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Our Controverted Lands

Western Oregon is largely dependent on one resource, timber. It is therefore a matter of vital public concern as to how this resource is handled. The bulk of the timber is located on privately owned lands and a small portion of the timber is privately owned. The privately owned timber is being depleted at a rapid rate. One has to only count the logs going out of the immediate area to realize that the private timber source will largely be depleted within a comparatively short time and then our chief resource will be controlled by the government, either the forest service or the O. & C. land administration.

The map of Lane county will show there is considerably more state or federally owned lands in the county than that owned privately on which taxes are paid. To offset the loss in taxes, both the O. & C. administration and the U. S. Forest give a portion of each sale of timber to the county in which the timber is cut. The former gives 75 percent, the latter 25 percent. In the matter of sustaining the population or an increase in population, the percentage of receipts from timber sold is not so important as the policies of the government agencies looking to the support of a permanent population.

It so happens this area has about as much O. & C. lands as the Umpqua forest service, the O. & C. lands are checker-boarded in with privately owned lands and the Umpqua forest. This situation is not bad except for the fact that a continued supply of logs cannot be assured for the future. The reason the logs cannot be assured for the future is that all three classes of timber, the federal, the privately owned and the O. & C. have adopted a different method of arriving at what may be called a sustained yield basis. In each case the policy is different. Private timber is sold by no rule, but each of the federal agencies have a different rule on cutting the forest timber. The Umpqua forest allows a greater cut and the policy of operation is somewhat different than from the O. & C., but because of the conflicting policies, the situation could be bad for us.

If the Umpqua forest for instance has an overripe stand of timber, the service decides to sell, but to get to the timber, the buyer must build an access road thru the O. & C. timber. What then? Obviously the timber buyer must get the consent of the federal agency, whichever it might be.

Forest service officials have informed us the cut in the Umpqua basin, which includes the Cottage Grove, Drain and Roseburg areas, is about double the present sustained yield basis as figured by the forest service. If this is true, one does not have to be very farsighted to see what may happen when the privately owned timber is depleted and the allowable cut of one federal agency is about half of what the other is.

This picture could squeeze out the little mills in short order, as the allowable cut could be much less than now. It might force the communities dependent on lumber to make a faster shift than faced under the present allowable cut figure and the shift could be disastrous to many.

To remedy the situation Cong. Harris Ellsworth and Sen. Guy Cordon have introduced a measure which would give the forest service control over the policies on the O. & C. lands, which would at least allow development of the forest on an orderly basis and without conflicting policies. Legislative relief may be anticipated before many months, if the eastern congressmen can be persuaded to go along. Good access roads are becoming more and more important to the development of any forest, but the idea of spending federal funds to build roads, before the timber is sold, or rather before the timber is paid for is hard for some eastern congressmen to see, who are not familiar with forest operations.

Good roads are part of the timber sale policy. They are built to serve as long as timber is cut from the forest. Passable roads bisect many parts of the forest, although the federal timber is sold in small units of about 40 acres and the reason for the small unit is to aid nature in reseeding.

No Dancing in Street for Korean Armistice

—by Reynolds Knight—

NEW YORK—This will not be another solemn warning against dancing in the streets because a Korean armistice has been signed. The ordinary American seems to have a sober and realistic understanding of this event.

While Korean truce is unlikely to shift the balance from inflation to deflation, the balance is an uneasy one, and the weights on either side are enormous.

INFLATIONARY: The \$9.4 billion federal deficit is the largest in history. The national debt crowds the limit, and either a rise in the ceiling or the spectacle of government checks bouncing will frighten the financial community. Reserve requirements have been cut to make more commercial credit available. Steel and oil are more costly. The cost of living edges upward. Wage raises are generous. Rents will rise. Employment is full or over-full.

DEFLATIONARY: Food and fiber prices are lower, carrying farm land prices down with them. Interest rates are higher. Defense spending is being stretched out, and will be more so. Reviving foreign producers fight for world trade. Inventories are high, and prudent industrial purchasers have begun shortening commitments.

STUBBORN SHORTAGE—Ever wonder what happened to all those shortages of raw materials that came to notice with the Korean outbreak? Well, they have disappeared—all but one.

The lone exception is nickel. This alloying element is added to other metals to make them harder, stronger and tougher, and to increase resistance to corrosion and high temperatures. The U. S. supply of nickel is still far short of the demand, despite government assistance in expanding production. Priorities and allocations continue on its use and distribution, so that the needs of the arms and atomic energy programs can be met.

This nation has contracted with nine producers in the United States, Canada and Cuba for additional supplies of nickel, but the 380 million pounds of the metal it would like to have by 1955 will be missed by about 75 million pounds.

Hiram Smith

Hiram Smith, 65, of Drain passed away at his home Monday, July 27, 1953. He was born November 18, 1887, at Milton-Freewater, Ore., and has lived at Drain for the past 25 years.

He is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Pearl Pidgeon of Tulelake,

Calif., and Mrs. Edna Mott of Spokane and several nieces and nephews.

Gravestone funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, July 31, at the Drain cemetery with the Rev. Munger officiating. Mills Funeral Service of Drain was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Letter From Washington

Gloomy Congress Recesses Saturday—Members Head Home

By Harris Ellsworth
Representative, Fourth District

This is written on Saturday. Before long a weary and more or less gloomy Congress will close up shop and the members will head for home. It is always a little discouraging to hear a congressional recess referred to as a "vacation." The fact is that a member of congress generally has less time to himself when he is home in his state or district than when he is in Washington attending the session. We do not complain about this because it is a part of the job, and a pleasant part, but a recess certainly is not a vacation.

I referred to this congress as being gloomy. There are two very different sets of reasons for that condition. First and foremost, the sudden passing of Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio cast a deep sadness over the closing hours of this session. Senator Taft was genuinely liked, admired, and respected by every member of congress. He was a tower of strength to the Eisenhower Administration and was truly "Mr. Republican" in the Senate and in the country. The death of Senator Taft followed within a few days the passing of Senator Tobey of New Hampshire, also a respected and popular senator.

During the less than seven months since this session began four other senators and representatives have died, including Senator Willis Smith of North Carolina, Representatives Joseph Bryson of South Carolina, Garrett L. Withers of Kentucky, and Merlin Hull of Wisconsin. The congress with a total membership in house and senate of 531 is a relatively small body numerically. These men all were our friends and we miss them.

The other basis for a lack of enthusiasm lies in the nature of the work which had to be done during this session. It is far more pleasant to spend money lavishly than it is to pinch pennies and save. This session of congress is the first one in many years to crack down sharply and heavily on budget requests. It knocked almost 20 percent (one-fifth) off the post-election Truman budget which, I believe he dared congress to try to cut. The reduction figure in dollars will be close to fourteen BILLIONS.

But even so, and to further dampen any feeling of cheerfulness, it has not yet been possible to provide any tax relief. This will come at the end of this year. Then to top off the financial story, one of the last acts of this session was to face the necessity of raising the legal debt limit of the federal treasury. Although that actually is little more than

a legal technicality, it did serve to point out forcefully that the Eisenhower Administration inherited a flock of bills which must be paid before government finances can be put on a sound basis and taxes reduced. The situation we took over was something like that of a person who buys a quit-claim deed to a business and then has to mortgage the property in order to get rid of the liens and old debts which are presented to him for payment.

It has been no fun either for the Eisenhower Administration or for the congress to halt the happy stroll down the road to state socialism. A super-state with astronomical amounts to spend can and does provide many "benefits" and generally a condition that appears to be prosperity. It is truly a happy condition while it lasts if the costs are ignored. But big government, which does or promises to do something for everybody, must be paid for sooner or later. If the cost were in cash alone the problem would be simple. Unfortunately, people who have surrendered their independence to their government in return for "benefits" and "security" have found to their sorrow that oppression and loss of individual freedom ultimately follow. Recent as well as older history records this fact. That is why the fight against big government, although it may be politically unpopular, is so vitally important to us all.

Our position in world affairs, which the new regime inherited, was anything but pleasant. That responsibility lies mostly with the President. He has displayed a firmness which I feel sure the other governments of the world have noted with respect. Our policy of appeasement and retreat which ran much too long is totally ended. The shooting war in Korea has been stopped and for the first time since the so-called cold war was started by the Russian government, we are fighting back aggressively with food and definite encouragement for those who will resist oppression. The cold war is not and never can be a static condition—it is dynamic. Communist aggression will either advance or it will be fought back—it cannot be "contained."

This, I believe, is the last "Letter from Washington" for this year. I do not expect a special session to be called, so unless that does happen I will not be writing from Washington again until Congress convenes its second session in January. Meanwhile, after about the 20th of August, we will be at home in Roseburg—at home, that is, unless I am visiting the seven counties in the Fourth District. I hope to spend at least a week in each county.

Lane County Chest Goal Is Set at \$208,558.21

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The reasons for the increases are:

1. For the last several years, the needs have not been met. The agencies have not been able to do an adequate job on their limited budgets which have increased because of population increase and the cost of operating.

2. The admission of two agencies not previously included in the campaign. The Association for the Help of Mentally Retarded Children and the Oakridge Recreation association.

3. Lane county has this year assumed its full share of the cost of the Oregon Chest, which provided statewide service to all children in need of institutional care, foster home placements and for adoption services. Lane county children were given 20,000 days care in

their institutions last year.

4. The United Defense Fund whose national chairman is President Eisenhower asks for our full share since all must support our U. S. O. centers all over the world. Lane County has 3,200 young men and women in the armed services at the present time.

The board of directors knows that this goal represents a figure of \$43,258.21 more than has ever been raised or 26.1% more than last year when \$165,300 was raised to meet a goal of \$184,958.24.

The need exists and if it is not met, it will recur in the form of separate appeals or in the form of juvenile delinquency. The board of directors feels enthusiastic in obtaining this goal and urges the full support of everyone.

The agencies and their allocations are as follows:

Salvation Army	\$12,000.00
Catholic Charities for Lane County	11,209.00
Springfield Community Chest	5,100.00
American Cancer Society	6,878.00
Junction City Youth Fund	200.00
Y. W. C. A.	9,983.00
Y. M. C. A.	12,000.00
Community Center	9,000.00
University of Oregon Y. W. C. A.	5,000.00
University of Oregon Y. M. C. A.	4,800.00
Girl Scouts	21,280.00
Boy Scouts	35,201.00
Cottage Grove Youth Fund	2,200.00
Oakridge Youth Fund	400.00
Association for the Help of Retarded Children	3,000.00
Campaign and Administration	18,893.00
Reserve for Shrinkage	4,000.00
Oregon Chest	47,414.21
This is broken down as follows:	
Albertina Kerr Homes Inc.	\$ 6,254.50
Boys and Girls Aid Society	7,320.72
Catholic Charities for Children	3,602.01
Children's Farm Home	1,954.50
Christie School for Girls	1,506.62
Our Lady of Providence Nursery	2,742.50
St. Rose Industrial School	2,822.91
St. Mary's Home for Boys	822.93
Salvation Army White Shield Home	2,615.97
Volunteers of America, Mothers' and Children's Home	771.33
Waverly Baby Home	2,678.72
Mental Health Association of Oregon	1,891.18
United Defense Fund (USO)	7,209.80
Oregon Prison Association	1,015.06
Y. M. C. A., Youth in Government	127.56
International Social Service	27.73
Reserve and Administration for State Chest and Safety Factor	3,990.37
Total	\$47,414.21

A. T. Beidler Dies After Long Illness

A. T. Beidler of Cottage Grove passed away Saturday, August 1, 1953, following a long illness. He was born in Kansas, March 6, 1873, the son of William H. and Eliza Conner Beidler. At the age of three years he came to Petaluma, Calif., with his parents and Uncle Ira Conner's family. They lived there for two years and came to Oregon in 1878, locating at what is now Cottage Grove.

Except for several years at Crawfordsville, Gold Hill and Oakland, Oregon, he has lived at Cottage Grove. Mr. Beidler was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and Gibbs Avenue Church of Christ where he was active until his health failed.

He is survived by three brothers: Ira J. and Charles A., both of Cottage Grove, and Fred of Eugene; three nieces: Kathleen Breedlove of Springfield; Madeline Molino of Arcadia, Calif.; and Jane Neideigh of Cottage Grove; four great-nieces: Joan Breedlove of Springfield; Laurie Beidler of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and Anne and Susan Molino, Arcadia, Calif.; one great-nephew, Bill Breedlove of Springfield and three cousins: E. C. Conner of Cottage Grove, Horace Conner of Oakridge and R. G. Conner of Lorane.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, August 4, at Mills Mortuary, with F. Sherwood Smith officiating. Interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Oakland, Ore. The Odd Fellows had charge of the ritualistic service at the chapel.

M-Sgt. E.B. Grable To Receive Doctor Of Engineering



DUGWAY PROVING GROUND—M-Sgt. Eldon B. Grable, who is assigned to Dugway Proving Ground, has just been informed that the University of California will confer the Doctor of Engineering upon him at the next annual commencement, Sgt. Grable formerly lived in Cottage Grove.

Sgt. Grable did his undergraduate work on the Berkeley campus of the University of California. He did graduate work at Berkeley during the period 1945-1947. He also did graduate work at the California Institute of Technology.

Sgt. Grable did his graduate thesis research under the direction of Professor Thomas MacFarland of the Berkeley campus of the University. His thesis is entitled "Analysis of Load Characteristics in Hydroelectric Plants."

During the war, Sgt. Grable worked for Professor Lawrence on problems connected with cyclotron operations. He has also worked as a power plant engineer and has run his own electrical contracting business.

Sgt. Grable has served in the Army for eight years. He also served in the U. S. Navy for three years. He is currently assigned to the Environmental Test Division at Dugway Proving Ground.

Local Recreation Seeks Development

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swimming. He suggested a deep water boat dock and more access roads to land boats. Also the elimination of the pan fish from the lake. More wardens are needed for the area to cut down illegal fishing and stop petty thefts.

After these suggestions a general discussion followed on the practice of littering picnic grounds, throwing out cans and beer bottles along the highways. If and when formed the committee members would discourage this sort of practice by reporting the license number of the car.

Chairman Byron Houck asked each organization to appoint two members to serve on the organizational committee. Organizations represented at Tuesday night's meeting were: Garden clubs, C. G. Riding club, C. G. Bowmen, Rod and Gun club, Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Umpqua Forest service.

Six Car Accidents

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A. G. Maddess was stopped in his car behind a narrow corner August 3 five miles west of Cottage Grove on the old Lorane highway when Floyd E. Essanger lost control coming down hill around the corner and hit Maddess' car and then a stump. There were no injuries.

Richard Chapman of Medford skidded off the road in his car four miles east of Cottage Grove. He strained his left shoulder.

Please is nought but virtue's gayer name. —Young

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Frank Rone Dies At Age of 73

Frank H. Rone, 1844 East Main street, passed away at the local hospital Thursday, July 30, 1953, at the age of 73. He was born in Oakland, Oregon, July 21, 1880, the son of early day pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Rone, and grandson of Eliza Jane Rice, for whom Rice Hill was named. He was married to Pearl M. Williams at Roseburg in 1910. The couple came to Cottage Grove in 1910 and in 1921 moved to California, returning here in 1935. Mr. Rone was a sawyer until illness caused him to retire. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Surviving are his widow; one son, Frank W. Rone of Helena, Calif.; two step-children: Mrs. C. E. Williams of Oakridge and Mrs. Betty McVey of Carson City, Calif.; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Frank Chase of Sunny-side, Wash.

Funeral services were held at Smith Funeral Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 1, with interment in West Lawn Memorial Park cemetery, Eugene. J. Michael Shelley officiated.

Drain Lady Dies

Anna White, age 75, passed away at the home of her daughter in Drain, Sunday, August 2, 1953. She was born Anna McCormick, September 18, 1877, in Illinois, and was married in Missouri, April 24, 1902, to Joseph W. White, who preceded her in death in 1935. They came to Drain from Lexington, Ore., in 1910. Mrs. White was a member of the Drain Church of Christ.

Survivors are two children: Willie W. White of Eugene and Mrs. Bessie Lakey of Drain; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Drain Church of Christ at 2 p.m., Wednesday, August 5, with Mr. Hubert Prather officiating. Interment was in the Drain cemetery. Mills Funeral Service of Drain was in charge of funeral arrangements.

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