

Competition Noted In Bidding for BLM Timber in District

Considerable competition was displayed in the oral auction timber sale held by the Medford district of the bureau of land management Thursday, according to John A. Carnegie, district sales officer.

The 12,432,000 board feet of timber on the four tracts offered for sale brought a total bid of \$291,882.90. There was strong competition for three of the tracts. The fourth tract was sold without competitive bids. Prices for the Douglas fir ranged from \$21.60 per thousand board feet to \$33.25.

In the first sale, Estremado and Sons of Gold Hill was the highest of three bidders competing for 1,237,000 board feet of timber located north of Butte Falls in Jackson county. The bid included the highest offer of the day, \$33.25 per thousand for the Douglas fir and the total bid was \$33,738.65. The competing bidders were Everett Cushman and Harry Webber.

Oregon Veneer company of White City offered \$28.50 per thousand for Douglas fir and a total of \$148,232.45 for the sale to top the highest offer made by Medford Corporation for 6,105,000 board feet located southwest of Prospect on the south side of the Rogue river.

A tract containing 4,970,000 board feet located west of Williams in Josephine county was purchased by Southern Oregon Plywoods, Inc., of Grants Pass without competition for \$108,453.30. The Douglas fir on this sale brought \$21.60 per thousand.

Freeman Higginbotham of Grants Pass bought 120,000 board feet of salvage timber located south of Murphy in Josephine county for \$3,458.50 with a bid of \$29.25 per thousand for the Douglas fir. Donald Andresen was the unsuccessful bidder for the tract.

On March 9, the Medford district plans to offer six more tracts of timber for sale. These contain 24,075,000 board feet of timber which is appraised at \$505,611.35, according to Carnegie. Five of the tracts are located in Jackson county and the sixth one is in Josephine county.

Bidding for one of the tracts will be limited to operators who qualify as small businesses under the regulations of the Small Business Administration, who requested that the tract be set aside for such bidders. This is the first such sale to be offered by the Medford district of the bureau, and it will be sold by sealed bid rather than the normal auction procedure, Carnegie indicated.



EAGLE SCOUT—George Gary Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Barber, 185 DeHauge ave., became the first Eagle Scout in Troop 10 during a court of honor Friday evening at Howard school. A member of Explorer Post 10, the new Eagle Scout has been active in district and Explorer Scout activities during the past seven years. He has earned 32 merit badges. George is president of his senior class at Crater High school. Scoutmaster of Troop 10 is M. H. Cotton.

Goldfine To Stand Tax Evasion Trial

Boston—UPB—Bernard Goldfine, 70, the financier whose gifts to top government officials got him in trouble, will stand trial March 20 in federal court for alleged evasion of nearly \$800,000 in income taxes.

The Boston businessman was declared mentally competent to face trial by Federal Judge George C. Sweeney Thursday after a six-day hearing on his mental condition.

Goldfine, whose far flung textile interests have earned him millions of dollars, said he was "perfectly satisfied" with Judge Sweeney's decision. He was freed in \$5,000 personal recognizance.

Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. 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.

William H.—I won a cruise for two, but my wife won't come along.

Adeline H.—I've been on cruises and I hate them.

William H.—I've just won a drawing on a South American luxury cruise for two, but my wife doesn't want to go. I hate going alone and I certainly can't invite another woman. Taking my brother-in-law doesn't appeal to me either.

Addie tells me to sell the tickets and use the money to see more of the U.S.A. She has a fear of boats and water, and a dislike of cruises ever since an eight-day trip we took ten years ago. She spent the whole time, then, being seasick in the cabin, and checking off the days until debarkation.

I'm trying to persuade her to come. I found out that the cash we'd get in exchange for the reservations would be only a small percent of the value, and wouldn't get us further than Ohio. As for her comfort, there are good seasick pills and tranquilizers these days.

It's a shame to waste my lucky number. How can I make Addie change her mind?

Adeline H.—That may have been a lucky number for Bill, but it's an unlucky one for me. The only part of a cruise I like is getting off the boat! Oceans look awfully good to me from a beach chair at Asbury Park or a boardwalk at Jones Beach—that is, from terra firma. I can't see any pleasure in having the ground beneath your feet rocking back and forth for three weeks, and a ship's motor chugging in your ears all the time.

Besides, there are those "cruise activities." Most of the passengers get the ground rolling beneath them before sailing time, what with all the drinking, and the clothes! I don't feel like stockpiling with dresses for the Captain's Dinner and the stateroom cocktail parties. Yet without them I'd look like a hick.

The Council: Bill should go—preferably with Adeline. But her refusal shouldn't deter him.

He has a chance for a memorable experience. He and Adeline aren't the first couple who, though devoted and loyal, still retain individual ideas about "what's fun." On dry land, perhaps, they're inseparable. For this cruise, let's pronounce them "separable."

Nevertheless, we urge Adeline to reconsider. Her reasons are subject to doubt or, if valid, to remedy. While she disagrees with the shipping line's slogan, "Getting there is half the fun," she might agree that the other half—being with her husband—makes the rest bearable. Since she's eager to see new places with him, she might keep in mind the half-dozen stopovers these cruises offer in exotic, rock-bottom, non-rocking ports!

Also, it takes all kinds to make up a passenger list, and the chances are that Adeline will find several kindred souls in the catch-all. There'll be the non-drinkers and the non-dressers-uppers, as well as the professional escapists, and most of the bores find other bores to buttonhole the first day out.

But if his wife still refuses to pack a few tablets to ward off motion-sickness and step aboard, Bill has several alternatives. He could invite a relative or friend, either a bachelor or one whose wife wouldn't mind. There are such. Or, he might take no one and enjoy spreading out in a two-cabin stateroom all by himself. Finally, he might accept cash for the unused half, and risk having a stranger share his quarters, although this is the least desirable solution.

All we can say to Adeline if she chooses to stay behind, is what the audience used to yell to contestants on "Take It or Leave It": "You'll be sorry." She's passing up some technicolor memories.

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