

Lumbermen Hear Ceiling Explained

Some confusion over log ceiling prices was at least partially cleared for some 200 loggers and lumbermen at a meeting sponsored by the Western Forest Industries Association at the Osburn Hotel Saturday.

Merton T. Owre, a business analyst for the Office of Price Stabilization lumber division in Portland, explained ceiling price regulations and answered questions in a three-hour session that closed with several loggers wondering how many rules they had violated.

The log ceiling prices went into effect in November, superseding those in effect during the general price freeze under which lumbermen had been working.

Although nine kinds of logs are covered by the law, Douglas fir logs were of main interest here.

For purposes of ceiling prices, five areas were formed, each with different price ceilings dependent on previous prices.

The two areas nearest Eugene are the Lane-Douglas District and the Oregon-California District.

area regardless of grade) was set in the Oregon-California District, no ceiling was placed on these logs in the Lane-Douglas area.

None on Second Growth

So, Owre told the loggers to sell or buy at the lowest ceiling price established for mature Douglas fir logs in this area. This price, for sawmill No. 3 logs, was \$37.50 a thousand.

Another problem that arose concerned second growth Douglas fir. No price was established for this category either, so Owre told the group that the general price freeze still applies here. In other words, the highest price that a logger got for one of these logs during the base periods established in December, 1950, and ending Jan. 25, 1951, would be his maximum selling figure.

Owre admitted that this could be unfair, since one logger may have received a higher price than

his neighbor because of good bargaining.

In the Lane-Douglas area, a log is considered "delivered," insofar as price ceilings are concerned, when it is actually received by the buyer at one of three locations: Towable waters, the buyer's mill, or a common carrier shipping point agreed upon.

If delivered elsewhere, a reduction in the ceiling price is necessary, Owre said, to compensate for the lesser services performed. In other words, if the log stops ten miles short of the mill, the ceiling is reduced by the cost of the ten mile haul.

Rules Set Forth

If the log is not graded and sealed, the ceiling is reduced by the cost of these services. If logs are sold at ceiling prices, the seller must pay at least half of the grading and sealing costs. The buyer may pay half.

Anyone satisfactory to the

buyer and seller may grade logs, but grading bureau rules must be followed.

A grading statement or certificate must be attached to every invoice.

An accredited scaler must be independent and not an employee of either buyer or seller.

Export logs take the price of the district in which they are produced. Domestic logs take the price of the district in which they are sold.

If a log does not fit the price table because of something special about it, a special price may be applied for with the director of price stabilization in Washington, D. C.

Prices do not have to be filed with the OPS, but adequate records must be kept, Owre said.

Violators are subject to triple damages in a civil suit, or two years in the penitentiary and a \$10,000 fine on criminal charges.

Boundaries Explained

Lane-Douglas includes Lane and Douglas Counties east of the crest of the Coast range, with the southern boundary a line drawn from Rice Hill near Cottage Grove to the crest of the Coast range. (The crest line roughly passes near Horton, Noti, Vaughn, swings east near Panther and Hadleyville, then to Lorane, west to the Elk Creek Ranger Station, and to the southern border.)

The Oregon-California District covers the remainder of Lane and Douglas Counties, the rest of southwest Oregon, and some of California.

The ceilings range from \$100 per thousand board feet on Douglas fir peeler No. 1 logs to \$37.50 on sawmill No. 3 Douglas fir, in the Lane-Douglas District. In the Oregon-California District, the prices are \$10 less on peeler logs, and \$2.50 less on sawmill logs.

Although a price on "camp run" logs (those harvested under an agreement to take all cut in an

Mayor to Name Committees at Council Session

Eugene's City Council will hold its first session of the new year Monday.

And, as is customary at the first January meeting each year, the mayor will announce committee and city commission appointments for the year.

Meeting at 7:30 in the City Hall

council chambers, the city legislators also will hear a recap of the administration's 1951 progress on capital improvement projects from City Manager Oren L. King.

Mayor V. E. Johnson will name chairmen and members of six committees within the council, plus a council representative on

the city recreation commission. He also will fill two posts in the planning commission, one on the library board and name members of the board of appeals, electrical board, plumbing board, boxing commission, health board and airport commission.

In the regular order of business, the council will deal with a number of assessment ordinances, levying amounts due from property owners benefited from 1951 street, sewer and sidewalk projects.

The pending problem of acquiring waterfront property along the Willamette River near Skinner's Butte Park will only be touched on at Monday night's meeting. The scheduled public hearing on the proposed re-zoning of the McKy property near the park will not be held.

The council has agreed to defer action pending a study of the complete problem by the Gateways Association and the Century Fund.

Willamalane Park Schedule

Willamalane Park and Recreation District will continue to operate through the remainder of January on a curtailed basis, pending outcome of the \$85,000 bond issue Jan. 22.

Next week's program follows:

MEETINGS

Monday: Noon, Rotary Ann Luncheon; 7 p.m., The Dukes.

Tuesday: Noon, Booster Club; Chamber of Commerce Committee Luncheon; 7 p.m., A. F. of L. Local 276 and Local 677; 7:30 p.m., Onaba Woodmen; 7:30 p.m., Willamalane Archers.

Wednesday: Noon, Rotary Club; 1:30 p.m., McKenzie Willamette Hospital Guild; 7:30 p.m., Royal Neighbors; 7:30 p.m., Choral Club.

Thursday: Noon, Kiwanis Club; 7 p.m., Troop 11 Boy Scouts.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m., Presbyterian Church Services; 11 a.m., Episcopal Church Service.

PARK PROGRAM

Pre-School: Monday thru Friday, 9 to 11 a.m. Kindergarten: Friday, 9 to 11 a.m. Pre-School Program.

Grade School: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Little League Basketball and Gym time.

Teen-Agers: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Basketball and Gym time. Friday, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Eighth Graders Dance; Saturday, 8 to 11 p.m. Teen-Agers Dance.

All Children: Saturday, 10:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast and Movie.

Adults: Monday, 7:30 p.m. Ceramics; 8 p.m., Bezuire's Square Dancing. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Archery. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Choral Club. Thursday, 8 p.m. Square Dancing.

Cub Ceremonies Monday Night

BETHEL — Bethel Cub Scout Pack 352 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Bethel School gym.

Den 1 will give the flag ceremony and Den 5 will be in charge of the skit for the program, which will consist of "fun night" for the parents and cubs. There will be a prize for the boys in the den who has the best showing of parents.

Alan Bradway and Robert Cornelius will be presented in a graduation ceremony for the Webelos, conducted by Marvin D. Mikkelsen, who is chairman of the ceremony committee.

Year service stars will be awarded to the following parents and cubs, who have earned them during the past year: Cliff Strom, Harold Anderson, Mrs. Younggreen, Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Phillips, William Younggreen, Richard Ponn, Donald Middleton, Bill Dunagan, Gerald Smith, Malcolm Pritchard, David Anderson, Gary Grimes, Steven Strom, Franklin Sirotek, Gary Mikkelsen, Dennis Newton, Gary Vanderpool, George Schnell, Larry Wheeler, Robert Cornelius, Michael Hatfield, Robert Witheridge and Rex Janson.

Youth to Profit From Concert

The Eugene Gleemen and youth agencies belonging to the Lane County Chest will present a Gleemen concert Feb. 28 in McArthur Court. Proceeds from the concert will be turned over to the Chest to help make up the deficit between the amount allocated to the Chest's 28 agencies in the 1952 budget and the amount collected in the drive last fall.

Tickets will be sold for \$1

each by members of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Y.M. and Y.W.C.A. groups, and members of the Catholic Youth Organization.

Gets Citizen Award

SALEM—(UP)—Jason Lee, administrative assistant with the State Tax Commission, has been selected as Salem's Junior First Citizen of 1951.

Dr. E. A. Yunker, who will discuss the "Cosmic Cyclotron" in a lecture at the University of Oregon Monday night, Jan. 14, will speak at 8 p. m. in the Memorial Union under the auspices of the Sigma Xi, national scientific society. The lecture is open to the public.

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