

Forest Practices Committee to meet this month

The three Regional Forestry Practices Committees that advise the state Board of Forestry will meet soon to review forest practices rules relating to reforestation and application of chemicals on Oregon's forest lands.

The State Forester currently specifies limitations of temperature, humidity, wind and other factors that must be met before chemicals may be applied to forest lands in Oregon. The committees will discuss whether to recommend that those limitations be spelled out in detail in the forest practices rulebook, rather than be administered by the State Forester through a directive as they are now.

The committees will also consider whether the rules should be changed to make the forest landowner responsible for seeing that lands are reforested after logging, rather than having the forest operator responsible as the rules now require.

The Northwestern Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee that recommends rules for that section of the state will meet June 21, at 9 am in the Protection building Conference Room of the State Forester's Office, 2600 State St., Salem.

The Southwestern Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee that advises on rules for southwestern Oregon will meet June 26, at 9 am at the Southern Oregon Area office of the state Department of Forestry, 1758 NE Airport Rd., Roseburg.

The Eastern Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee that advises on rules for the eastern half of the state will meet June 28, at 9 am at the Wasco Rural Fire Station No. 2, 3400 W 6th, The Dalles.

The meetings are open to the public and comments will be accepted.

Cathlamet Little Theatre presents annual melodrama

This year Cathlamet Little Theatre for its eleventh annual melodrama will stage "The Drunkard" or "The Fallen Saved." This famous old play has been performed world wide since its first appearance some 135 years ago.

Once again the battle against demon rum and all other intoxicating spirits will be staged on June 21, 22 and 23, at 8 pm in the old gym in Cathlamet. Melodrama buffs will find a lot of entertainment waiting for them and a great opportunity to hiss, boo and cheer as the plot presents all the tried and true characters; a

dastardly villian, a poor but honest widow, manly hero and supporting cast of talented thespians.

The old gym is again transformed back to the Gay Nineties era with sawdust on the floor and walls covered with old fashioned posters created by local artists, reserved seats (\$3.00) at tables, general admission \$2.50, and waiters to serve you cool (but not intoxicating) beverages.

The production is directed by Alice C. Irving and Mitchell Doumit. Mickey Cooper is music director.

Portland group to perform at Jamboree

Wally Ratkie, Director of the Vernonia Community Choir, announced the confirmation of one of the musical groups for the Jamboree Concert. The *Rose City Banjoliers*, a 30 piece banjo band from Portland, will be appearing with the Community Choir on July 29.

The banjo band has members that are attorneys, architects, doctors, accountants and sundry other professions who all enjoy music and sharing a style of nostalgia seldom heard today. Their musical style ranges from the gay nineties to popular tunes with an emphasis on the songs of the 1920's. They entertain with toe-tapping music fashioned after the "peabody style" of plectrum banjo playing. Another highlight of the band is the wives of the members who also perform. Called the *Washboard Dears*, a group of Coney Island Washboard Gals, the women sing with the banjo band while delighting the audience with their washboard strumming and dance steps.

The *Rose City Banjoliers* plays for many organizations and events, ranging from retirement homes to schools, lodges, hospitals, banquets, festivals, fairs, conventions, parades, and the big Pendleton Round-up. The band is under

the direction of Elliot Sweetland.

This group along with other musical groups and musicians will be performing with the Vernonia Community Choir on Sunday, July 29 during the Friendship Jamboree. Two concerts are being planned in the Joy Theatre, one at 4 pm and the other at 7 pm. Tickets will go on sale the last week in June and can be purchased by mail or from any member of the choir. The price of the tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$2.50 for students and senior citizens. All proceeds will be used to further musical activities and future concerts in Vernonia.

The contest to name the community choir has been extended one more week. Everyone is urged to submit their best ideas towards naming the choir. Wally Ratkie also announced that membership in the choir is still open and urged prospective singers to attend the tryouts at 4:30 pm Sunday with rehearsals commencing at 5 pm. Membership is not only available to choir singers from the area churches but is also open to anyone in the community with the musical qualifications. If you have any questions, call Linda at 429-6353, Genie at 429-7624 or Wally at 628-2171.

Forest Department declares fire season

Fire season will officially begin in Columbia County on June 18, 1979 at 12:01 am.

Burning permits are required year long in the county and are issued in compliance with Air Quality regulations.

The State Forestry Department issues the burning permits for all of the area outside of the incorporated city limits except that part of the St. Helens Rural Fire Protection District south of Reichhold Chemical plant, and that part of the Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District east of the Burlington Northern Railroad track.

Burning in the Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District is restricted to two open burning periods a year, spring and fall.

Declaration of the fire season means that forest workers must have fire-fighting equipment on all active operations and provide a watchman service after the operation has shutdown for the day.

Forestry Department records have indicated over the years that careless debris burning is a major cause of forest fires in Columbia County. Department personnel are planning an extensive prevention effort in the in the county this year. Information on safe debris burning can be obtained through the Oregon State Forestry Department at 397-2636. To report forest fires, please use the emergency number, 397-1685.

Craft-handiwork combined

Ladies hand work day and craft class have been combined into a craft workshop, because of the busy summer schedules of most of the participating people.

The workshop is open to all. It will be in the community activities center on Thursday, at 7 pm. Bring your craft projects down, and visit while you work. We will not have any teachers, but will help each other.

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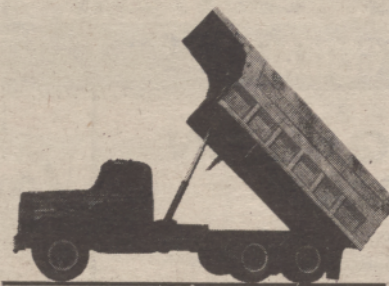
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