

By FRANK JENKINS
Out of a week of hearings conducted in Southern Oregon and Northern California by a congressional investigating committee this interesting, if not too palatable, fact has been developed: The capacity of our existing sawmills exceeds the supply of mature saw-timber that is readily available.

What should be done about it? That is a most important question, and no pat answer is at hand. But it does seem clear that the federal government, which owns a large share of the remaining supply of virgin timber, should proceed without delay to get a more up-to-date inventory of the merchantable timber it has on hand and should then take steps to make its timber that is ready for market more accessible.

Otherwise, a lot of mills now operating and providing payrolls in the communities in which they are located are going to have to close down.

That won't be relished by any of us.

How can the supply of marketable timber in the possession of various government agencies be made more readily available to the mills that need it?

The answer to that question seems to be MORE ACCESS ROADS. The government owns the timber. Before the timber in the more inaccessible areas can be brought out, roads must be built. There are two ways to get them built.

One way is for the government itself, which owns the timber, to build the roads. That, of course, will require money and the money will have to be appropriated by the congress.

The other way to get access roads built is to sell government stumps cheap enough to make it profitable for potential purchasers to build the roads to get at the timber.

That method, in general, has been favored by Eastern members of congress.

From the standpoint of the Western communities in which the mills that need the timber are located, selling government timber cheap enough to make it profitable for operators to build their own access roads has a serious drawback.

The drawback is this: Such a policy would tend to limit the sale of government timber to large concerns that can command the capital necessary to build the access roads.

The mills that will be forced out first by scarcity of available saw-timber will be the small mills. These small mills are scattered all through southern Oregon and Northern California. They provide the payroll backbone of the communities in which they are located.

Generally speaking, they are apt to be unable to finance the building of their own roads, to get at the timber they need. If they are forced to close down, through inability to get timber enough, the result will be calamitous to the communities in which they are presently operating.

It seems to me that the situation, from the government's standpoint, is as broad as it is long. If the federal government builds the roads to make its ripe timber more accessible, it can get a higher price for its stumpage. If it doesn't build the roads, it will have to sell the timber cheaper.

If the joint committee that has been investigating the timber situation in this area has been able through the testimony it has brought out at its various hearings to get a better understanding of this access problem, it may be possible to get needed money for access roads.

Sprague Raps Timber Rules

PORTLAND (AP) — Timber marketing area restrictions interfere with the flow of timber to its best uses, Charles A. Sprague, chairman of the advisory board on Oregon and California Restricted Lands timber, told a congressional hearing Monday.

Sprague, former Oregon governor, said rules restricting marketing of oak timber to specified areas should be abolished.

He spoke at a hearing of a joint Senate-House committee investigating federal timber policies.

"The root of the trouble out here," said Sprague, "is chiefly the existence of excess cutting capacity."

"Neither the Bureau of Land Management," he continued, "nor Congress can increase the stands of trees ripe for cutting. No amount of inventory stretchout will keep all the existing mills operating on a permanent basis."

Under the pressure of local distress we should not be stampeded into speeding up the cut of federal timber. In fact, the lack of access roads now may prove our salvation a decade or two hence."

Sprague also commended the Bureau of Land Management for doing what he said was a difficult job in a conscientious manner.



REGIONAL RED CROSS OFFICIALS visited the board of directors of the Klamath County Chapter at their meeting in the Winema Hotel Monday noon. Robert Hager, field representative, left, Cyril Hannason, Red Cross director for Hamilton Air Force Base, California, John Heyden, president of the local board, and Major Thomas Gerbing, Klamath jet interceptor base executive officer, were in attendance at the meeting. Hager outlined the problems facing the local chapter with the influx of U.S. Air Force personnel to man the Klamath air base.

Worker Given Prison Term

Ulysses Ford, 28-year-old garage worker, convicted last week of forgery by a circuit court jury, was sentenced to 20 years in Oregon State Prison Tuesday by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

A plea for clemency by Defense Attorney Donald A. W. Piper, apparently failed to sway Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg who imposed the sentence.

Piper told the court that Ford became an orphan when he was 13 years old and drifted into a life of crime. He said the defendant has been in considerable trouble for which lack of parental guidance was probably responsible.

A year ago, Ford was acquitted on another forgery charge here. In the present case, he was arrested after he forged the name of Leo Huls, Klamath Falls contractor, to a \$47 check and passed it at Dick Reeder's Store for cash.

An FBI report, presented to the court by District Attorney Richard Beesley, showed that at the time of his arrest here five months ago, Ford was on parole from a federal prison.

Freak Accident Injures Girl

A Klamath Falls teen-ager was injured in a freak accident Monday afternoon, but the extent of her injuries are unknown, Klamath Falls police reported today.

Carol Tressner, 18, the daughter of Mrs. Maxine M. Tressner, 4678 Peck Drive, was struck by an unidentified auto at the intersection of Seventh and Main streets and carried for more than half a block before falling from the auto, Mrs. Tressner told police.

Mrs. Tressner said that the auto which struck her daughter had run a red traffic light. Witness described the driver as an elderly woman, she said. She said the auto was a two-toned 1952 Chevrolet, police reported.

Police had no record of the nature of the girl's injuries, or whether or not she was hospitalized.

In another accident reported today by police, an auto driven by R. W. Hubbell, 627 High Street, was badly damaged this morning when it and a two-tone flatbed truck driven by Mrs. Lela Mae Hill, 406 Roosevelt, collided. The truck was undamaged. There were no injuries.

The incident occurred at about 9 a.m. at the intersection of Klamath Avenue and Ninth Street, Mrs. Hill was cited for failure to yield right of way, and to appear Wednesday afternoon in Municipal Court.

Berserk Boy Friend Kills Stewardess In Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — An airline stewardess was shot to death by her former boy friend last night as she was greeting passengers filing aboard a Los Angeles-bound plane.

Then the love-struck young man, breaking away from an Air Force lieutenant who attempted to subdue him, ran from the plane and shot himself. He died three hours later in a hospital.

The United Air Lines stewardess, Sally Shedd, 28, was struck in the chest by two bullets.

Mrs. Herman Loesch of Portland, Ore., her voice quavering, told how Robert Cleidennin, 26, a trainee with the New York brokerage firm of J. A. Hoyle and Co., sat down beside her and drew a pistol from his briefcase.

"I thought it was a cap pistol," she said. "Even after it went off I thought it was a cap pistol. It just kept on going off. Bang, Bang, Bang."

Cleidennin was one of the last of some 40 passengers to board the DC-6B.

Open Hearing Ruling Given

SALEM (AP) — Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton ruled Tuesday that State Unemployment Compensation Commission hearings are generally open to the public, with a few exceptions.

The opinion is the result of a hearing in Roseburg at which a reporter for the Roseburg News-Review was not allowed to be present.

The Unemployment Compensation Commission asked Thornton if it has the right to exclude a member of the public from its hearings, which usually deal with claims filed by jobless workers and with taxes upon employers.

Thornton replied that the public has a right to attend a hearing, but "this is not to say, however, that the commission has no discretion to exclude a member of the public in those rare cases where such exclusion is necessary to secure a proper and orderly conduct of the hearing; to obtain all of the facts; to prevent the disclosure of trade secrets or matters destructive of the trade or business of the parties involved."

Thornton cited a 1937 United States Supreme Court opinion holding that hearings must be "fair and open" to be legal.

Bandit Shot In Holdup

RICKREALL, Ore. (AP) — One Portland bandit was dead, another was in jail and a young service station attendant was a hero as an aftermath to an attempted hold-up here Sunday night.

Credited with killing gunman Wallace C. Cunningham, 31, Portland, was Herschel Greenwade, 23, who was deputized by a state patrolman as the officer rushed to break up an armed robbery at the Rickreall Barbecue.

Cunningham's alleged companion, Robert Scott Kennon, 31, also of Portland, was being held at the Polk County jail at Dallas, Ore. Kennon surrendered his weapon as Officer John Mekkers and Greenwade entered the tavern.

But Cunningham, who had not been seen by the officer, started shooting, wounding Mekkers twice in the left arm. Greenwade returned the fire with Mekkers' rifle, but missed. He ran outside the tavern to reload and, aiming through a window, shot and killed Cunningham.

Mekkers took Kennon into custody before fellow officers could arrive to assist him.

State Police were informed of the robbery as it was taking place by patrons who had been herded into a back room. They had boosted one of their members over a partition into an adjoining apartment containing a telephone.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly cloudy with occasional snow flurries late Tuesday night and Wednesday. High 32. Low Tuesday night 20.

High yesterday 32 Low last night 19 Precip last 24 hours 0.2 Precip since Oct. 1 4.34 Same period last year 4.21 Normal for period 2.24

Shooting Hours OREGON November 23 OPEN 6:36 CLOSE 4:40 CALIFORNIA California Season Closed Until Dec. 10th

Red Cross Outlines Base Policy

The increased responsibilities to be faced by the Klamath Falls Red Cross chapter with the influx of U.S. Air Force personnel was discussed at the regular meeting of the board of directors Monday noon in the Winema Hotel.

Robert Hager, field director for Central Oregon and Southwestern Washington, outlined the two main problems which the local chapter will face: the staffing of a Red Cross office on the base and the financing of requests for aid from Air Force families.

The financing of aid to the air-men will be reimbursed by the Hamilton Air Force Base office of service people into the community will be done on the local level.

Hager stressed that certain aids to military personnel are mandatory for the Red Cross. He said the national organization will assist the local chapter financially because the influx of a large number of service people into the community will put a strain on the finances of the local chapter.

The Red Cross official said the local chapter should expect to man an office at the air base with volunteers for at least part of each working day. He said he didn't think the national organization would station a paid worker at the installation.

The home service committee of the Klamath Chapter will review the problems of service families and adjust its work to fit the new requirements, they said.

Cyril Hannason, Hamilton AFB Red Cross director, explained the workings of his office and related his experiences in Korea and during World War II with the Red Cross.

The work of the unpaid Red Cross volunteers will be lauded by Hannason. He said the non-professional workers in the small chapters are the backbone of the organization.

In other business Mrs. Virginia Dixon, executive secretary, said she would visit Klamath County on December 6 and 7. She said the need for blood are increasing and Klamath County should endeavor to keep up its fine record.

John Heyden, president of the board of directors, presided at the meeting. Thomas Gerbing, base executive officer at the Klamath jet base, represented the Air Force.

Harriman Raps Foreign Policy

SEATTLE (AP) — Gov. Averell Harriman of New York said last night "our alliances are cracking" because of what he called Republican "incompetence and shortsightedness" in the field of foreign relations.

Speaking at a \$7.50-a-plate Democratic fund-raising dinner, the New York governor described the summit conference at Geneva last July as a "great Communist victory." He said the victory resulted from "confusion and contradiction in Washington."

He said while he favored holding the conference, he later found it "unexcusable" for the President, and his advisers to give the impression that they believed in the sincerity of the Kremlin words in advance of de Gaulle's speech.

World tensions relaxed, he said, when the President, upon returning from Geneva, "spoke though with some reservations, and the most shining opportunity" and the "spark ignited at Geneva."

"But unfortunately so did our defense effort," Secretaries Humphreys and Wilson began to talk about cutting our defenses, still more. Free peoples were thrown off balance. They were psychologically disarmed. Neutralists and pro-Communist elements in Europe were strengthened."

Harriman is in the Pacific Northwest to urge reelection of Senators Warren C. Magnuson of Washington and Wayne Morse of Oregon.

While he was mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for president, he declined to discuss his own political plans other than to tell reporters at a news conference, "I am not a formal candidate for president at this time."

Missing Girl Reward Set

Two friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Friend, whose 16-year-old daughter, Sharon, is one of two Klamath Union High School students missing since last Wednesday, have offered a \$50 reward for information leading to discovery of the girl's whereabouts.

Russians Purge Six

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Slain Girl's Parents May Face Abbott

OAKLAND, Calif. (UP) — The man who is accused of luring Stephanie Bryan to her death may confront the mother of the teen-age Berkeley schoolgirl for the first time today.

U.S. Education Session Slated

Mrs. Victor E. (Lucille) O'Neill, member of the Oregon State Board of Education left today for Portland and Washington, D.C. where she will attend the White House Conference on Education called by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Mrs. O'Neill is one of 13 Oregon delegates appointed by Governor Paul Patterson to be present for the four-day workshop sessions which will be devoted to six vital questions in education: (1) What Should Our Schools Accomplish? (2) How Can We Organize Our School System More Efficiently? (3) What Are Our School Building Needs? (4) How Can We Get Enough Good Teachers and Keep Them? (5) How Can We Finance Our School Buildings and Operate Them? (6) How Can We Obtain a Continuing Public Interest in Education?

Approximately 2,000 delegates from the 48 states will be present for the conference which will be chaired by Vice President Richard Nixon.

The conference at the national level follows similar conferences held earlier this year at county and state levels.

S. E. Brogitt, Umatilla County, also a member of the state board of education, will attend.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill will visit Mrs. O'Neill's brother, novelist Edison Marshall, at Augusta, Georgia. They will make the trip both ways by air.

CAA Awaits Crash Report

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Administration is awaiting a report on a plane crash investigation under way at Seattle to determine if new charges will be filed against the Peninsula Air Transport Co., a CAA attorney said Monday.

The company operated a DC4 which crashed in a Seattle residential district last Friday killing 27 of its 74 occupants.

Attorney S. J. Schneider said the CAA should know "in a day or two" whether any regulations were violated on the fatal flight and if any are found complaints being heard against the company will be amended to include new charges.

More than 50 charges of rule violations allegedly occurring between January and July of 1955 have been filed by the CAA against Peninsula.

The charges are being heard by Joseph Caldwell, Civil Aeronautics Board examiner. They included allegations that Peninsula broke regulations against overloading, excessive flying time for the pilots and improper mechanical maintenance.

A Peninsula spokesman said the DC4 was given a "complete major checkup" in Miami a few days before the Seattle crash.

Most of the charges of safety regulation violations were brought by the Air Carrier Pilots' Assn., an organization of pilots of non-scheduled airlines.

Toy Robinson, co-owner of the airline, but chief of the organization has threatened me and tried to blackmail me with the Civil Aeronautics Administration. That's where all these petty violations come from."

Quake Recorded In Easter Isles

PASADENA, Calif. (UP) — Seismographs at the California Institute of Technology today placed a strong earthquake 4200 miles south of here or probably west of Easter Island in a submarine mountain range.



MRS. VICTOR O'NEILL

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Ike Conducts Cabinet Meet

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — President Eisenhower met with his Cabinet in a mountain hideaway Tuesday and voiced thanks for the members' "perfection of coordination and cooperation" during his illness.

The two-hour meeting took place at Camp David, in the heart of the Catoctin Mountains, with most Cabinet members flying in by helicopter from Washington.

Later, after the President's return to his Gettysburg country home, James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, told newsmen of the Chief Executive's expression of gratitude to the Cabinet members.