a House appropriations subcommittee, said "I think in a year or so, maybe two or three, the number of hard-core Communists they will build out of the students and others they have brought to bloc countries will be returning and that this will be a problem and cause for concern."

Community News Items

Mrs. Percy Myers has returned to her home in Little Valley after being gone for three months. She visited her son and daughter-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Archie Myers, and family in Minot, N. D., and spent some time in Libby, Mont., with her son, Darrell. During her visit, Mrs. Myers made a trip into Canada.

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Hart were at College Place, Wash., over the weekend and brought their two sons, who have been attending Walla Walla College, home with them. Their younger son, Dick, received the award for scholastic performance in a course in World Civilization, which was presented by Dr. Frank Meckling, chairman of the history department.

David B. Miller, now visiting his sister, Mrs. Clifford Hall of this city and a brother of Richard Miller, also of Roseburg, was graduated from Oregon State University June 2 with a major in psychology. He is also visiting with the Ed. Woodworth family in Sutherlin. He will leave early this week for Mississippi State University to engage in psychological research, working toward an advanced degree. He is a graduate of Sutherlin High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Jarvis, Roseburg, went to Portland Friday by way of Corvallis. They were accompanied by Miss Lynn Forrest. At Corvallis they were joined by their son, Jim Jarvis, a former star athlete for Roseburg Senior High School, now a member of Oregon State University basketball squad. Jim Jarvis left Portland Friday night by airliner for Nebraska to join the team with which he will play semi-pro baseball during the summer. Curt Jarvis is basketball coach for Roseburg Senior High School.

Tom Thompson of Portland spent a recent weekend visiting in Roseburg with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Thompson. Tom is employed by John W. Storrs, prominent Portland architectural firm.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pelkey and son, Dusty, of Grants Pass were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Dement.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blythe of this city had as weekend guests the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien of Los Angeles.

Miss Judy Hosford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Hosford was home in Roseburg from her studies at Oregon State University. She will be a senior next fall. The Hosfords drove to Corvallis to bring her home. Judy will leave July 17 for Camp Fire Girls Camp Namanu near Portland, where she will be camp counselor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Pine and daughter, Reneta, of Anguine, Calif., were here over the weekend visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Pine Jr. and many friends in this area. After coming from Idaho they lived in Sutherlin several years and later in Roseburg. Pine worked mostly in the timber industry and Mrs. Pine was an aide in Douglas Community Hospital. They moved to Anguin two years ago, where Mrs. Pine entered Pacific Union College to prepare to become a registered nurse. She will spend the summer at Loma Linda's White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles and will complete her training in August 1964. The Pines left for home Tuesday. Their daughter, Mrs. David (Leila) Salsbury, and her husband and three small children from Salem met them here for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lindley and family arrived last week from their home in Greenville, S.C., to visit Mrs. Lindley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lewis, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart, and family. Arriving during the weekend was another daughter, Mrs. Joe Leichity, and family of Ogden, Utah. Both groups of visitors plan to stay for a couple of more weeks.

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