

18 Minimum Age For Logging Jobs

Portland—“Summer jobs in logging and sawmilling can lead to serious accidents when boys are hired in violation of federal child labor provisions,” according to Madison R. Smith of Portland, wage-hour representative for the U. S. Labor Department. Pointing out that an 18-year age minimum applies to work in most logging and sawmilling jobs, Smith urged Oregon lumbermen to make sure of the ages of the youth they are hiring for summer jobs.

“With school out, many boys want to work in lumbering. If both employer and teen-ager remember the law, serious and even fatal accidents may be prevented,” he said.

The Fair Labor Standards Act, which is administered by the Labor Department, sets the 18-year age minimum for occupations declared hazardous by Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell. Practically all jobs in logging and sawmilling are covered by Hazardous Occupations Order No. 4, copies of which are available without charge from the Wage-Hour Regional Office at 329 Sansome building, 630 Sansome st., San Francisco, Calif.

“The easiest way to avoid unintentional violation of the law is to require an age or employment certificate for each young boy hired,” Smith said. “This certificate serves as proof of age under the law. Youngsters can get the certificates through their schools.”

Madrid—(UPI)—Prince Ranier and Princess Grace of Monaco are motoring through the countryside north of here on a second honeymoon. They visited El Escorial, traditional burial place of Spanish royalty, and toured ancient castles.

Pendleton Youth Gets Academy Appointment

Pendleton—(UPI)—Dan Eckles, 17-year-old star athlete at Pendleton High school, has been appointed to the Air Force Academy by Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore.).

Building Halted On Portland Homes

Portland—(UPI)—Construction of new homes in the 100-acre Raleighwood suburban residential district has been halted until requirements on sanitation are met, according to R. E. Caldwell, director of the Washington County Planning Commission.

Glen Snyder, county sanitarian, said the requirements are: Correction on an incomplete legal description of the boundaries of the sanitary district so that all the area is included; and a larger or additional lagoon to correct overloading of a lagoon into which sewage is dumped.

Orchard Cover Crops Should Be Plowed

Clifford B. Coffey, county horticultural agent, reminded orchardists today that it is time to plow under cover. He explained that if pots are still in the orchards weeds should be worked down around them and the trees.

Cordy stressed that pots should not be removed simply to plow under the weeds.

The agent explained that in orchards containing young trees owners should be particularly careful to get close to the trees. He said that this could be done the best with a hoe and stressed the need to clean out all grass and weeds. One large weed next to a young tree can keep it from growing, he explained.



RUSSIAN DELEGATE—Russian delegate to the Geneva conference Andrei Gromyko (wearing hat) has dashed hopes of an early agreement on Germany. Here he is shown talking to newsmen as he leaves the British foreign minister's residence in Geneva following an agreement regarding the seating of East Germany at the conference.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Strange Legends Have Been Formulated About Opossum
Without its consent or knowledge the opossum became the basis of much of the folklore of the south. About this unusual animal many strange legends and superstitions were formulated. Many of these legends persist. The opossum is still somewhat of a mystery.

Those folks who have lived in the areas where the opossum is still plentiful, those who have hunted it, and should be familiar with it, are prone to believe the legends and myths. Much of the folklore concerning the opossum has to do with the animal's tail and the part it is supposed to play in the life of the animal. And that aside from the fact that the young opossums do use the mother's tail as a paw-rail while they are young.

Same Stories
Several opossum hunters have told me the same stories. They all believed, many claiming to have seen with their own eyes the reenactment of what folk-lore claims to be true.

“When mama-opossum decides to make a nest she gathers leaves, grass and moss into a neat little pile. With her hind feet she rolls the material up in a ball, then she wraps her tail around it and drags it to the nesting site.”

Even this behavior, strange as it is, seems simple beside the other version. In this performance both mama and papa opossum take part. Mama opossum lays down on her back and papa piles the leaves, moss and grass on her stomach. When, enough has been piled on mama wraps all four legs around it to hold it in place and papa-opossum grabs mama by the tail and pulls her along, sled-like on her back, to the previously selected nest-site. This impossible and ridiculous performance is said to be usual with these animals. Superstition dies hard.

Other folks, also claiming to know the opossum well, claim to have seen the animal hanging head downward from a high tree branch in order to reach into a bird's nest or a lower branch. Old time drawings of the opossum pictured the animal in this position.

Peculiar Trait
Another peculiar trait of this animal's tail was the claim the tail sometimes coiled and uncoiled, like a snake, when the animal was angry. This was supposed to be a warning signal to a would-be predator.

Unfortunately, however, few of these performances have ever been observed by serious students. Exceptional opossums might, under certain circumstances, perform

Pressure Applied To Formulate Idaho, Bonneville Power Tie-in

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Washington (Special)—While further study is being given the idea of a power intertie between the Bonneville system and California, new pressure has been applied from Congress to bring about an integration of federal power systems of southern Idaho and BPA.

Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) has introduced a bill that would require Idaho Power Co. to wheel Bonneville power over its transmission lines which cross public lands from Brownlee dam on the middle Snake river to southern Idaho.

Idaho Power has been stalling for about two years in negotiations over terms, first

with BPA officials, then with the Bureau of Reclamation. The benefit of integrating southern Idaho with the Bonneville system has been described as mutual for both areas. Southern Idaho irrigationists need more energy in the summer for pumping when the Bonneville system has its greatest surplus due to high water on the Columbia; and the Northwest needs extra power in the winter when southern Idaho enjoys a surplus.

Extensions Fought
Idaho Power, long before the Hells Canyon case was decided in its favor, fought proposed extensions of Bonneville transmission lines in eastern Oregon in order to prevent any integration of the two systems. A line from Baker to LaGrande was often at issue but never built by BPA.

When the Boise utility won its case at the Federal Power Commission, the license required it to integrate with the northwest power pool. The company then built the Baker-LaGrande line about two years ago.

Since hooking up with BPA, Idaho Power has purchased surplus power from Bonne-

ville—but it has not wheeled any power to rural electric co-ops in southern Idaho who would like to take advantage of this cheap surplus power from the Northwest.

Bonneville officials tried to get Idaho Power to agree to reasonable terms but were unsuccessful. With Bureau of Reclamation officials still trying, Interior last month sent the FPC a request that it impose a requirement on the company that it wheel power over those lines licensed by the FPC. Mentioned specifically was the Baker-LaGrande line.

The whole issue of private companies being obligated to wheel power over those lines of theirs which cross public lands was battled by Idaho Power for years in the courts in the Bliss case. The Supreme Court settled it in favor of the government, against the utility.

Passing the Buck

Sen. Church now claims that Interior is passing the buck when it asks the Power Commission to clamp down on Idaho Power. He says the courts have ruled that Interior has ample authority to invoke regulations that were once in effect at the Depart-

ment to require utilities to wheel power to preference customers.

Church says his bill would do what Interior already has the power to do but hasn't done. He said unless Interior acts, he will press for action that will reopen the whole question in committee hearings.

Last year the Senate Interior Committee looked into this question in hearings that brought out the government's side of it, but Idaho Power officials declined to come in and tell their side or submit to questioning.

Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger and

Rep. Al Ullman have all favored letting BPA serve the rural electric co-ops in Idaho with excess energy.

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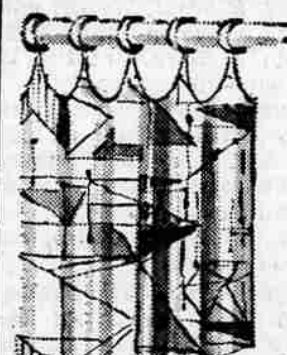


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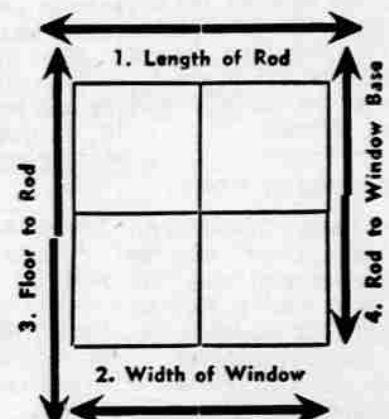
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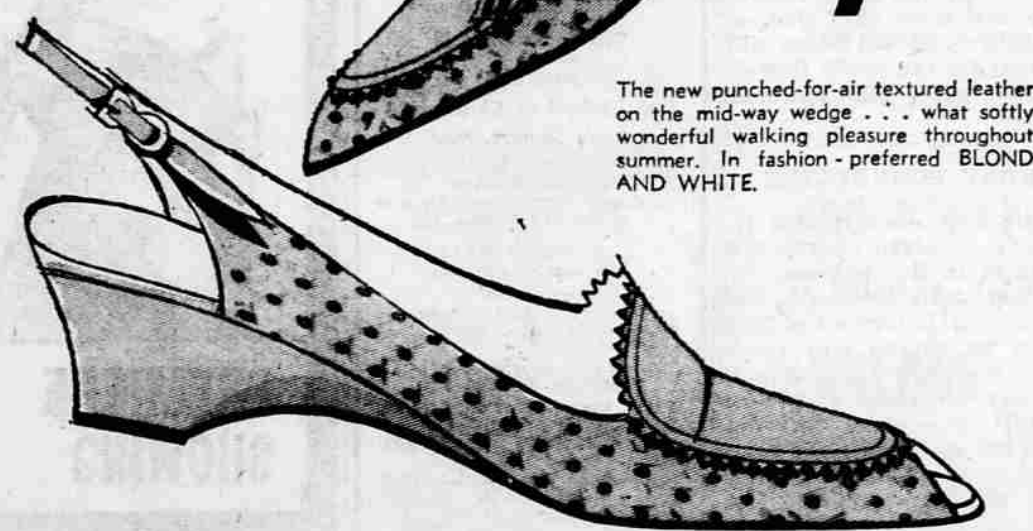
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