

SAGINAW

The Friendly Neighbors club met at the home of Margaret Keene Thursday afternoon. There were 15 members present and Noreen Sells was a visitor. Margaret Keene, Dorothy Ketcherside and Helen Williams were appointed on a committee to buy the Xmas candy for the children in this community. The candy will be furnished by Helen Williams, Ola Hill and Minnie Keene and the rest of the members will buy the oranges. Everyone brought a gift for "Grandma" Enright's gift box which was presented to her the next day. Plans were made for the Xmas party and the club's 8th birthday party which will be held at the next meeting. Each one is to bring a gift to exchange and also bring their polyanthus Xmas gift. It was voted on not to buy the outgoing president a gift this year as several held that office during the year. The club will buy the birthday cake. Betty Laird won a prize and in the contest given Noreen Sells won first prize and Dorothy Ketcherside second. The next club meeting will be with Minnie Keene Dec. 19th.

Jimmy Williams son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Williams had his left leg fractured above the knee while playing at school Thursday. Jimmy will be on crutches for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Benston were guests Tuesday evening of last week at the Hayes home in C. G. at a turkey dinner given

by Goldie Hayes honoring her brother Earl on his birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Max Jones returned home last week from Amarillo, Texas, where they had spent several weeks called there by the serious illness and death of Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Guffy. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Monteith of Olympia, Wash., were visitors recently at the Inez Monteith home. Mrs. Eva Hanson of Waldport spent Wednesday night at the Geo. Getty home.

A special school meeting was held recently to see about hiring another teacher, owing to the increase in school attendance. The school board has hired Frank Clark who taught here several years ago, and he will start teaching January 2nd.

Quanna Abbott left last week for California to spend several weeks. He phoned his folks from Santa Cruz Friday evening.

Mrs. Mary Lindsay and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kivitt and sons of Creswell spent one evening last week at the C. G. Keene home.

Less than one percent of veterans who have entered in education or job training programs under the G. I. Bill have exhausted their entitlement.

Veterans in the Northwest had received 15,688 guaranteed loans totaling \$67,880,125 by the end of October, the Veterans Administration reports.

Oregon Takes Lead in Lumber Output

Lumber leaders in Portland Saturday predicted that it would be 2,000 A. D. before Washington again took the lead in lumber production from Oregon. Leadership in the lumber industry passed from Washington in 1943 and for several years has been gradually drifting south. Present estimates predict that Washington will produce only about 43 per cent of the lumber output in 1946, while Oregon will produce 57.

Numbers of new mills have been constructed in Southern Oregon, mostly in Lane and Douglas counties, in the past few years with the hot spot in production centering the area of north Douglas county. The most recent figures disclose there are 1,069 Douglas fir mills in Oregon and Washington at the end of 1944 and now J. H. Cox of Eugene, secretary manager of the Willamette valley association estimates there are now 1,000 mills south of the Columbia compared with 350 before the start of the war. Cox says Lane county now has 230 mills and Douglas county with only 20 mills before the war now has 200. A rise in the production of lumber from Douglas county is estimated to have jumped from 355,000,000 feet in 1943 to 600,000,000 in 1946.

In addition to the new mills that have started in this region and there are many, lumbermen estimate that there are 20 new plants under construction along the highway 99 between Canyonville and Drain.

The Kirkland report estimated there are 439,070,594,000 feet of Douglas fir timber in Oregon and Washington, including federal, state, county and privately-owned stands. Of that total, Oregon has 261,259,357,000 and Washington 177,811,237,000 — which in itself assured Oregon a long-range leadership.

The biggest portion of Oregon's reserve exists in the Willamette valley, which contains 102,775,844,000 feet, Kirkland estimated. The Umpqua area is second in the Pacific Northwest with 89,295,502,000.

But the co-operative sustained yield units will be even a more important factor in maintaining that Oregon leadership, lumbermen believe. The nation's first such unit

1947 Chauffeur's Licenses Available

Early applications for 1947 chauffeurs' licenses have come in very slowly, it has been announced by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr.

The new licenses become valid December 15 this year. Early applications are sought so that all chauffeurs may be accommodated before the expiration of current licenses.

"Thus far we have received only about 1500 applications," said Farrell. "This is hardly a drop in the bucket, since we expect to license some 42,000 chauffeurs this year."

Application, accompanied by a fee of \$1.00, should be made on the back of current cards. Should this form have been lost, renewal blanks may be obtained from any license examiner or from the secretary of state. It is stressed that application can be accepted on regular forms only.

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was established at Shelton, Wash., in September by an agreement between the government and the Simpson Logging company.

Under terms of these agreements, which lumber leaders predict will be effectuated in growing numbers, the lumber companies will pool their holdings in a working circle with government-

owned timber for a long-range sustained yield cut. The pacts will be for 100 years, regarded as the normal cycle for obtaining good merchantable timber, it was pointed out.

At the end of the 100-year period, there will still be the same amount of timber—through natural growth—as there was when it

started. Some have viewed the pacts dimly with the fear of monopoly. But timber men point out that Public Law 273—under which the agreements are set up—limits the use of the plan to not more than 25 per cent of public lands.

That Washington will one day

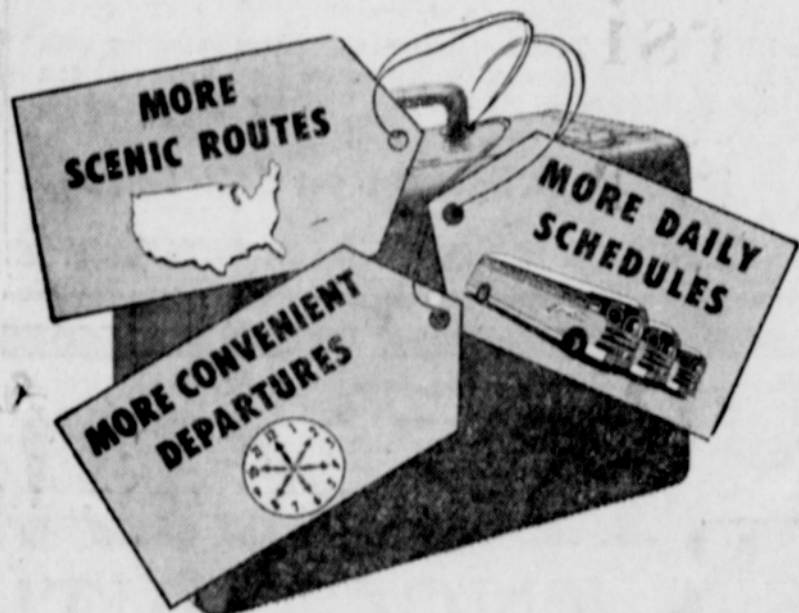
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again take the leadership was foreseen as certain by these leaders because that state now has more land in second-growth timber than Oregon. This might even bring the leadership transfer to the north of the Columbia sooner, some believe.

But whatever the situation may be 54 years from now, the lumber fraternity is certain of one thing now—the timber industry is booming in southern Oregon. Whether the census-takers can ever catch up with its growth, only the future can tell.

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