

# 200 'Conflicts of Interest' Involving Mining Claims Estimated in Oregon

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Washington (Special)—The Forest Service estimates that there are 200 "conflicts of interest" involving mining claims on national forest land in Oregon.

"The chief examples are permanent residences, summer homes and hunting and fishing cabins located on mining claims where there is little or no mining activity," Chief Forester Richard E. McArdle has informed Rep. Charles O. Porter.

Porter was making inquiry in connection with his bill (H.R. 7100), which would prevent another Al Sarena episode. The bill would give those who obtain mining patents title to the sub-surface or mineral resources of the land, but reserve title to timber "needed in the extraction, removal and beneficiation of the mineral deposits, if the timber is cut under sound principles of forest management as defined by the national forest rules and regulations."

Porter's bill would not affect the present use of forestland by mining claimants before they get patents, which is where the conflict of interest McArdle referred to is a current problem. The Forest Service estimates that there are some 1,500 such conflicts throughout the national forest system.

**Not Authorized by Laws**

"Commercial uses, such as resorts, restaurants, bars, pack stations and renting cabins prior to patent are clearly not authorized by the mining laws but border-line cases of residences and summer homes present problems," said McArdle.

"It has always been accepted that a miner, when working his valid claim, may reside on the claim and also

construct a suitable structure for that purpose. However, there is no clear-cut definition of what is meant by 'working the claim' or 'what is a suitable structure for a residence.' It is very difficult to differentiate between a cabin used primarily for mining purposes and a residence used primarily for summer home purposes," said the chief.

"We check all timber cutting on mining claims to determine whether it is in accordance with the mining laws. Also, we take prompt action to stop any illegal cutting and to recover damages for timber cut illegally. The attempted 'timber steals' you refer to would occur in connection with patent applications, because generally the United States examines all claims on the national forests for which patent application has been made and, if we think that the mining laws do not authorize the issuance of a patent, we protest the application," he added.

**Use Challenged**

McArdle said the Forest Service contests the validity of many claims in proceedings before the Bureau of Land Management, as it did in the Al Sarena case. But in the Al Sarena case, its protest was overruled at the top of the Interior Department. Foresters also challenge use being made of claims and they recommend court action to prevent illegal uses continuing.

Another problem for the foresters is that some miners use a bulldozer for prospecting and so-called development work, without regard to the character of the soil, the slope and other natural factors with the result that they sometimes cause erosion.

The problem isn't as bad as it used to be for the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, because of the passage by Congress in 1955 of an act curbing certain unauthorized uses of mining claims. This act removed common varieties of sand, gravel,

stone, pumice, clay and cinders from the mining laws. Since then it has not been possible to locate a mining claim on an easily discovered deposit of sand and gravel. This bill was drafted by conservationists and Interior officials during the McKay administration. One sponsor was Harris Ellsworth.

This law also reaffirmed an integral part of the mining

law by stating that a mining claim "shall not be used, prior to issuance of patent therefrom for any purposes other than prospecting, mining or processing operations and uses reasonably incident thereto."

It is in violation of this declaration that persons "have built recreational cabins on what they declare to be their 'mining claims.'"

## School News

**Medford High School**  
Edited by Jim Frake.  
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Students were able to register for the driver's training program for the final time this semester last week. Students sign-out to take this course from their study halls, for six weeks.

Carolyn Mencke, Darleane Hunt, and Jim Frake were place winners in the fourteenth annual Pacific university speech tournament last week. Carolyn brought home for Medford the first place trophy in extemporaneous speaking; Darleane took second place in women's oratory; and Jim, second in men's extemporaneous speaking.

DeVere Taylor, debate coach, reported Monday that out of a total of 32 debates entered by Medford, the local squad won 22. The coach expressed approval of the total output of the Medford group, being that this was the first tournament for the forensic group this year.

Over 400 contestants representing 40 high schools in Oregon participated in the two day affair in Forest Grove, Medford sent 26 delegates to the tourney.

Other finalists from Medford were Dean Goddard and Mike Phillips, both in men's oratory. Darleane Hunt and Barbara Budge were also both semi-finalists in serious interpretative reading.

The Medford delegation went up state by charter bus with the Ashland High school forensics squad. The next competitive encounter is slated as the conference at Southern Oregon college in late January; then, the Linfield college tournament to be held in late February.

Money for membership dues and pins is now being accepted for those wishing to join Quill and Scroll, an honorary journalism society. All MHS juniors and seniors interested should contact Vern Wolhoff, journalism advisor, Room 246.

Committee heads for the 1960 junior-senior prom have been named by the junior class officers. They are Roberta Willett, music; Mary Kay Harris, throne decoration; Linda Hess, refreshments; Fred Loris, programs; Vance Welty, decorations; Carolyn Finch and Jim Frake, advertising; and Stan Dowson, clean-up.

The committee is organized to make preparations for the highly-awaited prom in the late spring. Final plans and the theme of the dance is "top secret" until the night of the dance.

Junior class officers who are directing the entire operation are Mike Phillips, president; Nancy Hinman, secretary; Jerry Gastineau, vice president; JoDee Mc Duffie, treasurer; and Jim Stever, class representative.

The Boys League presented their annual assembly Thursday on the split assembly schedule. John Frohnmayer, league president, was master of ceremonies.

Seven acts were presented at the assembly which included the Bill Hannaford quartet, Nick Gier, accordionist; and the Strollers, a male singing quartet.

Today is the deadline for ordering home made cookies from the Future Homemakers of America. The fund-raising project for the club has been declared successful thus far. The girls have sold 120 dozen cookies and will be busy baking them Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Twenty-one students participated in the Future Teachers of America observations Dec. 8. This is the largest Medford group that has ever gone on an observation. The students visited schools throughout the district.

Three Medford students participated in the high school radio program over KJJC Saturday. They were Carolyn Mencke, Darleane Hunt, and Jim Frake, all top winners at the Pacific university forensic tournament.

Sandy Sanner, Penny Lynn, and Howard Kennett are in charge of the Latin club's Christmas project this year, that of bringing Christmas cheer to the shut-ins of the Ashland Nursing home.

The club plans to take a decorated Christmas tree, foods, candies, and a small gift for each patient. The club members will also sing holiday carols in Latin.

Dec. 20 has been set for their good-will mission.

Dec. 12 saw 13 Saturday basketball teams swing into action in a morning and afternoon league.

Each of the teams will play 10 league games, then other post-league activities are planned. Team captains and their team names are John Hamlin, Bachelors; Pat McLaughlin, Watuties; Gordon Safley, Black Labels; Chuck Holt, Leningrad Lushes; Warren Horton, Poachers; and John Cantrall, the Studs.

Jack Richardson, The Clutchers; Stan Sweet, Koots; Dick Gordon, Fun Five; Art Bassett, Seven Aces; Darrell Johnston, Dead Beats; and Jim McCormack, Nine Maynards.

The formation of a "Friday" league is also being considered as one additional team has been organized.

A discussion of "What the North Atlantic Treaty organization means to us" branched into lively arguments at the International Relations league meeting Tuesday night.

Members of the club, representing individual countries, planned to further the discussions at the next evening meeting next month.

Since the Home Economics Service club was organized, the members have polished the trophies in the trophy case in the main hall each year.

The girls who will pursue the project this year are Suzy Reule, Heather Norris, Pat Nelson, Gayle Norris, Sandra Heidemann, Sandra Todd, Jeanne Gemallich, Annette Nelson, Diane Griffith, Donna Miller, Marleen Froeber, Jerolyn Burroughs, Sandra Edwards, Loretta Caldwell, Janet Barker, Carolyn Edwards, and Carolyn Spiker.

## Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL  
New Delhi—President Eisenhower, speaking to Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru just before leaving for Iran:

"Frankly, I have learned a little more here than I have in any other country."

New York—Former President Harry S. Truman, criticizing the unification of the armed forces under the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

"It's a shotgun wedding that didn't take."

Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.—Victor Mature's new wife, Adriene, stating that she and Mature were married in Mexico because of confusion about the legality of their earlier wedding in Italy:

"If there is anything Vic hates it is confusion. So we decided to go out and do it all over again."

New York—Paul Siple, scientific adviser to the U.S. Army Research Office and a former Boy Scout who has spent six years on Antarctica, discussing the new edition of the "Boy Scout Handbook":

"In effect, it is a sort of boy's bible. It has one advantage over the Bible: It can be revised."

### TRUTH WILL OUT

Des Moines, Iowa—(UPI)—House Speaker Sam Rayburn was reminded Sunday that Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.) had said the same thing about presidential candidacy possibilities after Rayburn declared, "I'm not a candidate for anything but reelection in the old fourth district down in Texas." "Yes, but I'm telling the truth," said Rayburn.

### HEARST OFFICER DIES

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Leland J. (Dick) Burrud, 70, retired vice president of the Hearst Corp. died at his home Saturday of a heart attack. Funeral services will be held Tuesday.

Santiam pass was reported on roads at Government Camp, Warm Springs Junction, McKenzie pass, Green Springs, Ochoco summit, Brothers, East Eide McKenzie, Willamette pass, Chemult, Klamath Falls, Bly, Meacham, John Day, Seneca, Burns, Basque, and West and East Diamond lake routes.

Santiam pass was described as "very icy." Icy spots also were reported at Siskiyou, Prospect, Bend, Sisters, Lapine, Pendleton and Baker.

There were 14 inches of roadside snow at McKenzie pass, 12 inches at Santiam pass and Government Camp.

### WRONG CLIMATE

San Francisco—(UPI)—Santa Claus, who expected to find snow and cold weather when he makes his annual round of gift-giving, found San Francisco's 60-degree temperatures too much for him Sunday. Santa collapsed with heat exhaustion after heating out popcorn to children for five hours in the hot sun at Fleishacker Zoo's Storyland.

### NEWSPAPERMAN DIES

Melbourne, Australia—(UPI)—Harry Douglas Giddy, 72, chairman of the Herald and Weekly Times, Ltd., Australia's biggest newspaper chain, and chairman of the National Bank of Australia, Ltd., died

## College Tuition Fees Increased In Many Schools

By United Press International  
Fees at many of the nation's colleges and universities are on the rise, following the pattern of increased enrollments during the past few years.

It's going to cost more to get a college education, a United Press International survey disclosed.

### Main Reasons

Rising costs, including higher faculty salaries, were given as the main reasons for the increase in fees and tuition.

Stanford University, privately endowed, reported a tuition increase from \$750 to

\$1,005 per school year during the current semester.

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, a private school, said tuitions were raised from \$900 to \$1,275 in September and the teaching staff was granted a general pay boost during the year.

### Cal Raises Tuition

The University of California, with nine campuses throughout the state, reported a \$50 raise in tuition for out of state students. The university was not planning to increase salaries.

Tuition at the University of Oregon, Eugene, and Oregon

State College, Corvallis, was raised \$33 a year for residents and \$66 a year for students from out of the state during this school year.

The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, said no increases were expected for 1960-61.

### CHRISTMAS AT HOME

San Jose, Calif.—(UPI)—Arnold Patrick (Corky) Ortega was sentenced to the county jail on a drunk charge Saturday and will now spend Christmas in jail for the 23rd time in 26 years. "I'm more at home in jail during the holidays," he explained.



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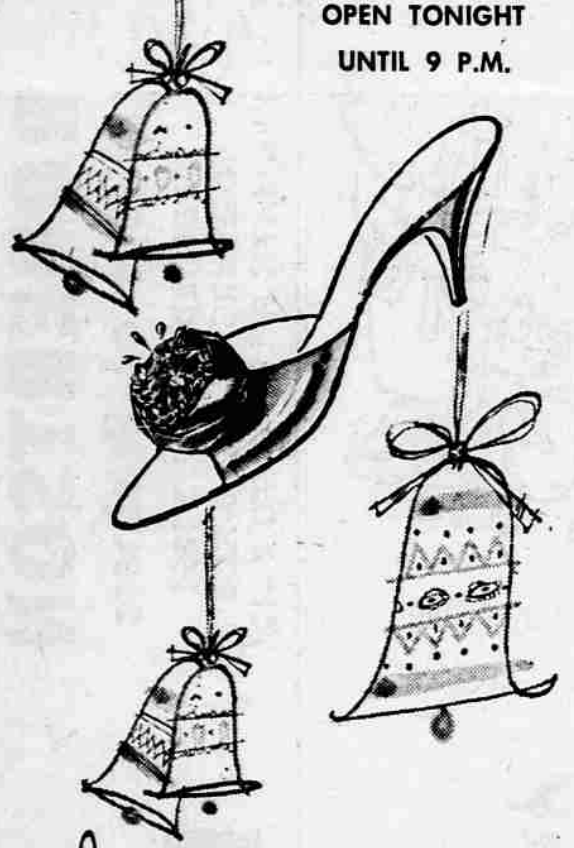
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