

# ents Team Up in Fight Spruce Budworm Enemy

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—The state forestry department, U. S. Forest Service, U. S. Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, and Kinzua Pine Mills Company have teamed up in an all-out fight against the destructive spruce budworm that has invaded eastern Oregon and spread over 710,000 acres of timberland.

John B. Woods, Jr., assistant state forester in overall charge of the project, said the pesky budworm has infested Douglas fir, white fir and other valuable trees of the Blue mountains.

The state and federal forest services have contributed \$5,000 each to battle the budworm. The Kinzua company has furnished an airplane landing strip and provided other services. The entomology bureau is putting up the technical service.

**Not Conclusive**

For several years budworm infestation centered largely in Canada and northeastern United States. Control experiments were carried out in those areas to a considerable extent but conclusive control methods have not yet been developed.

Use of DDT through aerial spraying so far has been the most effective method of controlling budworm.

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to eliminate spruce budworm in eastern Oregon.

**Essential Protection**

"This is essential to guard against the continuation of the present outbreak and to prevent future infestation," the forestry department explained.

The worm hatches in June and July and immediately starts to feed on the terminal needles of the fir. Within 10 days it builds itself a shelter near the tip of the branches and crawls into its cocoon.

DDT apparently is effective only during the 10-day feeding period.

The experimental area is situated in a 160,000-acre area lying east of the Spray-Heppner highway. A 15-man camp has been set up at Tupper Guard Station which is headquarters of the operation.

**Copters and Planes**

The bugchasers have been spraying the area from the air both with helicopters and airplanes. Spray consists of one pound of DDT to a gallon of oil per acre with a heavier alternate dose containing one more pound of DDT.

The bureau of entomology said that 1,000,000 acres of Oregon and Washington forest lands were infested with budworm last year.

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According to Don Goode, head of the Lane County Credit Assn., delinquencies in the payment of credit accounts now average about 6.5 per cent of all current accounts in the states outside the Pacific area. In the western states, however, delinquent or slow accounts make up 13.9 per cent of the total.

At a recent meeting of association members, some 75 retailers from this county "agreed to be more cautious about extending credit to persons who seem to be already over-extended," said Goode.

**Weigh Loans**

The National Retail Credit Assn. has warned: "Now more than ever before, it has become important to weigh the granting of every loan or credit sale against the customer's occupational security, earning power, reserves, and above all, his present outstanding obligations."

The local credit association representative noted that the recent security loan drive brought in a total of about two billions. At the same time, he said, owners of government bond made redemptions totalling \$1,400,000,000, leaving the government with a gain of only \$600,000,000.

Goode contends that the bulk of recent bond sales have been in F and G series, those generally purchased by large corporations, while only a small percentage were made in the "little man's" E bonds.

He noted that the high cost of living requires rapid cashing of bonds, and that credit buying has increased for the lack of ready cash in the average household.

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