

# Mining Claims in National Forest To Be Examined by FS

A field survey and examination of mining claims is under way in the Elk creek, Fredenburg butte, and Star gulch areas of the Rogue River National forest, Supervisor C. E. Brown has announced. The examination by the forest service is the first step in the procedure authorized by the Multiple Use Mining Law of July 23, 1955.

The purpose of the examination is to locate claims within the area which were in possession of, or worked by, the claimant before the date of the law, and to determine whether a claim to surface rights on such claims is valid and effective.

Brown explained that the determination of surface rights on old claims in the areas being examined will in no way interfere with the claimant's rights to prospect, mine and develop minerals, use the surface and timber on a claim for mining purposes, or to patent his claim in accordance with the law.

After a claim is patented, both surface and mineral resources become the property of the claim owner. The department of agriculture has always favored the development of the mineral resources of the national forests and will continue to cooperate with legitimate miners.

Formal public notice regarding the determination of surface rights on mining claims in the areas will appear in local newspapers for nine consecutive weeks. In addition, a copy of such notice will be delivered to persons whose names and addresses are determined as provided in the law. The owner of a mining claim located prior to July 23, 1955, will

have 150 days after the first publication to assert surface rights if he chooses to do so.

A claimant has two options under the law. He may ignore the notices, thereby waiving rights to the surface until the claim goes to patent yet maintaining his original mining rights. The claimant may file a verified statement asserting his rights to the surface. In that case his claim will be examined by mineral examiners, Brown explained.

Claims of questionable validity will be considered before a hearing officer of the bureau of land management, department of the interior, who will make the final decision. Both the claimant and the forest service will present their testimony at the hearing.

Whatever the decision, the claimant will retain his mineral rights. If the decision is in the claimant's favor, he also retains all surface rights. Maps of the areas now being examined, and copies of the Multiple Use Mining Law of July 23, 1955, and of the procedure for the determination of surface right, set up by law are available for inspection at the forest supervisor's office, room 315, post office building, Medford.

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# Blast of Cold Air Moves Over Plains

A blast of cold air moved across the Northern Plains today, dropping temperatures from Minnesota to Montana. The rest of the nation continued to enjoy mild spring-like weather.

Cold wave warnings were issued for Montana, with bitter temperatures expected to extend to Minnesota by tonight. The mercury is expected to fall to 20 degrees below zero through Montana and the Dakotas tonight.

Warm weather blanketed the nation east of the Mississippi river while clear skies kept the temperatures across the Southwest in the 50s and 60s.

Beverly Hills, Calif., had an 80-degree reading Tuesday, highest reported in the nation.

Sprinkles swept the Pacific Northwest but the temperatures stayed in the 30-40 degree range.

Portland - Two more penguins died at the Portland Zoo Tuesday, bringing the toll to 24 since zoo director Jack Marks returned from Antarctica with the birds last month.

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# Minuteman Missile Problems Flare Up At Cape Canaveral

Liquid-fueled ICBMs such as the Atlas and Titan-I require at least 15 minutes' warning to get off the ground.

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# Two Accidents Are Caused from Ice

A car traveling north on Orchard Home dr. failed to negotiate a curve onto Stewart ave. in a heavy fog and icy pavement and rolled over into a borrow pit, according to state police.

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# 9,000-Man Draft Call Issued for March

Washington - The Defense Department announced Tuesday a 9,000-man Army draft call for March, its highest quota since last January.

The draftees will give the Army a temporary buildup to offset a decline in strength caused by demobilization of troops called up to meet the Berlin crisis.

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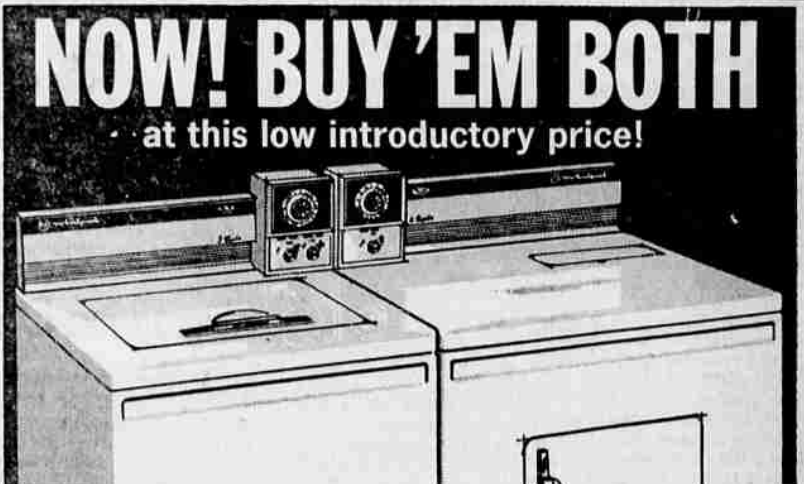
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# In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Beginning this week, it costs five cents to mail the letter we formerly mailed for four cents. It costs four cents to mail the card we formerly mailed for three cents. It costs eight cents for the air mail letter that formerly went for seven cents.

In other words, anything postmarked after midnight Sunday must carry a penny more than before on first class and air mail letters and post cards.

That's only a PENNY more than before. What, in these modern days, does a penny amount to?

WAIT A minute. An up of a penny on the letter you formerly mailed for four cents is an increase of 25 PER CENT. An up of a penny on the card you formerly mailed for three cents is an increase of thirty-three and a third per cent. Incidentally, an increase of a penny in the air mail letter you formerly mailed for seven cents is an increase of only 14 per cent.

Which is to say: These new rates, small as they are on the individual unit, are expected to add \$459 million annually to post office revenues. A small increase on a HUGE volume of business runs into quite a little money.

QUESTION: Will this increase of \$459 million in postal revenue (just under HALF A BILLION dollars in total), by reducing the deficit in the post office department, reduce our taxes?

It seems reasonable that it should. But it is quite probable that it WON'T. One suspects that our government will just SPEND MORE.

ANOTHER question: Are those new postal rates HIGHER than similar postal rates ever were before?

By no means. Listen to this: In 1789, when the first rates were fixed, it cost six cents to send a letter UP TO 30 MILES, and the price went up for longer distances to a minimum of 25 cents for more than 450 miles. If that rate had remained in force until the present day, it would cost us two bits to send an ordinary letter to San Francisco.

When the famous Pony Express - which carried a letter from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Cal., in nine days - went into service it cost FIVE DOLLARS to send a half-ounce letter.

This admittedly stiff postage rate continued until the first transcontinental telegraph became operative, reducing the delivery time of a message from nine days to almost no time at all if you happened to be at the point where the telegram could be delivered to you.

This competition promptly became to keen that in order to meet it the postal rate was dropped to a dollar for a half-ounce. That's what competition does.

This, of course, is not true of old newspapers, which can still be used for wrapping fish.

Eventually, I hope to show how the theory of "disposalism" can be applied to our entire society, but I may never get it finished. I am kept too busy carrying out the trash.

# West Developing New Economic Theory in Basement Workshop

By DICK WEST

Washington - (UPI) - During the recent holidays, I did a lot of work on a new economic theory that I have been putting together down in my basement workshop. The theory I am working on is called "disposalism." All of the pieces aren't in place yet, but I think it will be truly catalytic.

It is founded on the premise that mankind's basic economic motivation is in the process of reversing itself. Up to now, our chief interest and concern has been in acquiring things. Right?

Well, it is my theory that from now on the emphasis will shift to getting rid of things. In some areas, the change already has occurred.

To cite on familiar example, the government has accumulated vast amounts of surplus farm products but has never satisfactorily solved the problem of how to dispose of them.

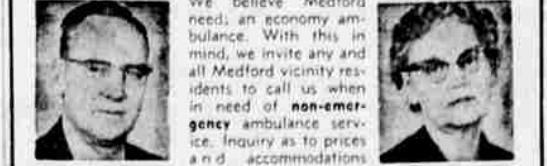
To cite another, the disposal of radioactive waste materials has become a major problem in the development of atomic energy.

"Disposalism" also has trickled down to the average American household - at least, it has to mine. There have been times when we have

been without heat or lights and gotten along very well. But let the garbage disposal unit go on the blink or the trash collector be a day late and panic sets in.

The significance of "disposalism" was particularly impressed upon me at Christmas. We were virtually inundated by our own trash. In fact, I accidentally threw my son in the box his wagon came in.

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IN STRIKE SPOTLIGHT - Retired Federal Judge Harold R. Medina puffs on a cigar during a press conference in New York after being called into the city's newspaper strike spotlight by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Labor Secretary W. W. Wirtz and Mayor Robert Wagner. Medina is chairman of a three-man "Board of Public Accountability" which will seek a settlement of the month-old strike. (UPI)

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