

Details of Log Scaling Bureau Plan Told By Forester; Cites Independence, Uniformity

Recent organization of the non-profit Southern Oregon Scaling Bureau in Roseburg has received publicity in southern Oregon newspapers. It was explained in some detail at a meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm Association in Grants Pass, both before and since that meeting there has been considerable discussion of its advantages or disadvantages in lumber and logging circles. The following statement was prepared for the press by Karl L. Janouch, former supervisor of the Rogue River national forest, and at present forester for the Southern Oregon Sugar Pine corporation, in support of the proposed bureau, in view of the importance of the subject to Jackson county's multi-million lumber industry. Janouch's statement is published in full. Space will also be devoted to arguments against the proposed bureau if some qualified lumber industry spokesman should bring them forward.—Editor's note.

By Karl L. Janouch

The lumber industry is of such importance and the effect of practices in handling logs is so great that I think it timely to clear up misunderstandings and/or mis-statements regarding the Southern Oregon Scaling Bureau.

The purpose of this bureau is to standardize scaling of logs and when grading of logs is to be conducted, to standardize this grading.

It is also a purpose of the promoters of this bureau to secure an impartial agency to perform the scaling and grading of logs. You will note that the promoters do not mention prices for logs nor do they mention prices to be paid to loggers for logging timber and transporting the logs to the marketing point.

There are several scaling bureaus in the northwest each of which has its own scaling and grading rules. These rules have been drawn up to fit the conditions and timber characteristics of the locality or region covered by the particular bureau.

There were no existing scaling bureaus whose scaling and grading rules could be wholly applied to southwest Oregon and reach satisfactory results.

Therefore, several loggers and lumber manufacturers in the Roseburg region felt that an independent scaling bureau that could service the southwest Oregon timber industry, including logging and manufacturing, should be organized. About a month ago the Southern Oregon Scaling Bureau was organized at a meeting of loggers and woods manufacturers. I was at this meeting and attended several subsequent meetings for perfecting the organization. Nine trustees of the scaling bureau were elected. Articles of incorporation and by-laws were formulated. Four loggers, four wood manufacturers and one United States Forest Service representative compose the board of trustees. The bureau is organized and is operating. The main office is in Roseburg.

Scribers "Decimal C" scaling rule was adopted for measuring log volumes.

No grading rules have been adopted as final rules for the bureau. A rules committee for grading fir and rules committee for grading pine are in the process of appointment. The members of these committees are to be selected from the membership and not particularly from the board of trustees. It is planned that the rules committee for pine will largely be Jackson and Josephine county members. Also, members from both these counties are to be selected for the rules committee on grading rules for fir.

There is good and sufficient and generally understood reason for impartial scaling of logs. Many loggers are satisfied with the arrangement whereby all logs are scaled by the manufacturer and there are many who believe that such scalars favor the manufacturer. Manufacturers feel the same way about logger scalars. Therefore, an independent scaler seems the best answer to secure an impartial scale since he is neither the employee of the logger nor the manufacturer. Furthermore, both loggers and manufacturers can appeal to an impartial agency to settle any dispute or question regarding volume scaling. The same opportunities are afforded the logger and manufacturer when logs are bought and sold on grade.

"Mechanical Service" Publicity on the organization of the bureau stated that the establishment of the bureau in this locality "would have a far reaching effect on the price of logs." This statement is not factual since the bureau would have no ascendancy or control of transactions which involve price schedules for logs or logging. The bureau service would only be "mechanical" in nature and it would be governed

by rules for scaling and grading set up by loggers and manufacturers. Rules for scaling and grading as heretofore indicated will be established by loggers and manufacturers to fit and/or cover local conditions and timber characteristics.

Prices paid for logging and logs are therefore a matter of negotiation between loggers, sellers and buyers. Prices are solely controlled by market conditions and no mechanical scaling and grading have any effect.

Some opponents of the bureau state that the present price basis for logging, buying and selling logs is not only satisfactory but is most efficient. To meet this argument and with the same logic, I could propose that all grades of coffee be sold for one price per pound and that govern-

ment agencies who control proper weighing, grading, packaging, etc., and who by such methods protect the buyer and sellers be abolished.

Logs are a product of many grades and sizes and/or volumes in the same sense as any product prepared for consumption; for example: coffee, sugar, flour, etc. You would not ask me to get you a sack of flour without stating pounds, kind and quality. Size, Species, Grade

Finally, lumber is graded and measured and sold on size, species and grade. These sizes, species and grades come from logs of certain sizes, certain species and certain grades. Therefore, there is as much difference in the value of logs as there is in the value of lumber and/or coffee and sugar. I ask

if any common sense can be placed behind those that argue that all logs of certain species produced in the woods are worth one price regardless of volume and quality? I also ask is there no room for disagreement between buyer and seller if one or the other does all the grading and measuring?

An independent scaler will give the impartial and accurate measure to settle bills for logging.

An independent grader will give an impartial and accurate grade to a log where logs are sold or purchased on volume and grade.

Buyers or sellers of logs and loggers can be assured that they pay or receive a fair price for logs and manufacturers or loggers can be assured they will receive full value or full pay in or for volume of logs delivered if the scaling and grading is performed by an independent agency such as the Southern Oregon Scaling Bureau and only then.

and work has already been started in the Ice House canyon section. The road will be widened, curves will be reduced and the present paved sections will be extended.

Two bridges under construction—the Rogue river bridge and the Evans creek bridge near Wimer—are both progressing according to plan, Morthland said.

CYCLIST KILLED

Roseburg, Ore., May 8.—(U.P.)—John Cecil Moore, 23, Roseburg, was killed instantly Saturday night when his motorcycle went out of control and smashed head-on into a car on highway 99, a mile south of here.

Demo Candidate Assails Veterans Hoover Report

The Hoover committee recommendation on veterans' administration would not be an economy, but would result in waste and confusion, according to Congressional Candidate David C. Shaw, Curry county attorney, in an address before the democratic veterans group at the Medford hotel Sunday morning.

The occasion was a breakfast jointly honoring Shaw and the democratic candidate for sheriff, Delroy Aldershof, both of whom are World War II veterans. More than 40 attended the breakfast.

"The change proposed by the Hoover report would dismember the functions of the present veterans administration, but retain it as a paper agency," Shaw said. "Its functions would be transferred to four other agencies. So, instead of one agency, it would end up with five doing the job. Where is the economy in this?"

'Repudiation' Charged

Shaw further said that if the Hoover committee report were accepted it would be a repudiation of Hoover's own policy as president. It was Presidents Harding and Hoover, he said, who established one department to handle all veterans affairs.

Aldershof spoke briefly on his candidacy for sheriff. He declared that if elected he would be responsive to the full needs of Jackson county's people, and be as diligent on behalf of those in the rural areas who had no other police protection as he was to those in the cities.

Miss Phyllis Corliss, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Robert Corliss, gave a group of vocal numbers. Master of ceremonies

Winners of Plane Contest To Attend Model Competition

Max Roberson, Ashland, and Warren Walker and Gerald Doty, Medford, were picked yesterday by the Medford Prop Nuts to represent Oregon at the West Coast Wakefield eliminations to be held at Milpitas, Cal., on May 28. At that time two flyers will be picked to compete on a six-man United States team in Finland in July in the international Wakefield model airplane event.

Other winners at the free flight model airplane contest held on Agate desert west of Camp White yesterday were Ed Gilkey, Central of Pitt, first in the 1/2 A class event and Don Burgess second in this event.

Bob Ottoman, Medford, placed first in Class A with a total of 744.6 seconds for three flights; Doty placed second with 523.1; Dick Simonson, Medford, third with 34.5; and Gilkey fourth with 157.5.

Other Winners Simonson took Class B with two flights totaling 1089 seconds; Larry Edwards, Medford, second with 789.2; Ray Edwards third with 283.4; Lloyd Crowell fourth with 208.1 and Ottoman fifth, Lloyd Crowell placed first in

the Class C competition for large motors with a total time of 412.2 seconds. Doty took second with 228.8.

Roberson took first in the tow line glider event with a single flight of 7 minutes 40 seconds; Grant Hibbard, Camp White, took second with a flight of 4 minutes 29.7 seconds.

Robert Lowe, Talent, placed first in the rubber powered division with a total of 438.9 seconds, losing his plane on his first flight. Charles Chitwood placed second with 423 seconds; Warren Walker third with 330.6; and Hollis Hill of Ashland fourth with 318.8.

Planes Lost

Several planes were lost in yesterday's competition and their owners may be contacted through Ed Sims at 23 North Fir street, or by phoning 2-2472. Some of the planes have their owners' names and addresses on

them and the owners may be contacted directly. As these planes represent many hours of work and several dollars in expense their prompt return will be greatly appreciated by their owners.

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Pickin' Pears News, Gossip, Comment From Camp White

By L. J. "Tick" Malarkey

This is the story of the stray Bible that went to jail.

Going by the Baptist church recently Bryan Sheffield, a member of Co. I, Camp White, noticed a beautiful Bible laying on the grass just off the curb. He picked it up and when he could not find a name on the inside cover he thought that maybe the police could locate the owner. So Sheffield took the Bible to jail. The police found the lady who owned it. And her letter to the finder follows:

"Dear Mr. Sheffield: I want to thank you for turning my Bible into the police station. I am enclosing a printed sermon and I hope you will receive a blessing from reading it as I did. It is a wonderful sermon. I certainly do appreciate your kindness and may God bless and protect you."

Out here the crawlingest cootie that we have around the "diggin'" is one Chauncey Page. Greybeard of WW One. Not so many years ago—not over 30—friend Chauncey was in Astoria working for the Astorian Budget. Handled advertising. Today, because he is crippled up some, he is out on the desert making White his home. But it is his work with the Cooties which make old friend Page click. Always helping those from over town and out of town who make hospital visits for the purpose of helping disabled veterans.

Chauncey has a hop on his fast ball yet. Heard a lot of salmon fishing discussed in the few weeks White has been home, but never heard of one being landed, either by member or personnel, until this morning. And a lady turned the trick.

Olive Laing, our switchboard lady, was the lucky one. The prize was just under 30 pounds. Olive ought to do all right when it comes to fishing. She is a Kid from Fracas Two—a Wac in the United States army.

Speaking of fish—There is a spring in their steps—there are gleams in their eyes; there is an "all's-well-with-the-world" look about Roy Anderson and Vest Fleeman. The reason—

They caught the limit of trout and in less than three hours in Big Butte creek opening day. This was not their first time out while living in Medford. Too many times had they salled

forth last season and never brought home enough to smell up the frying pan. Different now—Monday they did it. And the bait was that old reliable Garden Hackle worm. They fished it skillfully because the water was high and cloudy. And neither of the pair can wait for the next day off so they can "have at it" again up Big Butte way.

Roy Anderson is executive officer and Vest Fleeman supply officer out here at White. There was something familiar about the man back of the desk in the contact office. "Yes, I am Shirley Brannock who taught at Warrenton high school during 1927, '28 and '29. I knew your mother, dad and sisters well. We lived only a block from your old home."

Thus did Contactman Brannock and I get together over the days gone by. After following the schoolmaster's profession for 18 years, Shirley attached himself to the government educational department. Before he came to Medford last June to act as veterans administration contact officer for Jackson county he held a similar position at Coos Bay for Coos, Curry and western Douglas county.

This writer has been told that Greybeard Brannock did a mighty big job for that district and that there was not only deep respect but loud indignation because his office was closed. However, their loss is Jackson county's gain. Friend Brannock saw it all with the first division back in '17 and '18.

Missouri Flats Road Work Nearing Finish

County road crews have nearly completed the reconstruction work in the Missouri Flats area, according to County Commissioner L. G. "Shy" Morthland, who has just completed an inspection tour of county roads. He said about five miles of the Missouri Flats road has been rebuilt, widening and straightening curves.

The Thompson creek road project has already been completed. Sharp curves were reduced and much of the road was widened.

County Engineer Paul Rynning has plans calling for more work in the Dead Indian area in the eastern part of the county

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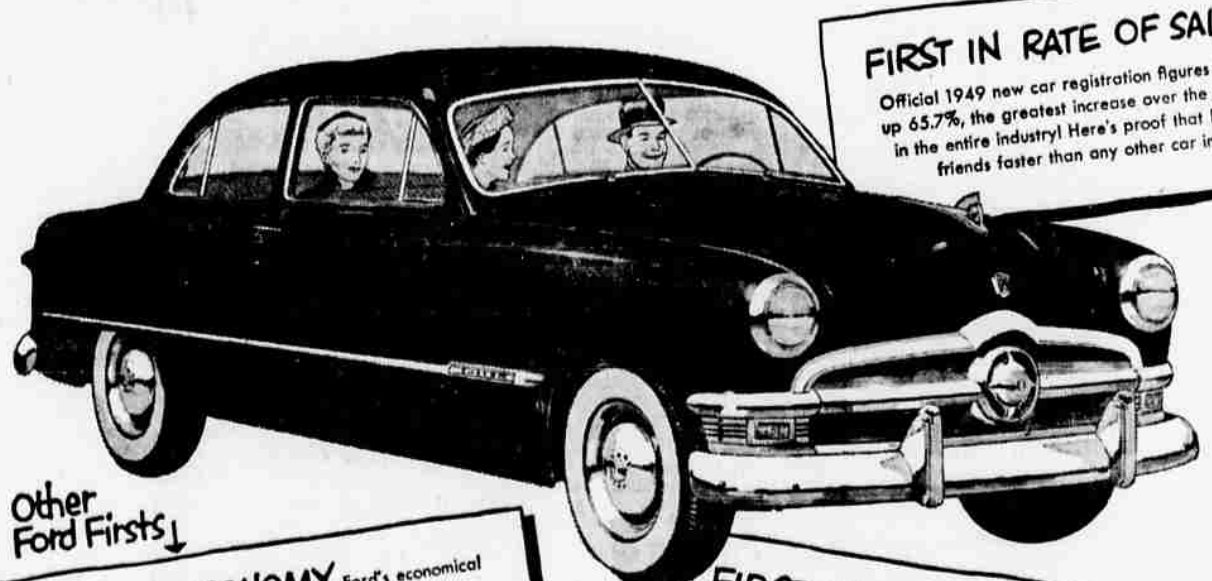
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