

O&C Market Area Boundaries May Be Erased Permanently

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Washington — O&C marketing area restrictions that limit lumber operations to bidding on O&C timber sales in the vicinity of their mills appear no longer to serve "any useful purpose," according to the staff of the congressional committee that is preparing to hold hearings in Medford and other cities of the Pacific Northwest in mid-November.

In a detailed report concerning the Bureau of Land Management's salvage program in the Smith River drainage, the professional staff of the Senate Interior Committee suggested rather broadly that the marketing area boundaries could be erased permanently.

Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay recently approved a waiver of these restrictions for salvage timber sales that will begin next summer in the Smith River and Siuslaw areas. While the salvage sales may be offered over a period of some years, marketing areas would continue to be observed elsewhere in western Oregon under McKay's order.

The Senate committee report, based upon staff conferences with BLM Director Edward Woolley and an on-the-scene study of the Oregon timber problem by a government forester, Robert Wolf, pointed out that the U.S. Forest Service sells twice as much timber in western Oregon as BLM and makes no restrictions on the location of the buyer's mill.

"A review of the national forest sales indicates that a relatively small amount of the timber is successfully bid in by firms which lie outside the cluster of mills located near the mouth of each major drainage," the report noted.

"The flow of national forest timber is regulated only by the marketing demands, and when logs flow far from an area, it is generally because the more distant operator has developed techniques which enable him to overcome the disadvantage of his location," the report went on.

"Considering the way in which the Forest Service timber sale program has operated, the tendency for mills near the timber to be best able to successfully compete, and the freedom of mills to move into any area, the strong possibility exists that the O&C marketing areas are not serving any useful purpose."

The report found that "cer-

tain things stand out" in the operation of the BLM marketing areas:

1. On an overall basis, there seems to be considerable competition within the marketing areas for the BLM timber, although there are a few isolated areas where competition is absent.

2. These marketing areas do not in any way prohibit a person from establishing a mill within them and bidding on BLM timber. Thus, the regulatory effect on competition seems to be at a minimum.

3. The location of the boundaries of the units may create constantly changing marketing inequities as means of transportation change, and mills are either unable or prohibited from fully competing for timber by artificial restraints.

4. The marketing areas are so large, embracing many towns and mills and separate drainages, that purchasing operations of bidders appear, by and large, to be zoned within marketing areas. The report cites that Reedsport mills seldom go 100 miles south to the Gold Beach area for timber, even though the marketing area would permit it.

5. Enforcing regulations depends upon "police action." It said that since BLM logs aren't

branded for identification, "it is actually impossible for BLM to ascertain what happens to their logs after they leave the woods."

The report put in a plug for more forestry personnel for BLM, but pointed out this depends on congressional appropriations to pay salaries.

"There is a need to properly staff, plan and operate the program to salvage the maximum amount of timber with a minimum loss in value," the report said. "Based on the information at hand, BLM does not appear to know how it will proceed, nor do they have the personnel to operate the type of program they have publicly announced."

The report also claimed BLM is far behind in planning secondary access roads, which it characterized as "the key to speedy salvage and effective long-term management."

The committee report was written just prior to the issuance by McKay of his salvage waiver order, and reportedly neither the Interior Department nor the committee staff members knew what the order had concluded about the salvage problem when they made their respective reports.

Three Men Jailed In Jackson County

Three men were arrested and jailed in Jackson county Friday and Saturday, two on charges of larceny of an auto, and an Army man on a charge of desertion.

Kraig Howard Knapp, 21, of Grants Pass, was arrested by sheriff's deputies at 2 a.m. Saturday. Knapp was driving an auto which had been stolen from Security Motors, Grants Pass, according to a sheriff's office report.

Dennis Gordon Goble, 19, Leinor, N.C., was arrested in Ashland Friday by a Federal Bureau of Investigation officer and jailed on a charge of desertion. Goble will be turned over to Army military police, according to information received from the sheriff's office.

Edward Arnold Rohweder, 18, Rockport, Wash., was arrested by city police Friday and jailed for being in possession of a stolen car. Rohweder was driving a car reported stolen from Wenatchee Oct. 27, according to the Medford police reports.

Housing Needed For Disaster Car

Housing is badly needed for the Jackson County Disaster car, members of the Medford Fire Department said recently.

A winter home for the 35 foot long bus should have a doorway at least 15 feet high and should ideally have lights and power so that work can be done on the unit during winter evenings, the firemen said.

The first step toward bringing outside members into the non-profit organization was taken at a meeting when L. C. Watrud, 210 Ashland ave. was elected president.

Another meeting will be held Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. in the main fire station in an attempt to interest more people in participating in the organization. Delegates from service clubs will be invited and anyone interested is urged to attend, firemen said.

Work on the car is progressing steadily but many items are still needed for its completion, including flooring material, first aid equipment, stretchers, tools and cooking facilities.

Douglas County Demo Chairman Quits Post

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Mrs. V. J. Micelli, Roseburg, has resigned as chairman of the Douglas County Democratic Central committee.

Vice-Chairman Albert Flegel will succeed Mrs. Micelli until a new chairman can be selected.

lished this week, showing the two Southern California stations at Los Angeles and Long Beach in first and second places respectively.

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Expert Counterfeiter Faces \$15,000 Fine, Term in Jail

Cleveland, Ohio — (U.P.) — Francis Leroy Henning, 64, Saturday faced a 10-year prison term and a \$15,000 fine for his second unsuccessful filing at making nearly perfect counterfeit money.

Federal agents planned to return Henning to Philadelphia, where a warrant for his arrest was issued when secret service agents tagged him as the maker of \$15,000 worth of bogus nickels.

Henning was arraigned here Friday after federal agents seized him in his room flat and confiscated unfinished printing plates for \$5 bills.

Agents said he admitted passing \$5,000 worth of bad nickels to banks and dumping \$10,000 worth into the Skuykill River when "things got hot."

Henning explained he had made the phony five cent pieces with the dates 1944, 1945 and 1946 and the letter "P" for Philadelphia mint stamped on them. He fled Pennsylvania when a bank clerk noted the letter "P" on a 1945 coin and thought it was a mistake because the mint had ceased printing the letter on nickels after 1944. A newspaper story warned Henning and he fled to Cleveland.

Agents later found his printing press in a New Jersey factory which printed the coins under 250,000 pounds pressure.

Morgan Apparently Voted Confidence By Oregon Demos

Portland — (U.P.) — County Democratic officials apparently have given Democratic State Chairman Howard Morgan a vote of confidence.

Some criticism was made against Morgan recently when he criticized New York Gov. Averell Harriman as a potential Democratic candidate for the presidential nomination.

Morgan mailed a circular to all county chairmen and vice chairmen of the Oregon Democratic party asking if they desired a meeting to "discuss party policy and organization." The chairman announced 46 of the 72 Central Committee members returned ballots, of which only eight indicated they were in favor of such a meeting. The remaining 38 voted against the meeting.

Morgan said he would not propose to make any claims concerning the results, but he said they "speak for themselves." He said a regular meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee would be announced soon, to be held later this winter.

Virgil G. Kingsley Placed on Probation

Eugene — (U.P.) — A former Cottage Grove High school district superintendent has been placed on probation for 7½ years for embezzling school funds.

Virgil G. Kingsley, who had pleaded guilty some time earlier to converting more than \$11,000 from a special school fund, was given the probationary sentence by Lane County Circuit Judge Frank Reid.

Kingsley's attorney said the former school official plans to repay the money by selling his house and borrowing additional funds.

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Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

BY SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Los Angeles — The Camp White venture in domiciliary practice has a far-flung "battle line" across the west. It is generally known that many of the members, after an indefinite stay, have turned up eventually in the hospitals at Portland, Vancouver, Boise and points east.

Quite a few went from Camp White to Hot Spings, S. D., as is well known. But not many are aware of the number who journeyed south to return eventually to the world's largest center for veterans in West Los Angeles. It is a safe estimate that there are more former Camp White members at the L.A. home than are now in the Hot Springs domiciliary.

Dan Hartman made up a list of the men from Camp White which number 25. There are at least that many more who are tucked away in the sprawling VA area. Hardly a day passes without discovering a man from Camp White and the influence

resembles that of a fraternity formed out of an experience during the Korean conflict.

Among men who have been recognized are John Adams, Alfred Belfield, Harry Careswell, Charles Cowdrey, Alexander Cowe, Dick Dugger, Raymond Fox, Robert Grace, Dan Hartman, Wesley Molberg, Agus Kruzoo, Carl Krogstad, Ross Lewis, Claude McGinnis, James McGrath, Lefe Moe, John Morou, Anthony Tarnasky, Herman Thorbrogger, William H. Smith, Mike Vasel and Frank White.

A reminder of the trek made by more than a hundred to Camp White just five years ago was furnished by one member who stayed there a few months and then headed for the Bonham, Tex. home, where he remained until recently. The VA offered transportation to all who wanted to go. Four men held out until the final day for the trip

In signing off now, for the time being at least, a comparative picture may be drawn of the two Pacific Coast domiciliary stations similar so far as supervision is concerned and yet totally different in environment.

The distinction can be summed up in the fact that whereas the Camp White home is limited to 800 men, the Los Angeles domiciliary department houses 2,932 as of this date. Although the pattern of recreation is similar, the work schedule is totally different. More than 1,000 are active in special details and the member jobs in contact with the elaborate medical program followed in adjoining installations.

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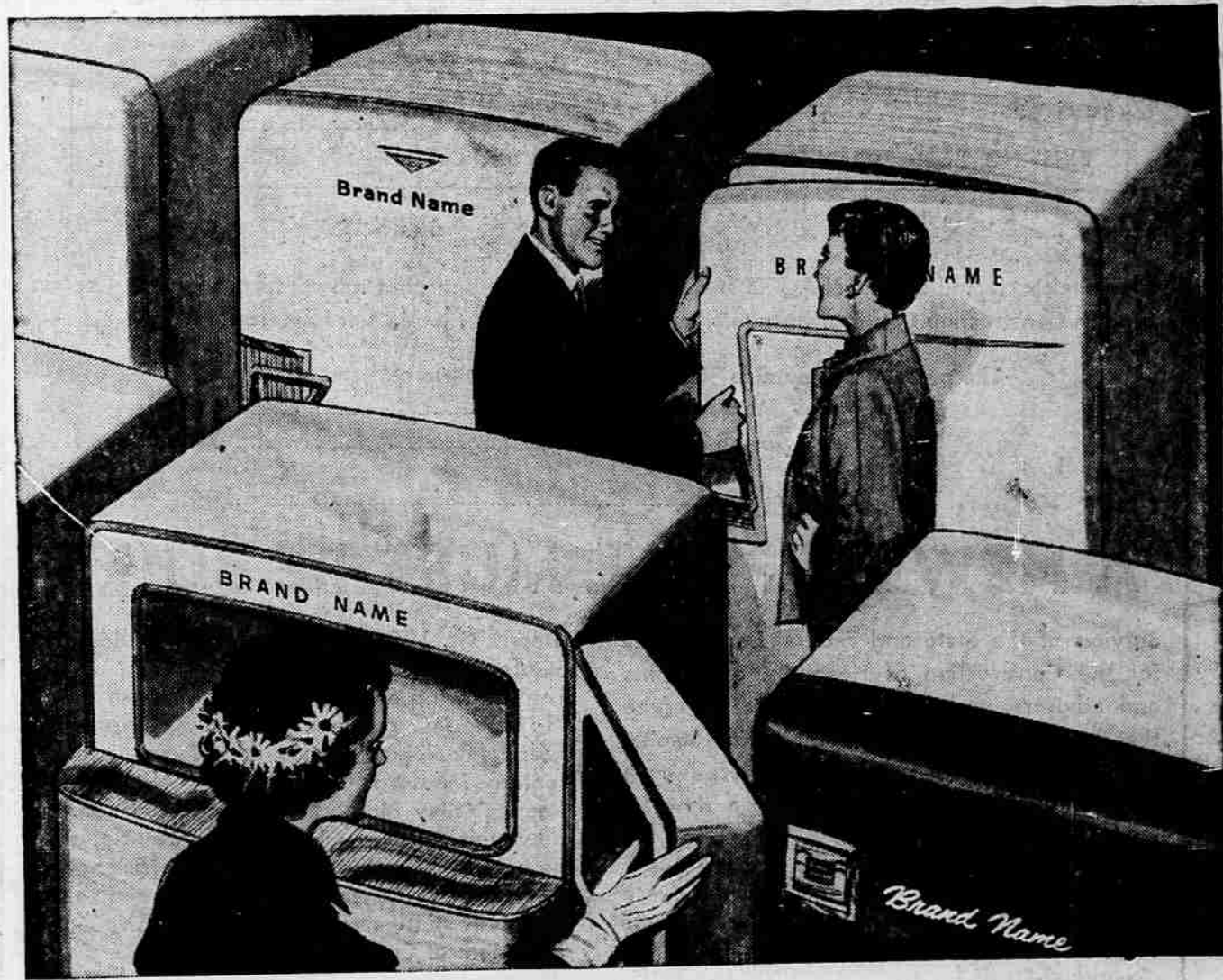


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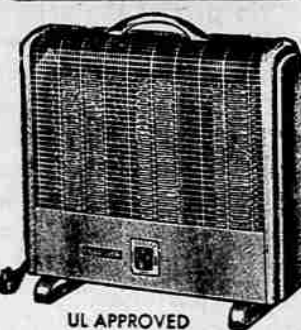
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