

Forest Service Chief Expounds Lumber Figures

Important information on Klamath county forest resources and proposed forest practices legislation is contained in a statement by E. H. Clapp, chief of the forest service, written to Congressman Walter M. Pierce and received here by friends of the congressman.

The letter was written by Clapp after he had studied a copy of a dodger circulated just before the election, attacking Pierce's forest bill. Because of the authenticated facts given in Clapp's letter, it is printed here in full:

"Dear Governor Pierce: Your letter of November 14 is received. Some of the figures quoted in the dodger evidently were based on forest survey data published by the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment station, but unfortunately they were quoted incorrectly and their significance appears to have been misunderstood. I shall first review the forest resource situation according to our findings, and then comment on the purposes of your bill as we understand them.

The best information available to this office indicates that Klamath county contains 22,407,000 board feet of stumpage, of which 7,700,000 board feet is privately owned; the remainder is situated upon Indian reservation, national forest and other public lands. According to the dodger, the cut in 1939 amounted to 80 per cent of all the timber standing on private lands in Klamath county at the time the forest survey was made. Obviously, this is not correct. We cannot give you the correct figures for the 1939 cut, because these have not yet been released by the census bureau. However, for the 10 year period 1925-1934, forest survey reports showed the average annual cut in Klamath county to be 385,121,000 board feet; the largest recorded cut for Klamath county up to 1934 for any one year was 507,000,000 board feet. The lumber cut for the entire state of Oregon was only 4,451,723,000 feet in 1937, and 3,790,896,000 feet in 1938.

The figure quoted as the cut advocated by you is exactly ten times the forest survey estimate of potential growth obtainable after many years of good forest practices on all of the forest land, both public and private, in Klamath county, namely 285,422,000 board feet, a year.

In the three other counties mentioned in the dodger the total estimated volume of timber was found by the forest survey to be 16,054,000,000 board feet, of which 5,420,000,000 board feet were on private lands, the

remainder on Indian lands or publicly-owned lands. During the 10-year period 1925-1934, according to forest survey reports, the average annual cuts in these three counties were: Deschutes, 235,000,000 feet; Jefferson, 1,366,000 feet; Crook, negligible quantity. Since then, three mills, cutting in the aggregate about 70 to 75 million board feet a year, have been established in Crook county. The future timber cut for these three counties shown in the dodger as advocated by you coincides with the forest service estimate of potential growth attainable after many years of good forest practice on both private and public lands, whereas the dodger seems to relate the figure only to private lands, which support only one-third of the stumpage in the three counties.

"On the basis of the known volumes of timber in Klamath county and in the other three counties, it would appear that if cutting continued at the rate and under the methods prevailing from 1925 to 1934, the privately-owned timber would last not much more than 20 years, after which there would be few jobs in the woods and in the sawmills except such as the publicly-owned timber could provide. More conservative cutting methods, such as those adopted by some operators in recent years, would help to extend the life of existing operations.

"So much for the factual forest resource background. Now as to the bill itself. As a matter of fact, the bill does not propose any specific amount to be cut. We understand its purpose is to enable adjustments in timber ownership that will make possible the gradual adjustment of cutting to sustained-yield capacity of the forest, and it would set the stage so that the sustained-yield capacity could eventually be attained. This does not mean abrupt decreases in employment, but rather the creation of conditions which would minimize the need for or possibility of new developments that within a few years would tend to destroy the timber resource and thus reduce the employment afforded by that resource almost to zero. In other words, the objective of the bill is to promote a gradual and relatively painless adjustment between cut and growth, extending over a period of years, as the preferable alternative to an abrupt 'bust' after a few years of 'boom'.

"In accordance with your request, the dodger is returned. E. H. CLAPP, Acting chief, Forest Service."

HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment by June Michelson

Newly appointed members of the social committee include Nancy Boyd, Charles McCandless, Tony Molatore, Jean Wiesendanger, Wayne Chase, Virginia Howard, Orton Mann, Audrey Reed, Howard Renner, Betty Fredrickson, Arnold Selby, Edrie Smith, June Cook, Leonard Harvey, Delbert Morris.



It is the duty of these members to plan for the social activities during the year. At present they are making preparations for the dance which is to be held after the Christmas assembly, Friday, December 20.

"Home Sweet Home" should be the motto of the Wiltons', a fictitious family invented by girls in Mrs. Alene Williamson's homemaker class. Kelly Robinson and her woodworking boys have constructed an old English style five-room home, white with a bright green roof and a red brick chimney, for the homemaker girls to furnish who are studying interior decorating.

There are four persons in the Wilton family—Papa, a bank clerk; mama, fond of bridge; and two high school age daughters. The house is made on the scale of one inch to a foot and is complete even to a drain board with a tiny sink in the white enameled kitchen, a fireplace in the living room, a carpet of deep blue velvet on the stairs and in the dining room, and real glass in the windows.

A beautiful Christmas tea was given by the Tea Toppers club Thursday for members of the faculty.

Santa Claus in a white sled drawn by two white reindeer carried out the Christmas theme on the table. Tall red candles in silver poinsettia holders were on either side of the centerpiece.

Miss G. Karen Nelson is advisor to the group.

During the winter months when it is impossible for the Tennis club to function, members will conduct a ping pong tournament.

Another ping pong tournament is under way now in the girls' gym classes. The tournament will be between the four classes; freshmen started this week.

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Posters on rat life and growth are on display in the art case. Virginia Andrews is in charge of the display.

The posters explain how the different vitamins affect rats and how growth may be controlled.

WARD EXPECTED TO OFFER PEACE PLAN IN OREGON STRIKE

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 13 (AP)—Montgomery Ward company officials are expected to submit a peace formula to settle the AFL strike against its stores in seven California and Oregon cities at a meeting with union leaders tomorrow.

G. A. Silverthorn, secretary of the Alameda county AFL Central Labor council, spokesman for the two striking unions said following a preliminary meeting last night that the employer representatives indicated they were preparing a proposal.

The strike for a closed shop and wage increases was called last week against the company's Oakland store and West Coast Mail Order House after four other stores owned by the company in California had been picketed. Since then the strike has extended to Portland, Ore., and Fresno, Calif.

Alligators grow very slowly. At 15 years of age, they are only two feet long.

AUDIENCES AT STUDENT BODY PLAY PLEASSED

By JUNE MICHELSON

"The Black Flamingo," a historical melodrama of old France presented by the student body of KUHS, was received by two enthusiastic audiences, at the matinee which 700 students attended Thursday morning, and the evening performance Thursday night when some 300 townspeople were present.

Bob Fredrickson as Popo, a rather foolish gentleman from the court of Queen Marie Antoinette, and Ben Kerns, as Felipe Bodier, keeper of the inn, the Black Flamingo, stood out in a cast of many character parts. Others in the play were: Betty Merrill, Phyllis Aubrey, Frank Hasy, Jim Condrey, Bob Kent, Peggy Keating, Jeannette Bayless, Charles Currier, Orle Kent.

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nerly, Billy Worstell and Bob Hunziker. The mob scene players were chosen from members of the dramatics department and K. club.

Costumes, designed by Dorthea Ellingson, were some of the most extravagant ever worn in a Klamath high play. Leading lady, Peggy Keating, wore a full-skirted gold satin gown with black lace, and Jeannette Bayless wore red satin with white lace. Leading man, Frank Hasy, wore a deep blue broadcloth frock coat with lace at the throat and sleeves; "Popo" was elegantly dressed in a honey-beige broadcloth suit which almost matched his hair.

Sound effects of thunder, horses, coaches, the wind, and strange noises were especially effective. They were handled by Bruce Davis, Jack Colvin and John Foster.

Charles Stanfield and the high school orchestra furnished the music between acts. Pauline Alexander played all the violin solos.

The set had a fireplace with a huge spread-winged black flamingo over the mantel. Rollin Tutor was in charge.

Others on the staff were: Jacqueline McKee, make-up; Harold

Borton, stage manager; Don Bratton, photographer.

Before act three, Mrs. B. B. Blomquist, director of the play, was presented a dozen red roses from the staff by Janice Bubb, assistant director.

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