

Stiffer Requirements For Safety Measures Slated on O & C Land

The bureau of land management has taken action to require better fire prevention safeguards on O and C and public domain timber sale areas in the Pacific Northwest, according to E. K.

Peterson, Medford district forester.

The move is being made, Peterson said, because government timber and forest areas administered by the bureau of land management suffered heavily in the fires on logging areas in 1951, and because of the continually mounting cost of fire fighting.

Detailed stipulations covering 17 fire prevention requirements have been issued to district foresters to be applied to the approximately 300 annual BLM timber sales in which an average of between 450 and 500 million board feet of timber is sold each year, he continued.

The instructions direct that each timber sale area be studied and that only the stipulations needed be applied to the individual sale, but that the required safeguards be included in the

New Furniture Store Open Today

H. L. Bush announced yesterday the opening today of the Bush Home Furnishings company located on North Highway 99, 200 yards north of the Big Y store. The business is in a new building erected especially by the owner for the firm. Picture display windows and room dividers for inside displays of furniture suites are features of the store. The interior color scheme is brown dusted with gold.

In addition to quality furniture for the entire household, Bush also stocks lamps and pictures. The furniture is both modern and period style.

Bush moved here with his family recently from Oklahoma where he was for many years manager of a large furniture store. The Bushes' children are Beverly, 6, and Les, 3.

Drunk Driving Charge Jails California Man

Tandy Dawson Tooley, Mathe-son, Calif., was placed in the county jail early today and will be charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, state police reported this morning. He was arrested about 2 a.m. after the car he was driving was involved in a rear-end collision with another automobile on Highway 99 just south of Central Point, officers said.

Tooley's car struck the rear end of one driven by Glen Anderson Simpson, Oakland, Calif., according to the police report. A passenger in the second car, owned by L. R. Bradford, 802 West Jackson street, was Virginia E. Bradford, of the same address, police said.

The Grange

Upper Applegate Grange will meet in regular session for a social meeting, Saturday, April 26, at 8 p.m.

The county civil defense committee will present the program. Remainder of the evening will be spent in dancing and card games for those who wish. Bring a deck of cards for your favorite game.

Guests of Grangers are welcome.

Weasel Eludes Poison, But Others Suffer

Orilla, Ont.—(U.P.)—Farmer E. A. Cottrell scattered poisoned bread and chicken on his farm to catch a weasel that had been raiding his henhouse.

He said Thursday that so far the bait has killed his dog, her six pups, one cow, 19 chickens, three pigs, four skunks, three tame rabbits and two raccoons.

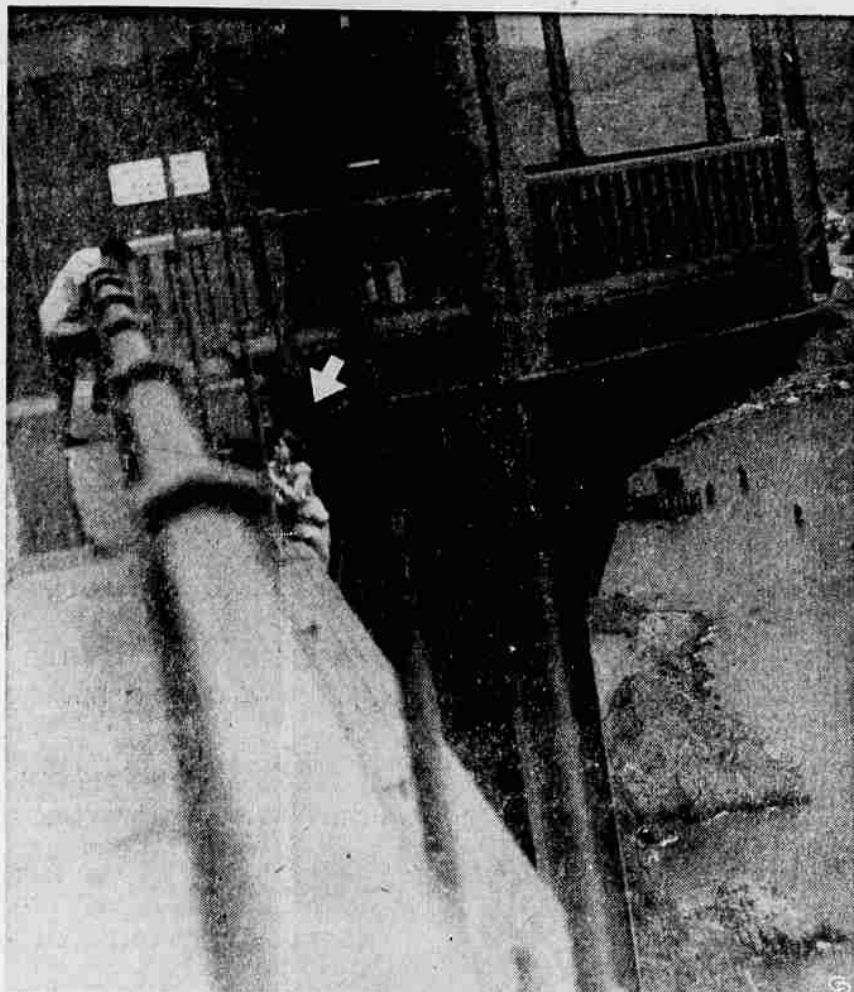
The weasel, he said apparently is still alive.

sale contract and enforced. The stipulations include such specific safeguards as requiring woods workers to rake aside all inflammable material and sit down before smoking, then to completely extinguish all burning material before leaving the cleared area. The use of blasting caps and fuse will be prohibited on the timber sales areas during the fire season. Extreme fire hazards, such as wind falls and snags, are to be removed from the landings before logging operations begin. An extra man carrying a shovel and back pack pump may be required to accompany power saws during hazardous periods.

Headlights Required Throughout the fire season operators cutting BLM timber must provide headlights for both men and bulldozers so that fire suppression action can be taken at night when fire fighters can take advantage of the more favorable fire control conditions which usually exist at night.

BLM district foresters and timber sale officers will inspect the logging operations for compliance with the fire prevention requirements in the course of their administration of timber sales, Peterson concluded.

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PLEADING FOR HER NOT TO JUMP, Cyrus A. Samuel, San Anselmo, Cal., leans over Golden Gate bridge railing as Mrs. E. Noel Durant (arrow), San Francisco, releases grip, plunges 250 feet to her death in San Francisco bay. Samuel stopped car and ran upon sidewalk when he saw her climb railing. Amateur photographer made exclusive picture of dramatic scene. (International)

Millions of Acres of Land Passing Over to Government

Washington — (U.P.) — Millions of acres of land are passing from private ownership to the government to meet needs of the armed forces and atomic research.

From the graveyards and plantations to towns and deserts, vast tracts of land in the United States have been bought for use as bombing ranges, naval bases, atomic experimental areas, or just plain "public use."

This large and intricate job is being performed by the little-known lands division of the Department of Justice. Within this division, lawyers are working constantly on the many complicated legal steps that are necessary for the government to buy or condemn land.

Titles Need Clearing In condemnation proceedings, the lands division fixes the price and acts as the government's lawyer when the cases go to court. In purchase proceedings it does not fix price but it must clear titles so that there will be no cloud on the government's legal right to the property.

This land acquisition can be accomplished because every foot of land in the United States or its possessions is subject to the law of eminent domain; the government can acquire land for public use, subject to the provision in the Fifth Amendment that "private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation."

The division has 25 clients, all government agencies seeking to take land from private owners for public use. The Army is the biggest client, with the Department of the Interior next and the Navy close behind.



SETS PRECEDENT — Lt. Francis Stonesifer, USN, of Charles Town, W. Va., is to report in May for duty in the office of the naval attaché in the U. S. Embassy in Oslo, Norway, the first such assignment for a woman.

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