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NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE . . .

by John J. Inskip
What should be the policy surrounding the allowable cut in our national forests, those under supervision of U.S. Forestry Service to be exact? Two memorials to Congress are now undergoing hearings in the Oregon State House of Representatives which say, in effect, all reserve old growth timber should be cut in fifteen years and, the rotation policy of the Forestry Service should approach 60 years, a practice now adopted by several of our larger paper companies with more interest in fibre than in structural lumber.

U.S. Forestry officials say in effect, "We could immediately greatly increase the annual cut if Congress would increase our appropriations so we could improve our marginal practices and construct badly needed access roads. The practices alluded to include, among others, better reforestation programs, pre-commercial thinning, pruning limbs for better logs, and heavy fertilization.

These practices are now followed extensively by larger private and well-financed companies. U.S. Forestry service officials point to the fact that adoption of these practices would greatly increase production. They say also that an immediate cutout under present fiscal shortages would hamper rotations and would be followed by a 40 percent or so drop in cut with a consequent drop in the economy following the rapid cut.

Many corporate producers are becoming increasingly interested in fibre production. The Forestry Service would like to continue producing high quality structural timber as the final rotational cut, providing commercial thinnings for pulp manufacture.

O and C lands are not involved in the squabble because the present policy is to return 75 percent from annual sales to the counties in lieu of taxes. The counties then provide a goodly share of these returns for better forest

management. Not so with the U.S. Forestry Service—only 25 percent of the annual sales are returned to the county in lieu of taxes—U.S. federal policy. The remaining 75 percent go to the U.S. Treasury. The Forest Service is therefore dependent upon annual—and quite insufficient—appropriations from Congress. Even a portion of these meager funds must be spent for other than growing trees—recreation, landscaping and watershed improvement, for instance.

The above statements are oversimplified in the interest of brevity but illustrate the problem at hand. What do you, the reader approve—an immediate cutout for a high market today or a long range better-funded program? Letters

of opinion from constituents will be appreciated. This writer is unfavorable to the idea of building highways and managing forests by legislative edict—that is for sure.

Wine, Spaghetti On Menu at Elks
"The Singing Flapper and her Flapperettes" will be featured entertainment at the March 26 spaghetti dinner and wine tasting party sponsored by the Gresham Women of Elks.

Gresham Elks club will be the setting for the evening event which begins at 7. Men of the Lodge are working with the Women of Elks to present the evening's entertainment and dinner. Elks and wives may bring guests.

ROCKHOUNDS MEET
The Mt. Hood Rockhounds met last week on the MHCC campus, according to Jan Allquist, Community Services Assistant. The Rockhounds have tentatively scheduled their annual rock show at the campus this coming fall.

IRVING ELECTED
Steve Irving, MHCC student and president of the Circle K club, was recently elected Lieutenant Governor of District Four of the Northwest Division, which includes Mt. Hood Community College, Portland State University, Warner Pacific, Cascade College, and Lower Columbia College. Circle K clubs are campus chapters which are sponsored by the Kiwanis.

JAMBOREE
Sixth graders from St. Henry's, St. Joseph's, St. Rita's, Powell Valley, East Gresham, and West Gresham participated in a Basketball jamboree held last week on the Mt. Hood Community College campus. Many parents attended the wind-up of the sixth grade league for this year.

TRACK AND FIELD CLINIC
A track and field clinic was held on the Mt. Hood Campus Saturday for area track coaches. Speakers were Bill Dillinger, University of Oregon; John Backkensen, Harvard; and Jim Puckett, MHCC, who coordinated the afternoon session which included demonstrations and technique studies.

BAPST SPEAKS
Jennis Bapst, director of Liberal Arts and Sciences, spoke to the Gresham Business & Professional Women's Club on March 6, at the Constitution Room in the Gresham General Hospital. Bapst talked about "What the College can offer men and women in personal development and about new developments at the college."

COLLEGE NEWS '69
This Sunday evening, Arnie Heuchert, director of vocational and professional education, will be interviewed on KRDR (1230 kc) at 7:30 p.m. regarding technical programs that are being considered for fall 1969, at Mt. Hood.

Tests at the North Willamette Station indicate that without sufficient ventilation, internal temperatures can exceed outdoor temperatures by well over 20 degrees under sunny conditions.

"Such high temperatures, of course, can have extremely adverse effects on plant performance and yields."

A related problem is posed by high winds. Long explains, "It is essential to move enough air through the bubble to dissipate heat. Yet air pressure within the bubble must be sufficient to hold the bubble up and to prevent it from whipping around or tearing during high winds."

A few Oregon farmers have tried growing a crop in a bubble, with results varying all the way from complete success to utter failure.

The OSU researchers caution, "At this point, anyone who is considering trying a bubblehouse should think it over very carefully. There still are many questions that need to be answered. But the plastic bubble clearly has real potential."



THIS IS DR. Malcolm MacGregor's big start on a buffalo herd. The Gresham physician took delivery on the two animals last week from a Billings, Mont., buffalo rancher. The bull stands six feet at the hump and weighs nearly 2700 pounds. He is a 6-year-old and the heifer is 2 years old.

LETTERS To The EDITOR

Editor's note: Hoodland residents Claude Gudge and Jack Fahie are on an extended tour of the Orient and South Seas.

Feb. 17 Waikaka
Sandy Post, New Zealand
Monday we went with Jim over to the sheep "station" of Jack McQueen, a neighbor who was shearing this day. The poor sheep look so patient as the process goes on, and they look so silly as they are skillfully manhandled while they lose their thick coats. Hope our pictures turn out in spite of the dark interior.

Afterwards we walked over Jim's station and took pictures of his pet stag, a beautiful 4 point. Later still we took a Landrover up into the whop-whops and had another go at deer stalking. A big storm swept in and we all got soaked. No luck again.

Tuesday we left the ranch at 8:30 a.m., drove through Gore and on to the viewpoint and mileage sign at the south end of the island. This was our southernmost point. We were 3,000 miles from the South Pole, and Antarctica and the tip of South America were the only land masses more southerly. Our travels now will all be northward.

We took the east coast road through the bush - very picturesque-and to Dunedin, where we spent the night with another relative—Canin Kenrick, and family. He is works manager for the foremost plumbing brass manufacturer in N.Z. He showed us through the plant and we spent most of the night talking plumbing.

Wednesday we drove on up the east coast of Timara and spent the night with another sister, Phyllis. Jack called home (Wemme) and found you only have 18" of snow left at Wemme. It has been cold and rainy here.

Thursday we drove on up the coast through Christchurch - said to be more English than England. There are a great number of beautiful old churches here. On our way again to the nice little resort town of Kaikoura. These northerly beach towns are still pretty well booked up with people still on "summer" holiday. Finally found a nice little unit, did a little visiting and to bed.

Friday we took off on another winding, one way, mountain road southwest to meet the Lewis Pass highway. Had a nice drive over this 3,000' pass across the island to Inangahua Junction. This was the center of the earthquake I mentioned earlier. This time we knew the cause of all the hillside scars, and we were more observant and impressed.

On to Westport again on the west coast. We are at Surf Spray Motel, on Carter Beach, met David again, and Roy flies in today from Wellington. This is sort of our center for a few days of hunting. (Another cloudless sunny day today)

Had dinner tonight at Tiny's restaurant. Steak and eggs for 4 of us came to \$2.91. But this was including a 6 cents surcharge per person because it is Saturday.

We attended the county fair here today, a real old fashioned one and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Jack and Roy won \$18.00 on a handicapped trotters double race, whatever that is.

The cut in my head is almost healed and the doctor says it will only leave a small scar.

Forgot to mention that Roy's flight came in fifteen minutes early. Jack and I were at the airport on time, but had to follow the bus downtown to find Roy. Isn't that ridiculous? Airplanes are supposed to be late.

I have found a wholesale supplier of New Zealand greenstone (jade) jewelry. Anyone wishing items, please let me know. It is beautiful stone.

Now all our plans have jelled and we are ready to settle down to some serious hunting. There is no indigenous game here, so red deer were imported from Scotland, Thar from the Himalayas, chamois from Austria, and elk and moose from Canada. The deer become pests and are hunted only with a permit. But since meat hunting has become so prevalent the easy hunting is a thing of the past. Frequently we see signs advertising "We buy wild game."

Some notes on New Zealand and its kiwis. Some Kiwis will read this, so I don't mean to belittle or demean, I only mean to state customs, different to the U.S.A.

1. The people are called "Kiwis" after their national bird - a rare nocturnal non-flying bird that lays a

proportionally tremendous egg.

2. Restaurants and cafes - as we know them are very rare. Milk bars and fish and chips are common, but often it is hard to buy a lunch or dinner, especially at odd hours.

3. Meals are generally dished up and tea is served after the meal.

4. Meals are: Breakfast, dinner, and tea-with 2 or 3 snacks in between. These kiwis really know how to eat!

5. Hogget is the main meat dish. This is 2 year old lamb and it is delicious.

6. Busses have very convenient places to store prams and large packages.

7. Kiwis eat, fork left hand, knife right hand-always.

8. The country has many hundreds of one-way Bailey Bridges on "ll types of highways.

9. They have 'possums problems like us, but their 'possums are dark and have furry tails.

10. Toast is cold and without butter.

11. Sheep, sheep, sheep.

12. Tomatoes, fish and chips, hot mutton pies, blue ice cream.

More next week, Love and Kisses, Claude

French Reassigned
Marine Lance Corporal Donald E. French, son of Mrs. Edna M. French of Rt. 2, Boring, has reported for duty at the Marine Corps Air Station, New River, Jacksonville, N.C.

He has been assigned to Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron-26, one of nine squadrons which comprise Marine Aircraft Group-26, the largest Marine helicopter group in the world.

Service Line
Gordon Ray Wood, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Wood, Rt. 1, Boring, is currently enrolled as a student in the Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School in Baltimore, M.D., preparing for the U.S. Merchant Marine as an Engineer.

After six months of classroom study, Wood will go aboard ship for a year's training as an apprentice engineer. Six more months of classroom study will follow before he takes the Coast Guard examination for his third engineer's license. When he receives that, he will be able to go to sea as a full-fledged marine engineer.

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Davis on Carrier
Disbursing Clerk First Class Carroll D. Davis, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley D. Davis of Rt. 1, Boring, and husband of the Mrs. Mary J. Davis of Rt. 2, Gresham, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ranger off the coast of Vietnam. The Ranger returned to the line after a five-day visit to the British crown colony of Hong Kong.

Duncan on Ranger
Fireman Apprentice Lindsey H. Duncan, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady W. Duncan of Sandy, and husband of the former Miss Linda M. Gratek of Rt. 1, Boring, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ranger off the coast of Vietnam. The Ranger returned to the line after a five-day visit to the British crown colony of Hong Kong.

Fire Calls.

3-10-69-8:53 a.m. Call to Rt. 2, Box 1418, home of Jerry Akins. Fire in wall from defective chimney. Slight damage.

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'Bubbles' Could Sub As Greenhouse Doubles

Oregon farmers may soon be growing high-value crops like fresh strawberries, bedding plants, rhubarb and specialty vegetables in big plastic bubbles.

These "bubblehouses" would serve the same purpose as a standard glass or plastic covered greenhouse, but be supported by forced air rather than wood or metal framing.

Assessing the bubble's potential are Oregon State University agricultural engineer David Long; OSU horticulturist Richard Bullock, superintendent of the North Willamette Experiment Station near Aurora; and extension agricultural engineering specialist Mike Huber.

"A standard greenhouse", the researchers point out, "is not economically feasible for many Oregon farmers due to the large initial investment required. So we are trying to work out an alternative means of producing a high-value crop in time to take advantage of early market prices."

"There are a good many problems yet to be solved, but

on balance, the plastic bubble looks very promising."

Basic material of the OSU test bubbles is a roll of 4-mil or 6-mil clear plastic 40 feet wide and 100 feet long. This is sufficient to cover about one-eighth acre, after the edges of the plastic are buried in the ground and the bubble inflated.

Cost of the plastic, which generally lasts at least one season, is \$30 to \$35-low enough to permit annual replacement when high-value crops are being produced.

Other major components are a motorized fan which is used to force supporting air into the bubble, various types of wooden end-pieces and a supplemental heating unit where required. These items can be used year after year.

Since a plastic bubble is not a permanent structure, it would be nontaxable—a further saving over a standard greenhouse.

Perhaps the major difficulty with the bubble is maintaining satisfactory internal temperatures. Bullock reports,