

Pilot Plants for New Wood Use

Washington, Feb. 20 (AP)—Rep. Norman (R., Wash.), plans to introduce legislation to authorize establishment of a chain of pilot plants in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho to develop new uses for wood and wood waste and improve forest products.

Norman said today his measure will provide that the work be done by the forest service of the agriculture department.

"This may be done in cooperation with colleges, private industry or independently by the forest service," Norman said, "but the bill will contain provisions which will prohibit competition by the government with private industry."

He said in a statement he envisioned a time when, with low cost power, new wood products, increased farm production and development of light and heavy metals industries, "a great era of prosperity will begin for Washington and its sister states."

East Salem Planning Program To Continue Serving Lunches

East Salem, Feb. 21—The February business meeting of Swegle PTA was held at the school house Tuesday afternoon. The president, Mrs. George Standley, had mailed a special invitation to each home where there were children in school as it is necessary at this time to make long range planning for next year's hot lunch program at the school. There was a good attendance and several different methods of handling the problem were discussed in view of the fact there may be no government help, not even the small amount now received, to help with the cost.

The planning of special vegetables for canning for this purpose, either at home, at the school or the community canneries, or the raising of the price of the lunch ticket were considered. Believing that those who were unable to attend should have an understanding of the problems involved a short explanation of the problems will be given at the program hour of the pie social meeting Friday night. The hot lunch program at Swegle has been successful with the plans being carried out with no confusion and much credit is given to the hot lunch chairmen and the cooks.

Members at the meeting also voted to sponsor the new "Blue Bird" organization of which Mrs. L. H. Allison is leader.

Mrs. John Woodburn of Lancaster drive entertained with a birthday party for her grandson on his first birthday. Sunday her son, Harold and family came down from Seattle for a visit at the Woodburn home and Tuesday a group of friends with their children were invited for the party. Guests were the grandson's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lee Clark from Sheridan, Mrs. Jack Chapin, Joyce and Jerry, Mrs. Cleo Kep-

had planned to stop at Honolulu since her fuel capacity was limited.

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Onandago Searches Sea for Catherine II

Astoria, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—The coast guard cutter Onandago, relying on radar, searched the fog-bound Pacific off the Oregon coast today for the Panamanian ship Catherine II, which radioed distress signals early yesterday and then went silent.

The freighter had messaged that it was in 80 fathoms of water 10 to 20 miles off the Columbia river lightship, saying she had sprung two bad leaks and was also having rudder trouble. The fact she messaged her depth indicated she was not sure of her position, observers here said.

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Morse Warns Labor Leaders

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Sen. Wayne L. Morse, R., Ore., usually regarded as friendly toward labor, warned labor spokesmen Thursday to offer constructive recommendations if they want to avoid laws that "go too far."

In the house, Labor Chairman Fred A. Hartley, Jr., predicted his committee will vote to ban union boycotts.

Morse sounded his warning as the senate labor committee heard Clarence Mitchell, labor secretary for the advancement of colored people, Mitchell objected to all labor bills pending in congress.

Morse apparently was stung by two days of labor testimony, nearly all of it critical of bills now before the committee.

"We're going to have labor legislation, you can put that down in your book," he told Mitchell. "I'm going to vote for some of it; I hope I can vote for good legislation."

"But if I have to make a choice between no legislation and legislation that goes too far, I will have to vote for legislation that goes too far."

Morse said there is a public demand for labor legislation

which will not be ignored.

"What are you people in labor doing?" he asked. "You're giving us no help at all. I want some considerable legislation."

Unless labor cooperates, he said, it will find congress passing legislation which "is unlikely to be what it should have been."

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Causes of Backache

By J. H. Willett of the Capital Drug Store

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A physician's diagnosis will set you right, should you be one of those who complain of backache. It could be that your eyes are under too much strain, possibly your posture is bad, perhaps there is something yet more serious. Only a doctor can tell.

The backache may not be too important, but the disorder which sends out this particular discomfort may be very important, and also easily corrected.

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Elks Golden Jubilee Slated for Albany

Albany—Albany Elks will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the lodge here February 23, 1897, on Saturday with the program starting at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

J. C. Mayor of Compton, Calif., is listed as the only surviving charter member. The Albany lodge is the parent lodge of the present Corvallis, Toledo, and Lebanon lodges. It has a membership of 986 members. It is estimated that approximately 2,000 members from neighboring lodges will attend the celebration.



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Neighbors shook their heads back in 1942 when Gaylord Shively bought his 125-acre farm in the Scappoose Drainage District. The soil was depleted, much of the land poorly drained, and the whole place infested with weeds. The man who moved off when Shively took over had found it difficult to sustain 16 cows on the 125-acre tract.

Today Shively has 52 head of cattle, including 35 producing milk cows. The farm has become so productive that this year the Scappoose farmer has been able to market 100 tons of surplus hay. Newspaper stories and radio broadcasts have pointed to the Shively farm operation as an outstanding example in agricultural development. In four years acres of wasteland have grown rich and profitable.

Shively's success with land which had been given up as useless is a tribute to modern, scientific farming methods. The first year he worked his newly acquired soil he had to buy 100 tons of hay and 50 tons of grain to feed the 40 head of cattle he had brought with him to the Scappoose farm. Neighbors urged him either to cut down his herd or to give up entirely.

Shively did neither. Instead he applied to the government agricultural conservation program which is set up to provide half the cost in carrying out practices to conserve and improve soil and water resources. The Columbia County AKA Committee, headed by Chairman W. C. Johnson of Mist, approved a program of soil building practices, drainage, pasture, and irrigation improvement for the farm and Shively went to work.

In 1943 he launched his program. First he turned under 15 acres of green manure crops and gave his ailing pasture a two-ton shot of phosphate. The following year he sweetened the sour soil with 18 tons of lime and tackled the drainage problem by constructing 1700 feet of new drainage ditch. He continued both projects in 1945 by giving the soil 37 additional tons of lime and digging another 3200 feet of drainage ditch.

That same year he reorganized the farm's make-shift irrigation system, moving 4020 yards of dirt to construct a permanent lateral and installing 143 feet of 24-inch pipe. Irrigation was necessary because, though the land was water-sogged in the Spring, it dried up too rapidly when the hot summer months came on. He rounded out his 1945 program by seeding 20 acres of pasture land to improved grasses and by getting rid of 55 acres of bull thistles before they had a chance to seed.

Last year Shively added another 40 tons of lime to sweeten the soil, seeded down another 20 acres of pasture to better grasses and legumes, and dug another 1400 feet of drainage ditch.

Although he has all ready tripled production on his revitalized acres, Shively feels that his development program has just begun. He had proved to himself and the community that a farm, properly worked, can grow richer and more productive with the passing years.

The First National Bank believes that there is a moral to be drawn from the story of Gaylord Shively... a moral that emphasizes the grass root initiative, the imagination and integrity which characterizes the Oregon farmer.

The First National Bank of Portland is interested vitally in soil conservation and reclamation and in all projects that advance the interests of Oregon agriculture. Whatever your needs in farm financing, you will find friendly co-operation at the First National.

Portrayed below are the three steps by which Gaylord Shively has reclaimed his water-sogged and mineral-depleted earth. The upper photo shows the farm as it was originally—a bush and weed-ridden tangle of swamp land. Next is a portion of the farm from which the bush and weeds have been removed and through which a ditch has been laid for Spring drainage. The final step shows the land as it looks after being drained, plowed, and seeded with an improved pasture mixture.

One of the drainage ditches which has brought fertility and life to soil given up as hopeless by Shively's Scappoose neighbors. Here Shively (standing) explains the benefits of the ditch to Fred E. Joehnske, farm field representative of the First National Bank of Portland.

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