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OUT OF THE WOODS

By Jim Stevens



2,200,000,000,000 BOARD FEET

Federal government estimates suggest that 22 hundred billion board feet of lumber were produced, marketed and used from 1607 to the end of 1947 for the building of 60,000,000 homes and other structures of towns and farms in the growth of our America.

Countless ricks of wood, piles of poles, loads of posts, cords of pulpwood and flatcar stacks of railroad ties have flowed from the saw and the ax. On the one hand the timber went to build up the country. On the other its use helped to clear land for farms, townsites and roads.

Foresters believe that fires burned another 22 hundred billion feet through the history of the white man in the American forests, mainly through his carelessness. Yet the trees came back on the cutovers and burns again and again. And building and construction grew on lumber use through the centuries into a giant of American enterprise.

The work of the construction industry today ranges from a dam to a dwelling. It is second only to agriculture in numbers employed and it is the nation's most populous field of small industrial enterprises. For the most part, these are locally owned and are engaged in the building of small structures for which lumber remains the basic material.

Another Vital Phase

Exports were for a great many years a giant department of the American lumber trade, particularly in the Southern pine and the Douglas fir regions. Then, in 1932, the British Empire trade agreements reduced softwood lumber exports from the United States to the United Kingdom and Australia in favor of British Columbia lumber. Canadian shipping subsidies further favored British Columbia in trade with Japan and other foreign countries outside the British Empire. The Reciprocal Trade Agreements between the United States and the Dominion of Canada in 1936 and with Great Britain in 1939 weakened the position of American lumber in foreign trade yet more. Exchange rates and wage differentials were in Canada's favor, and so they remain.

Through 1945-1947 our lumber imports exceeded exports. The trend was reversed by the Marshall Plan. Aid to Europe will continue to include forest products. The need for lumber there, as in China, is hardly less than the needs for food, fuel and clothing. This tragic phase of the lumber

trade is one with all others of the marketing of lumber and timber products, in that its returns will serve to grow more trees and to provide more protection from fire on the country's forest lands. As the timber markets go, so goes American forestry.

Pattern of the Future
"The Story of 'Cloquet,'" by Stewart H. Holbrook in his history, "Burning An Empire," visualizes the future of the timber trade. He tells how fire struck the Minnesota lumber town on October, 1918, and roared away to take 500 lives and blacken 750,000 acres of forest land.

Two lumbermen, Rudolph M. Weyerhaeuser and Harry C. Hornby, decided to rebuild Cloquet as a permanent forest community. They knew that weed trees—aspens, balsam, jack pine—would come up on the big burn. Scientists in wood products were brought in to study what might be made and marketed from the weed trees.

In time the scientists had a pattern of "wood conversion" ready for trial. On it simple wood fiber could be converted into insulating materials and into a kind of synthetic lumber for wall paneling, sheathing and many more uses. The project succeeded. It increased utilization of the tree to 90 percent. It gave one day's work to 26 men for each thousand board feet of timber, which yielded a day's work for only two men in the lumber woods and sawmills of the old days.

Today there are hundreds of plants on the Cloquet pattern of wood conversion. Use of such products has its limits at present, however. Plain lumber remains the mainstay of the trade in timber products and yet provides most of the money to pay for forestry.

License Examiner Here Wednesday

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Coquille Wednesday, June 8, 1949, at the city hall between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

Sherwood Purchases Driskell Home

The home of Delbert Driskell who is leaving this week with his family to open an insurance and real estate office in Kennewick, Washington, was purchased by Stan Sherwood.

Sentinel classifieds bring results.

Albany Timber Carnival Will Draw Thousands of Timberman

ALBANY, MAY 19 (SPECIAL).—

Prizes to be awarded at this year's Timber Carnival in Albany on July 2, 3 and 4, will total \$6,000, Virgil Leaming, chairman of the prize committee of the Jaycee-sponsored event, announced today.

Contestants who compete in the lake events will vie for \$2,000 in cash and merchandise awards, queen contestants will receive about \$500 and other prizes totaling \$3500 are slated to be awarded at the Carnival. Prizes that will go during the colorful three-day affair are:

World Championship log chopping—First place, \$100; second, \$50; third, \$30; fourth, \$20. Total money: \$200; next two places merchandise awards.

World Championship speed climbing—\$200, \$100, \$50, and \$25. Total money: \$375; next two places merchandise awards.

World Championship topping—\$200, \$100, \$50 and \$25. Total money: \$375; next two places merchandise awards.

World Championship bucking—\$200, \$100, \$50, and \$25. Total money: \$375; next two places merchandise awards.

Northwest Championship log rolling—\$200, \$100, \$50, and \$25. Total money: \$375; next two places merchandise awards.

Jousting—\$15 cash prize each day. Total money, \$30.

Rotating trophies that must be won three times in succession will continue to circulate as in the past, but the smaller permanent trophies will be awarded this year to each first place winner. Complete rules for lake events will be announced soon.

At Arago

The Arago school held its Commencement program Thursday evening.

Graduating were George Ryder, Ralph Herker, Leonard Sell and Joe Sinko.

The program consisted of prelude, Mrs. O. H. Aasen; invocation, Rev. Carl H. Sisson; solo, Mrs. S. C. McAllister; address, G. B. Goddard; salutation, George Ryder; class will, Ralph Herker; class prophecy, Leonard Sell; valedictorian, Joe Sinko; presentation of diplomas, Frank Burbank; benediction, Rev. Carl H. Sisson; recessional, Mrs. O. H. Aasen.

The stage was decorated with a rather beautiful scene for the background. It represented a snow-capped mountain which was very beautiful.

All those attending the program enjoyed it.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Barklow spent the week-end at their home and returned to Sutherlin Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crawford and family of Roseburg were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sjogren and son spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lillie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Rackleff and daughter were visiting with relatives in this vicinity over the week-end.

Mrs. Emily Hickman flew down from Corvallis Friday and spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Frank Burbank, and left Monday by plane to return to her home.

Mrs. Harvey Myers was a Sunday evening dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lillie.

Joseph Simmons was an overnight guest Sunday at the home of his uncle, William S. McMichael.

Miss Anna Mae McMichael was an overnight guest of Miss June Simmons at the home of Mr. and

Burr Motors Has New Colored Signs

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