

Advisory Council Comes to Defense of Forest Service in Criticism Answer

The Rogue River National Forest Advisory Council, in the first meeting called at the request of the council membership, came to the defense of the forest services by answering recent criticism of the two forest service land exchanges.

The criticism, based on General Accounting Office figures and leveled at the forest service, drew a five-point resolution from the council, V. A. Norris of Medford, council chairman, reported.

"Having fully informed itself concerning the two recent forest service land exchanges which were criticized early in January by the General Accounting office," the advisory board resolved:

Based on Dollars, Cents

"That the GAO criticism is based solely on dollars and cents considerations, without including recreational, aesthetic, management and operational advantages of value to the forest service or in carrying out its planned land consolidation program.

"That its criticism is seriously deficient in failing to recognize the facts of a fluctuating timber market, where prices for stumpage rapidly rise and fall in a short period of time.

"That the GAO report failed to include mention of the fact that the property acquired by the forest service has potential values many times those of the appraised values.

Point Out Deficiencies

"That the GAO report presumably was aimed at pointing out deficiencies in the 1922 law under which forest land exchanges were made and that this is a worthwhile aim.

"That, nonetheless, release of this report at this time,

without further explanation, was a disservice to the forest service.

"That, despite one minor technical error on the part of the forest service, the exchanges were completed in all other respects strictly according to established procedures under law, and that, in fact, the public interest was served well thereby."

Carroll Brown, supervisor of the Rogue River National Forest, represented the forest service at the meeting. Also present were Bob Torheim and Ralph Wiese of his staff. **Not Called By Service**

Norris emphasized the fact that the meeting was not called at the request of any member of the forest service.

Brown explained the organization and functions of the General Accounting Office, which audits the activities of government agencies. Under the law, he said, the GAO is directly responsible to Congress.

The audits are generally constructive investigations and often result in beneficial changes in laws and regulations, Brown said. The forest service cooperates with the GAO in its audits of national forest programs. Brown added that he has not yet seen the audit report upon which the critical newspaper articles were based.

Reviews Act's Features

Torheim reviewed the features and requirements of the General Exchange Act of March 20, 1922. Under this law, he said, the forest service conducts a land exchange program with private landowners and other public agencies. He explained the several types of land exchanges and outlined the purpose and objectives of exchanges. The long range land exchange plan for the Rogue River National Forest was presented by Torheim and the procedures involved in a typical land exchange case were outlined.

The history of the two exchanges, which were publicized, was explained by Wiese. He said that in 1960 the government exchanged 140 acres of national forest land for 1,972 acres of land owned by Edward G. and Raymond Taylor within the boundaries of the Rogue River National Forest. In the same year, a simi-

Oregon Cavalcade Group Schedules Newport Meeting

Roseburg - The first annual winter meeting of the On To Oregon Cavalcade, Inc., a non-profit Oregon corporation composed of 30 members of the 1959 Oregon Centennial Covered Wagon Train, will be held at Newport Feb. 23 and 24.

The Cavalcade group is meeting to put the finishing touches on plans to construct an Oregon Trail museum, which will be located at Independence. The land for the museum has been provided by the city of Independence for this purpose.

Six members will be briefed at the Newport meeting for the plan to retrace the Oregon Trail this spring and summer promoting the museum project to civic groups and historical societies in states through which the old trail passes.

Invited To Crab Feed

The meeting place in Newport has not been designated but all members of the 1959 trail crew have been invited to be guests of the Newport Elks club for a crab feed Saturday evening.

Dick Carter, president of the Cavalcade from Medford, has described the forthcoming meeting as the most important to be held by the Cavalcade organization.

Special invitations to the gathering have been sent to Howell Appling, secretary of state; Ray Dunckel, mayor of Independence, and members of the board of directors. Mrs. Hazeldean Hunter of Rupert, Idaho, will be present to outline plans for museum promotion in connection with the Idaho statehood centennial.

Sold By Owners

The GAO, as reported to the press, determined that the Taylors sold the former forest land and timber for \$148,940 more than the forest service appraised value of the former Taylor lands. It was reported that B and W Mining company sold its former national forest land and timber for \$58,240 more than the appraised value of the lands exchanged by the company.

Wiese pointed out that these exchanges resulted in the acquisition by the government of 3,092 acres of land for 200 acres. The land received by the government, he said, helped to consolidate national forest ownership and is well suited for multiple use.

Brown summarized the presentation and explained that some of the differences in valuations were undoubtedly due to a forest service error in the use of the volume tables to complete timber volumes. He indicated that the private lands acquired by the government also may be of greater value now and in the future than the original appraisal indicated.

The Rogue River National Forest Advisory Council, which called the meeting, is composed of the following members, who represent the classification listed: Eric W. Allen, Jr., Medford, general public welfare; Harlan P. Bosworth, Jr., Medford, water power; Harlan Central, Applegate, ranching; Jack Hanel, Medford, Isaac Walton League; Jean F. Eberhart, Ashland, recreation; William E. Hallin, Roseburg, experiment station; Mrs. Kathryn Heffernan, Medford, water resources; Mrs. Pauline La-Plane, Medford, labor; S. V. (Duke) McQueen, Medford, small timber operators; Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, Ashland, education, and Frank J. Van Dyke, Medford, business and industry.



SCOUTS IN SALEM—Southern Oregon Boy Scouts in Salem recently are shown here with Gov. Mark Hatfield. The Scouts are, left to right, David Gillespie, Melvin Taylor and Tom Ness, who represented the Crater Lake Council at the Scout report to the governor.

Area Boy Scouts Report to Governor

Tom Ness Jr., 7 Glen Oak court, represented Crater Lake Council of the Boy Scouts of America, at the annual Boy Scout report to the Governor ceremony held at Salem recently.

One Scout from each council was given an opportunity to make a brief report to the governor on an outstanding accomplishment of his council during 1962.

Young Ness is an Explorer Scout with Post 103, sponsored by the Army Reserve.

Accompanied by Others

His report concerned the raising of membership in the area, the continued advancement in ratings of the Scouts, the percentage gain of adults in leadership training, and the record of camping participation.

Ness was accompanied by Scouts Dave Gillespie, 1020 Northwest Washington ave., Grants Pass, member of Post 125, sponsored by the Sheriff's posse; and Melvin Taylor, 1625 Grand ave., member of Troop 7, sponsored by the First Methodist church, Medford.

George Brennen, Crater Lake council assistant executive, drove the boys north. Brennen and Taylor took part in order of the arrow activities in Salem.

In addition to reporting to the governor, Scouts from throughout the state toured the Capitol and attended sessions of the state legislature and senate.

All-Time High Harvest Noted

Portland—Timber harvested in the national forests of Oregon and Washington in 1962 reached an all-time high total of 4,404,000,000 board feet, J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, U. S. forest service has announced.

In 1961, a total of 3,808,000,000 board feet was cut, and in 1960 the total was 3,584,000,000. Total value of the 1962 harvest was \$80,835,240.

The annual sustained-yield allowable cut for the Pacific Northwest region recently was revised upward to 4,267,000,000 board feet. Since harvest volumes are averaged out over a period of years, the higher harvest figure for 1962 does not violate the principle of sustained yield, Stone explained.

Timber sold in 1962 amounted to 4,178,000,000 board feet, which is also an increase over the past years. Volume of timber sold varies from the amount cut during the year because the period in which a sale of timber is cut varies from a few weeks or months to several years.

Total value of the volume sold in 1962 was \$69,039,957. The total volume under contract—7,850,000,000 board feet—is also the largest amount on record, Stone noted.

Area Engineers Are Told Atomic War Is World Suicide

"Atomic war would be world suicide," H. P. Bosworth Jr., vice president of Pacific Power and Light, told members of the Rogue Valley section of the Professional Engineers of Oregon at a recent meeting.

Pointing out that today's hydrogen bomb is reported to have a destructive force 10,000 times greater than the Hiroshima bomb, Bosworth urged his listeners to seek moral development to match the scientific growth in the world of today.

"We have opened new frontiers of scientific knowledge but our moral development has lagged," the speaker declared. "It is time to catch up, and there is a growing demand for this action throughout the world. The problem is one of morality, both personal and international."

Topic of Address

"Nuclear Energy" was the topic of Bosworth's address, arranged in observance of "National Engineers Week." The national theme for the week is "America's Engineers Build for the Future."

Bosworth gave his fellow professional engineers and their guests a concise history of the developments in nuclear technology, which began in 400 B.C. when the Greek philosopher Democritus expressed his atomic theory.

He told his audience of the many present and possible future uses for nuclear energy in the fields of electric power, transportation, medicine, agriculture, public health and other industries.

He concluded his talk with the question, "What kind of tomorrow do you want and what are you willing to do about it?"

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

BACK IN THE rugged—and romantic—days of railroad-building in our country, a circus train was flagged down on a siding of the Santa Fe. Three elephants managed to get their trunks, unnoticed, into the tender tank, and used up all the water giving themselves a shower. The train was stalled—until an ingenious mahout named O'Reilly uncoupled the engine and made the elephants tow it three miles down the track to a water tower.

I recall another story about the Santa Fe Railroad. It concerned a clergyman in a remote New Mexico town who rushed down to the station every evening to watch the Super-Chief whiz by. There was no chore he wouldn't interrupt to carry out this ritual.

Members of the minister's congregation deemed his eccentricity juvenile and frivolous, and asked him to give it up. "No, gentlemen," he replied firmly. "I preach your sermons, teach you Sunday school, bury your dead, marry you, run your charities, chairman every drive it pleases you to conduct. I won't give up seeing that Santa Fe train every evening. I love it. It's the only thing that passes through this town that I don't have to push."

Play Producer Max Gordon recalls in his new autobiography the morning he instructed his secretary to locate a certain brahmin comedian who was working on the road. She returned to report, "He died in Kansas City last night." To which Gordon sighed, "He always did!"

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Master's Program At UO Accredited

Eugene—The American Association of Schools of Business Administration, the accrediting association for collegiate education in business administration, has announced it has accredited the master's degree programs in business administration at the University of Oregon.

In previous years the association has only accredited undergraduate programs. The University of Oregon undergraduate program in business administration was accredited in 1923.

Dr. Richard W. Lindholm, dean of the university's school of business administration, said the action by the association makes the school one of only eight schools west of the Rockies to have an accredited graduate program in business.

USE SILENCERS

Paris - (UPI) - Members of the famed Surete Nationale take target practice wearing huge earmuffs to keep out the noise of their automatics.

Medford Students To Attend Event

Six students from Medford High school will attend the awards ceremonies for the 36th annual scholastic art awards competition in Portland Saturday, Feb. 23.

They will be accompanied by their instructor, Miss Catherine Fonken.

The Medford winners are Roger Dyke, senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dyke; Diane Medcalf, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Medcalf; Steven Kingman, senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Kingman; Bill McDaniel, senior, making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Emmons; Elizabeth Clark, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clark, and Nikki Yahya, senior, exchange student from Malaya, who is making his home during the school year with Dr. and Mrs. Robert Riechers.

Diane Medcalf and Roger Dyke received blue ribbon labels and their work will qualify for the National Scholastic Arts Exhibition in New York City in May.

There were 4,000 entries from schools throughout the state and 200 are selected as

Gold Key winners and 100 as blue ribbon winners.

STUDENTS RIOT

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