

# Forest Practices Code Insures Future Timber

By SAM DAWSON

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The nation's home-building spurge is ripping into its timber resources. And some are asking today: Are man, insects and fire slowly but surely destroying our forests?

The helicopter, some by-products of the atom bomb, the latest in insect-killers—even rat poison—are being used today by lumbermen to fight this threat.

Federal and state laws act as watchdogs to see that the vast timberlands still left aren't squandered to meet the nation's big post-war demand for construction materials. More than two thirds of the timberlands are government-owned.

Commercial lumbermen in the Pacific Northwest—conscious of the public's memory of the old Strip-ping days when timberlands were denuded for quick profits in lumber—insist that new forestry methods, forest farming and other types of conservation assure the nation of a fairly constant supply of new timber.

There are enough trees standing in the 12-state Western pine region—from the eastern slopes of the Cascade Mountains to the western borders of Texas and the Dakotas—to build 50 million five-room houses, according to S. V. Fullaway Jr., manager of the Western Pine Assn. Here.

He adds that since 1933 the lumber companies and government agencies have developed a code of forest practices to insure the region's lasting future as a timber source.

In the pine regions the rules now call for the cutting only of ripe trees, leaving the young ones. They grow fast when the old ones are out of their way, and the area recovers itself.

Different practices are followed in the Douglas fir region. This is a strip from the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Coast, having the heavy rainfall fir requires.

The West Coast Lumberman's Assn., representing the majority of Douglas fir lumber companies

in Washington, Oregon and northern California, says block cutting works fine there. Square chunks are hewn from the forest, with standing trees left all around in a checkerboard pattern. These reseed the cut areas.

## Power Output Dips Again

NEW YORK (AP) — Electric power production in the week ended April 17 dipped to 8,345,000,000 kilowatt-hours from 8,396,000,000 kilowatt-hours the preceding week, Edison Electric Institute reported Wednesday.

This was the fourth consecutive week in which production declined. Output was 2.9 per cent over the 8,113,000,000 kilowatt-hours in the like week a year ago. The small margin of increase could be attributed largely to the bad weather in the like week of 1953 when output had registered a contra-seasonal boost, industry sources explained.

Several sections showed gains over last year. The Pacific Northwest was 3.9 per cent higher.

## R.R. Rate Hearing In Second Day

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An Interstate Commerce Commission hearing on requests for lowered freight rates for the West entered its third day Wednesday with a statement before it asking the right for shippers to choose between alternate rate schedules.

Another statement declared that costs of railroad operation in the West are not so different as to justify a different scale of class rates.

Both statements were put into the record Tuesday by Utahns who testified before Commissioner Anthony F. Arpaia.

H. E. Colwell, traffic manager for the Utah Citizens Rate Assn., made the proposal for alternate rates. He said:

"Any adjustment that is made in the level of the class rates in this area must permit full alternation with all commodity rates or exception ratings presently applicable."

Morris Rosenblatt, Salt Lake City manufacturer who is president of the Utah Citizens Rate Assn. and chairman of the Emergency Committee on Intermountain Freight Rates, made the statement concerning railroad operating costs.

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## Body of Missing Man Found in Big Creek

YACHTS (AP) — The body of Robert C. Bowersox, 47, was found Tuesday in Big Creek southeast of here.

Howard Gardenhire and Hugh M. Sherwood of Sherwood Lodges found the body. Police speculated that Bowersox, who had been missing since April 10, fell into the creek while fishing.

An autopsy will be performed. The cross became the acknowledged symbol of Christianity at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine.

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## Law College Open House Here Thursday

The student body of Willamette University School of Law will hold an open house Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for pre-law students in various colleges throughout the area. It was announced today by Seward Reese, dean of the law college. Students from 21 colleges have been invited to the annual open house.

The program is under the direction of George Gant, first-year student from Coos Bay. Assisting the chairman are William Whitney, Portland, and Walter Stauffacher, Salem. Registration will be from 9 to 9:30 a.m., with a dean's hour being held at 9:30 a.m. A third-year course, trial practice, will be open to visitors at 10:40 a.m.

Roy F. Shields, Portland attorney, will speak to college representatives at 12 p.m. Luncheon is scheduled at Baxter Hall on campus at 1 p.m.

A moot court, with members of the Willamette College of Law participating, will be held at 2 p.m. A coffee hour, from 3 to 4 p.m., will close the day's events.

## Committees Named For ASB School Dance

Committees have been appointed for the final ASB dance at Salem High School which will be held April 30 from 8:30 until 11:30. W. E. Galik and his orchestra will provide the music.

The general chairman is Sharon Johnson, ASB second vice president. On the decorations committee are Sandie Carter, Lynn Barrell, Nancy Weeks, Phyllis Newland, Bob Payne, Esther Hyatt, Pat Johnson, Jeanine O'Hern, Jan Fromm, Diane Miller, Kathy Cook, Ann Fallin, Jan Woodroffe, Janice Button, and Bill Foster.

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Mrs. W. A. Lottis, who traveled on the gospel ship, the Willis Shank, up the coast of British Columbia into Alaska last fall, working with boys and girls in the towns along the way, will speak and show pictures of the trip.

A model Good News Club class will be taught by Mrs. Ruben Imig, former director of child evangelism in Salem. Special music will include an accordion duet by Mrs. Jack Quiring and Mrs. Peter Becker, and Mrs. Paul Barnett will have charge of the devotions. The tea arrangements are being made by Mrs. Paul Geil. There will be a nursery for small children and all interested are invited.

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