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Today's Roundup

INTEREST is rapidly growing in the utilization of lodgepole pine, of which the Klamath area has huge stands.

While specimens of the timber are being studied in the laboratories for possibilities of special uses, actual harvest operations for pole purposes are already getting under way.

A few pole operations in the area between here and Bend have already started, and more are under consideration.

Merle Lowden, acting supervisor of the Fremont national forest, was in town today, and said the forest office had received inquiries about lodgepole, especially since the flurry of publicity on this species that started about a year ago.

It will be remembered that a comprehensive report of the usefulness of lodgepoles for poles was carried in this column some months ago. Immediately afterwards, a number of inquiries were received at this desk, and it was evident there was much interest in this phase of the lodgepole situation.

One operation is now well organized in the Deschutes national forest in the Bend area, and we understand Gilchrist Timber company has done some experimenting with lodgepole uses for poles. There has been indication of forthcoming activity in the Chemult district.

USE of lodgepole from this area for pulping purposes is a possibility. There have been no actual developments along this line, but interest has been shown. The forestry experts say the Klamath-Bend species would lend itself well to this purpose.

A pulp mill plant at Klamath Falls, or some other point in the general region where water would be available, would probably be necessary to extensive use of our lodgepole for this purpose.

All of these things point to the growing importance of this resource, which has received scant attention in the past. We'll be hearing more about our lodgepole.

DRIVING along U. S. 97 north, we have noted a defoliated condition in certain stands of lodgepole.

We had occasion today to ask Mr. Lowden, Dr. Edward Locke, chemical engineer of the northwest forestry laboratory, and E. E. Matson of that laboratory, about this condition.

The answer was that the defoliation was caused by a tiny creature which bores into the needles. They said that expert entomologists, who have studied the situation, do not regard it as serious. It appears to run in cycles, without causing extensive damage.

A lodgepole harvesting program, which seems to be getting underway, will make it possible to salvage bug-infested timber and to establish control over pest infestations which have received little attention in the period when lodgepole was generally regarded as useless.

STATIC

Mystery fans who like their action fast and furious will have findings again tonight at 7:00 when "The Green Hornet" comes on over KFLW. The Green Hornet tells the story of Britt Reid, wealthy newspaper publisher who exposes crime, racketeering and sabotage in his own way.

His specialty is bringing a self-made justice, lawbreakers within the law and grafters whose methods are too subtle to be reached by other law enforcement agencies.

For those who like their crime on the heavy side, there's Dark Venture, a new show that deals more in psychology than in guns. A psychological drama, actually, is just another way of saying, horror, suspense, murder, gunplay. Dark Venture just tries to bring to the listener the mental processes behind the horror and gunplay. You'll hear it tonight at 8:30 over KFLW.

With summer at least on the way we've got a new hazard to face: forest fires. In 1944 Oregon ranked high in forest protection, but there were still one thousand and six hundred forty eight forest fires. That's a lot of flame, and a lot of burned over timber. When you stop to think that the average forest fire in Oregon for 1944 covered sixteen and eight tenths acres it becomes clear that a lot of timber went up in smoke and sparks. With fishing season coming in and a lot of people going out in the

WASHINGTON, April 16 — Mr. Truman made the proper move to get his army-unification bill through congress. The navy had performed an all-out lobby job against the program. It was in charge of Navy Assistant Secretary H. Struve Hensel, who worked through the Navy league promoting speeches and articles by admirals, and arousing naval affairs committees in both houses. If Mr. Truman succeeds in stopping navy agitation, he will get his bill through because there is no other opposition, except that which may be continued by the naval committees who fear they may lose their seniority standing in their committee jobs. But the bill is not on the program for this session. The calendar of both houses is already crowded for the next several months, and the leaders are planning a summer recess to let the legislators go home and mend their broken fences in preparation for their re-election campaigns.

The navy never had much of a case. No one can oppose unification as a theory. Appalling duplications of army and navy services filled the committee record of hearings. Army and navy competed with each other in bidding for such things as clothing, for example. In that line, one service might have a surplus of some items while the other had a deficiency.

Actively Competing: In negotiating their separate contracts they were actively competing against each other. Then again on small islands like Guam, there would be a naval hospital constructed and maintained a mile away from an army hospital. It was shown also, that in armament the navy and army encountered needless conflict. Furthermore, the building of separate airports around the world caused duplication waste in many instances.

In the face of such overwhelming evidence, the navy centered its campaign largely upon delaying action by congress. Its basic fear and claim was that the navy was to be put under the army by unification—which simply is not true. The Thomas subcommittee has reported now a bill which proposes to set up the unification this way: a single secretary of common defense in the cabinet, with three secretaries under him, one each for army, air and navy; then an over-all chief of staff with a recommendation that the president rotate this office between the three services, giving it to army for a year, then to air and then to navy; three assistant secretaries representing each branch of the service, and finally legalization of the joint chiefs of staff set up during the war to provide cooperation in strategy between the services.

Preserves Navy: THIS setup preserves the navy as just as much an independent unit as the army or the air forces. It does not put the navy under the army. But it is true the army, numerically, is stronger, and may wield a greater influence in the combined department than the admirals or air arm, despite the legal equality of each branch.

Delay in enacting the program until next year will greatly impede efficiency in national defense. Even if the legislation could be enacted today, at least a year or more would be required to work out and effect the vast details of reorganization. For that period at least, the efficiency of the services would be impeded. Quite obviously it would be wise to get the legislation enacted immediately in order that its beneficial facts can become operative at the earliest possible time. There is really no excuse for delay. But congress always moves slowly. Mr. Truman will have to use the same whip on his leaders that he employed on the navy, if he is to get early action on a program which is practically unopposed.

3000 Building Jobs Halted

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—The civilian production administration said today it has halted more than 3000 construction jobs begun in violation of the three week old building limitation order.

Morris S. Verner, chief of OPA's compliance division, said he had notified builders in these cases that they are not to resume construction without specific authorization.

Verner reported that in "many other cases" contractors had "merely excavated" and thus were ruled ineligible to proceed. The limitation order which went into effect March 26 stipulates that only construction actually underway on that date could be completed without authorization.

This means, Verner said, that materials had to have been "incorporated into the structure." "The limitation order was put into effect to provide materials for veterans' homes and other essential construction," Verner said, "and we are going to do all in our power to see that this high purpose is carried out."

Peaches were introduced into England from Persia in 1562. Barbed wire was invented by Joseph Glidden in 1867. Egypt had beauty salons as far back as 3200 B.C.



"I never thought I'd live to see the day I'd actually be hungry for the sight of a clean, neat uniform!"

BOYLE'S NOTEBOOK

By HAL BOYLE: NAPLES, April 16 (AP)—The American army has all but pulled out of the Naples area, but it has left an imprint on Neapolitan life that will linger long.

No army can be quartered for 30 months among foreign people without leaving behind some trace of its passing. You still see signs of yanks everywhere.

Hardly a single street gamin but boasts some ragged piece of American military uniform and many children are completely garbed in some geeceys castoff shirt and pants. You can also tell girls who went with officers. They boast smart suits made from gabardine pink dress trousers.

Throughout this long occupation Uncle Sam's men in khaki were probably the biggest single source of clothing for the poverty-stricken Italians. Some sergeant can probably come back 10 years from now and find one of his giveaway wool sweaters still doing duty on the curbstone portion of Naples' population.

Clothing is a more common bequest than real estate and may go through several generations. These charges, together with an assertion that Spain was harboring German scientists, were made by Oscar Lange, the Polish delegate to the United Nations security council. The council, meeting in New York today, is scheduled to take up the Spanish question as soon as it disposes of the Russian-Iranian dispute.

The Spanish foreign ministry announced last night that it had extended the formal invitations to five council members which maintain "friendly relations" with the Franco government. The countries are the United States, Britain, Egypt, The Netherlands and Brazil.

The invitations, extended informally last week by the Spanish cabinet, were delivered personally to the British ambassador, The Netherlands minister and the charges d'affaires of the other three.

Secret Pact: The Madrid radio, which is controlled by the Franco regime, said there was a secret agreement between France and Russia which might lead to a Soviet march through France and into Spain. The existence of any such agreement was promptly denied in Paris by a source close to the French foreign office.

The broadcast said that "all indications" were that the Spanish republic government in Paris, which has headquarters in Paris, was "preparing military intervention by means of frontier incidents" in the Pyrenees.

OPA Grants Boost On Jams, Jellies: WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP) OPA today granted a price increase to the makers of jams, jellies, apple butter and fruit preserves to cover a half-cent a pound rise in sugar prices authorized February 10.

Retail prices may go up slightly as a result, OPA said. The one-pound jar of jam or jelly, for instance, may go up about one cent. OPA said the higher cost of sugar means an increase to jam and jelly producers of about one and one-half to two percent in procession costs.

trap with a jeep according to his plan and when the Italians dropped over the fence all were nabbed. Their capture resulted in the breakup of one of the biggest Naples black market rings.

Some birds can perceive infrared rays invisible to human eyes. Fish is the chief source of protein for the Japanese.

Klamath Falls, Ore. (To the Editor) Several years ago, we all subscribed to the plan of a city swimming pool. What has become of that money? Instead of planning upon an elaborate ball park, for a comparative few, why don't the city fathers and our good business men, get together and see that two or three playgrounds are available to our children and young folks!

I'm sure no one is against having a ball park, but common sense tells you which is needed here most! Almost all the valley towns have playgrounds for their children, and as this is an up and coming city, I cannot see why we are not entitled to as many advantageous improvements as any other town in Oregon.

If the moneys they now hold are causing concern, then why not put it into this worthy project? I'm sure all the other mothers and fathers of this city will agree with me. Why don't they ask them? Give the people a chance to speak for themselves and don't just table it until another time! Yes, I know there is Moore park and a fine place it is, too! But many of us haven't cars or other ways to get there, and these small block-long playgrounds would keep the children off the streets and out of horror movies which is no place for them, I'm sure you'll agree.

Iver Mason, Box 124, Rt. 3. Sincerely, MRS. LORNA A. GROVES, 1434 Lakeview St.

SUDS QUESTION

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor) OPA, how come you left most taverns jump their 16-cent ceiling on pints of beer to 20 cents. Some destroyed their OPA ceiling price lists on walls and some changed prices on same. Many people have called the OPA office about it but still it goes on.

Iver Mason, Box 124, Rt. 3. P. S. OPA says no smaller glass of beer than eight-ounce can be served. They fell down here also as most places give you a six-ounce glass.

MY BLUE HILL

There's a Blue Hill that lies in the distance And from my window I see The morning sun as it lingers Over it tenderly.

Kissed by the morning sunshine Or wet by the falling rain It stands serene and restful A solace to hearts in pain.

Oh Blue Hill that lies in the distance You're a wonderful strength to me, I lift my eyes to your glory And the Infinite Hand I see.

Mrs. E. E. Robertson, Lakeshore drive.

Meetings---

SCHOOLMATES—Schoolmates club to meet Friday, 2 p. m., home of Mrs. Henry Grimes, 1414 Canal.

LEGAL NOTICES: NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT: Notice is hereby given that Sybil E. Blaise, administratrix of the estate of William T. Blaise, deceased, has rendered and presented for final settlement and filed in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County, a final account of her administration of said estate.

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Tuesday, April 16 8 p. m. "In the Garden" Wednesday, April 17 8 p. m. "The Suffering Savior" Thursday, April 18 8 p. m. "In the Upper Room" Friday, April 19 8 p. m. "The Christ of the Cross" WELCOME

Lt. Burke Slated To Talk Tonight At Boy Scout Meet

Lt. Willard E. Burke, who has been attached by the army air corps to the regional office of the Boy Scouts of America, will speak at a meeting of various civic groups interested in Boy Scouting tonight at 7:30 in Fremont school. With Burke during his two-day work in Modoc area council is Olin D. Sharpe, regional Scout executive.

Lt. Burke is assisting in the formation of an Air Scout program for senior Scouts. This Senior Scout program consisting of Sea Scouting, Air Scouting, and Explorer Scouting will be launched in Klamath Falls immediately with the first group now forming under the sponsorship of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company.

An assembly of young men interested in aviation was held at Klamath Union high school this afternoon so that Lt. Burke could answer questions and explain the Air Scout program.

Suit Settled Out Of Court

The equity suit brought by James B. Cole, 80, against his sister, Mrs. Lovie C. Clark of Dallas, Tex., regarding property owned by Cole and deeded to the sister, has been settled out of court and the legal proceedings dropped.

The land is situated just off the Kenos highway above the Weed-Ashland highway. Cole deeded the property to his sister after he was injured in an automobile accident last year, then early this year had a chance to sell the land and, the suit set forth, asked her to sign the deed back over to him.

Mrs. Clark, the complaint said, refused to do so. Mrs. Clark, however, said today that she was willing to sign the deed necessary for the sale but that it had not been drawn up correctly, a name omitted, and that's why she did not sign.

Mrs. Clark left Klamath Falls and returned to Dallas while the legal proceedings were underway. While in Dallas she received a letter from Henry Perkins, attorney for Cole, asking her to sign another letter already drawn up and sent to her. That letter, with Mrs. Clark's signature, and the deed which she was to sign and return, would have authorized Perkins to complete the sale.

She did not sign either the letter or the deed, because she maintained, the deed was not properly drawn, but came back to Klamath Falls to take care of the matter personally. The court order dismissing the suit stated that the plaintiff, through his attorney, admitted the first deed prepared for her signature was improperly drawn and could not be acknowledged, and that she has now executed a proper deed.

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