



Tansy Ragwort ...

"Tansy Ragwort," is not the name of a T.V. program. It is a minor weed that has spread into a pest on the Tillamook Burn and other problem areas of Oregon state forestry management. It thrives on open burns and is poison to grazing livestock. The spray that kills the weed costs \$10 an acre to apply. In short, tansy ragwort is also the name of another headache for Oregon State Forester George Spaur. The weed's story is told, briefly but well, in his new biennial report.

This report, in booklet form of 83 pages, is from the editorial hand of Assistant State Forester Lynn F. Cronmiller. Entitled "Forestry and Forest Industry," it is history first and statistics last. The narration takes off from pioneer lumbering in Oregon, when it was a process of land clearing and of farmstead construction from the felled timber. Then, the California gold rush of 1849, and forest industry and shipping were born.

Early Mill Crop ...
"Rough cuts brought \$60 per thousand board feet at the ship dock on the Willamette," Cronmiller writes. "In 1850 the 20 mills in Oregon cut 17,794,000 board feet of lumber and employed 177 men. That meant an average daily output of about 2000 board feet per mill."

Historian Cronmiller traces the trail of forest industry growth on farm hand logging along the waterways through bullteam and skidroad, steam donkey engine and railroad, tractor and truck, to the radio-equipped logging operations of today.

The truly great engineering accomplishments of industry and the equally mighty feats of forest-fire fighting by cooperating public and private agencies were more than matched by increasing public demand for "conservation" laws.

The report tells, "He (the logger) admitted that cutting practices left much to be desired but pointed out that there were two sides to the question ... simple economics told a different story. There was taxation, capital investments, interest, protection and other carrying charges, fluctuating markets and the unknown values of future markets. A century was just too long to wait for another crop of trees. Liquidation by private owners seemed to be the only answer."

A New Era ...
But then Cronmiller's history goes on to highlight the cooperation by private owners and the public agencies in development of the Oregon Conservation Act, approved by the legislature in 1941—followed by passage of a similar act in Washington State.

The "Keep Green" movement had been in both Washington and Oregon in 1940, and 1941 was the birth year of the West Coast Tree Farm System. Honorable mention is also given to the tree nursery that was founded by the West Coast Lumbermen's Association at Nisqually, Washington in 1941.

Neuberger Campaign Said To Cost \$84,004

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger and his committee spent \$84,004 on his successful 1954 campaign, according to reports released by the Congressional Quarterly, a non-partisan review of the activities of Congress.

Neuberger's opponent, former Senator Guy Cordon, had \$141,264 spent in his behalf.

Salem—(U.P.)—The Senate has paid high compliment to its Legislative counsel headed by Sam Haley as it gave unanimous approval to an increase in the counsel's budget from a recommended \$90,000 to \$102,000.

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Operating Crews Join in Rail Strike

By UNITED PRESS

Some 4200 firemen, engineers and trainmen have joined the month-old strike of non-operating unions against the Louisville & Nashville Railroad.

Members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen walked off their jobs over the 13-state L&N System and set up parallel picket lines with the non-operating unions.

About 25,000 non-operating L&N workers struck more than a month ago, virtually halting passenger and freight traffic on the L&N. Officials said the new strike by the firemen, engineers and trainmen would have little effect.

The non-operating employees struck in a dispute over a pension plan.

Back Stairs: Colorful Golf Clothes

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press White House Writer
Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.)—Back stairs at the White House:

The more enthusiastic the golfer, the more colorful his taste in sports clothes seems to be. Members of the dignified Augusta National are no exception.

These leaders of business and industry look like over-age prep school boys in the uniform green jackets and conservative slacks when they are not actually playing.

But when they hit the course, the rainbow pales before a succession of screaming scarlet, violet yellow and electric blue jackets and trousers of everything from plaid to pink.

President Eisenhower, who

Davenport, Wash. — (U.P.)—An Air Force F-86D Sabrejet fighter plane crashed yesterday near Miles, north of here along Lake Roosevelt, but the pilot bailed out.

has been taking it easy here since April 12, is no slouch, himself, when it comes to colorful dress. Club members report seeing him in an all-blue ensemble, with matching slacks, sports shirt and blue bow tie.

Cary Middlecoff, who played with the President last Saturday, said he simply had to win the 1955 Masters Tournament.

"I'd run up such a high bill down at the Bon Ami Hotel," he said.

Bon Ami referred to the Bon Ami Hotel where most of the White House staff and press party is quartered during a presidential visit here.

The White House staff and the reporters and photographers traveling with the President have received so many courtesies and demonstrations of Southern hospitality from a number of Augustans that they decided to attempt some return of these favors.

They entertained at a small party for the people with whom they have had most frequent contact in Augusta. Not knowing exactly in whose name to issue the invitations, cards finally were sent out in the name of "The Washington-Augusta Society."

The name confused one highly-civic-minded Augustan so much that he had his congressman to find out all about the society. The congressman said after proper inquiry that he could turn up nothing, but would continue his investigation.

This is the explanation by Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) of why he and the President did not discuss Matsu and Quemoy when they met at the Augusta National last Thursday.

"The President has a lake out there," George said, "and there were no islands in it, so the subject didn't come up."

POSTMASTERS TO MEET

Roseburg, Ore. — (U.P.)—Oregon postmasters will gather here May 8 for the annual convention of the Oregon branch of the National League of Postmasters. Among guests will be L. R. Walter, special assistant to the postmaster general.

Portland—(U.P.)—Wage negotiations which affect some 18,000 pulp and paper workers on the West Coast are underway here between two AFL unions and pulp and paper manufacturers.

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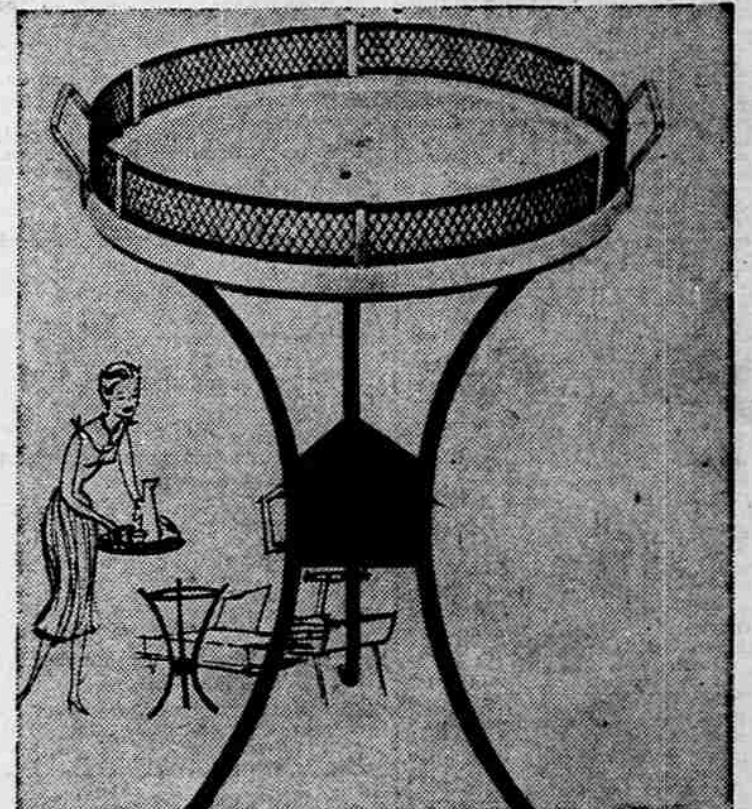
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