

O and C Right of Way Regulations Defended, Attacked at Well-Attended Meeting Here Friday

An audience of more than 100 loggers, sawmill operators and other woods industry members and guests heard a detailed defense and explanation of important new O and C forest right-of-way regulations Friday night by Daniel L. Goldy, regional administrator of the bureau of land management.

Goldy, addressing a gathering sponsored by the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, told the lumbermen:

Points Cited

(1) The regulations apply only to rights of way across O and C government owned, or "checker-board" ownership lands;

(2) There is no danger of operators who make agreements under the regulations becoming subject, on that agreement, to future changes in regulations;

(3) That the regulations do not apply if they are not needed to solve right-of-way problems—if agreement between operators takes care of any questions which arise;

(4) The regulations are more of a limitation of the authority of the government than they are upon the rights of operators;

(5) They provide an equitable way of solving difficulties or disputes among operators without taking them to court, at the same time reserving to the operator the right to court remedies, and

(6) They provide the government with the tools to protect public lands and to fulfill its obligation to negotiate mutual problems with industry members.

Interest Shows Importance

The interest shown by lumber and forest men at the meeting was a reflection of the fact that more than one quarter of all the land within the entire Medford district (totaling 1,085,000 acres) is owned by the bureau of land management, most of which is administered by the O and C office here.

Principal objection to Goldy's defense of the regulations was voiced by Floyd Hart, president of Timber Products company here, a member of the state board of forestry, and a member of the state O and C advisory board which proposed the regulations,

and the board's sub-committee which drew them up. Hart's objections made at the meeting were similar to those he expressed at a local advisory board meeting Thursday.

Disagreement Told

Hart said, and reemphasized, that there was substantial disagreement regarding their workability by those drawing the regulations. He cited the difficulty of dealing with a government bureau, and said the regulations were drawn in an "atmosphere of confusion," with many drafts and redrafts, each changed somewhat.

"This problem is not as simple, as easy or as nice as has been pointed out tonight," Hart

said. "I don't believe we have to submit to a government bureau telling us how to run our business. And in the matter of appealing decisions (mentioned earlier by Goldy) we have to appeal to the guy who appointed the guy who first said 'no,'" he added.

Cites Eminent Domain

"There are no real problems here," Hart said, and he cited the state constitution's provision for operators' rights of eminent domain as the most effective method of solving difficulties.

Each new set of regulations promulgated by a federal bureau, Hart said, covers more territory, creates more limits upon the independence of action of

operators, and causes more policing.

Hart said he questions the necessity of what he called the loss of individual opportunity.

Hart also implied that redrafting of the agreed-upon substance of the proposals caused changes in their effect.

Reply Made

In a brief reply to Hart's statements, Goldy said that the redrafting caused no substantive changes in intent; that both the board and the sub-committee were in unanimous agreement on the regulations before they were submitted to the Washington office, and that disagreements in the industry on the regulations had largely been ironed out through meetings, discussions and a line-by-line inspection of the completed regulations in the office of the secretary of the interior.

He also reemphasized several of the points covered earlier, concerning the fact that the regulations would not apply if not needed; that the regulations limited the government's authority more than did the previous interim regulations, the difficulty of gaining rapid, clear settlement

through the courts, and the obligations of the government in the administration of publicly-owned land.

Technicalities Described

A number of the more technical points involved in the administration of the regulations were described by Goldy during the evening, and he gave background information as to why the regulations became necessary, and the manner in which they were drawn up. He also covered the policies laid down by congress which the regulations were designed to carry out.

Basically, he said, the regulations provide that the government has the right to ask for the right to assign use of a road across its property to those who buy government timber. Certain obligations must be fulfilled by those receiving this assignment, he said.

The meeting, which lasted until midnight, was under the chairmanship of Bill Lingaas, president of the SOCTFA, and members of the association were told the new radio communications network would go into effect probably by July 15. Equipment is now arriving, it was said.

Navy Company's Full Complement Expected Monday

Fulfillment of minimum complement requirements for the new naval reserve organized electronics company is expected Monday, officers said Saturday. The unit will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p. m., at the Federal building, 33 North Riverside avenue.

"We only need a few more seaman recruits to assure immediate activation of the company," Lt. Henry Fisher said. "Present members of the group have already been instructed to bring at least one new man. And we will welcome any others who are interested in the program."

Purpose of the organization is to train a team of experts who would be able to take over the communications system of a man-of-war in case of emergency or to operate a naval communications station. Members of the crew will be qualified to operate radio receivers and transmitters, radar warning devices, sonar, underwater detection gear, and be prepared to service any electronic equipment aboard ship.

Program to Start

The training program will start soon after activation papers are sent to Seattle headquarters, Lt. Fisher stated. The company will draw pay for the drill sessions and will be issued uniforms as quickly as possible.

One phase of the training work will be a weekend cruise aboard a destroyer escort in September. The ship will take naval reservists aboard at Crescent City and the civilian sailors

will be completely in charge of the vessel for two days. Men qualified to make the trip will be members of the naval reserve units—electronics company, volunteer composite unit, Seabees, aviation company, and the marine reserve unit.

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Amputees Roundly Applaud For Floradora Exhibition

New York, June 14—(U.P.)—Six burly young men danced across a stage in a floradora number. They twirled pink parasols, leered and flounced.

The audience rose and applauded. Three of the young men were leg amputees, three arm amputees.

Climax of Program

The floradora sextet was the climax of a program at the veterans' administration offices, where today the world's largest exhibit of appliances and aids for the disabled was open to the public.

The exhibit shows the progress made from the days when a feudal knight who had lost a leg wore a heavy iron appliance to balance him on a horse, to the present-day testing of a hydraulic knee unit which allows the wearer to run and jump.

The veterans administration, which maintains a testing, research and development laboratory here, put on a show for scientists, inventors, physicians, and manufacturers which recalled Peter Stuyvesant and his peg leg, Sarah Bernhardt and her wooden leg, and starred Boris Karloff as Captain Hook.

Armless Men Act

Then, the burly "disabled" young men went to work. Jerry Leavy, Los Angeles, and Lonnie

Carberry, Altadena, Cal., put on a "Master and Butler" act. Both have lost both arms. Wearing improved "army hooks" for hands, they shaved, lit cigarettes, picked up marshmallows, drank from paper cups.

The improved hook, just released for manufacture, gives an arm amputee a locked "finger-tip" grip with a shrug of the shoulder. The veterans administration, still testing, is studying the use of the device by 400 amputee veterans in various parts of the country.

Restaurant Reopening At Central Point

Central Point, June 24—Announcement was made here yesterday of the reopening of Smitty's Ranch House by Arturo Lucero, new chef-manager. Lucero, who stated that he plans to open the restaurant on or about Thursday, June 29, comes here with 18 years of cooking experience and has trained under European chefs.

He recently arrived from Santa Barbara where he had been chef the past three years of the "Talk of the Town" restaurant. He formerly was associated with the Santa Barbara Biltmore, Westward Ho hotel, Phoenix, Ariz., and Everglades club, in Florida.

Italian and American dishes and other specialties will be featured at the ranch house. Lunches, dinners and late suppers will be served, with accommodations for special parties.

C. G. "Smitty" Smith, owner and former operator, stated that he has no definite plans at present.

The horns that Michelangelo carved on his statue of Moses in St. Peter's church, Rome, were the result of a Bible scholar's mistake. The Bible says that rays shone from the head of Moses when he came down from Mount Sinai, and, according to the World Book Encyclopedia, early scholars translated the Hebrew word for "rays" as "horns."

Pruett Explains Mysterious Sounds

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"I have read of a booming sound that comes out of the ocean in a locality off India. For a number of years while I have been prospecting in a certain isolated mountainous region, I have clearly heard a constant droning noise night and day, sometimes faint and sometimes quite strong, something like the hum of a World War I German bomber."

"Whether this comes from the ground or the air, I am not sure. The direction is uncertain, but it always sounds muffled and far away. Are there records of similar noises elsewhere? I am curious." (J.C.W., Klamath Falls.)

Not Astronomical

I am quite sure the sound mentioned is not astronomical. It is not the "music of the spheres" which—during the 2000 years after the time of the Grecian Pythagoras—was supposed to result from the orbital motion of the planets. Nor is it the radio "noises" which have definitely been found to come from the direction of the Milky Way and the sun. Huge meteors above the clouds at times produce unusual sounds, but they are of short duration.

Dr. W. J. Humphreys, formerly of the weather bureau, uses the term "brontide" in connection with certain apparently mysterious sounds which at times seem to come from nowhere. He believes, however, that many brontides are due to "rumblings of earthquakes too feeble for registration," excepting by aural detection.

It is well known that sound will echo from a flat wall or cliff. By laboratory experiment it is found that if the reflecting surface is concave, the sound is brought to a focus so that the echo is extremely loud. The proper arrangement of such reflectors will make it possible to hear the faint ticking of a watch at considerable distances.

Whispering Galleries

In some large buildings the construction is such that "whispering galleries" result. This is often due to an overhead dome which focuses the sound. In St. Paul's of London, the national capitol at Washington and the Mormon Tabernacle at Salt Lake City, a whisper at certain spots can be heard distinctly a long distance away, although it is not audible at points between. In ancient times the Ear of Dionysius was a dungeon so constructed that the tyrant of Syracuse listening at a certain place could overhear the unguarded words of his prisoners. In nature, concave mountain formations could focus the constant roar of a distant ocean.

Then there is another effect known as resonance in which a tube of a certain length will greatly reinforce a tone of a given pitch. The "song of the waves," a constant hum of a definite pitch heard in a sea shell held close to the ear makes audible faint sounds constantly around us but never suspected otherwise. Our correspondent's mountain phenomenon is likely sound focusing or resonance due

to the shape of natural surroundings.

First Summer Outing For YMCA Girls Set

The YMCA announced Saturday that its girls' summer adventure trips will begin on Thursday, June 29, with a field trip to the Medford corporation in the morning. Lunch and outdoor recreation in Lithia park will follow, with the group returning to the 'Y' for a swim at 4 p. m.

This is the beginning of a series of trips the girls will make this summer, some of which will include outdoor trips to the woods in the 'Y' truck, hikes, bicycle outings, visits to local industries, and a journey to the Oregon caves.

Take Lunches

All girls belonging to the YMCA between the ages of 9 to 15 are invited to meet at the 'Y' on Thursday, June 29, at 9:30 a. m. with sack lunch, swim suits, and 10 cents for transportation. Due to limited space, the first 40 girls registering at the main desk for this trip will be permitted to go.

Miss Earline Rogers, girl's activity director, will conduct the trips with the aid of other adult supervisors.

Last year's adventure trips were a highlight of the YMCA summer program, and the girls are anxiously awaiting them this year, "Y" officials said.

A schedule of boy's trips will be announced later for each Wednesday.

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