

Recreational Development in BLM District Noted in Report

Activities wide in scope heralded the start of the 1961 fiscal year for the bureau of land management, Medford district. At the close of the first quarter of the 1961 fiscal year, progress was noted in many fields of action.

Most significant progress of all the project actions, according to District Manager Ross A. Youngblood, was the Medford district getting into the actual participating field of recreational development.

Start of construction of a picnic and over-night camp facility at Elderberry Flat got under way. The facility is located on the West Fork of Evans creek about 35 miles northwest of Medford.

The recreational area is immediately adjacent to the West Fork of Evans Creek access road and about 6 miles up from the start of the road. The facility is planned to be completed next spring.

Likewise in this quarter, the Medford district performed maintenance work on several other recreational facilities on bureau of land management land. This work was performed on Battle Creek and Salt Creek picnic areas; these sites are likewise situated on the West Fork of Evans Creek access road.

Another one is the Star Gulch picnic facility which is located on a stream tributary to the Applegate river. Work also was done on the Little Applegate picnic facility located on the Little Applegate river. Similar maintenance work was performed on the Cold Springs and Tucker Flat sites in Curry county.

Small Campgrounds
In addition, the district operates a number of small campgrounds which can be reached only by pack trail adjacent to the Rogue river between Grave creek and Marial.

The sale of timber played an important role in Medford district activities for the first quarter of 1961 fiscal year, Youngblood said. It was noted that 22 tracts of timber were sold. Volume total was 39,586,000 board feet. Interested buyers paid a total of \$996,883.55 for the timber, which was \$218,353.50 more than its appraised value. The average price paid was \$25.20 per thousand board feet.

The highest bid for the Douglas-fir was \$35 per thousand board feet, whereas the highest bid for the ponderosa pine was \$29.50 per thousand board feet, he said. The 22 tracts were scattered throughout the district with Jackson county having 12; of the remaining 10 tracts, Josephine county had five, Klamath county two, and Douglas county three.

To meet the request of the purchasers, the bureau of land

management steers its timber sale program to tracts with a volume that will average out to about 2 to 2½ million board feet. While the tracts that are offered in any one year may average from 100,000 to 15,000,000 board feet, it is noted that the average tract tallies out at about 2½ million board feet, he said. For this quarter the average volume tallied out at 1,746,000 board feet per tract.

Collections Increase

Even though the bidding for these timber sales was not as brisk as for the sales one year ago, the collections were above those of one year ago by about \$190,000. Collections a year ago totaled \$2,142,312.24; for this period, collections totaled \$2,333,295.62, Youngblood noted. This figure represents collections from the sale of timber, timber trespass, right-of-way trespass, grazing trespass, rent

of land, and various fees such as road maintenance fees, service fees, sale of maps, etc. The accounts receivable collections totaled \$2,309,614.14. The O and C counties share in this amount. The O and C counties, of course, do not share in road maintenance fees or miscellaneous service fees.

A total of \$23,861.48 was collected which is not chargeable to the accounts receivable account; most of this amount represents road maintenance fees, which are put back into the upkeep of the O and C access roads maintained by the Medford district of the BLM, he said.

Northwest Josephine county is divided into the Gendale and Galice forest management areas on a geographical basis. The rugged terrain in these two areas necessitates the making of high-quality topographic maps to facilitate economical road development.

Vertical Control Points
To provide the basic data for the topographic map, elevations of more than 200 vertical control points were measured with altimeters in this Rogue river area during August and September, Youngblood said.

This vitally important topographic and vertical control point selection program was under the direction of Chester Williams of the Oregon state office. The vertical control points will be used to prepare the topographic map with the latest photogrammetric techniques.

The road locations, timber harvest plans, reforestation, fire control, and other forest management activities will be facilitated by the availability of these topographic maps which, it is hoped, will be completed within one year now that all the field data has been collected. The completion of this project was a marked achievement for the Medford district bureau of land management even though it taxed district manpower heavily, hence slowing progress in other fields, he added.

Drawings Conducted
While the BLM does not presently plan to go heavily into the field of homesteads or small tract leases, during this quarter drawings were conducted on Sept. 21 and 27 to award eight small tract leases in the Hyatt lake recreational homesite area.

Trespass work still continues to absorb manpower, Youngblood said. Trespass occurs predominately in three areas of activities, timber cutting, occupancy, and grazing. Because of the values involved, timber trespass directs the focus of the district's manpower attention. While good progress was made in closing cases during this quarter, a good number of new trespass cases were noted, he said.

Mining activity continues to draw its share of action in the district's activity calendar. In this quarter, there were 150 personal contacts by mining claimants to the Medford district office requesting information about their mineral rights under the federal mining laws. The record also shows that about an equal number of telephone calls were received in regard to mining and mining claim problems.

Examine Rights

Medford district mining engineer, Stanley Shepard, examined the surface rights on 25 mining claims; it was determined that 10 of these claims will remain under the original mining laws, and the others are in various stages of contest proceedings, he said.

The job of keeping district timber appraisal data current is an important facet of the overall timber resource management program, Youngblood said. The district appraiser, Floyd Fogelquist, examined and reviewed the preliminary draft of the bureau of land management's revised logging and transportation cost data. Fogelquist met with BLM state office officials to analyze the cost tables and related data. Under the general direction of the district appraiser and his assistant, Al Schmitt, another logging cost study is being conducted. Engineers and foresters from other O and C districts are sharing with the Medford district in this study, he said.

Reforestation Season

The reforestation season being close, the Medford BLM district geared up for reforestation action in the coming planting months. To shift this reforestation program into action a seed-spotting contract was let for 122 acres of sugar pine seeding and 35 acres of ponderosa pine seeding.

Paul J. Blair of Medford was awarded the contract; it is expected Blair will get under way on this most important direct-seeding job shortly, Youngblood said.

The second stage of the Medford BLM district's reforestation program was likewise aired into gear in this quarter by sending a bid invitation request to the BLM state office covering aerial

seeding of 419 acres with Douglas-fir seed and 1,089 acres for planting requiring 176 thousand ponderosa pine seedlings and 421 thousand Douglas-fir seedlings.

Reforestation problems in the Medford district run, Youngblood said, the entire gamut of problems. To assist with, and in the hope of resolving, some of these problems, Dick Herman of the Oregon Forest Research center is working with Medford district foresters on some of the most intriguing problems.

Herman will give technical direction, and the BLM will perform the work, the district manager said. Two fenced enclosures have been built to help carry out part of this research work. The enclosures are to keep out deer and cattle to prevent them from eating newly planted seedlings.

Access Road Projects

Access road projects continue to play an important part of the Medford district's activities. In this quarter several access road projects were completed, and the roads and bridges are ready for use. Among the projects was the Cantrall bridge over the Applegate river, an important bridge because it opens up a large block of under-developed BLM timber.

Of great importance in this quarter was the start of the second bureau of public roads maintenance crew, which arrived in the district Aug. 15. Presently this second BPR maintenance crew is responsible for maintaining the West Fork of Evans Creek road and all other BLM access roads within a 360-degree circle about the city of Medford. The crew is headquartered in Medford.

Bureau of public road location survey activities continued. Road location was completed for the Rock creek re-survey, which stream is a tributary to West Fork Evans creek; likewise, location survey was continued on Deer creek to extend this road some three miles west of the point where the Deer creek road terminates.

Location Engineer
Jack Rickard, location engineer for the BPR, has been doing this work under the direction of Dick Schlachter,

bureau of land management district engineer. During the past five years, Rickard has completed over 175 miles of access road location surveys for the bureau of land management, Youngblood said.

In this quarter the deck was cleared to get under way the setting of road clearing stakes on Salt creek, which stream is tributary to Little Butte creek, and the West Branch of Elk creek which is tributary to Elk creek.

Actual calculation has determined that 46 miles of

timber sale roads were constructed by BLM timber purchasers. The estimated cost of these 46 miles of timber sale roads is \$420,000.

The acquiring of easements and all the attendant work necessary continued to receive high priority. Easements are necessary to clear the right-of-way prior to the construction of access and timber sale roads.

During the summer season the bureau of land management employed 26 temporary foresters, which consisted

principally of forestry aids, engineering aids, one range aid, and several plant control aids. Most of these employees' jobs were terminated in this period.

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The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Rita R. — Bill punished Ted too severely.
Bill R. — He's getting too big to go around telling lies.

Rita R. — My husband and I are having a serious disagreement about handling our 10-year-old son, Teddy.

He has been telling a lot of lies recently. Some are about his big-shot exploits at school, other about something odd he has seen or done. When you question him you realize he has made it all up.

But the other day my husband heard Teddy telling a lie that his dad is an FBI man and always carries a gun. Bill just walked over and said, "You know that isn't true, Ted." Then he took him in the house and spanked him. I feel that was too much on top of the disgrace of being shown up in front of his friend.

Bill R. — For a long time I've been doing things the way Rita says we should, telling Teddy that certain things just aren't so and letting it go at that. Mostly we have been simply hoping he'll soon grow out of this stage.

But now I'm beginning to think Teddy is getting too big for this kind of thing. We've got to put a stop to it. We've been coddling him too much and now he's getting fresh — giving us such comebacks as "You tell lies too. Remember when you told me to tell Aunt Ellen you weren't home and you were?"

Of course, I've been trying to make him see that is a white lie, but I haven't made much headway.

The Council: On the whole, children tell lies for the same reasons as adults — ego-building and avoidance of threatening or uncomfortable situations. Very young children tell "lies" that are really fantasies. They don't know there is an important difference between what is real and what is imagined and parents have to point this out to them with-

out making them feel there is anything wrong with imagining things.

A boy of Teddy's age, however, knows the difference between his dreams and reality and he is undoubtedly often disturbed by his own lies. He doesn't know why he tells them and is always worried about being found out. This is why understanding is in order rather than punishment.

Parents may find a clue to what is troubling their children from the kind of lies that are told. The boy who constantly lies about how well he is doing in school, for example, is undoubtedly somewhat fearful of disappointing his parents in this respect. He should be encouraged to do his best, but not made to feel he is expected to live up to a very high standard.

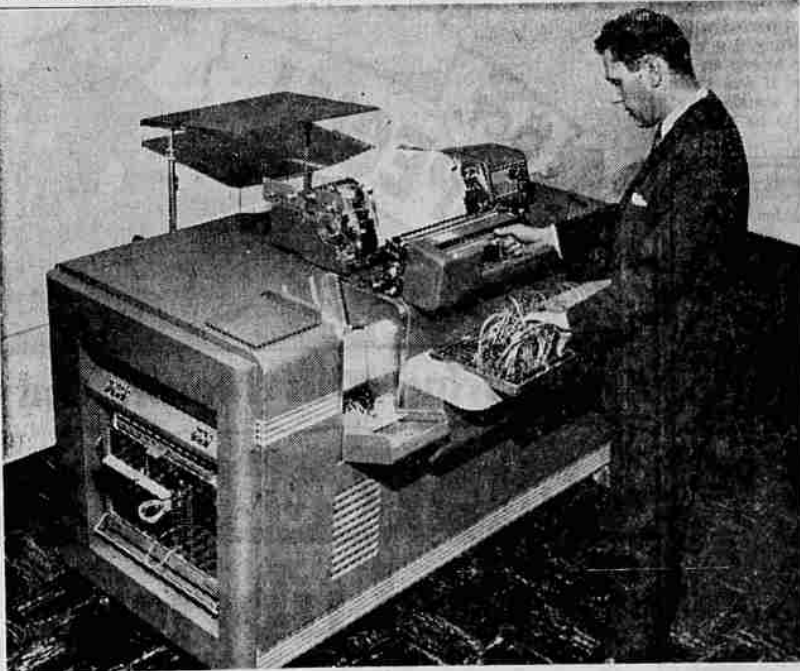
In Ted's case, his lies seem to indicate that he is uneasy about his father as well as himself. Perhaps he feels his father isn't a very important person in the home and since Dad is the man he must pattern himself after, he wants to adjust the pattern a little more to his liking.

Psychologists and educators believe it is an excellent experience for youngsters to visit their fathers' offices or places of business. They should be shown just what Dad does to earn his money and they should be made very much aware of the fact that the family rests as solidly on Dad's paycheck as it does on Mom's cooking.

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IZVESTIA CHARGES

Moscow — UPI — The government newspaper Izvestia charged Thursday that the Japanese government was indirectly responsible for the assassination of Socialist leader Inejiro Asanuma. It blamed his stabbing on "the Japanese Fascists — and those who have given them a free hand the ruling circles of Japan."



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