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OUT OF THE WOODS

By Jim Stevens



TREE FARM HARVEST

The standing timber hummed and droned with power saws. The big trees fell with a crashing thunder. Down the hill they lay in packed windrows. There single hand sawyers bucked the trees into logs and knotters chopped the limbs away.

"Too much wood in treetops, big boughs, dead snags, broken and crooked small trees, are still logging left overs," Forester Gene Rogers said. "Look up the slope in the standing timber," he went on, swinging a hand that way. "You see small stumps in the big trees there, with tractor-trails and brush piles. The usable small hemlocks and other understory trees have been felled and sneaked out. Now they won't be smashed by the big operation that's to come. Roads have been cleared through windfalls, also. We call that pre-logging. There are machines made for it, little ones."

He waved a big brown hand down the slope. "Now look on out and away, down on the cutovers of the log harvests of twenty to thirty years ago. Salvage logging going on. Hemlock trees were left then. Now we can sell hemlock lumber and there's a market for hemlock as pulpwood. And we also have crews with light machines gleaming after the main.

"Just as wheat is made into flour, bread and other food products, so is lumber worked up and applied in houses and other building construction. Then, ideally, we grow new food crops on wheat land and new building crops on tree land."

"The ideal is hard to achieve, of course. Floods may erode the wheat land and fires burn the life out of the tree land. Poor land management in both cases can become a road to ruin."

"There is a good forestry man-

agement plan in effect here, on this tree farm. There is another on the lands of the national forest. Foresters are in control of state lands, too. There are state laws that provide for reseedling on small forest ownerships, on farms and the like. But all this is not enough. The foresters need the support, the help of everybody; most of all to stop forest fires.

THRESHING LEFTOVERS

"There are leftovers in the sawmill as from the threshing of wheat," said Forester Gene Rogers. "The latter leaves chaff. Sawing lumber leaves sawdust. Much of the slabs, trimmings and edges are slashed into fuelwood. The rest is the straw of the sawmill. It is ground up by a mechanical monster called the hog and mixed with sawdust uses or used as fuel alone."

"The smaller sawmills in the area, have to burn most of their leftovers. Forest products engineers are developing new marketable items that may be made from the logging leftovers of today and the straw and chaff of the lumber mills. Alcohol can be made from sawdust, sugar can too, and a yeast that will fatten cattle."

"Other new products are from Douglas fir bark. There are five thousand wood products in everyday use and more are coming on the market every day. This is what pays for forestry. Public forestry is paid for by taxes, of course, but taxes come in the first place from production and sales."

"Lumber is the thing, though," said Forester Rogers. "The saw-log is still the main products of logging here in the Cascades as in all other forest regions. The pulp log, the plywood peeled log, the fuel log, and all the other grades are on the side. Building lumber comes from sawlogs, and building is to logging and tree-growing what bread-baking is to wheat harvesting and growing. There's the meal ticket of the forester and his work on the land."

KELLY LOST COUNT

Paul Kelly, stage and screen star, has made over 500 movies including a group of one-reelers. His latest is "File on Thelma Jordan," with Barbara Stanwyck, which marks his return to the screen after two years as star of the stage hit, "Command Decision."

Coos-Curry Jersey Cattle Club Makes Plans For National Visitors In June

The Coos-Curry Jersey club held its regular monthly meeting, April 24, at the home of Mrs. Leonard Rood, North Coos river. Thirty-two members were present.

It is planned to entertain any persons wishing to see this part of the country, who are attending the National meeting in Sacramento in June. However, complete plans will be made at the next monthly meeting, as reservations will be in by that time, and the club will know how many plan to make this side trip.

A committee comprised of Henry Van Calcar, Jack Kay, John Hobin and Ralph Cope, was appointed to investigate the possibilities and formulate a plan of showing a county herd at the state fair, and perhaps at the county fair.

A committee was also appointed to meet with the fair board to discuss the matter of disease regulations for the cattle exhibited at the county fair. Those on this committee are Henry Van Calcar, Clifford Freude and Ben Mahaffy.

The Western Dairy Journal is planning a tour of Northern California and Southern Oregon, during the middle of July. A letter was received from them, asking if dairy breeders in this section would be interested in the tour continuing up through Coos and Curry counties.

George Jenkins, county agent, discussed the making of grass silage in this county and its advantages. The May meeting of the club will be held in Sumner, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Calcar.

Weyerhaeuser Puts Signboards On Tree Farms; One At Coos Bay

Longview, Wash., April 27—Tree farm areas of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company are being identified publicly in a signboarding program recently initiated on the St. Helens Tree Farm in Cowlitz county, Washington. Signboards bearing the names of the company and the local tree farm unit are to be placed on major highways which pass through the firm's twelve certified tree farms in Oregon and Washington.

Locally, logs from the Coos Bay Tree Farm supply the Coos Bay branch operation.

Since it organized the nation's first tree farm in 1941, the Clemens in Grays Harbor county, Washington, Weyerhaeuser has made the tree farm program an essential part of its sustained production program, to assure a continuing supply of logs for dependent processing plants. In less than eight years the tree farm program has been adopted nationally by over 1700 timberland owners in 23 states, managing 17½ million acres of private forests. Over three million acres of this acreage is in the Douglas fir region of western Oregon and Washington, the wood basket of the United States.

Certified tree farmers must maintain a designated area of land for permanent production of forest crops; protect the area from fire, insects, disease and excessive grazing, and harvest the timber in a manner which will assure future crops. Weyerhaeuser's tree farm areas, coupled with greater utilization of the forest harvest in the

woods and at the mill, will insure steady jobs and permanent pay-rolls.

McKinley School News

Last Friday the first grade took their turn for the Friday assembly. Each student read a story from his reader, and then did some arithmetic. Gina Hall read "Guess Who" and Daniel West read "The Funny House."

The upper grades have completed their seventh week of perfect attendance and the primary

graders had perfect attendance last week.

The primary children are making circus wagons and floral wagons for their art. They are using shoe boxes and pasting pictures of animals or flowers on them. They have to put the wheels on them yet.

The fourth grade gave a play of "Yankee Doodle" from the reading book Friday afternoon. Mrs. Mast played "Yankee Doodle" on the piano for them.

For review we are having a question bee each Friday afternoon. The questions are taken from each grade's question box.

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