

# Strong Recommendation for O&C To Wipe Out All Marketing Restrictions

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Washington — The Bureau of Land Management has received another strong recommendation that it wipe out all marketing area restrictions in the sale of O&C timber. This recommendation is from a private forestry specialist who was hired by the BLM to make an on-the-ground analysis of the effect of marketing area restrictions. The specialist is Paul F. Graves, who is a professor of forest management at Syracuse University. Graves spent about two months in Oregon last summer investigating the system by which O&C timber is put up for competitive bid sales. His report to BLM, which has not yet been released, is critical of marketing area restrictions and recommends they be abolished, informed sources said. Under the marketing area restrictions BLM enforces, lumber mills must be located within the marketing area in which a timber sale is made in order to be eligible to bid on it. The traditional object of such restrictions has been to stabilize those com-

munities in which lumber mills are a big industry by protecting them from too much outside competition in competitive bidding.

**Little Real Effect**  
Reportedly, Graves concluded that there isn't one community in western Oregon's lumber region which gets more than 15 per cent of its timber from BLM sales. The bulk of it comes from national forest and private timber, he found. This, he suggested, indicates that marketing areas which are enforced only on O&C timber have little real effect on keeping the flow of all timber within restricted areas.

Marketing area lines have been opposed most recently by mill operators in the Eugene area who were running short of timber supply and wanted mostly to be allowed over into the Smith River drainage area, where new access roads have been under construction to get at damaged timber badly in need of salvaging. BLM has waived the marketing restrictions in this case to speed up salvage operations. But BLM has taken no action to drop all marketing lines.

**More Public Hearings**  
BLM officials are now studying the Graves report. They say they won't take any action prematurely to put it into effect. One official declared: "Before we do anything about

abolishing the marketing areas, some more public hearings by the department out in Oregon would be necessary."

BLM is under strong pressure from Congress to act. The Senate Interior Committee, after its lengthy hearings of the past year on federal timber policies, recommended the marketing restrictions be discontinued. It only last week backed up this recommendation with a carefully documented report in detail of its findings concerning federal timber sale policies. This report said that ex-Gov. Charles A. Sprague stated the case succinctly when he pointed out that the conflict over this policy di-

vides the forest-products industry between the "haves", which are chiefly the corporations owning private timberlands, and the "have nots" who depend largely on purchase of timber from federal lands.

**Result is Hodgepodge**  
"Timber should flow to its best uses; peeler logs to plywood mills; pulp logs to pulp mills, certain species such as alder to furniture or specialty factories. These outlets are not available in all the marketing areas," Sprague was quoted. "The reports went on to say that 'As competition increases more and more mills chafe under the restrictions which prevent them

from bidding on timber in adjoining marketing areas.' It pointed out that no restrictions of this sort prevail on surrounding private timber, national forests or public domain timber."

"The overall result is a hodgepodge, with the BLM attempting to stabilize western Oregon through restrictions on the marketing of a minor fraction of all of the timber."

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## HILTS Scouts Hold Honor Court

By MRS. M. F. CAVIN

Hilts — The Hilts Boy Scout troop 25 recently held a Court of Honor, presenting awards to boys advancing in the field of scouting.

The main events of the meeting, which was held in the clubhouse, were an address by Richard Lamb, scout executive from the Crater Lake Council, and the presentation of the Eagle Scout award to Terry Tallis.

Terry was presented the award by his father, William Tallis. Terry then presented his father with an eagle lapel pin, and his mother with a silver eagle necklace.

Terry has been active in scout work in Hilts for the past five years.

Tenderfoot awards were presented to Larcy Black, Gary Tallis, and Billy Green.

Safety Merit Badges and one year pins went to Victor Van De Weghe, Robert Laustalot, David Matchke, and Eldon Trimm.

Safety Merit badge and two year pin were awarded to Michael Hofer and Safety Merit badge and three year pin to Eugene Trinca.

Home Repairs and apprentice Explorer awards and three year pins went to Gary and Larry Kerr.

Perfect Attendance pin, Apprentice Explorer awards and five year pins to Jerry Lehman

and John Foggiano.

Apprentice Explorer award and six year pin were given Robert Black. Kent Johnson received a six year pin and the apprentice explorer award, emergency service award, explorer vocational rating, explorer physical fitness rating, public speaking, personal fitness, fishing, and perfect attendance pin.

Terry Tallis received a five year pin and Apprentice Explorer award, Explorer Emergency rating and merit awards for personal fitness, soil and water conservation, wild life management, surveying, rail-roading, reptile study, bird study, electricity, world brotherhood, and a perfect attendance pin.

Scout master for Troop 25 is Tony Marin. The executive board is made up of Glen Johnson, Harvey Frye, and Dick Rose.

A dinner, prepared by the mothers of the scouts, was served.

Those attending the Music club meeting at the home of Mrs. Paul Green, in Hornbrook, Saturday morning were Billy Green, David Simmen, Pat Fox, Marsha Simmen, Marcia Cavin, Carleen De Clerck, Janet Cavin, Paula Eastman and Judith Fremd.

Prizes were awarded to Carleen De Clerck, Billy Green and Marsha Simmen.

Julius Beterbide, formerly employed by Fruit Growers Supply co., is now working at a lumber company in Fortuna, and has moved his family to their new home there.

Mrs. Lois Buell of Greeley, Colo., and Mrs. Irene Buell of Tulle Lake, accompanied by Mrs. Ella Rose of Hornbrook, called on friends and relatives here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ruhl, of Copco, called at the H. R. Thompson home Saturday.

## Green Guard Reports 60,110 Members

Salem — The Keep Oregon Green association has completed another season with 60,110 boys and girls, between the ages 8 and 16, enrolled in the Oregon Green Guard.

The purpose of the Guard is to provide existing youth organizations with another opportunity for community service and to give all youth an opportunity to serve. The program outlined and available, will not duplicate or interfere with the present work of any established group or organization.

According to Albert Wiesendanger, executive secretary of the Keep Oregon Green association, the only obligation incurred by participation in the Oregon Green Guard activity is willingness to serve. There are no fees, dues, or other costs on the part of the participant. Application for membership is open to any Oregon boy or girl, age 8-16, and should be mailed to the Keep Oregon Green association, 2750 State st., post office box 471, Salem, Oregon.

## No Utility Bills Due for Customers

Clatskanie — (AP) — Customers of the Clatskanie Peoples Utility district got a Christmas present a month early from their utility supplier this month — \$15,000 present in fact.

Officials of the PUD said that no bills would be issued to the 1700 customers during the month because of the growing black figures on the company's financial ledgers.

## Grange

**Gold Hill Grange**  
The Gold Hill Grange held its regular meeting Nov. 15 with Master Herman Kampling presiding. All officers were present.

Various committee reports were heard and results of the recent rummage sale showed it was a success.

Charles Foote reported that he had sold the beef he had been keeping for the Grange and had turned the money over to the treasurer.

The lecture hour entertainment included a skit by Bob and Della Cook and Icie Walker, which followed group singing. Grange members told of what they had to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

Brother Billy Howes announced a joint installation would be held in the Gold Hill Grange hall Dec. 9 at 1:30 p.m. All officers are requested to be present.

The next serving committee will be Lenora Jenks and Lena Laricks.

Grange closed at 10:30 p.m. with the retiring drill.  
Nellie Miller

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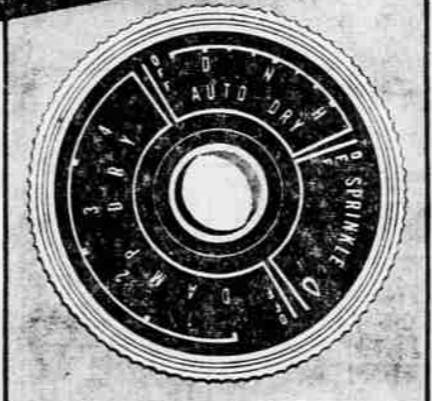
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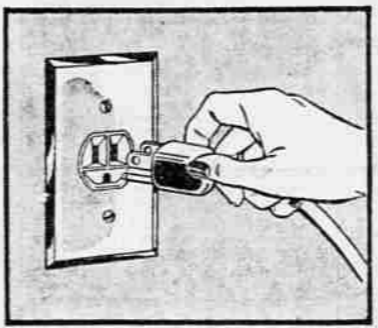
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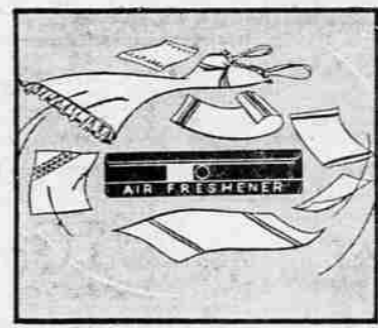
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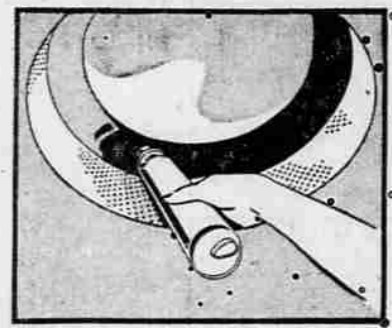
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