

CONSERVATION . . .

Forest Service Does Its Part In Conservation Of Nation's Natural Resource

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In many cases there is some confusion among the public as to just what the U.S. Forest Service is and what it means to them as residents of the Klamath Basin.

In observance of Conservation Week we are presenting these articles to try to give the public a better idea of who we are and what we do.

First, let's look at the National Forest System in general. In 1905, the U.S. Forest Service, as it is known today, was formed as a bureau of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

To see how the management of these resources is achieved we now look at the U.S. Forest Service organizations. The national forest is the main unit. There are 148 national forests in the United States, one of which is the Rogue River National Forest.

To keep this on the local level, let's look at the Rogue River National Forest. The forest supervisor, Carroll Brown and his staff are located in Medford. There are six ranger districts: Ashland, Applegate, Butte Falls, Klamath Falls, Prospect and Union Creek.

The Klamath Ranger District is organized as follows: Darroll Frewing, district ranger; Doug Shaw, assistant district ranger; Paul Brady, district fire control assistant; Ken Dykeman and Bob Latzy, timber management assistants; Kathleen Vaughn, district clerk; Bob Brown, district sales; Joe Wagner, district crew foreman.

Thus we come to how the resources are managed. The district ranger is the land manager and is responsible for the administration, development and protection of the district.

To give an example, let's consider the timber resource. When a timbered area, which is mature, is cut, the soil and water resources are considered first, then the extent of use or possible use of the other resources is considered.

This then is a brief and general look at the Klamath Ranger District, the Rogue River National Forest and the U.S. Forest Service. The national forests are public lands and are being managed for the whole public good.

Rotary Club To Give Award

MOUNT SHASTA — The Mount Shasta Rotary Club will donate a \$250 scholarship to both a boy and girl graduate from Mount Shasta High School at graduation time this June.

The choice will go to the boy and girl who have demonstrated ability, studiousness and leadership. Also one may win unless such financial aid is required for college entrance.

Students who have won this honor in the past are now making good in higher education, and reflect credit to their town and themselves.

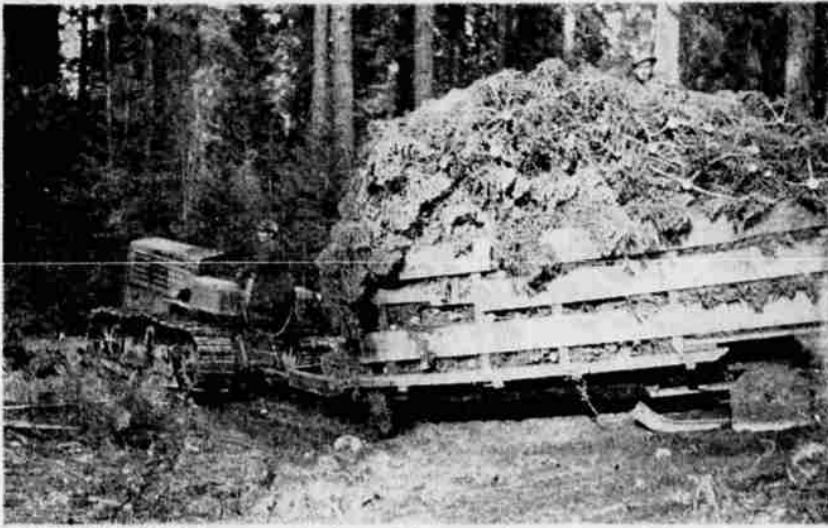
OFFICIAL VISIT ALTURAS — Mrs. Eleanor Redstreak of Quincy, district commander of the American Legion District 5, paid an official visit to Clifford Harter Post No. 162 recently.

able to answer the questions of the general public.

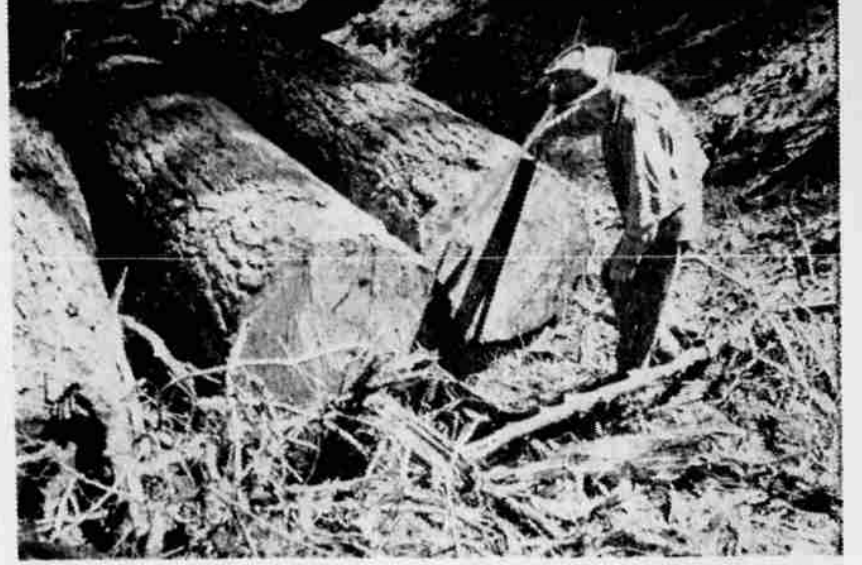
In observance of Conservation Week we are presenting this and other articles appearing here to give a partial review of our work.

The Klamath Basin is surrounded by national forests. Besides the ranger's office in Klamath Falls, there are ranger offices at Crescent and Bly, Oregon, and in California, offices are located at Tulelake and Mount Hebron.

Also we wish to be sure that in the observance of this special week we keep in mind that conservation is wise use and not preservation. The wise use of our natural resources will assure that they will be available for future generations.



CHRISTMAS TREES have recently boomed into prominence as one of the major resources of our national forests. The harvest is carefully controlled on each individual forest and is conducted along strict conservation lines. Shown here is a load of trees being pulled out of the cutting area on the Rogua National Forest.



SAWLOGS from the national forests are an important item in the life of almost every community. Here a scaler is shown working logs in the Klamath Basin.

KF Rifle Training Class Produces Many Marksmen

By TOM STIMMEL

This past winter was a record year. Police trained 262 junior riflemen (and women). Applicants came on a first-come, first-served basis and paid \$1 towards ammunition.

Police divided the horde into 12 classes in two series—one from November to January and the other from January to April. Instructors are police officers who volunteer their own time. The program is conducted by Lt. Bud Adkins, who admits the load gets heavy at times.

At the other end of the room individual targets were stretched across a sloping bank designed to receive speeding slugs.

A city police officer looked down the line and gave the anticipated order: "Load one live round." Bolts slid open as rounds fell into place. The boys on the mattresses twisted themselves into a final, comfortable position.

The officer gave a familiar command: "Ready on the right! Ready on the left! Ready on the firing line!" "Commence" (clicks sounded as rifles were cocked) "firing and fire five rounds. Take your time and squeeze 'em off."

Two shots were heard, then another, then three more. Another relay of Klamath Falls kids was getting its turn in the police department's oversheremingly successful rifle training program.

Any student between nine and 15 is welcome to join, and they've been joining by droves since the program began three winters ago.

Potluck Meal Held By Lodge

FORT JONES—Over 100 members and their guests attended the potluck supper sponsored by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 115 at the IOOF Hall in Fort Jones recently. Following the supper, which was given to celebrate the 140th anniversary of the establishment of the IOOF in America, Glenn Davis, noble grand of the Fort Jones lodge, and Myrtle Wild, noble grand of the local Rebekah lodge spoke briefly to the guests.

Charlie Hammond, past grand patriarch of the Encampment of California, was principal speaker of the evening. He outlined the history of the 140 years of Odd Fellowship. He pointed out that the IOOF is the only fraternal organization privileged to confer the Decoration of Chivalry on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and also holds the distinction of sponsoring the United Nation Pilgrimage of Students, a program originally suggested by President Eisenhower, through which IOOF members work throughout the world teaching the ideals of peace and friendship to our foreign allies.

Musical entertainment was provided by Forrest Gray, a recent initiate, who led the group singing of a few old songs. Gus Richman, the senior member, was called upon to give a few words. He will have been in the lodge for 60 years. Spring flowers decorated the hall.

Aid Dispatched To 'Poor' State

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—A gift-wrapped package of \$10,000 left Tampa Friday as a present to financially troubled Michigan from the North Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

In a telegram to Gov. G. Mennen Williams, the chamber noted that Michigan was unable to pay many state employees last week.

"We are sending under separate cover to the Michigan National Bank of Lansing some Southern inflation-proof financial aid," the telegram said. "You won't worry now."

MAKING ARRANGEMENTS BEAUTY — Tati Miller, Burns, was in the vicinity making arrangements for pasture last week at the TH Ranch, owned and operated by Ed Walker, Miller states that the desert is the driest he has ever seen.

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ding guns is a serious business, and police take no chances. "All right, let's not have any funny business on the firing line," Gerleve cautioned his class. The "funny business" was mostly noise coming from boys who had finished early. "The other boys are trying to shoot," the officer reminded.

The relay finished firing, an "all clear" was given, and the marksmen charged to examine their targets. Meanwhile their buddies grabbed new targets, strung them along the line, and got into position for their turn.

"Take your time and make 'em right," Gerleve remarked, and more shots were heard. Gerleve walked up and down the line. At one end he spotted shots bunched in a corner of the target. He leaned over the boy with the rifle, eventually took a while to adjust the sights correctly.

A little boy with specs was having trouble with a jammed bolt. Gerleve fixed that in a hurry. A chubby boy on the end couldn't resist looking up with a broad grin of satisfaction. That shot, the grin indicated, was dead center.

Three Property Owners File Protest Notices

Three property owners, so far, have filed notice of protest against their current property assessed valuations.

The protests are on file with County Clerk Charley DeLap and are to be presented to the County Board of Equalization when it meets May 11.

DeLap and Assessor Hap Caldwell emphasized again that any property owner may protest the appraised and assessed valuations of his property.

The first step, Caldwell said, is to take the problem to his office. If the property owner still is unsatisfied with the explanation (and Caldwell said a good many protestants are satisfied) they may file notice of appeal.

"And we'll help them make out the appeal forms," Caldwell said. "We're here to help people and we're glad to do it."

Considerable howl has been raised since the assessor's office mailed notices of appraisal and assessment increases to county property owners. In conjunction with that protest, Caldwell had this to say Friday:

"There has been much misunderstanding on the reappraisal work going on by the assessor's staff. "This is nothing new. It has been going on since the State Tax Commission reappraised the county. This is a continuing process and by areas the entire county will be or should be reappraised once each six years."

"During 1957-58, Mills Addition, Mills Second, Stewart Lenox, Riverside, Lakeside, West Klamath, Fairhaven Heights and all of un-plotted Sections 5 and 7 were reappraised and put on the (tax) rolls at true cash value.

"Now this year we reappraised

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The boys fired two types of targets, one a 10-bull Army target with small bullseyes around the edge, the other single-bull NRA Junior target with a dark center. "They like the single-bull a lot better," the officer said.

Relay No. 2 finished firing, the first relay took positions again, and the routine continued. It seemed that the reason for the classes—the reason why police officers don't mind volunteering as instructors and why kids have traded the classes so popular — was expressed by a lad of 9 or 10 who proudly presented his target to his instructor.

"Oscar, I know that's a qualifier," the boy said.

All five shots were dead center. "That's a qualifier, you bet," the officer said.

Woman Thinks Bird Imposter

VAN NUYS, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. Frances Blicharz is wondering if Joe really is Joe—that is, is Joe the Joe she used to know?

Joe is a mynah bird, worth \$1,000. Of that, Mrs. Blicharz is certain.

But she doesn't know if the talking bird in her house is her old Joe, she told police Friday. She first noticed changes in the bird April 19—his vocabulary and size seemed to have shrunk.

Fearing Joe was (you should excuse the expression) off his feed, she checked with a doctor, who gave the bird a clean bill (pardon again) of health. Mrs. Blicharz thinks someone stole her Joe and substituted a smaller bird—an imposter strictly for the birds.

Hot Springs, El Dorado and Hillside areas and some of these people suddenly think we are wrong. But nonetheless we plan to continue this program and next year we will be reappraising other areas. We will continue through the years on reappraisal unless some state laws are changed.

"State law specifies we must notify the taxpayer when we increase the value of his property by 5 per cent or \$100, unless a percentage is applied uniformly to all property of a certain class or area. Notices must be mailed before May 1.

"The Board of Equalization sits in review of the assessor's work. In May of 1958 the Board of Equalization passed on the assessor's work and approved the ratio, as did the State Tax Commission, approving the ratio and saying theoretically that all property was valued equally.

"A 17 per cent increase was applied uniformly to all property in the county that was not reappraised.

"This does not mean taxes will go up 17 per cent. We do not know if there will be an increase in taxes or not. This cannot be determined until all taxing districts' budgets are approved by the people and turned over to the assessor's office by July 15."

The Board of Equalization to which Caldwell referred meets May 11 to review assessments. Its members are R. P. Ellingson, chairman; Earl Hamaker and County Judge Bob Walker.

The law gives taxpayers until the end of the first week of the board's meeting to file protests, or until May 16.

Caldwell said 17 taxpayers protested assessments last year.



KATHERINE JOHNCK

KUHS Pupil Wins Post

Katherine Johnck, a student at KUHS, was elected the conference secretary of the Oregon Methodist Youth Fellowship for the 1959-1960 term. She is an active member of the Klamath Falls MYF and is currently serving as president of the Klamath Sub-District MYF.

Katherine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn F. Johnck, 2034 Fremont, Klamath Falls.

IN HOSPITAL

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Actor Paul Muni is in a hospital for treatment of an upper respiratory infection. A doctor said Friday the 61-year-old actor's ailment was not serious. Muni is expected to be hospitalized several days.

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ONE OF 12 rifle classes conducted by city police for Klamath Falls youngsters gets set on the firing line. At left are Police Lt. A. D. Adkins, who conducted the program, and an interested parent, G. H. Hill.

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Polite Car Thief Leaves \$1 Tip

TEXARKANA, Tex. (AP)—Police recovered the tiny Italian-built auto two miles from where Mickey Cupp reported it stolen Friday.

Inside the car, police found this note: "Just couldn't resist driving it. Thank you."

A dollar bill was attached to the note.

NEW HOTEL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The Sheraton Hotel Corp. will build its 60th hotel across the bay in Oakland.

Fred B. Mills, engineering vice president of the chain, said Friday the eight-story structure will cost six million dollars and will have 250 to 300 rooms with banquet facilities for 500.

Kite flying is the favorite sport of the Maldives Islands.

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