

SOURDOUGH NOTES

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BORN - Region 10 has long needed a field news letter or "house publication". This is it. The intent is to issue a "family" publication containing items of general interest and news value which are ordinarily not found in official material reaching all Divisions. The majority of the items, of course, will deal with Region 10 happenings, but you will occasionally see mention of the affairs of other Regions, the Washington Office and the general field of forestry and related subjects. Publication will be monthly and distribution made to present and former members of Region 10. Harry Sperling will be the editor. I have instructed him to (1) comply with the instructions in the Manual (GA-J6-23), (2) be brief and (3) make it interesting.

Frank H. Hinton
Regional Forester

(Editor's note--Here we go. Should be no trouble to write about things originating in the R.O. but that is not enough. To be complete, we must have contributions from the field to arrive in Juneau by the 25th of the month. Don't force us to beg for this. That goes for former R-10 people too. Incidentally, this issue contains a partial list of ex-Alaskans which will be revised on January 1 of each year. If address is wrong, send us the proper one.)

PULPMILLS - The picture so far is this. Frank spent the first 10 months of 1947 in Washington and the larger cities of the country, mostly on pulp mill business. During that time, cutting contracts were prepared and sale advertisements issued for two pulp timber units in the vicinity of Petersburg and Ketchikan, each embracing 1,500,000,000 cubic feet of timber and a cutting period of 50 years. Oral auction bids were originally to be considered in the Chief's office on October 1, 1947 and December 15, 1947, respectively, but both have been advanced to February 18, 1948 and April 14, 1948 in order to give more time for prospective bidders to qualify. Briefly stated, conditions of the proposed timber sales call for cutting to be done under the direction of the Forest Service and in accord with forestry principles; a resetting of stumpage prices at stated intervals; areas of special scenic value along water courses, recreation sites and highways are protected against logging damage, as are streams or lakes used by spawning salmon; mill construction must start within three years and the full capacity of the proposed plant, 525 tons per day, must be in operation in 10 years.

E. G. Locke, Chemical Engineer with the Pacific N.W. Experiment Station, and G. W. Chidester, Chief, Division of Pulp and Paper, Forest Products Laboratory, inspected probable pulp mill sites last September in the vicinity of Ketchikan, Petersburg, and Sitka in order to determine what potential effects the waste from pulp mills would have on the highly important salmon and sea food industry of the region. The investigators believe that waste from pulp and paper mills of any kind could be readily dumped at any of the sites studied into large and deep bodies of seawater where the tidal range is very great, without serious effects on the fish and shellfish resources of those waters.

thing new on the Indian aboriginal or possessory rights question that has not appeared in your local papers since the last-minute passage by the 80th Congress of H. J. Resolution 205 which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to sell timber within the Tongass National Forest. Printed hearings (194 pages) on the above bill have been received in the R. O.

Jim Girard, former Forest Officer but now consulting forester in Portland, and Civil Engineer David Flood, recently visited Juneau and Sitka to investigate the pulp manufacturing possibilities of this northern section.

TIMBER SALES - Here is a quickie on C. Y. 1947 business. Commercial timber cut, including sawtimber, cordwood, piling and poles, float logs, trap lead floats and ties:

Division	1947	<u>MBM</u> 1946	Value 1947	Value 1946
Admiralty	19,614	4,962	\$32,103	\$ 7,480
Petersburg	22,982	12,128	36,850	17,209
Southern	40,799	31,502	62,302	47,280
Tongass Total	(83,395)	(48,592)	(131,255)	(71,969)
Kenai	747	622	1,035	929
PWS	9,521	5,176	9,945	5,376
Chugach Total	(10,268)	(5,798)	(10,980)	(6,305)
Region Total	(93,663)	(54,390)	(142,235)	(78,274)

This is the largest total cut in the history of Region 10. However, the Tongass cut a larger volume (86,840 MBM valued at \$125,826) during the war-stimulated year of 1944. The number of sales in 1947 were Admiralty 71; Petersburg 59; Southern 144; Kenai 17 and PWS 10 --Total 301. Timber sold in the Region during 1947: Tongass, 233 million bd. ft.; Chugach, nearly 10 million bd. ft. for a total stumpage value of \$473,000. It is estimated that 47 logging camps employed 500 men in the woods and 400 more worked at the mills. The largest mill at the present time is the Juneau Spruce Corporation which operates two shifts and cuts 180,000 feet daily.

Two Davis rafts of logs containing a total of 1,047,500 bd. ft., over 75% western hemlock, were towed by one tug last fall to the mill of the Puget Sound Pulp and Timber Co. at Bellingham, Washington. The logs were obtained from three separate logging outfits on the Tongass and shipment made under export permit. The purpose was to conduct pulping tests and the resulting trial lots of unbleached sulfite pulp were considered satisfactory.

HIGHWAYS - H.R. 4575, introduced in the 80th Congress, authorizes the construction of a road connecting the Kenai Peninsula with the central road system of the Territory at a cost of \$11,373,700. Its southern terminus is Mile 58 of the Seward Highway and the northern terminus is Anchorage. The section to build is 73 miles long, of which 52 miles are within the Chugach National Forest. The projected route is from Mile 58 to Bertha Creek, to Quartz Creek, around the head of Turnagain Arm to Portage, and along the roadbed of the Alaska Railroad to Anchorage. There is some talk of abandoning the Alaska Railroad from Seward to Portage if the above highway is constructed. A further benefit to Kenai Peninsula is the 130 miles of road now being built by the Department of Interior from the west boundary of the Forest to the center of the Homer agricultural region.

H. R. 4574 was also introduced in the same session. This bill proposes to extend the Federal highway statutes to Alaska and to transfer the functions of the Alaska Road Commission to the Public Roads Administration. Among the principal provisions are (1) only one half of the area of Alaska is used in the apportionment formula, the minimum amount to be \$7,500,000 (2) the Territory will contribute each year a sum equal to 10% of the Federal contribution, or \$1,000,000, whichever is the greater (3) both Federal and Territorial money can be expended for maintenance work in the same manner as for construction work.

Forward and Anderson recently completed the location survey of the South Point Higgins road which will run for 1.5 miles in a northwesterly direction from and below Tongass Highway. This spur will open up a new group of homesites. Bids for clearing and grubbing will be called for later this month. Clearing on the Gull Rock road in the Kenai Division was also recently finished. This runs from Hope to Porcupino Creek for a distance of .8 of a mile. Bids for the balance of the work will be issued when the frost is out of the ground.

MOVIES - E. P. Bloom, Visual Information Specialist of Region 1, was assigned to Alaska late last summer for the purpose of taking motion pictures on the Tongass. He shot between five and six thousand feet of 16 mm Kodachrome. About 80 per cent of the scenes turned out good in spite of adverse weather conditions. Burdick spent a few days in Missoula last month assisting Bloom in working up the final short and narrative. The completed movie will probably be titled TIMBER EMPIRE and be about 1,000 feet long. Release date is planned for February or March.

Some good 16 mm Kodachrome movies of the totem pole restoration work during the CCC program were taken in 1941. The war stopped further production but we now learn from the Washington Office that they are hopeful of getting the picture out this winter.

FOREST ODDITIES is ^{the name} suggested for a new Kodachrome motion picture to be produced by the Washington Office. Subject matter will be the harvest, sale, and use of forest products that are unique and different, little known but useful. For Alaska, we have suggested totem poles, "Devils Club" brew, basketry from spruce roots, mats and Chilkat blankets (partly) from cedar bark. Anything else?

We recently sent for two training films from the Seattle office of the Underwood Corporation entitled "Typing Tips" and "Duties of a Secretary". A preview proved them excellent, the loan period was short and it seemed a shame to show them only to our own office force. So, with the help of the local dealer, we arranged a public showing at the high school during office hours. Attendance was over 350, including the school typing class.

SLIDES - Burdick took along a set of our Kodachrome slides on his recent trip "outside" to show at Missoula and way points. A set of slides was also loaned to Loyd Bransford at Medford, Oregon. So far, the Southern Division is the only one having an official slide projector. We recently sent them 250 duplicate slides for keeps. Incidentally, we have over 2,000 good to excellent slides taken from Dixon Entrance to Point Barrow in our collection and they are put to good use.

WAREHOUSE FIRE - The Juneau firm of Tripletto & Dalziel was repairing and altering the Juneau Warehouse last September. One night a fire started which damaged the building and contents to the extent of an estimated \$12,000. We contend that the fire was due to the carelessness of the contractor in allowing a spark to remain after burning out drift belts the previous afternoon. They are now suing the Government for \$9,205 and decision is up to the GAO and perhaps the courts. Bids were issued for repair to the fire damage and the same firm received the award.

DEER HORNS - The Colorado A. & M. College at Fort Collins, Colorado, has an excellent collection of antlers of all the American species of deer except the blacktail. They asked the Regional Office at Denver to help; and Lee Pratt, their Fiscal Agent but formerly of Region 10, dropped us a line. We were able to send them a beautiful set of Sitka blacktail antlers donated by a 17-year-old nimrod, Jim McCormick of Douglas. The horns were obtained this season and entered in the annual contest held by a local sporting goods store. They came in second, being only 7/8 of a point behind the winner. The spread was 19 1/4 inches.

HOMESITES - A small fishing community has developed during the last 15 years at Elfin Cove on Chichagof Island. Residence lots were surveyed and original occupancy authorized by special use permits. On December 11, the Regional Forester approved the group for homesite classification, thus providing a means for permittees to obtain eventual patent.

THIS AND THAT - Our launches are now undergoing their annual overhaul at the Marine Station. They will emerge minus their war paint but with the new color scheme of bronze green for the hull and cabin and maroon for the deck. We recently sent some Sitka spruce, western hemlock and mountain hemlock seed to Norway which came from the vicinities of Prince William Sound, Homer, Sitka and Juneau. The interior of the Federal Building at Juneau is getting a coat of paint and our offices are now bright and shining. The Regional Office and Admiralty Division threw an enjoyable Christmas party in the Gold Room of the Baranof Hotel on December 23. About 40 attended, including wives and boy friends. Harold Smith was kind enough to airmail us a large bunch of holly from his home on Lake Samamish, Washington.

PERSONNEL - Ralph Ohman, Administrative Assistant at Ketchikan, recently received a Superior Accomplishment pay increase in recognition of his outstanding work during the Alaska Spruce Log Program. The ASLP is due to receive a Superior Service award unit citation. Official presentation by the Department will come later. Virgil Heath, Division Supervisor at Seward, acquired a particle in his eye while closing the door of a car and was forced to spend three weeks in the Anchorage hospital. He recovered in time to see his wife and two children off to Oregon, where the youngest child will receive medical attention. Virgil will take 60 days annual leave beginning the middle of January. Burdick left for Montana and the West Coast on a combined leave and official business trip and is due to return about February 5. Earl Jacobsen has been in the States since the end of September on extended leave and will not return to Cordova until March. Clare Armstrong, Ranger at Craig, has also been in the States since November and is due back this month. Others on extended leave are George Butler of Ketchikan and George Reynolds of Petersburg. Lee Pratt, Fiscal Agent at Denver, retired on December 31 after 35 years of service. Over half of this time was spent in Region 10 at Cordova and Juneau. Some of his old buddies in Alaska sent him an Eskimo-carved ivory-base fountain pen set to remember them by. He and Hilma will settle in northern California or Puget Sound.

Changes - W. G. Crompton, clerk at Ketchikan, resigned on December 16 and replaced by Eugene Wagner. Jane Brant, clerk in Fiscal Control, resigned December 19 and replaced by Mildred Hemmes. Janet Hodgman, daughter of A. W. Hodgman, began work in the Regional Office as clerk-typist on December 1. Kenneth Drahos transferred from Whittier to Ketchikan on November 5 as scaler. He brought a bride with him from the States. Stephen Connor, foreman C & M at Ketchikan, resigned December 1. J. O. Hollingsworth, scaler at Ketchikan, resigned October 31.

Editor's note - This first issue is too long, principally because we went back a few months. If we continue to have this much material, we will "go to mimeograph" twice a month instead of once.)

Juneau, Alaska
January 2, 1948

Partial Roster of Former Region 10 Employees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Last Position</u>	<u>Final Action</u>
Blodgett, Lyle W.	Ketchikan, Alaska	Mar. Eng. Ketchikan	Retired 11/30/46
Bransford, Loyd	c/o Forest Service Medford, Oregon	Log. Eng. Ketchikan	Tfr. R-6 4/15/46
Brant, Jane E.	1600 S.E. 54th Ave. Portland 15, Oregon	Acc'tg. Clerk F.C., Juneau	Resigned 12/19/47
Brillhart, J. H.	210 Buffington Road Syracuse, N. Y.	Div. Sup. Juneau	On leave
Crompton, W. G.	Rt. 1, Box 312 Marysville, Wn.	Clerk-Typist Ketchikan	Resigned 12/16/47
Dennison, S. V.	45 Hickory Ave. Fairfax, Calif.	Div. Sup. Petersburg	No ret. mil. furl. 7/18/46
Duckworth, R. L.	1530 E. 96th Seattle 5, Wn.	Adm. Asst. Juneau	Resigned 2/10/46
Ferrell, Elvin K.	719 Second St. Brookings, So. Dakota	Forester Cordova	Tfr. Ext. Serv. 2/28/46
Glover, Arthur E.	445 N.E. Laddington Ct. Portland 15, Oregon	Reg. Eng. Juneau	Tfr. R-6 2/9/47
Griffin, C. W.	1426 Rockefeller Everett, Wn.	Clerk (ASLP) Seattle	Retired 6/30/45
Holbrook, Wellman	Box 1083 Juneau, Alaska	A. R. F. Juneau	Retired 4/30/45
Ihlanfeldt, Wm. P.	c/o Bureau Federal Supply 2400 Fourth Avenue South Seattle 4, Washington	Adm. Off. Seattle (ASLP)	Tfr. Treas. 3/15/44
Janzen, Angela C.	Box 206 Delhi Road Cincinnati, Ohio	Clerk-steno Edna Bay	Tfr. W. O. 2/3/45 (Res.)
Kimball, Wm. B. Jr.	Box 121, Mercer Island, Washington	Adm. Asst. Ketchikan	No ret. mil. furl. 7/28/46
Kirsten, Mrs. Jean (Betty Sharpe)	Route 1 Roy, Washington	Clerk-steno Juneau	Resigned 1/4/45
Lutz, Harold J.	123 Woodlawn St. Hamden, Conn.	Jr. Forester Cordova	Resigned 9/22/26
McKinney, Mrs. R.T. (Queenie Mackie)	6025 N.E. 35th Place Portland, Oregon	Clerk-steno Ketchikan	Resigned 6/30/45
Mahler, Howard D.	2308 Walnut Ave. Seattle 6, Wash.	Mech. Eng. (ASLP, E.B.)	Tfr. Treas. 1/15/44
Merritt, M. L.	3017 N.E. 28th Portland, Oregon	A. R. F. Juneau	Tfr. R-6 (Retired)
Mooney, David J.	c/o Forest Service New Federal Building Columbu, Ohio	Adm. Asst. Edna Bay (ASLP)	Tfr. R-9 11/1/44
Moran, Wendell	Box 1839 Boise, Idaho	Jr. Forester Juneau	Tfr. No. Dak. 11/21/35
Norgorden, Emil	?	Div. Sup. Seward	Tfr. R-6 5/16/45
Parke, Wm. N.	1526 N.E. 58th Portland, Oregon	Forester Juneau	Tfr. R-6 5/16/42
Pratt, Lehi C.	4035 E. 16th Ave. Denver, Colorado	R. F. A. Juneau	Tfr. W. O. 11/1/37 (Ret.)

Redlingshafer, E.L.	1125 N. Harrison St. Arlington, Virginia	R. F. A. Juneau	Tfr. W. O. 4/1/36 (Ret.)
Robinson, Roger R.	Alaska Fire Control Serv. Anchorage, Alaska	Jr. Forester Juneau	Resigned 3/25/40
Ryan, Mrs. J. C. (Louise Kemper)	1605 E. Olive Seattle, Wn.	Fis. Acct. (ASLP) Seattle	Tfr. Treas. 12/31/44 (Res.)
Sarvela, Geo. E.	Sitka, Alaska	Mar. Eng. Ketchikan	Resigned 2/5/46
Sebern, Roy	Rt. 1, Box 1092J Redwood City, Calif.	Acct. Clerk Juneau	Tfr. E.R.P. 2/17/42
Shafer, Florence I.	215 N.E. 22nd Ave. Portland 15, Ore.	Draftsman Juneau	Retired 4/30/42
Smith, Harold E.	R.F.D. No. 1 Issaquah, Wn.	Adm. Asst. Juneau	Retired 6/30/46
Stephenson, D. W.	Box 1195 Juneau, Alaska	Clerk Juneau	Resigned 7/18/47
Taylor, R. F.	2723 Woodleigh Rd. Haverton, Pennsylvania	Ass't. Forester Juneau	Tfr. W. O. 5/15/34
Tuckey, Patricia L.	4035 E. 16th Ave. Denver, Colorado	Clerk-steno Juneau	Resigned 5/5/47
Ward, Ray	6234 - 19th St. North Arlington, Virginia	R. F. A. Juneau	Tfr. NETSA 4/1/42
Werner, Jos. L.	Box 755 Juneau, Alaska	Fis. Acct. Juneau	Resigned 2/26/46
Williams, Jason P.	2552 Potter Street Eugene, Oregon	Ranger Juneau	Retired 6/30/39
Wyckoff, Josiah H.	31 Kempf St. Lemon Grove, California	Forester Seattle	Retired 7/31/44