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Our Timber Supply

How long will our timber last? This question is of vital importance to a region in which lumbering is a basic industry. It is of just as great importance to the nation as a whole, which has a big stake in this essential raw material.

From some quarters we hear that Douglas fir forests of the Northwest are being cut at an alarming rate which points to a diminishing supply for the future. On the other hand we are told that scientific forestry and the sustained yield program can assure the country of adequate timber forever.

Figures which seem to bear out the latter contention are contained in the newly-released report by Burt P. Kirkland, based on his survey of the Douglas fir region, which is part of a national forest reappraisal by the American Forestry Assn. This report shows that the forests of Oregon and Washington can sustain perpetually a cut of 13 billion board feet a year, if properly managed, a figure considerably larger than the average wartime cut of 9.4 billion feet a year. Kirkland says it is even possible that the annual harvest could go as high as 20 billion feet annually if all forests were in full growth and fully used.

It is well to remember that these estimates are based on continuation and development of sound forest management and more complete utilization of wood through relogging and salvage operations. Progress is being made along these lines. The fact that this large potential harvest is sighted should not be used in an attempt to justfy types of cutting which have been proved unwise or wasteful. Farsighted lumbermen themselves would be the first to point this out.

The Kirkland report throws the spotlight on the fact that there are other forms of waste besides uneconomical cutting. It discloses a loss of three billion feet of timber a year from decay in the old growth timber of the Douglas fir region. These trees have passed maturity and started a decline. Loss of this large amount of timber is just as serious as a loss from wasteful cutting. Furthermore these old trees are taking up space which might be utilized for new growth which would be adding to the total annual resource of timber instead of decreasing it.

More than half the stands of virgin timber are owned by the federal government. But no matter whether these decaying trees are publicly or privately owned, such waste should be stopped. The nation is in urgent need of lumber and it is up to the Northwest to supply a large part of it. Heavy cutting is likely to continue for some years. If failure of the federal government to open up mature stands should result in forcing an overcut on private lands in order to meet the demand, the result would not be conservation but even greater waste. The same holds true for any private or state-owned timber in this category.

The federal government has appropriated funds for building roads to some of this type of timber it owns. This is an encouraging development, especially if it indicates a trend in general policy. Cooperation between industry and government in carrying out a sustained yield program on all forest lands is essential if the goal of permanent maximum production is to be achieved. Both government and industry have stated that our timber supply can be made permanent if sound practices are followed. Each has a job to do if this goal is to be reached.

The major significance in the Kirkland report, however, is in its declaration that the Douglas fir region is capable of sustaining a production far in excess of the heaviest drain which has so far been put upon it, provided this production is wisely planned and distributed. The report should enable the industry and the Northwest in general to look ahead with confidence.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

Allies Ignore Potsdam Principles In Joint Occupation of Germany

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19—(NEA)—Breaking up of Germany's powerful cartels, trusts, and monopolies was one of the principal agreements reached in the Potsdam declaration. Destruction of these great concentrations of wealth was considered necessary to end Germany's ability to wage war.

In reorganizing the German economy, the planners at Potsdam called for the development of agriculture as the principal industry. This was the so-called Morgenthau plan. There has been considerable change in this view in the past year, as the victorious powers have realized that Germany cannot exist solely as an agricultural state.

The Potsdam Communique also sponsored the treatment of Germany as a single economic unit during the period of occupation. To this end, it was declared that there should be common policies in the four occupation zones on mining, farming, wages, prices, banking, currency, taxes, transport, communications, and removal of reparations.

There has been little of this program realized in the first year that Potsdam has been in effect. It is one of Potsdam's worst failures.

It was decided at Potsdam that Gemany should have a living standard no higher than the average for the rest of Europe, excluding Britain and Soviet Russia. After months of arguing by the staffs of the Control Council, agreement finally reached on what this level should be by determining how much steel Germany would be allowed to produce for her own needs.

Desired Zonal Autonomy Hasn't Been Created

It was also decided at Potsdam that a fair distriution of German commodities should be established among the four zones, so that each would have a balanced economy and there would be no need for inter-zonal commerce. This has not been done, either.

Practically none of the administrative machinery called for by the Potsdam agreement to make Germany an economic unit has been created. The fault here is not with the Potsdam principles, but with the inability of the Control Council to get together in carrying them out.

This failure is largely responsible for the proposal by U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes that a single economic unit be formed out of the British and American zones. The French and Russians have been invited to join in this removel of trade barriers. They have not refused the invitation. They have merely said that the time is not ripe, that Germany is not ready for such economic unity.

In trying to restore Germany's war-torn transportation, coal-mining, farming, and housing for economic rehabilitation, efforts have been made to do what was possible in each zone. But this is a four-way revolving bottleneck.

Transportation can't be started till more coal can be mined. Coal can't be mined because there isn't enough food for the miners. More food can't be raised because the land is impoverished and there is not enough fertilizer. Workers can't be moved for lack of housing. Housing can't be built because there isn't enough transportation to move building materials. And so on.

German apparently will have a housing shortage for many years. There has been some emergency repair of war-damaged buildings, but there has been no start on reconstruction of blitzed-out cities.

Allies Seek Germany's Foreign-Held Assets

Steps have been taken to regain control of German assets held in foreign countries. Agreements have been reached on disposal of German assets in Switzerland and Sweden. Claims have been made on the German property held in Spain, but no action has been taken to reach an agreement for turning it over to the Allied nations.

In further planning for the treatment of occupied Germany as one country instead of four, the framers of the Potsdam agreement decreed that the German people would be left enough of their resources to make the country self-sufficient. It was foreseen that Germany would need some imports. To pay for these imports, it was planned that Germany should have some export trade, the proceeds from which would buy the imports.

Going one step beyond that, the Big Three at Potsdam ordered that reparations should not be taken out of Germany if so doing would not leave the German people enough goods to subsist on without external assistance. This was a famous principle. It has been lived up to by the British and the Americans, but not by the French and the Russians. Both of these countries have been taking reparations payments out of current German production.

The result has been that both the British and Americans have had to import foods, fuel, and other essentials to keep their zones going. The net effect is that the British and Americans are helping to pay for reparations to France and Russia.

This leads into a discussion of the whole question of reparations, which will be taken up in the next article of this series.

Controls Off Dried Fruits

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Removal of price controls on all dried fruits except apples was announced Sunday by the Office of Price Administration.

The order is effective Monday, except for dried prunes and raisins which were placed under a retroactive order to July 28, the date subsidies were discontinued on prunes and raisins. This means, the agency said, that producers who sold on an open billing basis may raise their prices to offset loss of subsidies.

Other fruits covered by the order include dried apricots, figs, peaches, pears and currants.

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Gas Fumes Kill One, Hospitalize Three

SEATTLE—(U.P.)—Gas fumes, seeping unnoticed from a heater during an all-night auto camp party, killed the host and hospitalized three guests Sunday.

Auto camp owner Harry Bittrick identified the dead man as Ralph Ramsey, 35. Bittrick said he was attracted to the scene because Ramsey had left his car parked across the camp driveway.

When he reached the cabin to ask that the car be moved he found Ramsey, another man, and two girl elevator operators sprawled inside.

Mrs. Katherine Brena Sarvold, 30; Shirley Bartman, 19, and Hubert Charles Hull, 25, San Antonio, Tex., were rushed to the hospital. Hull and Miss Bartman were still in critical condition Monday, doctors said.

Vice Squad Raids Lead to 133 Arrests

PORTLAND —(AP)— Two Sunday night gambling raids boosted to 133 the number arrested in a series of vice squad moves here in two days.

Twenty persons were arrested Sunday night, one charged with operating a lottery device. The others were arrested late Saturday night.

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Portland Youth Trapped as Arsonist

PORTLAND —(AP)— A trap that Fire Capt. Frank Erwin operated with silent police cars and fire engines led to arrest Sunday of a 16-year old boy charged with arson in seven suburban fires.

Capt. Erwin reported sirens were not used on trucks and police moved into the scene of a grass fire and caught the boy before he realized an alarm had been made. The youth dashed into brush nearby but was caught by police detailed to the neighborhood.

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SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Wednesday Ends Lake Cleawox Camp

Camp Cleawox, Girl Scout summer camp, will close this week, and the bus bearing the homeward-bound campers will arrive in Eugene Wednesday at three o'clock in the afternoon.

This has been a busy period, the closing week of camping. Two Eugene girls, Patricia Boals and Gerry Ann Gaylord, were invited to remain over after their camping period was completed, for the final week, to serve as additional counselors.

Sunday, August 11, was company day, and families of many of the girls were visitors. Among those who called at the camp that day were:

C. E. Sikes and family and Evangeline Morgan, Eugene; Guy Mauney and children, Coquille; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Barnhart, Mrs. F. L. Lorentson and Patsy and Mrs. C. N. Binker, Newport; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hatcher and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Perrott, and Mrs. J. J. Stanley, Coquille; Mrs. L. L. Rickard, Mrs. C. E. Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Davies, Cottage Grove; Inez Sparks, Eau Claire, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. Benham and Dean, Coquille; Mrs. A. B. Anderson and Mrs. N. Busch, Newport; Mrs. G. R. Witters, Cottage Grove; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hornbeck, Eugene; Mrs. K. L. Kistner, Coquille; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Charles, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Pollard, Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Turner, Floy Hoppe, C. M. Jackson and C. R. Jackson, Eugene; D. V. Frydenberg and O. M. Freydenberg, Abilene, Texas;

Patricia Pickard and Betty McBee, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Jans, Cottage Grove; Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Risley and Carolyn and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Marshall, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bughn and Audrey, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Patterson, Florence; Byron K. Taylors, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart W. Hurd and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Matthews and daughter, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Dawley and Janet Dawley, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dawley and Pat Dawley, Cottage Grove; Betty Sheets, Cottage Grove; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wilford and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Lee, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morten, Florence; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Griffin, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burdiss, Carney, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, Pauline Merrill and Darlene Strahm, Florence; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McKenney, Mabel Masterson, Dale Masterson and Mrs. L. Goddand, Eugene; Mrs. Alvin A. Faris and Mrs. Ruth Veach, Beverley Veach, Pat Murphey and Mrs. Vivian Gilmore, Florence; Mr. and Mrs. Lex Parsons and Shirley Jean Parsons, Newport; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Loughory and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moran, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. E. Eggleston, Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Chambers, Newport; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore, Bob Moore, George DeCare and Beverley Moore, Cottage Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Griswold, Newport; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Griswold, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Willie Bartle, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bartle, Mrs. Laura Bass and Ruth Ann Bartle, Eugene; L. H. Kerlee, Springfield; F. L. Reed and Yvonne Reed, Eugene; Richard Litchfield, Ralph Litchfield, Mrs. Charles Litchfield, Mrs. G. K. Litchfield and Ruth Litchfield, Newport; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Peterson, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Hale B. Eubanks and Joan Hanson, Coquille; Anna Fowler and Sandra Griswold, Newport; Geneva Mickenham and George Mickenham, Westlake; Lila B. Barklow, Donnie Barklow, Delores Miller, Dorothy Miller and Kenneth L. Kistner, Coquille; H. S. Parsons, Rena Parsons, Terry Parsons and Tom Parsons, Florence.

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FALL CREEK PLANS COMMUNITY SHOWER

FALL CREEK—Invitations are out for a bridal shower for Mrs. Wayne Winfrey to be held by Vera and Elsie Gibson at the Carl Gibson residence Wednesday evening, August 21, at 7:30 oclock. The couple recently was married at Virginia City, Nevada.

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FORMER EUGENEAN COMING TO VISIT

Mrs. John Willard, who was Miss Dorothy Rowland, is expected in Eugene the latter part of this week, to visit her father, O. A. Rowland, and her aunt, Mrs. William Kuykendahl. Her home is in Baltimore.

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FORMER LOCAL GIRL MARRIED

A recent marriage of interest to local friends was that of Miss Maxine Vaughn to Gordon L. Steward, both of Portland. Mrs. Steward attended school in Eugene. She is the daughter of C. A. Vaughn of this city and Mrs. R. A. Vanderbeck of Salem.

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PARTY AT CHURCH

Old friends of the Rev. and Mrs. William Moll Case welcomed them back to Eugene at a party held recently at Central Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Mr. Case is a former pastor, who left Eugene as a chaplain in the first world war.

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WASHINGTON PAIR WEDDED IN EUGENE

Miss Adelaide A. Brown of Satsop, Wash., was married to Thomas S. Yeigh of Spokane, Saturday, August 3, at eight o'clock in the evening. The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Manwaring. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Claude O'Brien at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan McCugh of Eugene.

Wiltshire engraving

MRS. TURNER

Family and close friends attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Eugene Turner, (Joy Pauline Mitchell) held August 10 at Springfield.

Club Calendar

TUESDAY

Business Women's Class of First Christian Church with Misses Emmagene and Frances Travis, 2112 Charnelton St., 7:30 p. m.

Imo Ruyle Circle, meeting postponed.

Credit Women's Breakfast Club potluck picnic at Skinner Butte Park, 6 p. m.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha, YWCA on campus, 7:30 p. m.

Insurance Women with Mrs. Clara Sigman, Florence Apartments, 7:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY

Rebekahs, IOOF Hall, 8 p. m.

THURSDAY

Business and Professional Women's Club, dinner at Osburn Hotel, 6:30 p. m.

Central Lutheran Ladies Aid Society, Parish Hall, 2:2^ p. m.

FRIDAY

DAV Auxiliary, Armory, 8 p. m.

Executive Board, Women of Moose, Moose Hall, 1 p. m.

Chapter meeting for Women of Moose, Moose Hall, 8 p. m.

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DRAIN WEDDING IS REPORTED

DRAIN —Saturday afternoon, August 10, at the home of Judge Clarence Leonard, Miss June Spencer, daughter of Mrs. Lillie Spencer of Drain, was married to Morris L. Billings. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Billings of Anlauf. Mr. and Mrs. Billings, Sr., were witnesses. The couple is living for the present with his sister near Cottage Grove.

Benefit Style Tea To Be in Portland

A fashion show tea will be presented by Gamma Phi Beta Sorority in the Arabian Room of the Multnomah Hotel at Portland, Wednesday at two-thirty.

Proceeds will be used in a camp-fund for Oregon girls who need a vacation. The Council of Social Agencies in Portland will distribute the funds.

Doris Wills Setzer of Charles F. Berg's will present advanced fall fashions for young women and "women who stay young." Models will be from the high school and college boards of the store and active and alumnae members of Gamma Phi Beta.

Liz Gilmore of Nu chapter (Eugene) will represent the University of Oregon as a model for the actives and Mrs. Virginia Lees Carney of Nu chapter will represent the alumnae members.

Mrs. Roe D. Buzan is chairman of the general committee on arrangements and is assisted by Mrs. Truman Collins. Members handling reservations from Nu chapter are: Mrs. John G. Dundore, Jr., Mrs. Delvin L. Peterson, Mrs. Robert B. Ebersole, Mrs. Robert W. Earl, Mrs. Kenneth R. Curry, Miss Margaret Kern, Mrs. Janet Easterday, Miss Mary Clancy, Mrs. H. A. Kuchenberg, Mrs. N. S. Benson, Mrs. C. Robert Dodson, Mrs. Seth B. Thompson, Mrs. Calud McCulloch and Mrs. James Alger Fee.

Reservations may be sent to Mrs. Walter E. Holman, 1960 SW 16th, Portland.

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SHOWER IS HELD AS GARDEN PARTY

Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Handshuh were hosts to thirty-five friends recently at a garden party which also was a shower for Miss Shirley Glasgow. Miss Glasgow will be married August 25 to Jack Birchard.

Games were played, and gifts were presented under a large pink and white umbrella.

Mrs. Handshuh was assisted by her neice, Miss Pearl Handshuh of New York, who is spending the summer here.

THIMBLE CLUB

Members of the Santa Clara Thimble Club, their husbands and families, will meet at the Roy Overgard home Thursday, 7 p.m., for a potluck dinner.

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Book Review

"In His Steps", by Charles M. Sheldon; Grosset & Dunlap. N. Y. $1.

By MARIE FLETCHER

"This is the complete, authorized edition of the most popular book, with the exception of the Bible, that has ever been written,' says the publisher.

The older generation, some of them at least, will thrill to see a copy again and remember as they re-read it, the impact of its earlier influence. Over 20,000,000 copies of "In His Steps" have been sold in all corners of the world and in all languages.

The book is the story of a group of modern American church members who pledge themselves to follow "In His Steps" for a year and to ask themselves before each vital action, "What would Jesus do?" Problems of personal gain, personal talents, business ethics, poverty, unemployment make this an intensely absorbing, thrilling story.

Dr. Sheldon wrote this book in 1906 and read it, a chapter at a time, to his young people on Sunday evenigs in his church in Topeka, Kans. At the same time it was being published in the Chicago Advance, a religious weekly, as a serial. The publisher, unaware of the copyright law, failed to file two copies required; the story was thrown into 'the public domain,' and reached the public in a ten-cent edition.Sixteen different publishers in America, 50 in Europe and Australia put out the book in editions varying from an English penny to eight shillings; 3,000,000 copies of the penny edition were sold on the streets of London.

This book has been translated into twenty-one languages. The Russian translation has been banned by the Soviet. Young church people and college students have used the Drama form.

The Publishers Weekly states that this book has had more circulation than any other book except the Bible, a statement made by Dr. Sheldon in 1935.

The newspapers have mentioned the recent passing of Dr. Sheldon.

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Recipe

Fresh Fruit Refrigerator Cake

1 1/3 cups (15 ounce can) sweetened condensed milk
¼ cup lemon juice
1 cup quartered cherries, raspberries, sliced strawberries or blackberries
24 vanilla or chocolate wafers

Blend sweetened condensed milk lemon juice. Stir until mixture thickens. Add prepared fruit. Line narrow, oblong pan or spring form cake pan with waxed paper. Cover with fruit mixture. Add layers of wafers, alternating in this way until fruit mixture is used, finishing with layer of wafers. Chill in refrigerator 6 hours or longer. To serve, turn out on small platter and carefully remove waxed paper. Top may be decorated with fruit. Cut in slices and serve plain or with whipped cream.

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