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Feathers of Ice

Cold nights have been frosting car windows, giving early risers an extra morning chore. But lazy folks simply sit inside with the defroster on and shoot pictures of the lacy crystal designs before they melt.
Spilyay Tymoo Photo by CDS

Log Decks Burn, Loss Estimated at \$32,000

"Somewhere over 200,000 board feet" of harvested timber were lost in a fire that devoured parts of two log decks at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries December 2, according to Operations Manager Bob Macy.

The logs, which were predominantly white fir, have been valued at \$32,000, said Macy. The decks were located in an overflow area on the hill above the log yard, a site chosen because "we were pressed for space," Macy explained.

Arson has been ruled out as a cause of the fire. It is believed that the logs were ignited by the surfacing of a smoldering fire in the organic material beneath the decks. The refuse material has smoldered off and on since 1968 when the fill was first hauled up to the site from the log yard.

It has not been a practice to deck logs on top of the fill, said Macy, but because of space

problems this year the site was used. Agents of WSFPI's insurance company inspected the scene later that week as part of the claims negotiations.

One entire deck and about one-third of the adjacent deck were lost despite attempts by mill personnel to cool the fire and move logs away from the heat. The fire had spread from one deck to the other when the heat became too extreme for men to approach with hoses.

The Warm Springs Volunteer Fire Department responded to the 6:10 a.m. call, phoned in by Harold Bowman, WSFPI Maintenance Construction Manager. When volunteers arrived, one deck was consumed in flames as sparks showered the second deck, which firemen proceeded to wet down. Mill crews then took over the fire.

The bulldozer and Latour-

neau struggled up the muddy road from the mill and began removing the logs from the two decks, stacking them nearby. About 50,000 board feet of wood were saved, according to WSFPI manager Ralph De Moisy.

Mill workers watched the fire through the day, all that night and part of Sunday. The fire was still burning Tuesday and a sprinkler was hooked up to cool the area.

There will be no attempt to replace the lost timber, said Macy. "White fir is the least valuable species from a stumpage standpoint and we have white fir coming out of our ears," he said. WSFPI normally has a five to one ratio of Ponderosa pine to white fir logs at this time of year, but this season has resulted in a 5:1 ratio of fir to pine.

White fir is used in the manufacture of veneer and plywood.

Fire Victims Doing Fine

The three boys who escaped from their grandmother's burning home November 26 are all mending well and returning to their normal activities.

Harold Thomas, Jr., 12, is the only one still in the hospital under observation. A nurse in the burn unit of Emanuel Hospital said he was "doing just fine" and might be out in the next couple of

weeks. Smoke inhalation has been his biggest problem, she said, but he has also undergone minor surgery for burns on his hand.

Jarod Thomas, 10, came home to live with his grandmother Hazel Suppah at the George Clements residence on Sunday, December 3. After staying home for a week with a bad cough, Jarod went back to school

last Monday. Burns on his arms, hands and face have healed well, said Janice Clements.

Garret Suppah, 10, went back to school December 5 and plans to return to boxing practice as soon as possible. His mother Brenda Bohay said she was surprised at how fast he was recovering from the first and second degree burns on his hands and from the smoke inhalation.

Frontier Doors Closed Permanently

by Donna Behrend

The permanent closure of the Frontier Tavern may be relatively old news, but many wonder what effect the closure is having on the local alcohol-related crime rates and what ex-Frontier patrons are doing with their "leisure time".

Because of a long history of violations and violence, the Frontier was originally closed in July and has not reopened since that time. The license, which was issued to Albert Leiferman, was temporarily suspended for 30 days. In August the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) gave Leiferman 90 days to find a person to buy the tavern who was acceptable to OLCC, local and county officials, and the District Attorney.

On November 22, Leiferman was without a prospective buyer. But, according to the OLCC Information Officer Genevieve Cook, "Jefferson County Court would not endorse any applicant who tried to buy the tavern." Cook added that the court wrote a letter to District Attorney Mike Sullivan noting the "great decrease in alcohol-related crimes since the tavern closed last summer."

In response to personal feelings and needs, Louie Pitt circu-

lated a petition for the closure of the Frontier. Pitt and Levi Bobb obtained 120 signatures in less than three hours and then sent the petition to the August OLCC hearing. "It was a real Indian petition," Pitt stated, "but we needed to be represented by something other than by said authorities."

In contrast to Pitt's action, another Tribal member who wishes to remain anonymous, recently wrote a letter to Representative Sam Johnson requesting his help in re-opening the Frontier on a daily, short-hour basis. Under this proposition, the tavern would be open only until 10 or 11 p.m. "The reason is that I'm concerned about the \$2,500 being paid every two weeks to the city of Madras for fines and attorney fees," said the Tribal member. In essence they are getting rich off the Indians, she feels.

According to Tribal Chief of Police Jeff Sanders, crime has

dropped only nine percent since the closure. The juvenile crime rate is down about eight percent. Sanders also stated that "80 percent of all arrests are alcohol-related." In the three month period prior to closure, 141 juveniles were arrested by the

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Weather

DEC.	HI	LOW	PREC.
1	48	38	.07
2	48	31	
3	52	38	
4	57	39	.30
5	42	27	.03 1" snow
6	37	18	
7	32	12	
8	33	14	
9	45	29	
10	56	23	.09
11	49	45	
12	40	23	
13	38	17	
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