

Wet And Snowy Weather Reduces Threat Of Beetle

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Douglas fir bark beetle will not pose as big a threat next year if present wet, snowy weather continues, the Oregon and California Land Grand Advisory Board was told Monday.

H. J. Heikkinen, University of Washington professor, reported to the board on a survey made last summer. He said the dreaded beetle was not as damaging as expected this year because of generally damp weather, parts of blowdown trees remained green and the lumber industry removed downed trees at a fast pace.

But, he said, "A dry spring could hurt us badly next year."

Rod Fety, chief of the Bureau of Land Management's local branch of forest operations, said the blowdown timber salvage program on BLM lands in Western Oregon was complete.

He said that during the fiscal year 1963 some 1.5 billion board feet of timber were sold for about \$36 million. Of this amount, 926,544,000 board feet represented salvage sales valued at \$22.4 million, Fety said.

The board called for more appropriations for public land surveys and increased emphasis on land exchanges.

It heard from Charles H. Stoddard, BLM director, of plans to adopt the so-called "ranger district system of public land management, similar to the type used by other land management agencies such as the Forest and National Parks services. The plan will be drawn up by April and subject to review and approval by the O&C group as well as the BLM National Advisory Board Council.

Lake County Filings Start

LAKEVIEW—The first filing for county office for nomination in May primaries was noted Friday, Dec. 13, when Nell Friday entered his name in the office of the county clerk as candidate for sheriff. Friday is a Republican. The job is now held by Donald Woodruff, and Friday is a deputy.

Positions open in Lake County during the coming year are county judge, county clerk, county treasurer, and one county commissioner.

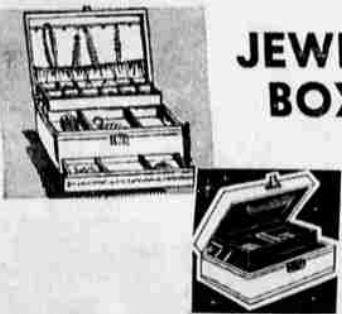
County Clerk Zane Gray announced that the final date for filing for the May primaries will be March 10 at 5 p.m.

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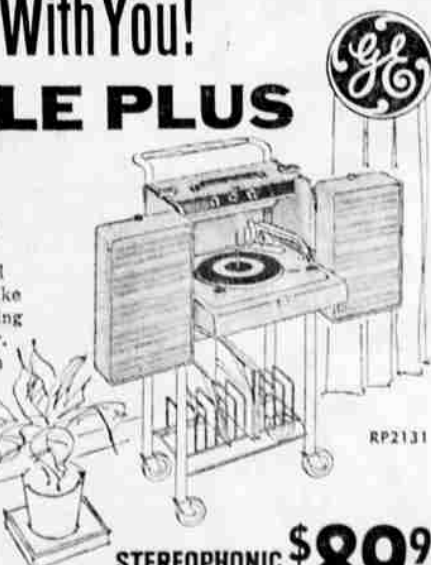
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Gemini	3	3	3
Cancer	4	4	4
Leo	5	5	5
Virgo	6	6	6
Libra	7	7	7
Scorpio	8	8	8
Sagittarius	9	9	9
Capricorn	10	10	10
Aquarius	11	11	11
Pisces	12	12	12

Couple Marries As Cupid Wins Over Red Authority

MOSCOW (UPI) — Cupid triumphed over Communist bureaucracy today to enable an American visitor in Moscow to marry his 25-year-old Russian sweetheart.

Larry Brayton, 36, of Fairbanks, Alaska, was wed to Miss Rosita Schifman less than an hour after Soviet authorities granted him a last minute visa extension. Without it, the marriage was unlikely because of regulations that require a valid passport or document for foreign weddings.

Brayton, who came to Russia as a tourist, is being held in the country illegally since Nov. 29. But he had announced he was determined to "sweat it out" until the ceremony today.

The American, who describes himself as a former union official, made three appeals to Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev to be allowed to stay. Whether Khrushchev actually intervened was not known.

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