

BLM Has Trouble Getting Timberland for Washington

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) said Saturday the Bureau of Land Management is having difficulty finding enough acceptable land to give to Washington state to fill a 150,000 acre commitment due since it entered the union.

Jackson said the bureau has found 40,000 acceptable acres in western Washington and is now surveying the eastern and central parts of the state.

Land for Schools
Jackson said the grants were the result of a provision that the state was to receive 150,000 acres of land for school purposes when it entered the union. The grants were never made.

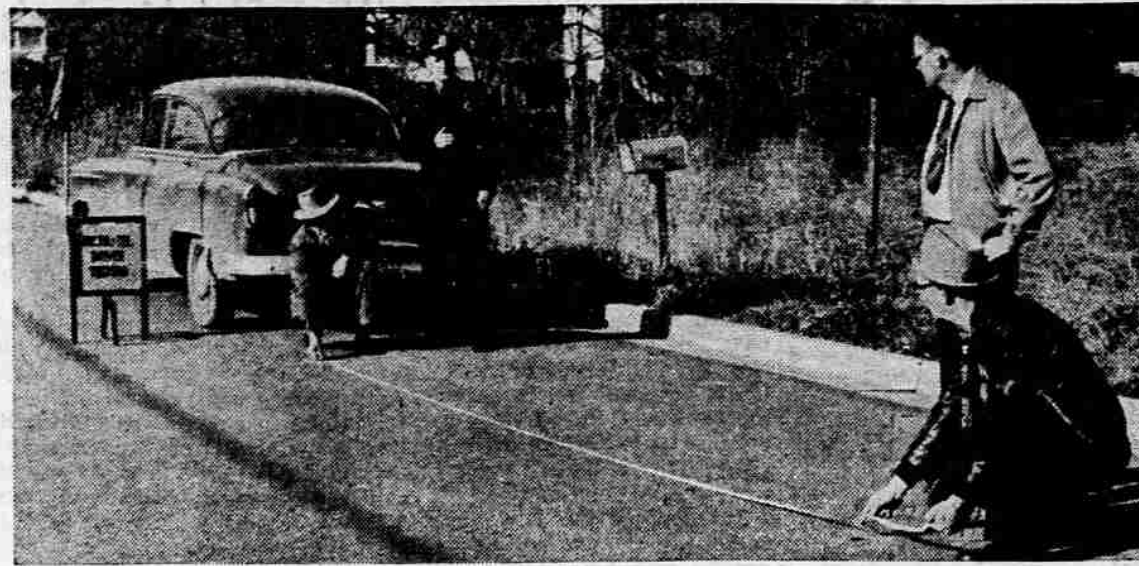
The current effort to transfer the federal land to the state, Jackson said, is the result of a conference he had with state school officials last January. He said state law provides

that the land accepted from the federal government must be worth at least \$10 an acre. "Indications now are that the government does not have that much acceptable land," Jackson said. "There is little that is of suitable timber quality."

Damaged Ship 450 Miles from Coast

Seattle — (U.P.) — The freighter P&T Trader, which suffered a cracked hull in the North Pacific early Wednesday, was reported about 450 miles off Cape Flattery, Wash., Saturday with the Coast Guard cutter Klamath escorting her.

The ship is tentatively headed for Seattle and is making slow progress, the Coast Guard said. The tug Salvage Chief was expected to reach the P&T Trader sometime Saturday.



NEW GADGET—L. B. McKellar, (right) driver examiner for PT&T Co., and W. W. Williams, plant service foreman, PT&T, look on. The tests are being given all over the state to employees of PT&T. — (Brainerd photo.)

Driver Training and Testing Conducted for PT&T Drivers

A driver training and testing course for employees of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company who drive company cars was started here recently.

L. B. McKellar, driving examiner for PT&T in Portland, arrived last week to administer the tests in this area.

Each driver undergoes a thorough driving examination, which covers everything from a driver's reaction to emergency situations to routine parking.

The program was started three years ago by PT&T for plant department employees in Portland. The plan proved so successful that the program was extended to all driving employees of the company.

Vital Released
Preventable accidents have been cut from 28 per month to 5, McKellar said. About 900 cars owned by PT&T are driven

by 2,000 employees in the state. The testing involves what McKellar calls the reactance timer. Accompanied by McKellar, the driver being tested must apply the brakes when McKellar pulls a cord, setting off a detonator. A vial of paint is released when the detonator is set off. Another vial is blown on the pavement when the driver steps on the brake.

The distance between the first and second daubs of paint on the pavement is the driver's reactance time or distance.

Smoothness Tested
Also tested is a driver's smoothness of driving. This is done by what McKellar calls a decelerometer, which is a box of metal cylinders. The cylinders tip over with jerky drivers or stay upright with a steady driver.

Also tested are smoothness of shifting, passing, stopping and starting, turning, backing, whether or not the driver observes traffic signals and signs, and whether the driver can park efficiently.

McKellar laid out a 21-foot parking space with poles marking the distances. The driver must be able to park within the two poles.

Purpose of the driver training program is not only to cut down on traffic accidents and repair costs, but to determine the proficiency and training needs of PT&T drivers, McKellar said.

The testing gives each driver a greater knowledge of his driving limitations, a more complete knowledge and understanding of traffic regulations, and gives each driver the knowledge as to whether he meets requirements of the state, city and PT&T driving standards, he said.

California Couple Refuse To Sell Valuable Painting

Beverly Hills, Calif. — (U.P.) An American husband and wife said Saturday they were not going to sell a long-lost valuable self portrait of Elizabeth Vigree Le Brun discovered in their amateur collection.

"The painting is not for sale," said Mr. and Mrs. William M. Harris, who bought it at public auction several years ago for less than \$1,000. "We liked and enjoyed it very much before we discovered its true significance."

Worth \$75,000
Art curators who viewed the painting since its origin has been

verified declared it was valued up to \$75,000.

Harris, West Coast representative of a Chicago electric company, realized the possibility of the painting being a Mme. Le Brun self portrait when he and Mrs. Harris saw the duplicate of their painting in the Uffizi Art Gallery in Florence, Italy.

Identical Portraits
Investigation of records, Harris said, disclosed Mme. Le Brun did the identical portraits in 1789 in Rome, painting one to qualify for membership in the Academy of Rome and the other for the Uffizi Gallery.

Thus far, Harris had not been able to learn how his painting got to the United States and then to California.

The painting is a three-quarter length self portrait of the artist while at work on a painting of Marie Antoinette, then Queen of France. Mme. Le Brun lived from 1755-1842.

Army Reserve Unit Men Promoted; Non-Com at School

Four enlisted men in the Army reserve 382nd quarter-master battalion here have received promotions recently, according to Lt. Col. Jack Hartley, commanding officer.

Donald I. Hunter, 18 Elm st., and Gary G. Johnston, Box 1104, have both been promoted from basic private to private. Gordon R. Gillmore, 425 South Oakdale ave., and Ted W. Landers, route 3, box 544, Coker Butte rd., Medford, have been made privates first class, which corresponds to the rank of corporal under the old ratings.

Sergeant Robert E. Earnest, formerly of Medford and a member of the battalion now on active duty with the Army, is now attending the adjunct general's school for machine accounting specialists at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indiana. Colonel Hartley has been informed. **Selected For School**

He graduated with honors from the Army administrative school at Ft. Ord, Calif., recently, and was selected for the advanced school. His address is now Company B, The AG school, Ft. Harrison, Indiana.

Sergeant Earnest earned his stripes with the reserve battalion here and retained them when called to active duty. He told Colonel Hartley that his training with the reserves greatly assisted him in his present assignment.

Colonel Hartley said Saturday that any young man, veteran or non-veteran, would be welcome to visit the battalion's weekly meetings each Tuesday at the Federal building.

Night Club Star Loses Eye After Automobile Crash

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) Bouncy singing star Betty Hutton insisted Saturday she still was in retirement despite the fact she replaced injured entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. in a nightclub show.

The energetic blonde, who fearfully retired from show business only 12 days ago, appeared at the Last Frontier nightclub last night as a substitute for Davis, who was injured seriously in a traffic crash.

Loses Eye
Davis, one of the nation's top nightclub performers, unsuccessfully underwent surgery late Friday to save the sight of an eye after his car collided with another auto on U. S. Highway 66 near San Bernardino, Calif.

After Friday night's show, Miss Hutton said, "I filled in tonight only because of Sammy. I meant what I said about retirement and I'm going to take care of my two kids. I was a replacement only for tonight."

Short Retirement
However, in true Hutton style, she wisecracked, "Wow! This is the shortest retirement in the history of show business."

Davis, 28, was en route from Las Vegas to Hollywood Friday when his car collided with one driven by Mrs. Helen Bosse, 72, Van Nuys, Calif., about two miles north of San Bernardino. Davis' companion, Charles Head, 39, suffered a broken jaw while Mrs. Bosse received only minor injuries.

LOST CAR
North Haven, Conn. — (U.P.) — Frank Boyle of Milford decided to be kind-hearted and offered two hitchhikers a ride to Wallingford in his auto. On the way, Boyle stopped and got out to look at some new houses under construction. The hitchhikers kept going — with Boyle's car.

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Lowest American bid was \$151,710 by Bedford Foundry & Machine company on an f.o.b. basis from Bedford, Ind.

The bids were taken under advisement.

WEATHER By United Press

Northern California: Fair Sunday except local morning fog in valleys and some high cloudiness over northern portion; little change in temperature.

When San Francisco's Palace Hotel reopened after the 1906 fire, the key to the main door was sent aloft, hitched to five balloons, which drifted out to sea.

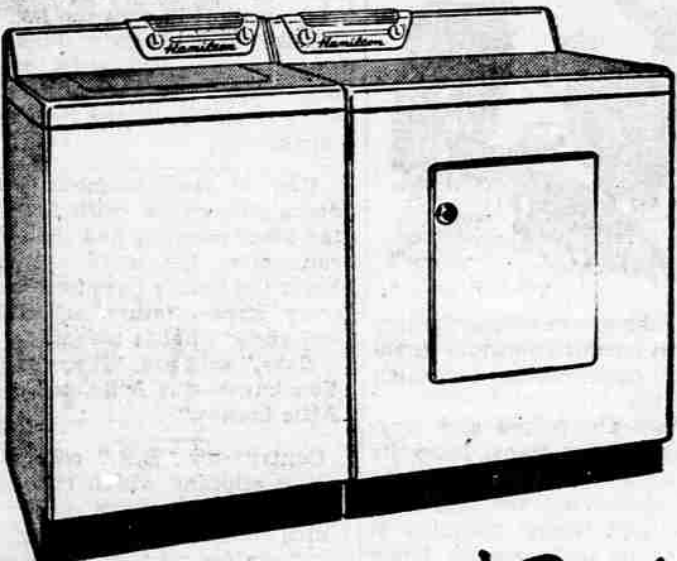
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