

GRADUATES

Airman Apprentice Richard L. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Tungate, 413 Ross lane, Medford, was graduated recently from the Naval Training center, San Diego, Calif., as an honor man. He

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Eastwood Baptist Announces Events

Today at 9:30 a.m. the Rev. Clifford Young, pastor of Eastwood Baptist church, will continue his series of studies on "The New Life," for new church members.

At the morning worship service he will speak on "Don't Disappoint God." At the 6 p.m. installation service for Baptist Youth Fellowship officers, Bill Robertson will be installing officer.

This evening Mr. Young's topic will be "The First Message of Jesus." Events of the week include a meeting of the board of Christian education Monday; men's work night, Tuesday; and the quarterly business meeting, Wednesday.

The quarterly business meeting will be preceded by a covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. On Thursday the cathedral choir rehearses.

Neuberger Opposed To Appointments

Portland—(UP)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said here Thursday night that political appointments to West Point, Annapolis and the Air Force Academy should be abolished.

He told the Lynch Park school PTA that the Coast Guard Academy followed "the proper procedure, with no Congressional appointment necessary to secure entrance as a cadet."

"Our military services deserve as regular officers the finest of the nation's youth," he said, "from the standpoint of intelligence and physical fitness, and political endorsement should have nothing whatsoever to do with it."

Land Management Activities Reach Anticipated Peak Here

Land management activities in the Medford bureau of land management district for the three months' period ending Sept. 1 reached the anticipated peak, according to District Manager Ross A. Youngblood.

Sales activities during the period went along at a rapid clip, with 41,278,000 board feet being sold at an average bid price of \$35.60 per thousand. The volume of timber was appraised at \$1,120,723.90, but the bidders thought it was worth \$1,470,491.95.

Timber sold was located in 12 tracts with an average volume of 3,440,000 board feet per tract; the bulk of the volume was located in Josephine county. Klamath county rated second in the bulk of the volume sold, and in that county, 10,577,000 board feet was bid; in approximately all of this volume went to Klamath Falls mills.

The BLM expected to offer and sell, in the same period, 47,607,000 board feet of timber, but lack of adequate access was the impediment that blocked offering the total volume planned, Youngblood said.

Collections of all classes for the period was about three-fourths of a million dollars above the actual bid-in price of the timber sold, he said.

Collections totaled \$2,142,314.25. As a comparison, collections in the current-year period were about \$676,000 above those for the same period a year ago. The increase in collections could mean the effects of two

things, Youngblood noted. One is that timber is being cut at a more rapid rate than it was a year ago, and two, that the volume of timber sold in the present period increased over the volume sold in the same period last year.

On the basis of the O and C Act of Aug. 28, 1957, 75 percent of the amount collected is distributed to the 18 western O and C counties in lieu of tax payments on a pro-rata basis; but with the approval of the counties, 25 percent is retained and reapportioned by the Congress for the construction of access roads and the reforestation of denuded O and C lands.

The processing of trespass cases absorbed a good amount of manpower during the three-month period. Thirteen cases were processed and total collections amounted to \$9,722.39. Compared to the last fiscal year, the collection for the past three-month period was above average, he said.

The volume of timber on the average case processed totaled 12,000 board feet and was valued, on single-stumpage appraisal basis, at \$298.50; thus, the total value of all timber trespass cases processed during the period was \$3,880.79. The majority of the trespass cases were in Jackson county, he said.

The highest collections, next to timber sales, during the past quarter was for access road maintenance fees. A total of \$9,938.86 was collected, with the majority of the money coming from BLM Galice and Kelsey-Mule Creek access roads. The bureau of

public roads does the maintenance work on the major access roads for the BLM.

In the early summer the West Fork of Evans Creek access road was completed, but at the present no maintenance has been performed on the road by the BLM. Since this is in the granite-soil area of Jackson county, it is expected that some maintenance work will be required on the road during the winter months to keep it from deteriorating, Youngblood said.

Bridge Offered
In the three-month period, the Thompson Creek bridge in central Josephine county was offered for construction, and Rolla Bryant of Medford was the successful bidder at \$16,613.20. Supervision of construction is under the bureau of public roads.

Bids were opened Oct. 21 for construction of the Cantrall bridge on the Applegate river just west of Ruch. Construction of the bridge over the Applegate river will open up approximately 10,000,000 acres of O and C timberlands with an estimated volume of 64,000,000 board feet of merchantable timber, Youngblood said.

The current timber sale plan for the 1960 fiscal year required the removal of several tracts of timber over the proposed Cantrall bridge, but the lack of getting the design of the bridge completed precluded offering the timber on schedule, he added.

The bureau also plans to advertise the construction of the Galice "C" Section, an extension of the Galice access road in western Josephine county. It is expected that the new road will make available a volume of timber in excess of 120,000,000 board feet of BLM timber.

Under Consideration
Another access road that will open up in excess of 680,000,000 board feet of BLM timber is under consideration for opening to bidding in the Dead Indian-Keno area. This road is known as the Keno access road and, when completed, will be approximately 28 miles long.

Target date for the completion of the road is the fall of 1960. The completion of the eastern portion of the road will be of great value to Klamath Falls mills, he said.

During the period the BLM had a bureau of public roads location survey crew engaged in making road surveys in Jackson county. Approximately 18 miles of road were located in the Lost creek and Soda creek areas.

The approaches and design of the Murphy Gulch bridge were made by the bureau of public roads survey crew. The local office's engineering staff made extensive road reconnaissances in the Whiskey creek-Lucky Boy area of western Jackson county. During the period 16 miles of timber sale roads were constructed by BLM timber buyers; the estimated cost of the 16 miles of road is \$170,000.

Twelve right-of-way agreements were completed during the period, one of importance being with the Weyerhaeuser company and involving intermingled blocks of BLM and Weyerhaeuser company land in western Klamath and eastern Jackson counties. The BLM acquired easements from the Weyerhaeuser company for the construction of the Keno access road. Also, a right-of-way agreement was completed with the Medford Corporation, involving BLM and Medco lands in the Butte Falls area.

Reforestation Program
The Medford BLM district's reforestation program progressed along satisfactorily during the three-month period, Youngblood noted. Scarification work was started on 495 acres. The work is not expected to be completed until early next spring. A goal of 2,500 acres for planting was set by the BLM during the current fall period; however, the lack of availability of seedlings may preclude obtaining this goal. At present it is expected that this district will be short 100,000 seedlings, although no accurate count can be made until the time of lifting of the seedlings from the nursery, he said.

BLM foresters are presently assisting in the readying of 507,000 ponderosa pine seedlings which are to be planted on 879 acres under terms of BLM timber sale contracts. Presently it is expected that bids for the planting of 700 acres will be offered shortly.

Treating of 4,500 infected sugar pine trees with acid-tione to kill the infection was performed during the period. It is expected the

Rockefeller Favors New York for Fair

Washington—(UP)—Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller said Friday New York City should be the site of the 1964 World's Fair because it has been "for many years a dramatic symbol of free America itself."

Rockefeller headed a New York task force in the "battle of three cities" over a location for the next World's Fair in the United States. Washington and Los Angeles are vying with New York for the honor.

The three cities sent delegations to testify before a special three-man commission which is investigating the feasibility of a fair in the United States and report on it to President Eisenhower. It may also give Eisenhower its preference for a site if it finds the project practical.

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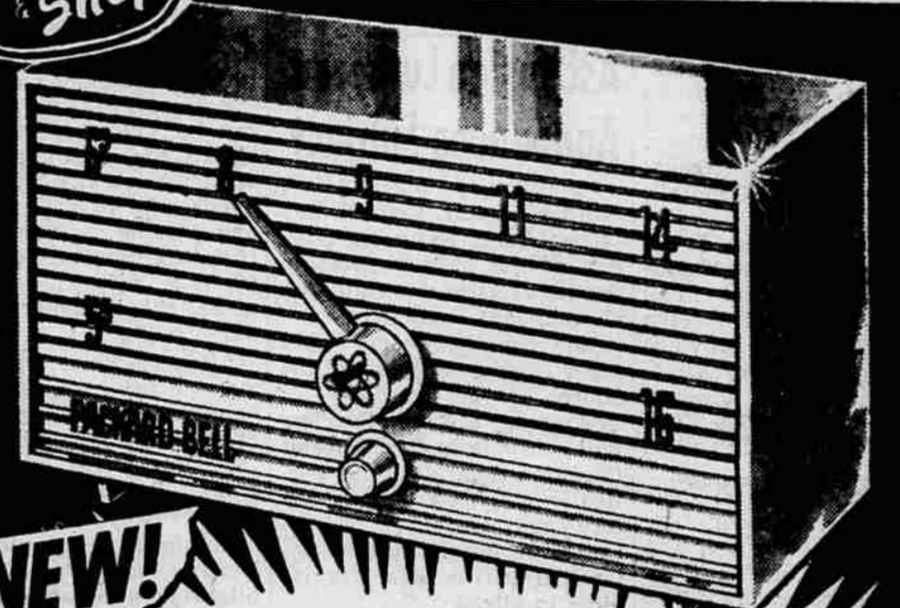
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