

Secretary of Agriculture To Visit Tussock Area

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz will take a personal look at the tussock moth infestation in northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington on Friday, August 31.

This is the first time a Cabinet officer will have visited the area where many thousands of acres of forest have been ravaged by the insect.

Regional Forester Theodore A. Schlapfer, Forest Service-USDA, said Secretary Butz will go by helicopter from La Grande into the tree-killed area for an on-the-ground inspection. Earlier this month, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Robert W. Long visited the region.

Women Veterans Reminded of Their G.I. Bill Rights

Portland, Ore. (August 25, 1973)—Henry G. Helmstetter, acting director of the Veterans Administration regional office in Portland, reminded women veterans today that they are entitled to the same benefits as their male counterparts under the G.I. Bill.

Helmstetter estimated that there are more than 2,000 women from the state of Oregon who have served with the armed forces since the end of the Korean Conflict.

"The new 'bill of rights' equalizes VA benefits for women veterans, allowing them to receive additional G. I. Bill payment for their husbands and making VA dependents' educational assistance, death pension, and G. I. home loans available to widows of women veterans on the same basis as for widows of men who served in the military," the VA director explained.

Helmstetter added that husbands of women veterans totally and permanently disabled by service-connected conditions are eligible for educational assistance.

Nationwide there are now more than a half million women veterans. They comprise nearly two percent of the nation's total veteran population. More than half served during World War II.

Of the 537,000 total, 16,000 served during the Spanish-American War and World War I; 307,000 during World War II; 74,000 during the Korean Conflict; 57,000 between the Korean Conflict and the beginning of the Vietnam Era on August 5, 1964; and 83,000 during the Vietnam Era.

Legislation Extends VA Care

Wide ranging medical legislation, to be effective September 1, extends Veterans Administration medical care to certain dependents, gives peacetime veterans the right to VA medical care and streamlines rules on health care delivery for the rest of the veteran population.

Donald E. Johnson, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, said that the act (Public Law 93-82), signed by the President this month, will upgrade medical care for hospitalized veterans as well as outpatients by permitting VA the necessary flexibility to deliver the appropriate type of care needed in each case.

Better staffing is assured by several provisions of the act, he said. Among them is authority to provide outpatient medical care for non-service-connected conditions when it would avoid the need for hospitalization.

In addition to a number of administrative provisions, the law

—extends eligibility for medical care to the wife or child of a person who has a total disability, permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected condition, and to the widow or child of a person who has died of a service-connected condition. Care will be provided in a manner similar to that in which medical care is furnished by the armed forces under the so-called "CHAMPUS program" to dependents and survivors of active duty and retired personnel.

—removes the requirement for wartime service as a condition of eligibility for VA medical care.

The trip to La Grande is part of a ten-day visit to Western states by Secretary Butz and his top assistants. Secretary Butz has moved Department of Agriculture office operations to the University of California at Davis until September 2 in order for him and other USDA officials to make visits to Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming in addition to California and Oregon.

On August 30, the Secretary and his party will make visits to Spokane, Wenatchee, Seattle, and Olympia, before going to La Grande and Portland. Purposes of USDA-West are (1) to examine Department programs and activities, (2) report to the people, and (3) discuss with farmers, consumers, and the general public ways to improve Department of Agriculture services.

Agriculture Secretary Butz will hold news conferences at La Grande airport at 9:45 a.m. August 31, immediately after viewing the tussock moth infestation, and at Portland International Airport at 11:15 a.m. the same morning. Approximate time for the news conferences will be 20 minutes in La Grande and 25 minutes in Portland. The La Grande session will be in the parachute loft at the Forest Service smokejumper center. In Portland, the news meeting will be in the press conference room just above the terminal lobby.

Youths In Gun Safety At Fair

Seven area youth left this past weekend to participate in the 4-H Gun Safety Marksmanship Contest at the Oregon State Fair. Dr. M. G. Carney, Ontario optometrist and 4-H gun club leader accompanied Larry Zink, Nyssa; John Gunn, John Trueax, JoAnne Trueax, Roger Jacobs, Steve Garcia and Andy Ford all of Ontario; to Salem for the competition.

These contestants who are 4-H gun safety club members and have completed the Hunter Safety Course will be observed during the entire contest for unsafe practices and unsportsmanlike conduct.

The 4-H gun safety project is for boys and girls 11 years of age and older. It provides an opportunity for youth to develop safe habits with firearms, improve their shooting skill, and learn about wildlife conservation.

HOUSEWIFE LEAGUE

Housewife Bowling League will organize Wednesday, September 5, at 1:30 p.m. at the Sugar Bowl. All women interested please be present or call, Marion Danford 372-3525 or Ida Miner 372-3496.

Sports Boosters Meet Tonight

The first fall meeting of the Nyssa Sports Boosters Club will be held tonight, Thursday, August 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. All boosters of high school sports are encouraged to attend this first meeting.

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Antlerless Deer Permits Drawn

Lady luck selected some 40,000 lucky hunters from 59,786 who sent applications to the Game Commission for antlerless deer permits. The public drawing was held Friday, August 17, at Game Commission headquarters in Portland. A fair turnout of sportsmen were present to witness and help with the drawing.

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Although competition was hot for the Alsea, McKenzie, and

other popular units with permit applications far exceeding the permits available, there still remain five areas which were undersubscribed. Hunters still have an opportunity to obtain an antlerless permit for Calapooya Creek (late), Crow, Sixes, or Tioga agricultural areas. The High Cascades Area was also undersubscribed and permits to hunt there for buck deer with a forked horn or better are still available.

Wilt reminds hunters who receive an unsuccessful application back in the mail, or an application marked "received late", that they may scratch out

their previous unit choices and resubmit the application for any of the undersubscribed areas. These will be filled on a first come, first served basis until the permits are gone.

Hunters who did not apply previously for an antlerless permit may still purchase a buck tag and use the application that comes with it to apply for any of the open units.

Journal Classifieds Bring Results!

Cattlemen's Group Meets in Portland

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association Executive Committee will have a breakfast meeting 7:45 a.m. Friday, August 31 at the Imperial Hotel at which time the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Clayton Yeutter, Washington D. C., will discuss several topics of importance to the beef cattle industry, including the beef price freeze. He will also discuss the potential of northwest agricultural products for exports, according to Donald Ostenson, Executive Vice President, Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

Assistant Secretary, Yeutter, was nominated to his position by President Nixon last January

and confirmed by the Senate. He heads up the Marketing and Consumer Division of the USDA. Under this division is the Commodity Exchange; Agricultural Marketing Service; Food and Nutrition Service; Packers and Stockyards Division; and Animal-Plant Health Inspection Service.

The general public is invited to this no-host breakfast meeting in Portland. There will also be an opportunity to have a question and answer period with the Assistant Secretary. Following this breakfast session the OCA Executive Committee will meet.

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