

Forest Service Announces Plan To Build Back Timberlands And Ranges

By WILLIAM E. LOWELL
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—Faced with a drain on the nation's resources under its care almost equal to the war period, the forest service announced today a long-range plan to build back its timberlands and ranges.

Meantime, President Truman asked congress to provide \$3,000,000 a year for purchase of private forest lands and to allow an overall increase of \$10,000,000 in the forest service budget.

His request for \$38,251,500 for this purpose during the 1947 fiscal year was sent to congress today. The 1946 total was \$28,365,500.

Chief Forester Lyle F. Watts in a statement today accompanying his annual report, says an "adequate forestry program" would create an additional 2,500,000 jobs. Normally, the forests, directly or indirectly, he said, provide about 3,750,000 jobs.

He estimated that lumber needed for domestic consumption in the next 10 years will average 33,000,000 board feet annually or about equal to the wartime demand. Wartime timber cutting, together with losses by fire, insects and disease, he said, were about 50 per cent greater than annual timber growth and warned:

Depletion Serious
"Forest depletion today is so serious that positive action to increase growth is imperative if future employment in forest industries is not to be jeopardized by lack of raw material."

He reported that to meet this problem, five new forest service field units will be set up this year and that, within the next 15 years, 2,500,000 acres of denuded land in national forests will be re-planted.

The field units, similar to those which were set up last year in the south and northeast, are to bring research findings of the forest laboratory at Madison, Wis., to the field and take local problems back to the laboratory.

The president asked \$1,072,000 for forest investigations, compared with \$204,600 appropriated for the current fiscal year. He proposed \$20,915,000 for protection and management compared with \$16,949,000 for this year and \$1,706,000 for research, compared with \$970,000.

He also proposed that congress appropriate \$23,714,222 for forest highways, \$14,060,000 for roads and trails and \$8,300,000 for forest fire cooperation. The 1946 figures were \$3,500,000, \$6,418,778 and \$7,300,000, respectively.

After the fire is a poor time to insure. Before is so much more satisfactory. Hans Norland, 123 N. 6th St.

Klamath Man Ends Own Life

Hugh A. (Barney) Barnett, former Pelican football player recently discharged from the navy, committed suicide yesterday morning at his home in Albany, Calif., according to information received here from his wife, Anita.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Barnett Sr., 4804 Bixbee, left Klamath Falls yesterday morning for Albany and will bring the body back for burial.

Relatives advanced only dependency as the cause of Barnett's suicide. He had apparently been in low spirits since coming out of the navy shortly after Christmas.

Barnett was graduated from KUHS and was well known here. He served in the Pacific and was last at Guam before returning home for discharge in December.

100 Trailer Houses Will Be Used At UO
EUGENE, Jan. 22 (AP)—Installation of 100 trailer houses for use of war veterans enrolled at the University of Oregon went ahead today after Judge G. F. Skipworth refused an injunction asked by property owners abutting on Sladden park.

Judge Skipworth declared the housing units were a temporary measure, and although unsightly to residents, the veterans had braved far more "unsightly" conditions in their war service.

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News Notes and Comment

By JOAN O'NEILL

The Victory Clothing drive ended last Friday for KUHS. It left the school having done fairly well for itself on the drive.

The average number of pounds given for each student at KUHS was 1.5/10. This average is not as good as most of the grade schools but is considered quite a fair response for high school.



Joan O'Neill

New Senior Proxy Soon
The senior class met yesterday morning to nominate a new senior class president. Jim Palmer, vice president, was in charge of the class meeting. He read the declaration of the former class president, Kelly Farris. Kelly wrote that he declined for "personal reasons."

Bill Sari, Rodney Murray, Barbara Roskamp, Scott Reed and Chuck Thurman were the nominees for president. Whoever is elected from this group will take over his duties immediately as the main business of the class begins to take place with the start of the second semester.

And Incidentally
Phyllis Foster, Spanish teacher, and H. O. Palmer, business instructor, both attended educational meetings Saturday in Salem and Eugene.

The Service club has had pictures of the various Klamath

Veterans Face Obstacles In Surplus Deals

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The American Legion said today it has found "impossible obstacles" in the way of veterans seeking to buy surplus government property.

Ralph H. Lavers, director of the Legion's employment division, said a cross-country tour indicated to him there "is a lack

Pelican players in the windows of the down-town business places for the past month. The purpose of these cards, which hold the basketball schedule and a players picture, is to stimulate interest in the sport and also to give the public a chance to see what the boys who are playing on the team look like.

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of organization in the disposal of surplus property" to veterans, for whom congress provided purchasing priorities.

"Too many agencies continue to be involved, such as the RFC, the smaller war plants corporation and the maritime and military establishments," Lavers reported in a statement.

"One agency should handle the business."
Asserting that the Legion will seek legislation to eliminate some of the difficulties he said veterans are encountering, Lavers cited these examples:

None Left
In Idaho, a veteran drove 400 miles to Medford, Ore., to take possession of a truck, for which he had a certificate of purchase. But he found a private dealer bought 31 trucks the day before and none was left.

In Portland, Ore., region veterans must go to Seattle, in Washington state, to receive certificates to pick up property located at Medford, Ore., south-east of Portland.

Under present law veterans may purchase surplus property after federal agencies and state

Bus Strike Talks To Resume Friday

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22 (AP) Negotiations were scheduled to resume Friday between striking AFL bus drivers and officials of Overland Greyhound Lines in an effort to settle the dispute which has halted service on the firm's northern division since October 1.

The meeting was announced after yesterday's conference of union and company agents with the executive board of Portland and municipal governments have had their pick. A pending amendment would give veterans first choice after the federal government.

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Former Merrill Resident Dies

MERRILL—Arthur Frazier, 65, a former Merrill resident, died Sunday morning in Modesto, Calif., following a long illness.

Frazier lived in Merrill 25 years and farmed north of here. Four years ago he bought a ranch at Modesto.

Surviving are his wife, Martha, and two sons, Lawrence of Medford, and Donald of Hayward, Calif. Funeral services will be held at Susanville.

Attending from Merrill will be Mr. and Mrs. Max Hartlerode and Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, and from Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blake.

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