

O&C Timber Revenue to Set Record High in Marion, Polk Counties, But Checks Delayed

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WASHINGTON—Marion and Polk counties will receive a record-breaking amount as their share this year in O&C timber revenue—but exactly when the money will be paid is somewhat in doubt. Out of a total of \$6,587,000 estimated to be the amount due Oregon's 18 western counties that share in O&C receipts, Marion and Polk counties will receive approximately \$123,175 and \$187,725 respectively.

Bureau of Land Management officials haven't been able to determine exactly how much will go to each county, but the above figures they say are expected to be very close to the final mark.

Reason for the doubtful status of the counties' share stems from the controverted O&C lands case. The revenue mentioned above was derived from logging on non-controverted O&C lands, but the formula from which each county's share is set is subject to be altered slightly according to the Cordon-Ellsworth act passed by Congress last spring to settle the long-standing controverted lands question.

Ruling Sought
BLM officials note that President Eisenhower signed that bill into law just a week before the 1954 fiscal year ended (June 30 is the end of the fiscal year), so they are awaiting a legal ruling on whether the new formula will apply to all the timber receipts for the past fiscal year.

While the change is not expected to make a great change in the amount due Marion and Polk counties, the checks to each county are being held up until a decision is reached.

BLM logging during the past year in western Oregon was the heaviest by far on record—618,000,000 bd. ft., including the Coos Bay Wagon Road lands. It was divided as follows: 574,000,000 bd. ft. on O&C and 41,000,000 bd. ft. Coos Bay Wagon Road.

The previous record was the year before, when 511,000,000 bd. ft. were cut on O&C lands and 41,000,000 bd. ft. on Coos Bay Wagon Road. Inasmuch as this substantial increase in cutting was accompanied by a drop in lumber prices during the past year, the total revenue did not increase proportionately, even though it did set a new record high. Last fall the counties divided up \$6,053,458.

Biggest Year Due
BLM officials look forward to an even bigger logging year, judging by increased timber demands of July and August and a larger cutting program already mapped out and expected to be executed. Also, the effect of the strike, they said, will tend to boost the price of logs and consequently raise the revenue collected on O&C lands this coming year.

Meanwhile, the prospect of the counties receiving their shares in the special fund of timber revenue, which has accumulated over the years during the controverted O&C dispute, remains a matter for court determination, and the courts have been on vacation. The question as far as the counties are concerned is whether an order of the U. S. Court of Appeals of last spring will cause the money to be distributed to the counties, or whether it will be done under the Cordon-Ellsworth act more recently enacted by Congress.

BLM and Forest Service officials are awaiting legal determination of this question, for the Treasury Department has issued a stop-order on payment of any of the controverted funds until the issue is resolved. Some authorities believe it may take a ruling of the Supreme Court to end the dispute.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 21-20	1 Perfect	31 If	61 Needs
14-17-21-35	2 Someone	32 Good	62 Home
24-25-27-31	3 Make	33 You'd	63 Yours
TAURUS APR. 21	4 Don't	34 Romantic	64 Is
30-31-4-43	5 The	35 Sharp-edged	65 Electrical
66-74-80-82	6 Argue	36 Bitter	66 And
GENIE MAY 21	7 Could	37 Travels	67 Them
30-31-32-33	8 Money	38 Business	68 At
MAY 22	9 Affection	39 Stay	69 Yield
30-31-32-33	10 And	40 Alone	70 Affairs
34-35-36-37	11 You	41 Track	71 In
JUNE 21	12 Definite	42 Judgment	72 Home
30-31-32-33	13 Wonderful	43 Today	73 Today
CANCER JULY 21	14 Use	44 Or	74 Assistance
30-31-32-33	15 For	45 Instruments	75 Devices
34-35-36-37	16 Or	46 Ave	76 Get
JULY 21	17 Caution	47 Mailbox	77 Of
30-31-32-33	18 Hope	48 Let	78 Weller
34-35-36-37	19 An	49 Put	79 Young
AUG. 21	20 Plans	50 Or	80 Extra
30-31-32-33	21 With	51 Envious	81 Or
34-35-36-37	22 Elderly	52 Make	82 Changes
38-39-40-41	23 Person	53 Any	83 Social
42-43-44-45	24 Lose	54 Is	84 Surprise
46-47-48-49	25 Telephone	55 May	85 News
50-51-52-53	26 Help	56 Parties	86 Engagements
54-55-56-57	27 And	57 Indicated	87 Later
58-59-60-61	28 Unfinished	58 Office	88 Office
62-63-64-65	29 Now	59 Decafair	89 Rest
66-67-68-69	30 House	60 Friend	90 Picture
VIRGO AUG. 21	31 Good	61 Advice	91/16 Neutral
30-31-32-33	32-33-34-35	34-35-36-37	36-37-38-39

Improvement Of Teacher Shortage Seen

Oregon's teacher shortage is easing a little for the first time in several years, Mrs. Joy Hills Gubser, assistant superintendent of public instruction, reported Wednesday.

She made her report to the annual joint meetings of the boards of education and higher education. Reasons for the improvement, she said, are that many emergency teachers have taken work to qualify them for regular certificates, and that Oregon is getting more teachers from other states.

Fifty per cent of the secondary education trainees do not end up teaching in Oregon, the boards learned.

This was attributed to many of them getting married, leaving the state or going into other occupations.

And in the 1953-54 school year, 606 of 1,962 who were certified to teach in elementary education did not choose to do so, said Mrs. Gubser.

The new expansion of teacher training in the state colleges is influencing more young people to go into teaching, Charles D. Byrne, chancellor of higher education, said.

Administrators and faculty representatives from the state department of education and the state system of higher education spent the afternoon talking procedures for evaluation of the new teacher education program.

Enrollments at state system summer sessions in teacher education programs showed a sharp upturn this year. Chancellor Byrne advised the group.

Tuesday the board agreed it would ask the 1955 legislature for about \$5,000,000 more than was appropriated to it for the current biennium.

Principal increase is the new teaching hospital at the medical school which will up the budget \$1,600,000 for an estimated 15 months' operation during the two year period.

TO BUILD RADAR BASE
WASHINGTON (UP)—The Air Force said Tuesday that it plans to build an aircraft control and warning site at Red Bluff, Calif. A spokesman said that such a radar site normally has 150 men.

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Ladies of GAR Elect Officers

PORTLAND (UP)—Mrs. Nellie Howe, Grand Rapids, Mich., was elected president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at the national convention here Wednesday.

Others elected: Mrs. Theo McCallum, Neenah, Wis., senior vice president; Mrs. Gussie Morin, Seattle, junior vice president; Mrs. Rosalie Leonard, Boise, treasurer; Mrs. Mabel S. Taylor, Providence, R. I., secretary.

The National Betsy Ross Club, another G.A.R. auxiliary, elected Mrs. Alice Ure, Wichita, Kas., president; Mrs. Nora Falloon, Twin Falls, Idaho, senior vice president; Mrs. Louella Ore, Tulsa, Okla., junior vice president; Mrs. Edna Lindsey, Portland, Ore., secretary; and Mrs. Twanetta Paull, Kansas City, Mo., treasurer.

Battleship 'MO' Stops at Seattle

SEATTLE (UP)—"Mighty Mo," the famous old battleship upon whose decks the Japanese surrender was signed, eased into Seattle Wednesday on her last stop before she joins the mothball fleet.

The 45,000-ton Missouri will be stored away with other idle ships at the Bremerton, Wash., Naval Shipyard.

Britain Asks Red China for Compensation

LONDON (UP)—Britain demanded more than one million dollars compensation from Communist China Tuesday for the shooting down of a British liner off Hainan Island with the loss of 10 lives.

Three of the victims were Americans. The Cathay Pacific Airliner was shot down off Hainan Island July 23. Two Chinese Communist fighter planes that tried to interfere with the air and sea search for survivors were shot down by American planes.

Swedish industry today produces 60 to 65 per cent more goods than before the war.

Promotions Announced for State Workers

Twenty-six state employees in the Salem area received promotions in August, the State Civil Service Commission announced Wednesday. In the health and welfare classes, Carl A. Coulson advanced to psychiatric aide II; Lucille Henderson to psychiatric nursing instructor I; Ruth L. Walton to practical nurse I; and Vivian Webber and Dorothy Elshire to caseworker II.

Alice Goffrier and Charlene Foust, Juanita Stark is a typist III, Vera Wolcott a stenographer III, and Helen Krugen a clerk IV. Remaining promotions are: Roscoe West, employment security deputy I; Melbourne Jenks, highway maintenance man III; Woodrow Damereil, appraisal engineer III; Robert R. Wippel, vocational rehabilitation supervisor I; John Rockenfeller, engineering Aide II; and William Kanipe, shipping point inspector supervisor II.

Eleven of the 26 are clerical workers. Vivian Gibbs was promoted to clerk typist I; Gloria Gale to clerk stenographer I; and Lora Lee Brown to dictating machine transcriber I. Lucille Kennedy became a clerk II; and Vera Aaron, Lorena Devine, Madeline Harris, Naomi Horn, Jeanette Johnson and Betty Jean Sink, clerk typist II's.

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