



ENTERTAINS AT PINOCLE

Mrs. Marie Brown entertained the Pinochle club at her home on Wednesday, February 27. Those present included Fern Farnham, Barbara Miller, Marie Bishop, Jan Bailey, Maude Phillips, Ruth Hritz and Alice Gran.

Mrs. Harris held high score, Barbara Miller stole pinochle from Maude Phillips and Marie Bishop walked away with the booby prize.

Twenty-two Million Board Feet Timber Harvested in Chetco Forest District

The annual report for the Chetco district of the Siskiyou National Forest reports that 22 million board feet of timber were harvested in 1956. The report was released by W. E. Ragland, District Ranger.

FIRE: Five fires, all started by lightning were stopped without appreciable spread with the help of local loggers and company foresters. Ragland reports that the district was especially grateful for the assistance of the men of South Coast Lumber and Brookings Plywood during the lightning bust of August 20.

The South Coast cutters again packed their saws and gear on their backs up into the Eagle Creek snag patch. The Forest Service is whittling away at those snags with roads and timber salvage sales and hope before many more years pass to have this menace eliminated.

ROADS AND TRAILS Fifty-four miles of mountain trail

were maintained. Some trails are being replaced by construction of timber sale roads. Seven new miles of permanent road were constructed in 1956. These roads were constructed by timber sale operators but paid for by the public timber through reduced stumpage rates.

TIMBER: Amount of timber cut on the National Forest and hauled into Brookings was 22 million board feet. This is an increase from 13 million harvested in 1955. This volume was spread over 18 different timber sales, varying in size from two thousand board feet to 10 million board feet.

ESTABLISHING NEW CROP: Four hundred acres of logged land were slash-burned in September and October to reduce the fire hazard and facilitate tree planting.

Five hundred acres of land was planted to two year old Douglas



BROOKINGS IS NOW officially a "Yesoree Wagon" town. Mrs. Martha Greyshel, hostess, makes the first newcomer call on Mrs. K. Cummins and her children, Scott and Kathleen at the home at 303 Spruce street. Mr. Cummins is the new superintendent of the Brookings Plywood plant.

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fir seedlings. This planting required 225 thousand seedlings. These trees are raised in the forest service nursery at Wind River, Washington from local seed. The cost of this planting is currently running about \$23.00 per acre or 45 cents per thousand board feet of timber harvested.

IMPROVEMENTS:

One new government residence was constructed in Brookings to house Curt and Millie Swanson. Swanson is a professional Forester assigned to Brookings headquarters to assist with timber management activities.

A cooperative agreement was negotiated with South Coast Lumber Company whereby South Coast will construct 7 miles of public road up the South Bank of the Chetco River. Needless to say, this road will greatly benefit the Brookings economy through

development of the resources in the Chetco River area.

All private and public timber hauled over the road will help pay for the road through 10-year amortization period. South Coast will receive reimbursement for the total cost of the road construction except \$120,000 which is the company's obligation under the agreement.

Resulting from the cooperative agreement above, government timber access road money was diverted to the Chetco River. This money is extending the Chetco River Road above Loeb park on the North Bank and building a bridge across the Chetco to join the South Coast project on the South Bank of the river. Construction is now underway on the North Bank project, under the Administration of the Bureau of Public Roads. These two projects will extend the Chetco River road up to the South Fork of the Chetco river.

Additional access money has been requested to bridge the South Fork of the Chetco and tie into the Long Ridge road.

MISCELLANEOUS

Additional use of National Forest products is noted in cattle grazing and fern cutting. All of the available range and fern lands are currently under lease, to ranchers and fern cutters. These activities do not amount to much in terms comparative with timber and fire activities, however they are very important to the individuals concerned and do add their bit to the local economy.

Two timber trespass cases are currently under investigation.

FOR 1957:

For the new year we plan to further increase our road building and timber harvesting activities. Additional professional assistance and expansion of the station headquarters have been requested. The outcome of our requests will depend upon comparative priorities throughout the two-state region, Oregon and Washington. Of late years the number of college forestry graduates have not been sufficient to meet the rapidly expanding requirements of both private industry and public agencies.

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