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OUT OF THE WOODS

By Jim Stevens

OUR CEDAR

The Western red cedar was a wood to worship among the Indians who had lived with it as children of nature along West Coast waterways for scores of generations. They made marvelous use of cedar with primitive tools and methods of woodworking. The battle canoes, the "long houses" and the genuine totems that survive are evidence of good craftsmanship in woodworking and also of the desirability of cedar.

"Cedar does last," was the first lesson learned by the pioneers about our species of cedar. It stands a mighty lot of weather. For over one hundred years the Western red cedar of Washington and Oregon has been logged and turned into shingles and lumber, and sold as round stuff for poles and piling.

Because of its properties besides durability, such as its light weight prime finish lumber for siding, caskets and interior paneling.

Western red cedar is also used for boats, cabinet work, small boxes, drain boards, flumes, gutter, foundry patterns, hothouse framing, rowing shells and chemical tanks and vats.

The Shingle Industry

Western red cedar has been the leading shingle species in the United States for nearly 50 years, and the State of Washington has produced about 90 per cent of all the nation's wood shingles during that period. The trend toward patented roofing because of building code restrictions and fire insurance premium rates has resulted in a steadily contracting urban market for wood shingles.

However, the Western red cedar shingle industry is still a lusty giant and its mainstay for markets continues to be the agricultural Middle West, where farmers prefer a wood shingle to substitutes which don't weather the violent wind storms, tornadoes and hail storms as do forest products, and the Atlantic Coast where it holds its own as a sidewall material.

The high grade old-growth cedar available will last for perhaps another century. A large portion of the raw material production of this species has always been harvested in salvage of broken chunks and slabs following commercial logging operations. The riving of the thousands of old windfalls found throughout ce-

dar's range into shingle bolts and other split products is another source of cedar.

Poles and Piling

The Western red cedar pole industry has always been important in the North west because of the great demand for the durable, straight, easily-climbed, slim pole of Western red cedar.

A large quantity of cedar poles has been used untreated, but the tendency in recent years has been to butt treat them to lengthen their service life. Here is a product which is often derived by pre-logging or thinning of the young cedar poles in old-growth fir forests or those found growing in admixture with young Douglas fir.

Western red cedar as a species seems to be losing out, despite its ability to grow in shade, in its competition with its more aggressive associates, Douglas fir and eastern hemlock.

Most of the areas in which pure forests of cedar were found growing when man began to use the forests of the Northwest have largely been cleared and today constitute vast farm lands of the Puget Sound Basin.

In other forests on the uplands, cedar has always comprised a small percentage of the total volume of trees and does not seem to come back following harvesting in as great a proportion as it existed in the original forest.

This may not prove too serious a loss, despite the desirability of the species because of its technical properties, as under forest management it would take from 300 to 400 years to grow cedar which would be suitable for virtually all the uses of the species with the extension of poles and posts. While it can be manufactured into kraft pulp it is not as desirable as the other species due to its short fibres and lower yields per unit of wood.

In any event, Western red cedar is here to stay.



"COLORADO TERRITORY" — Joel McCrea and Dorothy Malone watch approaching riders in a scene from the Warner Bros. western epic drama which shows at the Liberty Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Cub Scouts Show Much Progress in City; Group Has Seven Dens; 57 Members

The cub scout organization in Coquille is forging ahead, according to Scout Master John Shilling. There are now a total of seven dens, with 56 cubs between the ages of 8 and 11 years.

Leaders of the dens and meeting dates for each are as follows: Den 1: Mrs. Louis Schnick, den mother; meeting each Tuesday, at the Community building, 3:30 p. m. Den 2: Mrs. Miller, den mother; Mrs. Lloyd Wood, assistant; meeting at 166 S. Coul-

ter, Wednesdays at 3:30 p. m. Den 3: Mrs. William Barrow, den mother; Mrs. Dan Fish, assistant; meeting at Community building, Wednesday, 3:30 p. m. Den 4: Mrs. Wesley Gauntlett, den mother; Mrs. Stan Sherwood, assistant; meeting at Community building, Monday, 3:30 p. m.

Den 5: Florence DeNoma, den mother; Mrs. Frank Carrillo, assistant; Thursday, Coquille Community building, 3:30 p. m.; Den 6: Mrs. Eve Strong, den mother; Mrs. Hazel Robbins, assistant;

meeting Saturday, Community building, 3:30 p. m.; Den 7: Mrs. Sylvia Marsh, den mother; Mrs. Myrtle Benham, assistant; meetings Friday, Coquille Community building, 3:30 p. m.

Cub Scout committee meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month, and pack meetings will be held at the Coquille Community building on the fourth Friday of each month.

Scout Master is John Shilling; Assistant Scout Master, Paul McNair; Institutional representative, Elwyn Nosler; Pack chairman, Clarence Summers; Committee members, William Barrow, Neil Khyn and John Rhule.

New Books Added

New books at the Coquille Public library include, in the fiction department, "The Plum Tree" by Chase; "The River Line," Morgan; "Loving," Green; "Gypsy Sixpence," Marshall; "The Lily and the Leopards," Harwood; "The Egyptian," Waltri; "Call I Treason," Howe; "Mary," by Sholem Asch.

In the non-fiction department were "Out of My Life and Thought," Schweitzer; "White Collar Zoo," Barnes; "Why Jesus Died," Van Paassen; "Backwoods Teachers," Nelson; "No Banners, No Bugles," Ellensberg; "Redwood Country," Powers; a B. P. W. donation.

In the juvenile section: "The Black Stallion and Satan," Farley; "The Fabulous Flight," Lawson; "The Merriweathers," Torrey, and "Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle's Magic," McDonald.

Two boxes of books, mainly fiction, were presented to the library by Mr. and Mrs. Hal Howell.

Pioneers Will Meet

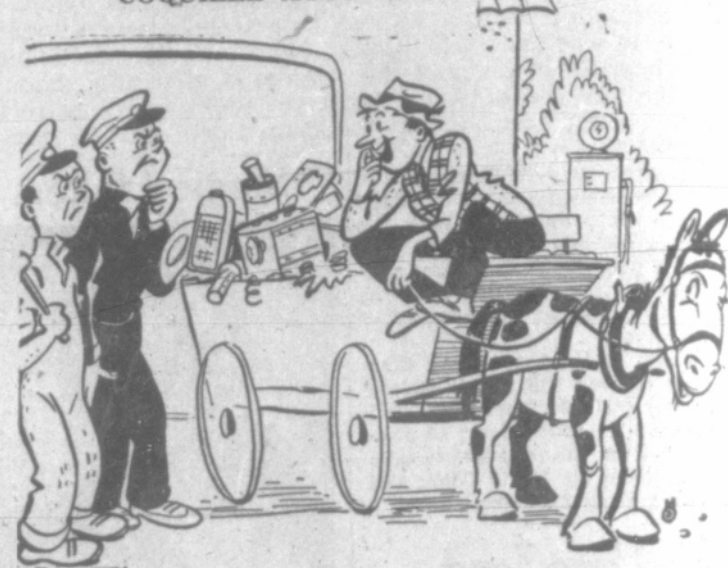
A business meeting of the Coos-Curry Pioneer and Historical association will be held at the Boy Scout rooms in the Community building Saturday, Nov. 12, it was announced today by Inez Chase, secretary of the group. A lunch-

eon will be held at noon, and business meeting after the luncheon.

Attend Portland Game—Dr. J. D. Rankin and son, Richard, and

Clarence Barton attended the Oregon-Washington football game in Portland on Saturday. They took the plane out of North Bend on Friday evening.

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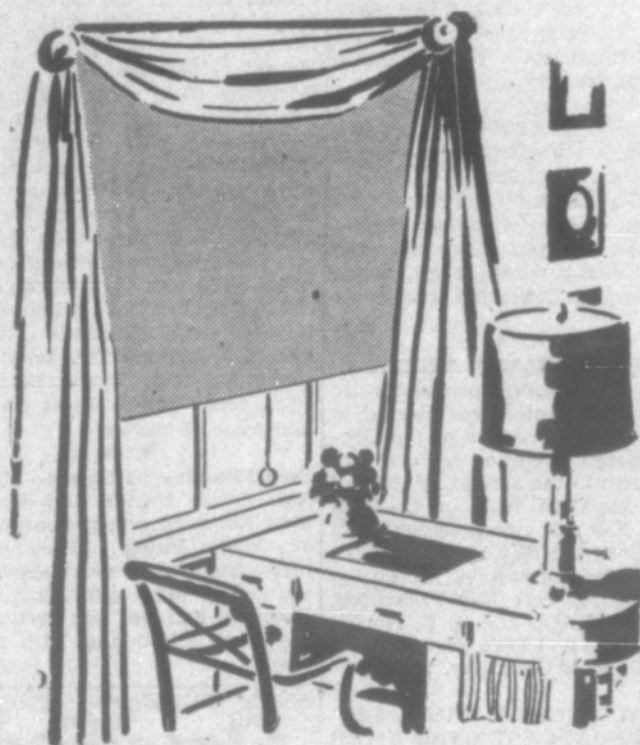
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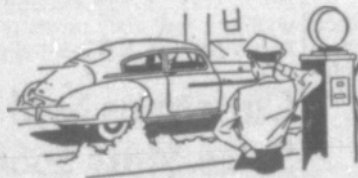
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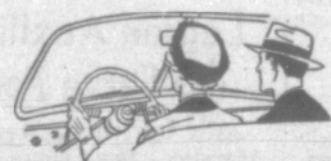
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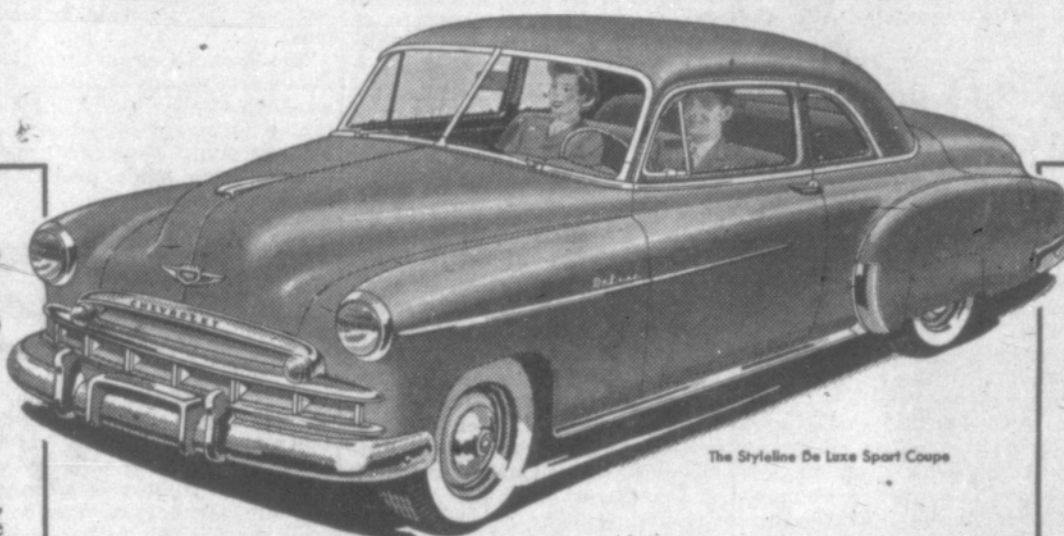
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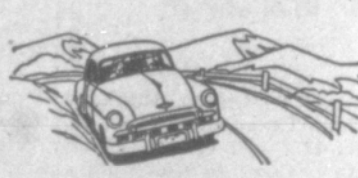
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