

Foresters Aid West In Many Ways

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (AP)—Despite arguments that range from time to time over conservation practices, the Western timber owners get along pretty well with the forest service.

The service helps schools, fights bugs, tree diseases and fires, builds roads, guards water supplies and does a lot of things about which little is said and only an occasional controversy develops.

Keynote
Cooperation is the keynote of federal forestry operations. Assistant Forester R. E. McArdle says he doubts there is any other business where cooperation is so typical of operations.

A glance at a forest map explains that statement. Federal, state and private ownerships checkerboard the area. A federal forest, for instance, will contain many isolated tracts of both state and county and private lands. If there is to be any control over fires, insect or disease infestations or even cutting, all ownerships must cooperate.

McArdle says the forest service has about 1700 formal cooperative agreements of one kind or another. But, he added, these represent only a small part of the federal cooperative activities.

Other Activities
Besides fire fighting, the most spectacular of its activities, and the other more obvious phases of its work, the forest service participates with non-federal owners and with other agencies in hundreds of ways.

Its regional offices, for instance, are often a major adjunct of a state forestry school. It will aid in providing statistical material and money for publication of bulletins and manuals for the timber owner's use. It will contribute toward an aerial mapping project or help develop a recreation area.

Most of its activities are based on nothing more than an exchange of correspondence, or even oral agreements.

Because 261,000,000 acres of the 461,000,000 acres of commercial timber land remaining in the United States are in the hands of "small" owners—5000 acres or less—much of the forest service work is with individuals, rather than with companies or corporations.

In the West, for instance, "small" holdings—5000 to 50,000 acres—total 5,000,000 acres and "large" holdings over 50,000 acres—total 12,000,000 acres.

Oregon
Oregon's 9,978,000 acres in private hands have 34,824 owners and, of these, only 115 own more than 5000 acres and the average ownership is 87 acres.

Arizona has 41,000 acres of timberland, divided among 504 owners, none holding more than 5000 acres. California has 8263 acres, 18-184 small owners; Colorado, 1,799,000 acres and 4638 small owners; Idaho, 2,788,000 acres and 10,090 small owners; Montana, 3,937,000 acres and 8145 small owners; Nevada, 74,000 acres and 198 small owners; Utah, 132,000 acres and 824 small owners; Washington, 9,770,000 acres and 174,000 small owners; Wyoming, 404,000 acres and 2102 small owners.

No Sparkle, Santa Out Of a Job
PITTSBURGH, Nov. 29 (AP)—A part-time Santa Claus must look the role right up to the merry sparkle in his eyes.

So testified Charles Ross, operator of a photographic studio in a local five and ten cent store, as he appeared yesterday before Leonard A. Civill.

The matter of Santa Claus and his expression came up when Everett Frisbee, 31, filed civil suit against Ross asking \$45 back pay.

Frisbee contended Ross reneged on a verbal contract. Ross said he had to let Frisbee go because his woeful eyes repelled children.

"He's got size and everything else for a good Santa," said Ross, "but those eyes send the kids away."

Alderman Civill awarded back pay of \$41.50 to Frisbee, who said he would be happy to return to his old job as a janitor.



IMPROVED APPEARANCE, comfort and performance mark the new 1950 Mercury shown here in the popular six-passenger coupe model. The distinguishing front end has been restyled by a new in-plate chrome parking lamps with the grille. A new nameplate is mounted on a chrome strip replacing individual letters. All interiors have been planned in harmonizing, contrasting tones of broadcloth that give the passenger compartment a true customized appearance. The 110 horsepower V-8 engine incorporates a number of mechanical changes resulting in added economy and smoother performance, according to S. R. Bolsiger, manager of Inman Motor company, local Mercury dealers.

It's Not Worth a Quarter To Tour U.S. Capitol Now

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (AP)—The tourist who pays his quarter for a guided tour of the U. S. Capitol building probably isn't getting his money's worth these days.

He peeks into the senate and house chambers and everything is torn up and smelling of plaster and paint. He goes down to the rotunda with its dome high above and all he sees is a wooden tunnel through the middle.

New Look
But Capitol Architect David Lynn said today it's going to be different come January 3 when congress returns. Things will be all slicked up.

Second Degree Murder Charge In Baby Death

ABERDEEN, Nov. 29 (AP)—A charge of second degree murder was filed in justice court yesterday against Alfred Leohner, 29, for the "baby-sitting" death of 18-month-old William Hunter.

The child died November 22. Leohner, who still is held without bail, subsequently signed a statement in which he said he dropped the baby and accidentally stepped on his neck when he stooped to pick it up.

The criminal charge was filed yesterday by Prosecutor Stanley J. Krause. No hearing date was set pending a complete report on an autopsy performed by Dr. Charles H. Larson, Tacoma pathologist.

Collegians Study 'Deferred Living'
EUGENE, Nov. 29 (AP)—An eight-member student committee is working out details of the "deferred living" aims of the university.

Student Body President Arthur Johnson named the group yesterday. The plan requires all first year students to live in dormitories whether or not they are pledged to sororities and fraternities.

It's Tough to Win A Big Prize
PORTLAND, NOV. 29 (AP)—Answering the \$28,515 question is only a beginning, Ray Campeau exclaimed yesterday. To answer government queries about his winnings, Campeau has had to hire a lawyer.

The Portlander, who won prizes and cash in the "Hollywood Calling" program a week ago, explained he figures he may owe Uncle Sam about \$8000 next March 15.

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Wuxtra -- Here's How to Win Women!

By BILL JENKINS

MY day is now complete. In the morning's mail were two releases from the Journal of Living. A chap by the name of Joseph Archer Kiss leads off the first letter with a short dissertation on how to win your woman. According to him women want more or less the following in their ideal male: their man to be the type who confides in them, a man who can hold their respect, a man who will compliment them. The man must also be wise, generous and capable, must exhibit "little boy" (the quotes are Kiss') and have the knack of fluent speech. "It doesn't matter what he talks about, so long as he sounds as though he has never said it to anyone before her." Those quotes are mine. I lifted that statement verbatim just to prove a point. If that's all there is to fluent speech I'm a cinch. Not only women, but about half the men I talk to can't understand what I'm saying. And I'm quite certain that they feel that I've never said it to anyone before. Sometimes I'm inclined to believe them. That's all there is to it, boys. Just to make sure the Journal ends with this: to clinch your case with your favorite woman be sensitive to her lure, be aware of her effort and be thankful for her presence.

You've got it. Starting from there it's up to every male to carry his own weight.

THE second little letter with which we are graced can be written off as pure Utopian dreaming. When you read the first sentence you know the thing is just a potboiler.

"Happy living with married children is possible if both sides are diplomatic."

Simple, isn't it? We could live peacefully with the Russians, too, if both sides were diplomatic. Maybe easier.

I've never lived with in-laws of either side, but that doesn't put me clear out of the running. I've read cartoons and bum jokes about it for years. That qualifies a man for something. And the Journal makes some strong points, on both sides.

It claims that an older person living in a house with very young children needs strong nerves. Obvious. Who doesn't? The Journal also suggests that the older should bring along a few things when he or she moves in with the family. Such things as a pet chair, a favorite bed and, by all means, a radio. If anyone brought so much as a sewing kit into the average house they would have a little difficulty finding a place to put it, much less a bed, chair and radio.

However, the Journal redeems itself in the last paragraph. It says never under any circumstances enter a fight between husband and wife. No truer word of advice was ever given. And that applies to all situations, not only to living with relatives.

WHY WE SAY



This fallacy has been cherished for centuries but has been discredited by science. Warm, humid weather, which usually precedes a thunderstorm, tends to multiply bacteria thus causing milk to sour. Therefore it is the weather and not the thunder which causes the milk to sour.

THE AAA comes out this morning with a short article on the subject of drive-ins and how the average US citizen is coming to rely more and more on the car. Here are the figures they give for the ratio of walking to parking: if the motorist parks for nothing he is willing to walk eight blocks to do his shopping. If it costs him 20 cents to park he'll only walk two blocks. If he gets stuck four bits to park then he will walk only one block to do his shopping. At that rate it would leave a KP shopper walking somewhere in the neighborhood of five or six blocks to do his shopping.

Now you can stay in your car, in many cities, and conduct business with banks, florist shops, laundries, churches and markets, not to speak of movies, sandwich bars, steak houses and malted milk stands. And the Giant Orange if you happen to be in Dixon, I suppose pretty soon we'll be able to drive into our offices, put a nickel in the parking meter affixed to the desk, and do an hour's work without quitting the comforts of the familiar old bus. It might be all OK, but wouldn't it play hob with the shoe manufacturer and merchants?

TAX BEEFS
SALEM, Nov. 29 (AP)—The state tax commission will hold a hearing in Medford Thursday evening to hear complaints by resident of Gold Hill, Central Point and Rogue River. They complain that their property taxes have been increased too much over last year.

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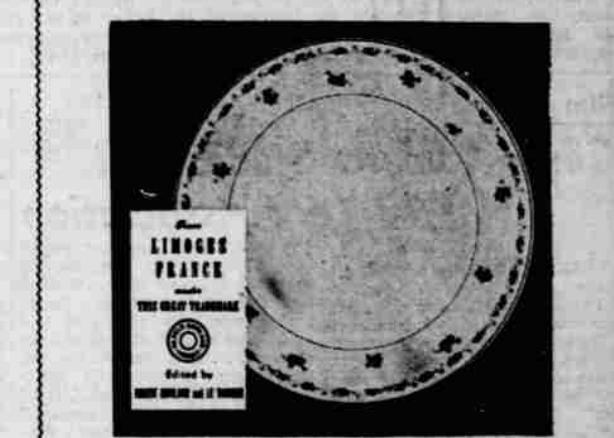


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