

Bids Received for O&C Timber Tracts

Bids have been received for all eight tracts of O & C timber, totalling 23,800,000 board feet of timber at a sealed bid and oral auction bid sale conducted by the Medford district office of the Bureau of Land Management.

All bids for the six tracts of timber which were sold by sealed bids were above the minimum appraised price. High bidders for the various sealed bid tracts were as follows:

Shady Cove Firm Bids

Three Pines Lumber company, Shady Cove, offered \$19.60 per million for 1,760,000 board feet of Douglas fir timber in the head waters of the West Fork of Evans creek. The Trail Creek Lumber company of Medford was the high bidder for 2,295,

000 board feet of timber in the East Fork of Evans creek with an offer of \$24.25 per million for the Douglas fir, \$41.50 per million for the Ponderosa Pine, \$46.50 per million for the Sugar Pine, \$7.25 per million for Incense Cedar and \$15.00 per million for the White fir. Getson Mill, Inc., of Merlin, purchased 2,500,000 board feet of Douglas fir and pine timber in the Galice Creek area for \$17.01 per million for the Douglas fir and \$28.15 per million for the Sugar Pine. Fir Milling and Planing company of Ashland was the high bidder for two tracts of timber. One, located on the Dead Indian plateau, east of Ashland, consisting of 4,500,000 board feet, they purchased for \$30.95 per million for the Douglas fir,

\$40.00 per million for the Ponderosa Pine and \$16.10 per million for the White fir.

Timber Products Buys

For the other tract of 1,140,000 board feet at the head of Antelope creek, east of Medford, they paid \$25.35 per million for the Douglas fir, \$35.10 per million for the Ponderosa Pine. Timber Products company of Medford was the high bidder of 4,000,000 board feet of timber, also in the Dead Indian plateau area. The offer was \$26.10 per million for the Douglas fir and \$17.10 per million for the White fir.

For the two tracts offered for oral auction bids, the Ben Dierks Lumber company, Inc., of Murphy, purchased approximately 3,000,000 board feet of Douglas fir in the head waters of Williams creek in Josephine county for the appraised price of \$22.05 per million, and the Robert Dollar Company of Glendale, purchased 3,500,000 board feet of timber killed in a fire in July, 1951, for the appraised price of \$10.00 per million for the Douglas fir and \$12.50 per million for the pine.

With the exception of the tract

of fire-killed timber, all of the O & C timber involved in the sale has been marked for cutting on an individual tree selection basis. All thrifty and immature trees have been reserved from cutting as has been the practice on the O & C lands in the Medford district since 1938, and sufficient seed trees have been reserved to assure future crops of timber on the O & C lands through natural reseeding.

Soil Conservation Will Be Subject Of June 3 Meeting

Sams Valley — Members of the Sams Valley Soil Conservation district will meet with two officials from Salem on June 3 to discuss the irrigation water problem for the area, according to George Loftin, chairman of the board of supervisors of the Sams Valley Soil Conservation district.

Here from Salem will be Charles Stricklin, state engineer and Lee McCallister, Bureau of Reclamation, who will participate in a round table discussion and trip over the land. A luncheon will be served by the women of the Sams Valley Grange.

Meeting Monday

Last Monday the supervisors of the conservation district met and heard the local situation with its difficulties discussed by Loftin. The farmers present and supervisors expressed the hope that some feasible plan might be devised for Sams Valley.

A report was also made on the work progress of the district by Clem Ault, local conservationist, and a discussion of plans for the purchase of equipment of the conservation program was heard.

The British Commonwealth covers 16,000,000 square miles with 600,000,000 population.

Playwright Refuses To Be Helpful in Communist Hearing

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Washington — (UP) — Playwright Lillian Hellman, who refused to be a helpful witness to the House un-American Activities Committee, has a long record of Communist front activity. She has been cited by the committee in 40 instances of Communist front affiliation or activity of varying degree. After its investigation of un-American propaganda activities in the United States, the committee reported in 1944 on hundreds of persons, who, in one way or another had associated themselves with Communist fronts.

Many of these persons are not communists, although sympathetic with Communism. Many others were innocent dupes who innocently permitted their names to be used by Communists. And some of these broke away when the facts of Communist politics became known to them.

Refuses Questions

Miss Hellman was among the considerable number of persons listed who were tagged as well known and active supporters of Communist fronts.

In testimony before the House committee Wednesday she refused to answer questions regarding her relationship with the Communist party or with individuals on grounds that she might incriminate herself. She did say she was not a party member at this time.

Knowledge Wanted

The committee additionally wanted to find out what Miss Hellman could tell about persons she may have known to be Communists in the publishing and theatrical circles in which she has moved steadily upward for 25 years.

Miss Hellman was excused after an exchange which began with her refusal to answer a question about a specific meeting of the Communist party in Hollywood. Committee Counsel Frank S. Tavenner Jr. finally

said it was plain he could obtain no "helpful testimony" from her. Miss Hellman left the stand with her secrets, if any, unspoken.

Could Be Helpful

There is, at least, reasonable ground for belief that Miss Hellman could have been a witness helpful and importantly effective in further exposing Communist activity in the United States.

In its 1944 report, the committee on page 1209 discussed one of the fronts with which Miss Hellman was associated and included her in a select list of the "large company of confirmed Communist fellow travelers in this organization." The report added:

"A bulky volume could be written which dealt only with the Communist activities and affiliations of the foregoing persons."

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Public Welfare Commission Meets

The Jackson County Welfare commission met this week, according to Mrs. Blanche Lyman, administrator.

The statistical report for April showed 42 children in foster homes for last month with only 21 for the same month last year. Another increase was for the aid to permanently and totally disabled cases which amounted to 96 cases at \$3.485 as

opposed to only 66 cases at \$3.967 for April, 1951.

A. S. V. Carpenter, commission chairman, presided at the meeting. Other appointed commission members are Rodney Keating (co-chairman), Mrs. W. H. Young and Dr. D. Kirkland West. Ex officio members are County Judge J. B. Coleman, Commissioner L. G. (Shy) Mortland and Commissioner Robert Lytle.



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