

TO ELABORATE IT SEEMED LIKE 2000 PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE PRESENT TO RECORD HIS BIG MOMENT...



THEN COMES THE RUDE AWAKENING—NOT ONE PICTURE GETS IN THE PAPERS...



OUT OF THE WOODS

Clover Tree

It was around 50 years ago when a wise old rancher in Southern Idaho showed me what he called "the noddies" on alfalfa roots and told me how they stored nitrogen. His name was Bill Payne. He had learned this with clover and vetch back in Kansas, Payne said. He called all these plants the legume family. I was not more than 11, but the field lessons stuck.

Other lessons of the kind have kept coming along through the years. This is why I am so powerfully interested in the ninth annual meeting of the Forest Products Research Society in Seattle, June 21-24. Forest scientists are giving the subject of nitrogen-stocking trees much study these days—the products men along with the tree breeders and the soil builders of the woods.

Very few tree species have "noddies," or nodules, for fixing nitrogen from the atmosphere. In our region the alder is so equipped, and is thus a sort of clover tree—an alfalfa of the forest. This is the means by which the red alder comes to be such a fine builder-upper of the soil of old, hard buprns.

Lumber and related building products from the forest will hold the stage for the most part at the Seattle FPRS convention. Lumber history and its ancient lore will have its spokesman too, when Stewart Holbrook swings his shoulders above the podium and lets fly. He will hold forth at the official luncheon on Tuesday, June 21, with a talk called "Daylight in the Swamp."

Holbrook is also a reporter of

today in the timber. He was the first to write up the amazing products of modern conversion in national magazines of swollen circulation.

The whole three-day program, while displaying all that's new in the forest products field, is rooted in what James J. Hill used to call "the old, simple, immutable things." Three U.S. Forest Products Laboratory specialists, for example, will present a panel on "Air Drying of Ponderosa Pine." A colleague will follow with a look to the future through "Chemical Research on the Utilization of Lignin."

The more than 400 forest products scientists who will attend the Seattle meeting are coming from all corners of the U.S.A. Australia is to be represented by J. W. Gottstein and D. M. Cullity, who will describe new types of driers in plywood production. T. J. Connelly, Chicago, Edward S. Feldman, Los Angeles, W. R. Cantrell, Spangsbury, N.C., G. E. Bell and W. W. Calver, Ottawa, four men from Philadelphia, two from Yale University, two more from A & M College of Texas—so the program goes.

I am looking forward particularly to hearing David P. Thomas of the University of Washington give his paper on "New Developments in Milling of Small Softwoods." This is a main-line subject in the Douglas fir. And to learning anything that may be on tap concerning new things from the red alder, be it the nitrogen in its root nodules, or pulp products from its fine, short fibers.

Four Chairmen Named To Staff At Portland State

Portland — (U.P.)—The State Board of Higher Education today named four chairmen of Portland State College's academic divisions.

Dr. Hoyt C. Franchere, professor of English, was named chairman of the division of humanities. Dr. Willard B. Spalding, professor of education, was named to head the education division.

Chairman of the science division will be Dr. Victor Norris, professor of physics. Dr. George C. Hoffman, professor of history, was named chairman of the social science division.

The board named Dr. Errett Hummel, professor of education, assistant to the president. Gifts and grants totalling \$156,684 were accepted by the board.

Largest donor was the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, which provided one-quarter of funds received. The AEC provided \$16,735 for zirconium research at the University of Oregon; \$11,800 for research on chemical inter-relationships at Oregon State College, and \$15,000 for biochemistry research at the medical school.

Largest individual gift was a \$10,000 bequest from the estate of Jacob Gallus of Portland to Doernbecher Memorial Hospital.

WHO AUTOGRAPHED IT? Mount Vernon, Ill. — (U.P.)—An auto agency here is offering kids a free "autographed picture of Davy Crockett."

On The Side

By E. V. DURLING
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Cards were at first for benefits designed to amuse, not to enslave the mind. What card game calls for the most thinking? How about bridge whist? Or are you inclined to think pinochle or poker may require more brain power? Anyway, all of these games when properly played keep the mind very active. An active mind is unquestionably a great aid to longevity. Edmond Hoyle, outstanding whist player and authority on the game, lived to be 97. And that in a period when the life expectancy was only 35 years.

Asides
Have been reliably informed that Brooklyn is grooming a candidate for presidency of the my name is a poem club. His name is Noel Joel Kroll. Charles W. Scott has been a subscriber of the Seattle, Wash., Post-Intelligencer for 68 years! Can you top that for a long time subscriber to any of this country's newspapers?

A Son is Born
After having 13 daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brooks of Pittsfield, Me., finally became parents of a son. Think of a fellow having 13 sisters. Then consider when he grows up and marries. His wife will have 13 sisters-in-law! By the way, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Wagner of Manitowoc, Wis., have 12 sons and no daughters. I believe that is the United States record for an all-boy family. If their next is a daughter, she will be a lucky girl. She will have 12 brothers. The records reveal that the only girl in a large family is usually very successful in marriage or a career or both.

Hypnotist
Has there ever been a woman hypnotist of the stage? I can't recall such an act. A feminine hypnotist should be a terrific box office attraction. Consider how women would enjoy seeing one of their sex hypnotizing a group of men and making them go through ridiculous routines. Hypnotism is not difficult to master. It is said people can be hypnotized against their will. So, even if a girl didn't want to become a professional hypnotist, if she mastered the subject, she might have a lot of fun hypnotizing men.

Please Note
Am not inclined to express concern as to the influence of television on our youth. However, I have recently seen some of the results of that influence which are disturbing. I refer to young fellows with their hair cut and arranged similar to the style featured by Liberace.

Get It Right
Not long ago I referred to the town of Hell, Mich. Shortly after a reader informed me his postmaster had told him there was no such place. That postmaster certainly owes that reader one stogie. Before me I have several photographs of the charming little community of

Hell, Mich. In one photo there can be plainly seen a very large sign reading "Hell, Mich." The other photos are of the beautiful surrounding countryside.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q.—Suppose a first baseman, as a high line-drive approaches him, throws his glove in the air and

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the glove hits the ball which the first baseman catches as it falls. Is the batter out? A.—No, sir. The first baseman has made an illegal move. The batter automatically gets a three base hit. Q.—A Londoner is called a Londoner but what do you

call a resident of Liverpool, England? A.—He is called a Liverpoolian. But don't ask me why. **Passing By**
Shirley Temple. Erstwhile cinema luminary. One of Hollywood's outstanding child won-

ders, she earned \$2,000,000 between the ages of 5 and 9. First attracted attention in a picture titled "Little Miss Marker." And don't forget, that was based on a Damon Runyon story. Shirley is now 27 and has been married twice.

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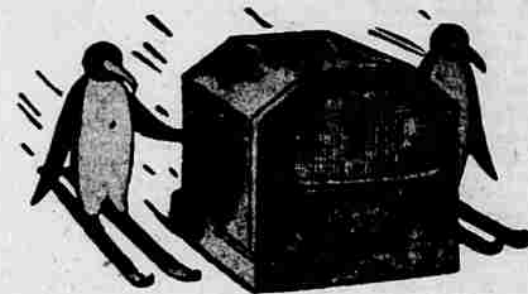
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