

Finds Southern Oregon Lumbermen Confident Of Future

Lumbermen in Southern Oregon are stepping into the reconstruction period with confidence. They will be able to supply their share of the nation's requirements for this vital raw material, as he returned from a three-day trip into Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties.

The local lumberman spoke at the meetings of the West Coast Lumbermen's association at Eugene and Roseburg. H. V. Ford, executive vice-president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, was the principal speaker at both meetings, and drew a large crowd of lumbermen from the two counties.

Those prophets who were predicting that when the war with Germany was over lumber would be a back seat to substitutes in the home and farm building were "wrong," Simpson told the group. "Actually, today lumber is in more demand than ever for the construction of homes for veterans and others without shelter. The false prophets have suddenly discovered that you can't build anything without lumber, something any logger or lumberman could have told them."

At Roseburg Simpson told some 80 millmen that lumber would be manufactured in sufficient quantities to meet the great need for homes in America this year, and that the real bottleneck could very easily be in a shortage of nails, plumbing, wiring, soil pipe and heating systems, and also in skilled carpenters and mechanics.

Accompanying the lumber party on the Southern Oregon trip were: Arthur W. Priault, public relations director for the association, Russell Fields, Eugene office manager for West Coast, and Larry Marshall, forester.

Accident Prevention Course Scheduled

A course in accident prevention will be given Feb. 11 to 20 for teachers, under sponsorship of the Lane county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Teachers completing the course will be qualified as instructors, and may teach the course to their students, who will receive Red Cross junior accident prevention certificates if they qualify. Fifteen hours of instruction are required for the instructors' certificate.

Classes will be given from 7 to 10 p. m. at the Red Cross office as follows: Feb. 11, regular class; Feb. 12, regular class; Feb. 13, make-up for those missing previous lessons; Feb. 14 and 15, regular class; Feb. 16, make-up; Feb. 17, regular class; Feb. 18, make-up; Feb. 19, regular class; Feb. 20, make-up.

It was pointed out by Red Cross officials that accidents on the farm and in the home cause the death or crippling of many adults and children annually, and are responsible for much suffering, loss of time, and expenditures for medical care.

Materials for the course will be given out by the local Red Cross office. All teachers interested are asked to notify the Red Cross office in Eugene by telephoning 63, or by writing their registrations to the office.

It is estimated that one out of every five Americans enter at least two contests a year.



SWIM GIRL—Film Actress Barbara Hale appears all set to jump into a surf in her new bathing suit.

So This Is Biarritz! Eugeneans Decide They'll Like The Place

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles, sometimes serious, on GI education in Europe, touching up, especially, activities at Biarritz, France, last station of GI Wayne Harbert, where 12,000 students have studied while waiting for boats.)

Our command car rolled to a stop on the cliff top in front of the municipal casino. Giant blue hydrangeas tumbled luxuriantly down to the sands where dead white breakers of the Bay of Biscay rolled in the sun.

Up the beach, faced with casinos, shops and hotels, a white lighthouse atop a rocky point marked the end of la grande plage. Bathers were sunning on the mile-long sand which curved between the points extending into the sea.

They Liked It

That was the Biarritz that Maj. George Godfrey and I had been sent from Paris to photograph and write about to encourage GIs to enter the university planned for the resort center. We liked it.

Our leisurely 450-mile postwar trip by motor from Paris had been as pleasantly varied as the panorama of France through which we had passed after leaving the capital via Porte d'Orleans.

We had stopped in Orleans before the statue of Jeanne d'Arc long enough to photograph the new destruction. It had not even spared one of the lacy spires of la cathedrale at the head of the street named for the saint.

We picked up a French poilu hitch-hiker and continued down the Loire river and counted the long bridges which the Germans had toppled all the way down to Tours. There we spent the night at the Hotel de l'Univers, which had been taken over by Americans as a rest center for the large troop concentration in the Le Mans area to the north.

Bridges Were Cut

After passing through Poitiers and Angouleme, both scarred by the German retreat, like Tours and Orleans, we ferried the Mississippi-muddy Durdogne river before Bordeaux. Two giant bridges there had also been cut.

We plugged on south through flat pine tree country after only a stop for some fresh peaches in the wine capital of the world and fourth city of France.

Four miles past Bayonne, at the mouth of the Adour river, we found Biarritz. We liked it before we got there because the white villas with tiled roofs reminded us of the San Diego-Los Angeles coastal strip of southern California.

That first night in Biarritz found George alone in a double room of the Hotel du Palais, which Napoleon III had originally erected for entertaining the

We found efforts of the advance contingent in setting up a physical plant for a university of 4,000 fraught with difficulty. There had never been a school in the town of 25,000 and it was being set up in any buildings which still had roofs.

The French were officially co-operative in offering the requisitioning of their 150 hotels, villas, stores and casinos, but there were quick-spoken Latin misunderstandings, of course. Although their town had been bombed just before the invasion by Americans in what they always claimed must have been a mistake, they still thought maybe the tourists would begin returning right away. Because it was so near Spain there were sympathizers with dictators, especially since many of the known loyal French had been removed to the interior by the nazis. Now the vacated buildings were to be signed over to another "invader," however peaceful he might be, delaying the return of people who had lived there avant la guerre.

Mademoiselles, Too

We wrote about and photographed the beach, the casinos, the colonels and the general. We targeted the French mayors of Bayonne and Biarritz, flushed out of an alumni meeting of the lyceum of Bayonne, and the mademoiselles on the beach and in the surf with GIs in swimming trunks they had helped them nuke from olive drab towels.

George decided we would not return to Paris until we had helped the French celebrate their first Bastille day since 1939. So we worked up our own towel swimming trunks with loose ends of thread and trusty safety pins and went on la grande plage to loll in the sun shared by the thickening Franco-American fraternization. Though there was an electrical storm, the people of Biarritz had opened their July 14 celebration by dancing in the Place Clemenceau until 4 a. m. Then there was opportunity for a parade, of which the French are so fond.

Basques In Costume

Attention was centered on the motley long lines of people who had recently returned from German prison and labor camps. Costumed Basques, in lightweight white combinations bordered brightly with red and orange and green were joined by American soldiers who carried one of the

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Rental Builders Urged To See OPA

Anyone planning to build for rental purposes should get in touch directly with the OPA rent control office in order to obtain correct information at the source, Clinton M. Bidwell, area rent director, advised Friday.

During the past two weeks, Bidwell said, a number of prospective builders of rental property have come to the rent control office to learn what the monthly rent would be on the units when completed. In view of the tremendous demand for housing of any type, the director commented, this is an encouraging sign.

However, he said, many of the prospective builders held misconceptions of the way in which his office determines a rental figure, and in the course of the interviews the misconceptions were found to be based on rumor. For that reason, he strongly advised would-be builders to obtain their information directly from his office.

In determining the rents for units still to be built, Bidwell said, each case must be considered individually and all facts concerning it must be brought out and discussed.

Because the prospective builders who have been to his office have had their plans in various stages of completion, it was not possible in all cases for the office to give a definite rental rate until some of the plans were better defined, he said. However, the official said, satisfactory understandings were reached in each instance.

"Federal rent control from coast to coast," Bidwell declared, "is as anxious as any other group of citizens to see building activity start up, to see the doors of places to rent thrown open to tenants."

many floral pieces in honor of newly-found French freedom.

Before we left we visited the shop of Le Journal de Biarritz to establish preliminary liaison for publishing a five-day-a-week newspaper for the GIs who were to open Biarritz university the following month.

One week later we published in Paris, on the presses of the New York Herald-Tribune, 100,000 copies of the first issue of a new GI paper. We called it La Banniere de Biarritz.

Then we took an overnight train back to Biarritz to help prepare the resort town for soldiers who were going there to study and relax while they watched for boats bound for New York.

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Plywood Men's Claims For Benefits Studied

Representatives of the unemployment compensation commission Wednesday heard claims of CIO employees of the Springfield Plywood corporation, who are asking for benefits on the ground that they were forced out of work by last fall's strike at the corporation plant.

Aubrey Tussing, chief referee; James Bradshaw, principal claims deputy specializing in labor cases; and Mrs. Mary Chapman, reporter for the commission, were here from Salem for the hearing. The decision will be revealed in Salem after they have weighed the evidence presented.

The case was heard in the state industrial accident commission office on Oak street.

Curb On Tax-Free Property Proposed

Members of Eugene's Realty board were on record Friday as favoring legislation that would compel all income-producing property, whether privately or publicly owned, to pay its proportionate share of the tax load.

Action was taken on motion of Frank Kinney at the Thursday noon luncheon meeting at the Osburn hotel.

In taking similar action to that approved at Willakenzie grange last Saturday, the realtors seek to cut the increasing amount of property which is becoming tax-exempt, since they claim it is being placed in direct competition with tax-paying enterprises of similar character. Taxes on farm and business property are higher as a result, the resolution claims.

Realty board members meeting also:

Voted to contribute \$100, plus individual donations, to the Washington, D. C. committee of the National Association of Realtors.

Heard Fay Bennett tell of latest plans for the first citizen banquet honoring Mahlon Sweet at the Osburn hotel Feb. 14, during which he announced the address by Sen. Wayne L. Morse will be broadcast.

Accepted Warren Butler and Clarence Ellison as new members.

Decided to hold next week's session on Wednesday instead of Thursday.

Heard Cliff Culp, newly-named chairman of the Eugene safety council, ask for cooperation of realtors in the community-wide endeavor.

Agreed with Ray Carlton, who suggested ways be found to keep a larger proportion of manufactured lumber for local home-building demands.

Extended sympathy to a mem-

ber who said he had built a home for a homeless GI who moved in and immediately listed the home for sale at \$4000 more than he paid.

High School Age 4-H Session Saturday

Lane county's second session of high school age 4-H club members will be held at Woodrow Wilson junior high school Saturday at 1:30 p. m.

The organization was formed two weeks ago when 42 young people met and planned meetings twice monthly. County Agent E. A. Danielson has invited any newly interested 4-H people to attend.

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First Citizen Dinner Speech Topic Given

"It's Our Government" will be the topic of Sen. Wayne L. Morse when he speaks before the Eugene really board at its first citizen banquet at 6:15 p. m. Feb. 14 at the Osburn hotel.

Eugene's senator will fly west for the engagement, appearing in Vale before arriving here.

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