

WEYERHAEUSER EXPERIMENTS WITH PLANTING

Weyerhaeuser Timber company here is experimenting with methods of establishing ponderosa pine artificially in those areas where it has failed to come in naturally after cutting, it was learned Saturday. This was described as a part of the company's practice of managing lands to produce a continuous forest crop.

The best known method of doing this is to plant small trees. This process is laborious and expensive, and virtually out of the question when labor is needed for war work and cannot be spared for activities of this nature.

A somewhat cheaper method is to plant seed directly. Success of this method depends on controlling the large numbers of seed-eating rodents that are present throughout this area. Evidently these rodents are always hungry, for earlier trials of direct seeding have failed due to the complete loss of seeds to the appetites of these little animals.

The Modoc council of Boy Scouts of America requested two small-scale experiments in forestry as work projects for the scouts. About 3000 two-year-old trees were planted along Greensprings highway, and immediately opposite this planting site 400 seed spots were set out to test the feasibility of this method of establishing forests.

Direct seeding plots are for ponderosa pine only, but the trial planting included Douglas fir and Austrian pine, as well as ponderosa. About 30 scouts participated in the experiments. Planting stock was secured through the state nursery at Salem.

It is the intention of Weyerhaeuser company to continue these small-scale experiments in seeding and planting until feasible field methods of regeneration are discovered, company officials stated.

MISSING LAKEVIEW BOY NOW PRISONER

LAKEVIEW, May 10 (Special) Mr. and Mrs. Rachel Young received a telegram Sunday from the war department stating that their son, PFC George E. Young was a prisoner of war of the Japanese government in the Philippine Islands. George served in the national guard eight months prior to entering the army in May, 1941, when he became a member of the infantry.

Following the fall of Bataan in April, last year, the Lakeview boy was reported missing in action, and the word received Sunday was the first since that time. Although being held a prisoner of the Japs is certainly nothing pleasant to think about, the fact that George is alive is good news to his parents and friends.

HIGHWAY OPENED AFTER LANDSLIDE

LAKEVIEW—A huge landslide occurred last Thursday morning between the Pollock and Ralph Foster ranches in the Summer Lake vicinity, carrying a mass of dirt and rocks onto the highway. The upheaval is about 25 feet deep, 200 yards long and 80 yards wide. Traffic is blocked for the present. Friday the school bus nor the stage made their regular trips but Saturday the north and south stages met at the slide, making the transfer there, which plan will be continued until the road is open. A steam shovel was brought from Redmond and is on the job. It is hoped that the road will be open this week. The cause of the slide is attributed to heavy rains.

Lakeview

The Lake county steam laundry will close its doors May 10. Due to lack of help, the laundry discontinued its dry cleaning business a week ago. Closing of the entire plant will follow shortly after May 10, the last day which laundry will be accepted from customers.

Henry J. Stein, well-known farmer of the Warner valley, died at his home Sunday at the age of 77 years and 11 months. He was born June 9, 1866, at Saginaw, Mich., and has been a resident of the county for about 50 years. On September 2, 1906, he was married to Orville Lenberger.

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