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## High Stumpage Prices

There has been a good deal of comment of late about the high price of stumpage in timber sales, and some unjustified criticism of the selling agencies because there is so big a variation between the appraisal price and the sales price.

The appraisal price is a minimum, in the first place, and each agency putting up stumpage hopes and rather expects that some higher bids will be received.

In the second place, there apparently is developing a shortage of logs in some areas of the state. To be brutal about it, mill capacity is much higher in Oregon than is the capacity of our forests to produce logs.

The way sales have been going in some of the fir areas, particularly, it would not be at all surprising to see some mills going out of business.

## Capturing The Aurora

Rheostatic lighting is to be used in rainbow illumination of the Mirror pond pageant arch this year, we note by the news.

Through the use of electric resistors, lights can be so controlled that colors will slowly fade and blend into other hues, in much the same manner as auroral lights blaze, fade and rekindle in the northern sky on wintry nights.

Use of rheostats in the control of arch illumination is something Bill Lackaff and his assistants have had in mind for many years. Now the dream is to be realized.

Old timers will recall the first illumination of Deschutes pageant floats, more than two decades ago. There was nothing rheostatic about those lights — lanterns swinging from floats in a dark river.

Many Bend residents of yesteryear will remember the prize-winning float. It was a pioneer wagon, its make-believe oxen partly submerged in the water.

On the seat of that converted wagon was the late O. D. Allingham, his faithful dog by his side. And on the side of the wagon, swinging with the motion of the waves, was a kerosene lantern, only faintly visible from the shore.

There was no arch that year—and there was little illumination for the floats.

Then came the first grand arches of the river fete and illumination by electricity. Eventually electric lights were made available for the floats, through use of a boom and trolley contact with the floats.

Ever since the first arch spanned the fairland forebay facing Pageant park, illumination has been controlled through use of contact switches. This made possible spectacular lighting, but the rainbow effect was lost because of the sudden shifts in color combinations.

Now rheostatic illumination is to be used for the first time. In effect, beautiful auroras of the polar region are to be captured and brought to Bend's Mirror pond.

## Hump In A Highway

On the north route of U. S. Highway 97 in Bend is a dangerous vertical curve, just beyond Revere.

It is a "hump" that has already claimed one life, as the result of a traffic accident in earlier years on the south slope of the sharp elevation over which passes arterial traffic.

It is a hump that would not be tolerated on an open highway in these days of fast-moving traffic.

Now, with the northward extension of business on East First street, over which pass the routes of U. S. 97 and U. S. 20, a new traffic danger is faced.

On Sunday evening, persons in the area obtained a preview of a near tragedy in the making.

There was a concentration of parked cars in front of and adjacent to the new restaurant, just over the highway hump to the north.

South along the highway rolled a light truck as a car was being backed out from the restaurant. The truck swerved as a car, seemingly moving at a speed in excess of the 25-mile an hour posted warning, came from the south.

There was no crash Sunday evening. But next time there may be one.

Because of its location in the city, it would not be advisable to remove the hump through deep excavation in the vertical curve.

But it would be advisable to widen the roadbed in the area to provide a passing lane. And in the meantime some effort should be made to slow traffic over the hump and, through use of signs, warn motorists of the extreme danger.

## Quotable Quotes

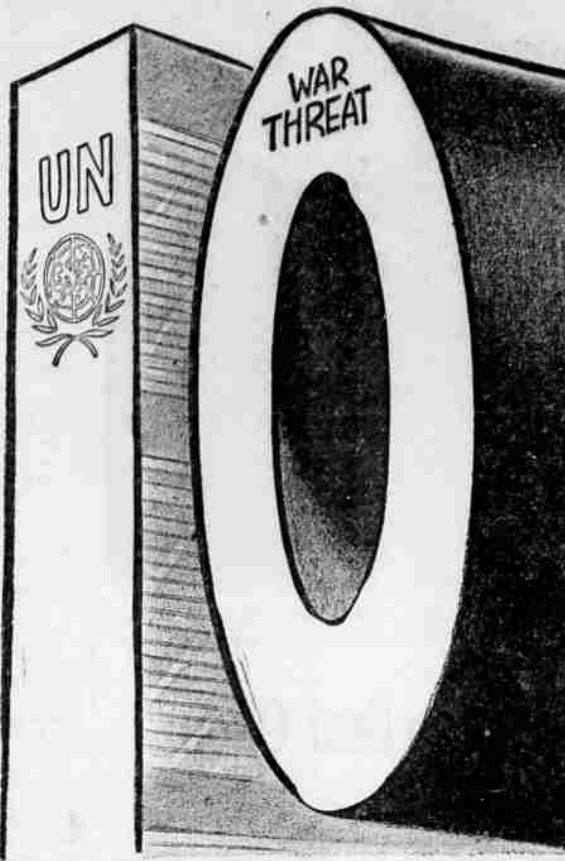
What it boils down to is that it will have to be every man for himself. The best way to survive is to be where the (A) bomb isn't. — John Pokorny, Cleveland's civil defense chief.

I don't know what to do with it (her share of million dollars). I'm not interested in it right now. First I want to finish my (nursing) course, and that will be two more years. — Yvonne Dionne.

No other country has as many colleges and universities as we have. In fact the proportion of our young people who go to college here in America today is from five to ten times as large as in the leading nations of Europe. — Benjamin F. Fairless, former U. S. Steel head.

This (U.S.) government's principal malady is ambivalence, pliancy and irresolution at the summit. — Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

## U.N.'s Tenth Anniversary---Still Coexisting



## Edson in Washington

### Natural Gas Battle on Again

By PETER EDSON  
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WASHINGTON — (NEA) — The battle to free natural gas field prices from Federal Power Commission regulation has been knocking around Congress for seven years—which should be long enough to settle anything except a dispute with a Russian.

Congressional opinion divides sharply along two lines. Senators and representatives from states that are the big gas producers favor removal of the present FPC control authority.

In this connection, one of the more amusing chameleons acts in Congress is to watch Democrats from the five southwestern states where 85 per cent of the gas comes from. They suddenly cease to be champions of the people's rights whenever anything affecting the welfare of oil and gas producers comes up.

On the other side of the fence are congressmen who come from states that are largely consumers of natural gas distributed through the vast network of interstate pipelines. They naturally favor keeping FPC price controls on.

What makes this issue of general interest is that the question ultimately gets down to hitting people where they live. This is in their pocketbooks when they pay their gas bills.

The Natural Gas Act of 1938 gave FPC control over both transportation and sales of natural gas in interstate commerce.

In 1950, after a two-year struggle Congress passed Sen. Bob Kerr's bill to exempt the production and gathering of natural gas from this regulation. President Truman vetoed it.

Four years later the Supreme Court by 5-to-3 decided that FPC had jurisdiction over the rates of all wholesalers of natural gas. That should have settled the issue. It didn't.

Last February President Eisenhower's Advisory Committee on Energy Supplies and Resources, under Defense Mobilization Director Arthur S. Flemming, filed a new policy report after six months' study. It recommended that interstate transmission of natural gas and its "subsequent" wholesaling for retail distribution should be under FPC regulation.

The word "subsequent" was most important, for it would exempt from price regulation all natural gas sold by producers at the wellhead. This is exactly what the gas producers want.

The new policy statement was taken as an indication that if the Kerr bill of 1950 were passed by the present Congress, President Eisenhower might sign it where Truman had vetoed it.

As if to support this view, the Republican chairman of FPC, Jerome J. Kuykendall, asked Congress to take away his commission's present power to regulate gas prices at wellhead.

So now there are seven bills in the House and six in the Senate to amend the Natural Gas Act. A few would redefine and confirm FPC authority to regulate gas prices. Most would free natural gas production from FPC regulation.

The House Interstate Commerce Committee has completed hearings and is revising a bill introduced by Rep. Owen Harris (D-Ark.). There are Senate hearings on a bill by J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.).

The lobbies, pressure groups and press agencies built up by both sides in this argument are, of course, tremendous.

Gas producers and pipeline companies are against regulation. Gas retailers, municipalities and representatives of consumer organizations like the labor unions are for continued FPC regulation.

Mayor Joseph S. Clark, Jr., of Philadelphia and 50 other mayors of major cities with a total population of over 20 million have testi-

## NO CAT

SEATTLE, Wash. (UP) — A puzzled policeman couldn't see what was wrong when an unidentified woman telephoned to complain that a neighbor was calling his cat every half hour.

"He doesn't have a cat," the woman explained.

The number of days spent in Denmark by American tourists increased 31.7 per cent during 1954.

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Their more valid argument is that coal mining and crude oil production and distribution are not under price regulation of any kind. So why should gas be controlled in a free economy?

Representatives of the municipalities and consumer groups argue that lifting FPC controls would inevitably be followed by price rises to distributors and consumers.

Leland Olds—former FPC chairman, now a consultant to Public Affairs Institute—and Donald Montgomery of the Auto Workers says these increases might amount to as much as 800 million dollars a year for the 25 million home consumers and two million commercial users.

Every five-cent increase per thousand cubic feet at the wellhead would cost consumers \$1,700,000,000, they say.

Last year field prices averaged 11 cents per thousand cubic feet. Retail prices ranged from 62 cents in the Mountain states to \$2.61 in New England.



Lia S. Grant's

## Sage Brushings

I'm so carried away with my petunia culture that I'm anxious to share this fascinating hobby with everyone. Why not make the petunia the national flower? It's the only flower I can think of at the moment that comes in all three of the national colors—red, white and blue. (or the two national colors and the one non-color, if you want to be stuffy. I know that white isn't a color, but it's harder to consider it as one.)

When you try to do something sweeping, like promoting a national flower, you're bound to run into all kinds of trouble. And Congress has enough to worry about, as it is. I heard one time that when a Congressman opens his grumpy mail from home, he'd vote for seapdragons as the logical choice for a national flower. Then come election time, he'd be in favor of the forget-me-not. That's the way it goes.

Bob Frazier of the Eugene Register-Guard reports that a move to make the dandelion the national flower is viewed with approval. "If it were," says Bob, "it would become rare and expensive. Then it would die off as rare and expensive flowers always do."

Speaking of flowers, here's a new one. When I was at the nursery buying petunias the other day, Bob Keys showed me a conversation piece.

This new number is a fly-eating plant, put up in a tricky redwood planter. Just the thing to give to a June bride.

The plants are natives of the Coos Bay area. An enterprising promoter there potted a batch of them in the hand-made planters, and shipped them off to nurseries around the state. Bob was going to take one home, but his wife said it would give her the creeps, to have a cannibal in the house. I think they're sort of cute, myself.

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I have "too many gadgets" that might get out of fix.

How about that?

Carol Haney, lively dancer featured in Broadway's "Pajama Game," was Murrow's first guest. She showed some of her antiques and gave a quick demonstration of the game. Her husband, Larry Blyden, home from his San Francisco play, helped with the interview. Carol said that he's an excellent ballroom dancer, and that she's teaching him some tap dance steps "and graceful things." A very charming young couple.

The cast of "The Indian Fighter" moved today from the Benham Falls location to the Metolius, to wind up the shooting at an "Indian camp."

It's a safe guess that the performers were glad to get to a spot

## PINBALL PLAYING D.A.

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (UP) — Dist. Atty. Charles L. Moore of Santa Cruz County is out to play every pinball machine in his county—to see if they're illegal.

He said only three of the 43 he's played so far are on the up and up.

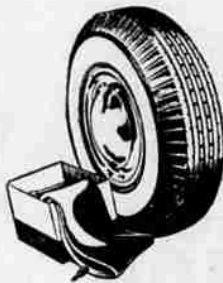
where there's green grass under foot. It was mighty dusty at the Benham Falls location, but the directors weren't complaining. That's what they wanted. In fact, before they brought the company here, they talked with a local pumice plant operator and took samples of the finely-ground abrasive. They had planned to scatter pumice on the location and activate it with fans, if necessary, to simulate dust storms. It wasn't necessary.

Now for the swimming pool is open for the season, we can expect to have a large floating population.

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