

Society Told Arrangements Made For Neighboring County's Museum

The usual good attendance enjoyed the interesting meeting of the Columbia County Historical Society in the Scappoose Congregational church Tuesday, December 8, with a reliving of pioneer Christmas being the theme of the program. Also, many relics of old times were brought, which were interesting to all.

The session opened at 1:10 p. m. and a highlight of the program was the appearance of the Scappoose high school chorus with their teacher.

Guest speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Lillian Kumm, caretaker of the Tillamook county museum, who told of their many years of effort to get their museum started and developed to the present condition. They began 18 years ago, when they were given one room of the old Tillamook courthouse for exhibit space, which they soon

outgrew.

Now they have the whole building filled with exhibits. Expenses are shared by the county and city. Incidental expenses are partly met by sale of post cards, etc. It began with the county pioneers, but now has been turned over to the county with a museum committee consisting of the county judge, school superintendent, mayor of the City of Tillamook, a business man, and a member of the V.F.W., making six in all. There is a small millage tax for upkeep, also. This year they had 25,000 visitors, over 6000 of these being in August.

The passing of two pioneers was noted, one being Andrew Parker of Vernonia, who died last month, and the other being George McBride, son of Thomas McBride, who passed away about the same time. The McBride school of St. Helens was named for this family.

The next meeting of the Society will be held in St. Helens, with place and date to be decided later and depending on the weather. Anyone interested enough to attend will find the program very worthwhile and their support will also aid in the work of the society.

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National Forest Sales

There is good news in the latest returns to Oregon and Washington counties from national forest rentals and timber sales. They brought \$9,463,998 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, to help pay for schools and county roads in the two states. This was a fourth of the total returns of \$37,855,991. The other three quarters, or \$28,391,993, was turned over to the U. S. Treasury.

This productive utilization of public domain timber means even more, in terms of wages, taxes, dividends, traffic revenue, sales of manufactured supplies and farm produce, and payments for interest, insurance and professional services. The indirect economic creativity of national forest timber conversion is also a giant force. Woods wage earners, for example, marry, make homes and start families. More sales in the stores, more work for school teachers, are obvious results. So new schools and stores must be built, new roads are required.

Thus Forest Service timber sales contribute to community progress. This effect was the original simple purpose of the formation of the forest reserves that are the national forests of today. To support local business, to provide jobs for local people, to add to community growth and prosperity, has been the official U. S. forest policy for 50 years and more. Year by year it proves its worth.

The national benefits from national forest timber sales are immeasurably greater, too, than the dollar amounts of stumpage returns that accrue to the U. S. Treasury in Washington, D. C. These amounts are more good news, but they are a drop in the bucket of the billions of government expenditures. It is the values of national forest timber conversion in serving nation-wide home and farm building construction that truly count as a force in the national economy.

Lane County, Oregon, with \$1,296,500.20, was to top U. S. county in the apportionment of 1952-1953 timber money. The champion construction county is that of Los Angeles. From September, 1945, through August, 1953, there were 594,548 dwelling units authorized in the county. Homes have been built in Los Angeles County this year at the rate of 7,703 per month.

Each of these homes is a story of people, of the family to which a home, be it ever so humble, is the heart and soul of everyday living. Lumber and plywood remain the basic home building materials. Los Angeles County is a major market for building products from Lane and other Oregon and Washington forest counties. Our region's national forests help to make good new homes at low cost possible for the increasing families of Southern California — as in other nationwide market areas for Oregon-

Washington lumber. Good news for Los Angeles!

Big Job Coming

The experts are now talking about a 1960 U. S. population of 180,276,000—an increase of 23,220,000 over 1950. In the most conservative view the demands of building construction on the forests and mills are bound to keep growing. The consumption of all forest products should also increase year by year. The contributions of the national forests to the national economy will expand likewise.

And so the counties with the fortune to contain national forests will benefit from timber sales each year indefinitely, under sustained yield standards. Each sale will continue to mean business for the logging contractor, wages for loggers, truck drivers and mill men within the county of the sale, a vast variety of taxes all down the production line—and at last in the markets, new homes, churches, schools, business structures, farm buildings and other construction.

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Tree Men Talk More Production

Representing Crown Zellerbach corporation yesterday at a tree growers forum at Seattle was Bob Lindsay, forester for Columbia Tree farm, where ten of the top ranking tree growers and specialists discussed how to produce and sell more products from the 21 million acres of small forest holdings in the western states.

Fifty per cent of the private timber in Oregon and Washington is owned by small holders. The forum was one of the highlights of the three-day 44th annual Western Forestry conference.

Lindsay emphasized that theories on second-growth management must be put into practice to test their value. "A thinning operation presents many new problems: the timber harvested is less important and of less value than the trees left; a poor logging job may result in complete loss of growing stock at an early age; planning of landings and skidroads attains new importance; complete utilization is the keynote to success of the operation."

He also pointed out that "frequent light cuts, commencing at an early age, is the solution to many harvesting problems. Fre-

quent cuts correct errors in judgment of the market. Logging damage, windthrow and insect attack can be salvaged without loss; excessive damage to roads and landings during the wet season can be avoided. Equipment used must be light, small and mobile."

Sport Fish Rules Hearing Topic

Oregon sport fishing regulations for 1954 will be tentatively set following a public hearing Friday, January 8, 1954, in the game commission's Portland office at S. W. 17th and Alder.

The hearing will begin at 10 a. m. and winter and summer regulations for all game fish will be covered. Persons or groups having suggestions regarding the tentative regulations should submit them to the commission in written form.

Following a two-week interval, a second public hearing will be held by the commission January 22 to set the final regulations for 1954.

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