

Output Under 1951 Says Lumber Report

Portland, (Special) — Opposite extremes in weather, the severe drought of last summer and deep snows of winter, causing log shortages, have served to retard lumber output in the Douglas fir region, although production at the end of the first quarter is nearing normal.

Sawmills in the region cut 2,516 billion board feet through March, according to Harris E. Smith, secretary, West Coast Lumbermen's association. This was 110 million feet below last year's first quarter.

The lumber executive said both orders and shipments were falling behind first quarter totals of last year by about ten per cent. Orders were about 270 million feet below last year and shipments are lagging by 260 million.

DEFENSE DATA

QUESTION. Has the defense mobilization program been cut down? We've been reading that it has.

ANSWER. No, it has not. Just the contrary. It has been increased. The major increase is in the Air Force. This has been increased from 95 wings under the present program to 143 wings under the new program. That's a jump of more than 50 per cent.

DEFENSE DATA

QUESTION. But we hear it said that the Russians are producing a better plane than the MIG-15.

ANSWER. Maybe they are. So are we. Much better. The F-86's we have in Korea are not even the latest models of the F-86's we're producing.

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OSC to Expand Its Beef Cattle Pasture Studies

Irrigated pastures for beef cattle will come in for more attention from Oregon State college agricultural research men under a new program to begin this spring.

The expansion of OSC pasture studies is aimed at developing some definite irrigated pasture recommendations for beef cattle producers.

Fifty acres have been set aside on the OSC experiment station's south farm near Corvallis for irrigated pasture research. The college beef breeding herd will be used on a cow-calf basis in initial phases of the study.

Lotus-grass mixtures and Ladino-grass mixtures will be compared in one phase of the tests. Farmer interest in the two legumes for irrigated pastures is high throughout the state.

The best possible management measures will be used in caring for the experimental pastures. H. L. Schudel of the farm crops department and Joe B. Johnson of the animal husbandry department will direct the work, with cooperation from the OSC soils department on fertilization problems and the agricultural engineering department on irrigation measures.

One phase of the over-all plan calls for measurement of total beef production from well-managed irrigated pastures. Three 10-acre pastures will be used in rotation for beef cattle, with a fourth pasture to be utilized by the OSC poultry department. Five more acres will be put in stock holding pastures and about five acres will be used for detailed experiments.

Forty-eight small plots will be planted to test different grasses and legumes in clipping experiments. Total production, season trends in production and forage quality of the various forages will be appraised. Fertilizer needs also will be determined, with emphasis on nitrogen, phosphorus, lime and sulfur requirements. The various forage mixtures will be clipped at various heights and frequency to learn more about management practices. Additional small plot studies are planned for the future.

Oregon Praised For Production Of Grass Seed

Oregon's grass seed acreage is the single most potent weapon ever forged for conserving the nation's soil, and no other state has made such a distinctive contribution to the grassland program.

That is the opinion of a seed crops sub-committee which took part in the 1951 agricultural conference at Oregon State college. Chairman of the farm crops committee of which the seed crops sub-committee was a section was Paulen Kaseberg, Wasco. Glenn Strome, Junction City, headed the seed producers group.

Among committee recommendations was one suggestion that no additional hop acreage be planted. Basis for the recommendation is the current national hop surplus. A special study of the fiber and seed flax outlook suggested some consideration be given to raising certified flax seed for export.

The cereals sub-committee stressed the need for research to develop oat and barley varieties with stiffer straw. Hannchen is a good barley, the committee said, but it has weak straw which causes it to lodge badly when grown on fertile soil. Individual kernels have relatively loose hulls which skin easily, and plant breeders were asked to develop a malting barley variety to overcome these two shortcomings.

In backing their claim that Oregon has made a distinct contribution to the nation's grassland program, it was pointed out that the state now grows more perennial grass, common ryegrass and winter annual legume cover crops seeds than any other state.

The committee urged development of breeders and foundation seed in all classes of grass seed grown in the state to assure growers of pure seed, to hold the state's reputation as a supplier of high quality seed, and to bar introduction of inferior seed stocks.

PLANNING DEFINED

Planning has been defined as putting off until tomorrow what you have no intention of doing today.

AMATEUR GARDENERS

Some amateur gardeners find that regardless of what they plant a chicken is about all they get out of it.

WINNER . . .



NEW YORK—A unique pie-eating and clean-up contest was held at Kips Bay Boys Club, when 10 small boys competed to win a free two-weeks summer vacation at Kips Bay Boys Club Summer Camp in Valhalla, N. Y.

Each boy raced to finish his portion of pie, then dove into wash basins to clean their hands and brush their teeth. The first boy to finish the course and win the vacation was Robert Noble, 10.

Traffic Smash-ups Cost \$33 Million

Traffic smash-ups in Oregon cost more than 33 million dollars during 1951, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry has reported. The figure, which represents losses due to deaths, injuries and property damage, tops 1950 accident costs by \$173,820.

Economic costs are computed, Newberry said, on the basis that each traffic death averages \$21,800, and injury, \$950, and a property damage accident, \$180. The averages are computed by the statistical division, National Safety Council.

LOGGERS AND LUMBERMEN TO GIVE HIWAY PROBLEMS

Loggers and representatives of the lumber industry will have an opportunity to present highway-use problems to members of the Legislative Highway Interim committee at meetings which have been scheduled for 10 a. m. Saturday, May 3 in the Courthouse at Medford, and 10 a. m. Monday, May 5 in the City Hall at Lebanon, Senator Elmo E. Smith, chairman of the Interim Committee, has announced.

Notices of the meetings have been sent to all logging operators in the state. The two meetings were located to give as many operators as possible in western and southern Oregon a chance to be heard.

Spiritual force is stronger than material; thoughts rule the world.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Businesses Alerted On Freight Rates For Part Carloads

A five-man group of Pacific Northwest freight traffic experts known as the Northwest Class Rate committee this week alerted Pacific Northwest businesses of all kinds to prepare themselves to evaluate sweeping changes in the classifications and rates affecting all less-than-carload railroad freight within and to and from this area.

The changes result from investigations and orders of the Interstate Commerce commission which call for the nation's railroads to establish uniform classification of all articles throughout the United States. The classification determines what scale of freight rates any article is entitled to as compared with other freight.

The reclassification of all types of less-than-carload freight will increase the number of classification categories from approximately ten at the present time to in excess of thirty. As a parallel action, the railroads must at the same time revise all freight rates applying to this type of shipments to correlate them to the various classifications.

When the new uniform rail classification goes into effect on May 31, it will apply to the territory roughly east of the Conti-

mental Divide but will not apply on Pacific or transcontinental class rates until a new schedule of class rates is published.

Any individual business or association may secure further information on the pending class rate

adjustments by contacting the committee through its chairman, W. C. Cole, Terminal Sales Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

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Classification Of State's Land Resources Asked

An immediate classification of Oregon's land resources has been requested by a statewide land economics committee headed by Charles A. Tom, Rufus.

It was one of the committee's recommendations which was acted on favorably at the recent statewide agricultural conference at Oregon State college. Through extensive field work, the committee said, boundaries of areas primarily suited to forestry, grazing, cultivated crops, recreation, watershed protection, wild life or combinations of these could be determined.

Maps and other material prepared should then become the guide for county, state, and federal programs on these areas, Tom explained.

The committee also recommended that federal mining laws be amended to accomplish the following: Make mineral prospecting and location of mining claims subject to appropriate restrictions and regulations in order that abuses be prevented; and allow owners of mining claims to have mineral rights only, reserving to the government all other resources except those required for mining.

Other recommendations included one to have all federally owned, revenue-producing property pay to local taxing units an amount equal to the tax assessment if the property were in private ownership. The committee cited the fact that about 58 per cent of Oregon's land area is owned by various municipal, county, state and federal agencies.

Much of the land is revenue producing, yet the revenue returned varies from nothing for certain lands to as much as 76 per cent of the receipts from others. Tom said the principle of assessed value and payments on the basis of local tax levies has been recognized by congress in the case of the Coos Bay re-vested road grants. These lands are appraised every ten years and pay the equivalent of annual tax levies from receipts.

RETAIL DISTRIBUTORS WILL MEET MAY 4-5

University of Oregon, Eugene (Special)—Three prominent Oregon businessmen and a professor in the university's school of business administration will deliver principal addresses at the Oregon Retail Distributors' Institute conference to be held here May 4 and 5.

The three businessmen are Donald Farr, mayor of Coquille and manager of Farr's in that city; J. W. Kipper, president of the Eugene chamber of commerce and manager of Sears, Roebuck & Co. store in Eugene, and J. D. Swenson, superintendent of Meier & Frank Co. in Portland.

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