

# OUT OF THE WOODS

**The Mysterious Land . . .**  
It is our own. Actually most of us know little more of the facts of life in our timber country than we do of the Everglades or the New Georgia jungle.

Take, for example, the wee folk of our woods; or one family of them, the kangaroo mice. How many varieties are there? What is their size? How do they look, and how do they leap? This interesting mystery is a little one, but interesting.

On a grander scale, there is the mighty mystery of the struggle of growth between the Western hemlock and the Douglas fir. If you should, for example, drive from Granite Falls, Washington, into the Mt. Baker National Forest, you may note a curious example of this conflict. A vast mountain slope is mainly hemlock forest, but there are small dense islands of fir. These are a darker green. One, in the center of the slope, is a giant in size, and it has the perfect shape of a diamond. Seen in the early morning sun, the distinct shape and the contrast in green hues are striking. In brighter light the hues blend.

What is the story of that forest mystery? There are many others of the same kind throughout the Douglas fir region. They illustrate a condition that is vital in the future of our land.

And there is the mysterious menace of the mountain beaver—the "boomer"—to that future. We the people of Oregon and Washington are kept in ignorance of these things, and so are our children. Little attention is given to them in the schools of the two states.

**It's No Fault of the Teachers . . .**  
We have reason to be ashamed of the neglect of forest education in our schools. With a half-dozen striking exceptions, the neglect has been well-nigh complete. The school children of Mississippi, Alabama and the Carolinas are far more informed on the forests than ours. Junior forest education in Washington and Oregon has been left to the

state forestry departments, the federal government and industry.

School superintendents and teachers everywhere are eager to have study materials. Independently and individually, those of over two hundred schools have asked for and received the educational booklets, maps and posters produced by American Forest Products Industries for school use. Their use, however, must be crowded into the authorized curriculums, which do not provide for forest study as a subject in itself.

The three booklets, "America's Forests," "Trees for Tomorrow," and "New Magic in Wood," are primed with simple facts and fine pictures. Two large maps and five posters, all in color, complete the set. Every boy and girl in the Douglas fir region should have them.

If any reader would like a set, a postcard request to "Out of the Woods," care of this newspaper, will bring one free, postpaid and all.

**Green Guards and Junior Wardens**  
In round numbers, ten thousand boys and girls, mostly aged under 16 and over 10, are in the Green Guards of Oregon, and the Junior Forest Wardens of Washington this year. Their work is prevention of forest fires, and it gives them a very real part in the war effort. They patrol, they keep lookouts, they distribute fire warnings, they clean up fire hazards. It is work that provides them with the first important lesson of Douglas fir forestry—fire control.

In September those boys and girls will return to school. Certainly their first lesson on forest land use should not then be put aside. There should be means and materials in our school curriculums whereby the forest education of the Green Guards and Junior Wardens may be carried on by experts—the teachers of the nation's two great forest states.

## Strange Occupation Of Kiska Puts U. S. On Road to Tokyo

**By The Associated Press**  
Occupation of Kiska Island without a shot being fired—one of the strangest military events of the war—places the allied war machine on the shortest route to Tokyo, military chiefs agreed today.

"We are now on the offensive in the Pacific," said Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commander of the western defense command. "The Jap is on the run. The reconquest of Kiska has cleared our shortest highway to the Japanese empire."

Vice Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid, commander in the North Pacific, agreed that it means "We have completed our northern road to Japan."

**Chain of Bases**  
"Our completed chain of air and naval bases also will protect our surface vessels and our shipping units two-thirds of the way to Tokyo," he said.

Maj. Gen. William O. Butler, commander of the 11th army air force which paved the way for invasion with a steady, devastating bombing through treacherous weather, said the way is now open for the operation of a multiple-jawed pincer closing on the enemy.

**Northern Arm**  
"The 11th air force is now the northern arm of the pincer," he explained. "It is slowly closing in on the Japanese empire in coordination with the seventh air force in Hawaii, the 13th air force in the Solomons, the fifth air force in New Guinea, the 10th air force in India and the 14th air force in China."

While American and Canadian troops, some clearly disappointed at not finding some Japanese to kill, turned their big guns seaward in the possibility the enemy might return, speculation deepened as to just what became of the Japanese garrison of perhaps 8500 men or more.

**Escape in Subs**  
Gen. DeWitt expressed the belief the Japanese completed their withdrawal on August 8, escaping in submarines or barges, and added that he thought it doubtful many ever reached land.

The American task force landing on Kiska August 15 found that the enemy had fled and took undisputed possession of the heavily-fortified Aleutian air and naval base.

Admiral Kinkaid said U. S. surface craft shelled "objects" in the fog at night "after the Japanese began their evacuation of Kiska," and added that "We believe we sank some of their ships, but this cannot be confirmed."

**Attack Flight**  
This was the first indication that the Japanese may have been attacked in their flight—a flight which marked the first time they had abandoned the Samurai warrior code and failed to stand their ground to the death.

Relentless air bombardment for weeks prior to the invasion undoubtedly killed a considerable number of the garrison. More than 5,500,000 pounds of bombs were dropped on military targets there within a year. Two of the bombing raids were the heaviest in the history of Pacific naval warfare.

**Expensive**  
"It was expensive," Admiral Kinkaid said, "but we saved thousands of lives."

Gen. DeWitt tauntingly asked "Where is the Japanese fleet?" as he interpreted the significance of the occupation. His question paralleled that of the Japanese after Pearl Harbor: "Where is the United States fleet?"

"The Jap navy is in hiding, dispersed," the general said answering his own question. "Part of it is on the ocean floor."

**IS THIS TRUE?**  
FORT DEVENS, Mass., (AP)—Japanese soldiers really believe the propaganda handed out to them, according to Pfc John F.

Mooney, Jr., 28. Pfc. Mooney, now at Lowell general hospital recovering from yellow jaundice picked up in the South Pacific, told interviewers that Jap prisoners captured on

Guadalcanal believed Chicago was being bombed every day and that they actually were fighting in California instead of on the "stinking, rotting and malarial-ridden 'canal'."

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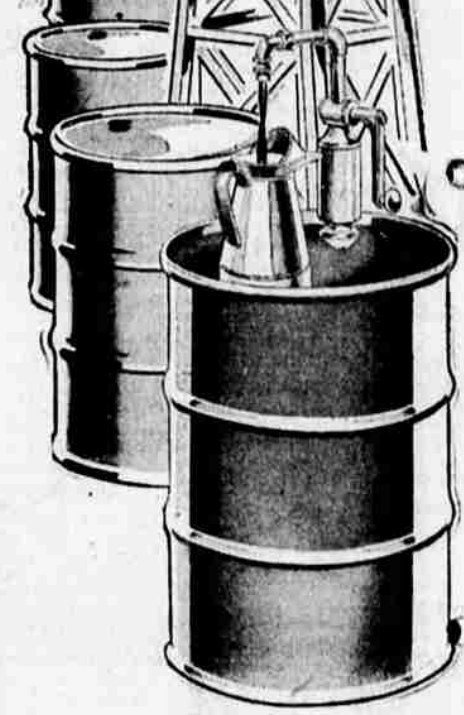
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**Keno**  
Mrs. R. L. Atcheson, sister of Mrs. Guy L. Moore, is visiting here from Los Angeles. She arrived Monday night, August 16. Mrs. Jennie Cone arrived in Keno Sunday night for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ray Hinshaw.

Marjorie Huskinson was one of a group of the church people who went to Ashland on Monday evening of this week.

C. H. McKen was called to San Bernardino, Calif., this week by the death of his mother.

Mrs. C. C. Huskinson of the Keno Cafe and Grocery and Mrs. Harry McAllister were transacting business in Ashland on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sharpe were visitors in Keno on Friday and Saturday. Sharpe was principal of the schools last year and Mrs. Sharpe was teacher in the grades. The Sharpes are moving to Bly to be in readiness for the beginning of school August 31. Sharpe will be the Bly principal for the coming school year.

Donald Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chase at Medford several days last week. While he was gone, the Frederick boys, Donald and Ronald, helped Mrs. Johnson with the milk delivery on the route.

Kathryn Ramsey returned this morning from Gold Hill where she visited with friends several days this week.

trip to Klamath Falls last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry of Chemult, Ore., have moved to Trail, Ore., accompanied by Mr. Henry's father.

Mrs. Joe Bellavance of Joe's Cafe made a business trip to Klamath Falls last Monday.

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Mrs. Don Bertram of Bend, Ore., was a visitor at her parents' home this last week.

Hugh Porter made a business trip to Bend Friday.

Ruth Thompson of Bend, Ore., is visiting at her parents' home in Chemult.

Mrs. Porter made a business

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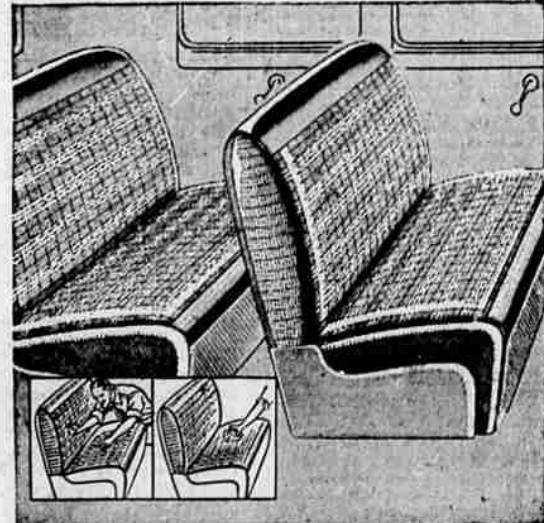
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