



Thinning Operation Provides Sun for Tree Farm Seedlings

Glendale—The cheapest way to plant trees is with an axe. This old foresters' dictum is overwhelmingly evident on the 300-acre Cow Creek Tree Farm of O. G. and C. J. Sether, whose pine-and-fir-studded timberlands near Glendale have been carpeted with hundreds of thousands of tree seedlings since they thinned out their mature timber five years ago.

"We just let a little light down to the ground in there, and nature took over the planting job," Olger Sether said.

The rolling, green-clad property has been in the Sether family since the brothers' father—a lake states logger at the turn of the century—moved west and bought the parcel in 1902. While they farmed the lowland fields in the decades that followed, they watched their timbered hillsides grow increasingly valuable as better logging and forestry techniques made forest management economical and new forest industry uses for wood created growing timber markets.

Chances To Sell

The Glendale tree farmers recall the many times they were offered chances to sell their timber "for \$1.50 or \$3 a thousand." It was fairly

good money in the timber economy of that early era, but the big sawlogs being produced today are fetching up to \$35 a thousand.

"I can remember the days of railroad logging and steam donkeys, and the horse logging that came before that," reminisces Olger, who is 71. "In those days, to get to Coos Bay we'd have to take the stage from Drain to Scottsburg, then go the rest of the way by riverboat on the Umpqua and by stage again at the other end."

The Sethers began their careful thinning program with the help and advice of Bob Bradley, Douglas county extension forester. Their first cut through the timber was a light one, but enough to free the big trees from competition with each other.

Daylight at Crown

"When you look up, you can see daylight around the crown of each tree," Bradley says. "The result is that those pines are putting on a new spurt of growth. This and the heavy natural regeneration of seedlings under the sheltering leave trees were the principal reasons for the thinning."

Bradley uses the tract as a demonstration area to help other landowners learn how to manage their forest better for maximum timber production.

"One of the problems of the landowner," Olger observes, "is that he often doesn't know what he has or the value of it. And he doesn't know just what to do to get the best out of it. Bob is doing a lot to give timber owners the answers."

Because of the strides the Sethers have made in putting their forest land into healthy, top growing condition, the forest industries this year awarded the brothers a Tree Farm sign and enrolled the property in the industry's Tree Farm program to grow timber as a crop.

Inspected by Forester

The land and its forest management program was inspected by Calvin Smith, district forester for Industrial Forestry association, Portland, which sponsors the program in the Douglas fir region.

In joining the Tree Farm movement, the Sethers associated themselves with 17,000 industrial and non-industrial tree farmers nationally who have now pledged altogether over 50 million acres of productive timberlands to growing repeated timber crops for man's use.

By protecting the trees from fire, insects and disease, and by carefully planned harvesting, tree farmers are helping to assure the nation's wood supply while at the same time they are improving wildlife habitat and recreational and watershed values on their lands.

Bumper Crop

"The bumper crop of seedlings sprouting all over the Sethers' Tree Farm is an outstanding example of how tree

farmers in there quickly. It's another proof," he added, "that roads are a basic step to tree farming."

Damage was held to a loss of some 15 acres, and the tree farmers were able to salvage much of the fire-killed timber. It will be necessary to plant trees by hand in the burned area, they pointed out.

"The roads we built to get timber out," Olger says, "were almost swept away during the

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THINNING OPERATION — Big trees on Olger and C. J. Sether's 300-acre Tree Farm near Glendale are still putting on plenty of growth, thanks to thinning operation by the tree farming brothers which gave the best trees more "elbow room" for growth. Thinning also let in sunlight, helped nature carpet the forest floor with hundreds of thousands of tree seedlings for future timber crops. (AFPI Photo)

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

MORE about spying: From Bern, capital of Switzerland: "Two SOVIET DIPLOMATS caught spying on U.S. rocket bases in West Germany and on SWISS radar installations were expelled in what the Swiss government called the gravest case of Soviet espionage since World War II.

"The incident stunned a country already confused by and critical of the U.S. 'spy plane' incident in Russia. News that the Soviet Union was spying inside Switzerland brought a SWIFT CHANGE OF MOOD and an outburst of indignation against the Soviets from Swiss newspapers."

THAT is to say: It's all right for Russia to spy on everybody else in the world (including neutral Switzerland) but when somebody spies on Russia it's dirty pool.

The realistic Swiss saw the point quickly.

QUESTION: Why did we spy on Russia?

PRESIDENT Eisenhower answered that question the other day when he told his news conference that U.S. reconnaissance flights over Russia were a "distasteful but vital necessity" TO GUARD AGAINST ANOTHER PEARL HARBOR SURPRISE ATTACK.

That's laying it on the line.

OUR government is getting a lot of criticism for frankly admitting it DID IT.

Do you join in the criticism?

Or do you think we SHOULD guard against another Pearl Harbor?

BEFORE answering these questions, remember this: If Russia SHOULD GET THE JUMP ON US in this nuclear warfare age, that would be that.

There would be no more U.S.A.

It's just that serious.

Y Summer Plan Starts June 13

The Medford YMCA's summer schedule will start June 13. Y officials have announced.

With new additions, the acoustical ceiling and ventilation system, the YMCA's pool is one of the finest in the Medford area for swimming instruction. Regardless of type of weather, the class can be held the year round.

Swimming classes will be limited so that each child may receive individual instruction, officials said.

Classes to be scheduled include beginners, low intermediate, and advanced, mom 'n' tot, tiny tots, scuba diving, and life saving.

There will also be gym classes scheduled for the summer.

Salem Census Set At 49,165 Persons

Salem—UPI—District census officials upped their preliminary federal census estimate for Salem today to 49,165 persons. Last week's initial estimate for 1960 was 48,799.

Census Supervisor Ronald Blundell said he doubted if Salem will achieve the 50,000 mark in this count.

The entire freshwater area in Canada has been estimated at 228,070 square miles.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

FRED ALLEN turned down several offers to act as M. C. for TV vaudeville shows or spectacles. "M. C.'s," he reasoned, "are really little more than pointers. That is, they point at someone else doing an act and say 'Isn't he great? Isn't he wonderful? Watch him! Shucks! That's the sort of trick you could teach a dog to do by smearing meat on the actors.'"



Discovered: an author who can be objective about his own work! He lives in London, has written several best-sellers, and dispatched his new manuscript to his publisher with the note: "Here's my new book. I'm afraid it has stopped being a masterpiece. It is a habit my books have got. They are works of genius before I start writing them, masterpieces for the first few thousand words, and unspeakable from then on. Alas, alas!"

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Bids Are Called on Keno Road by BPR

Invitation for bids on construction of the Keno rd. are now being accepted by the bureau of public roads, 824 Morgan building, Portland, and will be received until 2 p.m. June 2.

The project is located in the Greensprings unit of the Medford district, bureau of land management. The project is 27.4 miles in length beginning near Highway 66, approximately one-half mile west of the bridge crossing the Klamath river, or approximately 7 miles west of Keno. The road is to terminate on the Dead Indian rd. approximately 1.4 miles northeast of turn-off to Howard Prairie dam or Hyatt lake.

An estimated volume of 7,461,000 board feet of timber valued at \$156,227.55 is located on BLM and International Paper company lands, and 280 designated merchantable trees valued at \$4,412.20 are located on lands under forest service administration.

Private Owners

Timber on the right-of-way of other private owners will be decked in suitable log lengths on the owner's property adjacent to the road.

Two options are available for right-of-way timber on BLM and IPC lands, and lands administered by the forest service: (1) purchase of timber under timber sale contracts with BLM and forest service or (2) decking of logs in suitable lengths the same as on private lands.

Plans and specifications will be examined by prospective bidders at the Medford district forestry office, bureau

Tumor Registry Here Is Approved

The American College of Surgeons recently notified the administrator of approval of the Sacred Heart hospital tumor registry and clinic.

The tumor clinic and registry have been functioning approximately three years. All patients admitted to Sacred Heart hospital with the diagnosis of cancer have significant clinical data recorded in the registry. These patients are then followed as long as they live.

This gives the hospital accurate statistics of the results of cancer treatment in this area and the opportunity of comparing the cancer results in Medford with other parts of the country.

The tumor clinic is held once a week when problem cancer cases are presented to members of the Sacred Heart hospital staff. These cases are discussed and recommendations concerning treatment are given to the referring physician.

No charge is made to the patient for the service, hospital officials said. The tumor clinic and registry are supported by funds from the American Cancer Society.

Portland—UPI—U.S. Sen. Hall S. Lusk (D-Ore.) will maintain the Oregon office formerly occupied by the man he succeeded in the Senate, the late Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.).

Review Planned

A two-day review May 23 and 24 of the project will be made with prospective bidders who review the project at this time.

In addition a review of the timber sale will be made at the district office prior to the field review at which time any specific questions will be answered and further breakdown of timber volumes and values will be made available.

In order to plan the number of maps, timber data sheets, and the number of vehicles needed for transportation, prospective bidders planning to review the project May 23 and 24 are requested to notify the office prior to 4 p.m. May 20.

Desert Room Club Will Lose License

Portland—UPI—The City Council Thursday ordered the restaurant license of the Desert Room night club revoked by Nate Zusman revoled.

The vote was 3-2 to revoke the license effective July 5.

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