

## Foresters Cutting Low Quality Trees In Pisgah To Prevent Over-Crowding

By removing undesirable trees and growing the maximum volume of high quality timber on the land they once occupied, the U. S. Forest Service hopes to further raise the payments made to local counties from the sale of timber cut on the Pisgah National Forest, Ranger W. W. Huber disclosed today.

Under normal timber sale procedure on the Pisgah forest, trees that are mature or those that are over-mature and have slowed down in growth are marked for cutting. Sickly and poor quality trees are also cut. In addition, where there is over-crowding in the timber stand, good young trees may be removed to give the others more room to grow in.

much of the ground on which high quality trees should be growing. Foresters call these undesirable trees "weed" trees. Acting like weeds in a vegetable garden, these "weed" trees use a lot of soil food and water that should be going to the more valuable trees that grow beside them. In addition, they over-top fine young quality trees and in time make them spindly or even kill them. These "weed" trees often take a lot of land space, thus keeping young pine and other good trees from getting started.

"We don't want the Pisgah national forest over-loaded with 'lazy,' useless 'weed' trees," Ranger Huber said, "so we cut them out as fast as our working funds permit." This operation is called "timber stand improvement work" and is now being done on the Pisgah national forest by a crew of four men with F. Reese, forester in charge.

Ranger Huber stated that after commercial cutting is completed on pine-hardwood timber sales on the Pisgah national forest, cull, low-quality hardwood timber, for which there is no market, occupies

Ranger Huber emphasized that this does not mean that all "weed" trees are cut. Since game is one of the products of the forest plenty of den and food trees are left to take care of squirrels, opossum, raccoon and birds. Among game food trees that are saved are hickory, mulberry, holly, sassafras, black gum, persimmon, beech and dogwood.

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## Stream Pollution Law Ruled Unconstitutional

The state supreme court Wednesday knocked out as unconstitutional a state law prohibiting pollution of streams. In the same breath, however, the court invited the legislature to pass a law that would pass the constitutional test.

In another case, the court found no error in the conviction of James Leroy Jackson, Burke county Negro, for the robbery-murder of David H. Francum, Valdese lunch stand operator. As a result, Jackson is scheduled to die in the gas chamber on April 9.

Francum's wife testified at Jackson's trial and Burke superior court that she heard a shot and found her husband slumped on the front porch of their home near Valdese. Then, she said, she was struck over the head with a piece of lumber. She said that later she was able to drag her husband into the house, that he died shortly before midnight but that she was too terrified to leave the house and summon assistance until the next day.

The crime moved Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy to write: "The record in this case is one of moving pathos. A frugal and hard-working couple of Swiss descent or ancestry meets with a monstrous tragedy in a land dedicated to their protection and welfare. Are there no preventives for such crimes?"

The court ruling on the stream pollution statute came in a case from Caldwell county where the Glidden company was charged with violating the law. Tried in Caldwell superior court, the company was fined \$5,000 with the fine suspended on condition that it desist from discharging into the streams of the state any substance created from its mining operations. The firm appealed to the Caldwell superior court, and Judge Allen H. Gwyn upheld its contention that the anti-pollution law was unconstitutional. The state then appealed to the supreme court.

The company contended that the law, which was enacted in 1915, exempted corporations chartered before March 4, 1915, and that this discriminated against firms chartered after that date.

Associate Justice A. F. Seawell wrote for the court: "If the statute is upheld, we shall have the spectacle of one corporation doing things denounced and punishable as a crime, and another, side by side in the same stream, doing the same thing with impunity and approval of the law."

"The contention that the statute is offensive to the Constitution in that without due process of law it deprives the defendant or may deprive him or any other person of property rights is not well taken," Seawell added.

"No matter how long the practice of polluting the waters by waste products from mining or manufacturing has been practiced, there is no prescription against the state when it sees fit to remedy the evil."

**KENNY FUND SETS GOAL**

MINNEAPOLIS (UP)—The 1948 goal of the Sister Kenny Polio foundation fund is \$698,633. Proceeds will be used to erect a three-story addition to the Kenny Institute here for polio research and treatment.

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This the 15th day of March, 1948.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HAYWOOD COUNTY,**  
By Jack Messer  
Secretary.

**AT WORK** at her "winder" in a textile winding mill in her hometown is Mrs. Marjorie Buckley, mayoress of Halifax, England. She is the mother of three children and works a four-hour shift every day. She intends to continue on the textile job after she completes her year's term of office. (International)

## BROADWAY

By Jack O'Brien

NEW YORK — Mayor Bill O'Dwyer and Pat O'Brien, a pair of big men in the domestic begorra business, getting along dandy with Lady Peel, a big lady in the tea and crumpets set, better known as Bea Lillie of the stage's take-your-back-hair-down-at-any-opportunity-circle.

Robin Morgan must be the youngest like in the ballet business; at least she's the youngest we know about. They say she's eight, a veteran radio player (Juvenile Jury) and is appearing here with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. Paraphrasing, there are few more hilarious passages in any play than the shambles which Loud and Wonderful Nancy Walker causes during a ballet satire in the musical "Look Ma, I'm Dancing." Incidentally, the authors of the musical undoubtedly did not practice any straight-forward larceny, but on the way out of the Adelphi Theater its opening night, Sidney Kingsley pointed out that the title was used prominently throughout his old play, "Dead End". If you have a fair memory you might remember Bobby Jordan—both on stage and screen—yelling that line in the tough dockroom scenes of

the "Dead End" drama.

Bobby Jordan now is quite the young man, grown up, married and all, and off in search of a career as a comedian. The setting for "Dead End" has grown up, too.

During the period when the play was produced, the East River section of mid-Manhattan was just starting its march toward luxury. And the paradoxical abutment of the huge River House—an actual structure, full of huge apartments of 15 or more rooms—and the sordid, dirty tenements next door, gave my friend Sidney ample opportunity for dramatic emphasis. And social commentary, too. Sidney is married to a gal for whom I have had a crush since the first time I saw her in films, the lovely Madge Evans.

This isn't one of those, "Gosh, Miss Evans, I remember you when I was only a little baby" type of admiration, for Madge is a beautiful young lady, younger than I, I'd say. And my crush on Madge is okay with Sidney, he says, for he admits a similar crush on my lovely frau.

When a normal individual is quiet and resting, his heart contracts about 70 times a minute.

## SEEKS ADDED GREEK-TURKEY



**SECRETARY OF STATE George C. Marshall** (left) of Texas and Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan are seen during a session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Marshall urged that military aid for Greece and Turkey, which is being withheld by the Administration, be kept outside the committee's jurisdiction.

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