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ANNOUNCER

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REMARKS

1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers.

2. MUSIC: THEME SONG

3. ANNOUNCER: Wood fulfills thousands of defense requirements so
4. that in time like these the demand for wood is greatly
5. increased. And the drain on our forests is accelerated. Everyone is
6. agreed that the wood needs of our defense industries must be furnished
7. promptly. And if proper precautions are taken this can be accomplished
8. without seriously endangering the future productivity of our woodlands.
9. But the Forest Service tells us that in many instances these precautions
10. necessary to the preservation of our forests and soils and other basic
11. resources so fundamental to the long-time welfare of the Nation are not
12. being practiced. With the increasing demand for lumber and other
13. forest products, needlessly destructive and wasteful methods of cutting
14. are cause for alarm in all parts of the country. Such destructive
15. cutting not only works to the future detriment of employment, income
16. and security for the local communities dependent on the forests where
17. the wasteful practices are being carried on but to the future weakening
18. and loss of the whole Nation. And in order to check and combat this
19. loss and insure the permanence of our resources the Forest Service
20. believes that some form of public control must be found sufficient
21. to stop destructive cutting on all privately owned forest land;
22. sufficient to stop deterioration of such lands and forests; and sufficient
23. to keep these lands and forests permanently productive.

24. (MORE)
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1. ANNOUNCER: (CONTINUED) But now let's pay another visit to
2. Ranger Jim Robbins and the rest of our friends out on
3. the Pine Cone National Forest. As we look in at
4. Winding Creek today we find Jim and his assistant
5. ranger Jerry Quick, in the office of the ranger
6. station and it seems that Jerry is quite worked up
7. over something.

8. JERRY: (FADE IN VEHEMENTLY) I tell you, Jim, the only thing
9. these people that own timber around here are
10. interested in is the almighty dollar. Do they
11. think about their timber in terms of the community
12. or the future? Not by a long shot. All they think
13. about is that right now they've got a chance to sell
14. it and they're so anxious to get a few dollars out
15. of it they're lettin' these fly-by-night out-of-town
16. timber operators come in here and turn 'em into a
17. bunch of suckers. And by Jeosophat (LOUD SLAP ON
18. DESK) we've got to do something.

19. JIM: Ummm. I don't think all the folks around Winding
20. Creek are going to be taken in

21. JERRY: Aw phooey ... There isn't a one of 'em but what if you
22. show 'em a dollar cash money won't break his neck to
23. get it. And you know it. I tell you, Jim, we've
24. got to take some kind of action and what I mean action
25. that will

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1. BESS: (COMING ON) For goodness sakes, Jerry what 's
2. happened?

3. JERRY: (SURPRISED) Huh? Oh, it's you, Mrs. Robbins. Well,
4. I was just tryin' to get Jim woke up here

5. BESS: Well, I should think so ... I could hear you shouting
6. way out there in the other end of the house, Jerry.

7. JIM: (CHUCKLES) If the window'd been open you coulda
8. heard him anywhere west of the Mississippi.

9. JERRY: Aw, I wasn't hollering as loud as all that. But I'm
10. sorry if I got you all excited, Mrs. Robbins.

11. BESS: That's all right, Jerry but what's it all
12. about? Tell me.

13. JERRY: Well, Mrs. Robbins, you know with this program of
14. national defense and all, they need awful lot of
15. lumber and the demand has gone way up.

16. BESS: Yes

17. JERRY: Well, a little while ago when I was down at the
18. Postoffice old Mrs. Wilson came up and told me there
19. was a couple of out-of-town fellas around to see her --
20. wantin' to buy that piece of timber old Jake left
21. to her.

22. BESS: Well, I can't see anything wrong with that, Jerry.
23. Poor old Mrs. Wilson hasn't had much to do with since
24. Jake passed away, and now if things are so she can
25. sell her timber, I should think she'd jump at the
chance. A little ready cash

(1) The first part of the document is a letter from the Secretary of the State to the Governor, dated the 1st day of January, 1888. The letter is addressed to the Governor and is signed by the Secretary of the State. The letter contains the following text:

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the matter of the appointment of a Justice of the Peace for the County of ... I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Secretary of the State

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The Board of Education has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report of the 15th inst. in relation to the matter of the appointment of a Justice of the Peace for the County of ... I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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1. JERRY: Oh sure, Mrs. Robbins she's got some timber to
2. sell and now that the market's right she ought to
3. sell it. I grant you all that. But that's not the
4. point. Do you know how much those birds offered her
5. for that timber?

6. BESS: Well, no

7. JERRY: Well, they offered her just one thousand dollars
8. cash for everything, and mark that, I said everything
9. on the area. Now, Mrs. Robbins, Jim and I made a
10. cruise of that Wilson timber for the national forest
11. inventory last year and we know there's enough timber
12. in that piece -- in trees over 12 inches in diameter
13. alone -- to be worth \$2500 dollars.

14. BESS: Really

15. JERRY: Sure. Those guys are nothin' but a couple of slickers.
16. That's just the way they work. They pay about a third
17. as much as the mature timber alone is worth and then they not only take
18. the mature timber but everything else on the land they can make a
19. board out of. They don't give a hoot whether the land will ever be
20. productive again. They haven't any interest in what happens to the
21. land or the people in this community. Shucks no. They see a chance
22. here to make some quick and easy money. They come in and out out and
23. get out and nobody ever sees 'em again. Skin off the timber and let
24. the land lie there and rot. What do they care! They don't have to
25. pay taxes on it for the next hundred years. Aw, it just makes me so
mad

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work done during the year. It is followed by a detailed account of the various projects and schemes undertaken, and a summary of the results achieved. The report concludes with a statement of the financial position and a list of the members of the committee.

The committee has the honor to acknowledge the assistance rendered by the various departments of the Government, and the cooperation of the public in the execution of the work. It is a pleasure to state that the work has been carried out in a most efficient and economical manner, and that the results are most satisfactory.

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1. BESS: Well, Jim, if what Jerry says is true

2. JIM: It's true all right, Bess. The forest Service has

3. been doing it best to get some kind of control plan

4. started to put a stop to this kind of thing, but so

5. far we haven't succeeded. There's no law to guarantee

6. private owners a fair price on their timber and no

7. law to protect private lands against destructive

8. cutting if the owner wants to cut 'em that way. In

9. the national forests, sure, we're in a position to

10. control these things. But outside well

11. I don't know what we can do about it, except what

12. we've already been doing.

13. JERRY: Already doing! Goodnight! What're you talking'

14. about, Jim? We haven't done a single solitary thing ...

15. JIM: Jerry, we've been doing things to try to show the

16. American people about the value of their forests and

17. about the way they ought to handle their forests for

18. more than forty years-- ever since the Forest Service

19. came into being as a part of the Department of

20. Agriculture. Take the national forests themselves

21. for instance. That's been one of our main objectives ---

22. to set up examples of the best kind of forest

23. management possible for private timberland owners to

24. pattern after. And then - look at all the research we've

25. done ... we've made studies and published bulletins and ..

1. JERRY:

Yeah, Jim. I know. I know all that. But so what. The fact still stands that only about 15 percent of all our best timber producing land in private ownership is under any kind of management at all. Sure, education is a fine thing and in a few spots it's brought some good results but over the nation as a whole it's been spread way too thin and it's too slow! And now with the war

9. JIM:

There's no doubt but that we need some kind of control against destructive cutting on private land, Jerry ... but the fact also stands that so far the public hasn't seen fit to provide such controls, even for its own protection

But I'm not so pessimistic about these people around Winding Creek here. I think maybe they've learned a lot more from us than you give 'em credit for.

17. JERRY:

Aw, Jim, when it comes to makin' an extra dollar these people here are just like everybody else. It don't matter how much or how hard we've worked to teach 'em. When it comes to a showdown

21. BESS:

But what about Mrs. Wilson, Jerry? Had she sold her timber to those men before she talked to you?

23. JERRY:

Huh? Be George, Mrs. Robbins that's a thought all right. Come to think of it, the way she talked I don't believe she had.

BESS:

What did you tell her, Jerry?

1. JERRY: What'd I tell her?! Huh. Believe me, I told old
2. Mrs. Wilson plenty. Maybe I didn't say so in just so
3. many words but I sure let her understand that if she
4. took as little as a thousand dollars for her timber
5. at all without gettin' some kind of cuttin'
6. restrictions in the contract to preserve the young
7. growth she was crazier still.

8. JIM: (CHUCKLES) If you were as wild when you talked to her
9. as you were when you came stormin' in here, Jerry,
10. you probably scared the old lady half to death.

11. JERRY: No, I was polite to her, Jim. I really hadn't had a
12. chance to think just what a dirty deal those two
13. birds were trying to put over until I got up here.

14. BESS: Well, Jerry, if Mrs. Wilson didn't sell her timber
15. without asking your advice it certainly seems as
16. though what Jim says about the Winding Creek people ...

17. JERRY: Aw, that doesn't prove anything at all. Old Mrs.
18. Wilson just happened to run into me. Purely by
19. accident. Shucks you can't tell me that these people
20. would go out of their way to ask advice or pay any
21. attention to what we've been tellin' 'em ...

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1. JIM: Hmmm. (RECEIVER OFF HOOK) Jim Robbins speakin' ...
2. Uh huh. Sure, come on over any time ... Okay, Andy.
3. So long. (RECEIVER ON HOOK - CHUCKLES) Andy Goodman's
4. got something confidential to talk over. He's comin'
5. right up.

6. BESS: (FADING) Confidential? You don't suppose ...

7. MUSIC UP AND OUT

8. JIM: (FADE IN) Does that answer your question, Andy? This
9. cruise data is pretty extensive but it's certainly
10. close enough to show that you've got more value in
11. that piece of timber than they've offered.

12. ANDY: Yes sir, Jim. I suspected they was more in it than
13. they offered. But I had no way a knowin'. Y'see,
14. Jim, I'm a storekeeper ... not a logger, and I don't
15. know anything about timber. I wouldn't know whether
16. this is the right time to sell or whether these fellas
17. are offerin' me a fair price or anything about it.
18. And I'm sure obliged to you for the information.

19. JIM: Well, you've got a certain amount of timber on that
20. area that will make lumber, Andy, and if you can get
21. a fair price you ought to sell it. But most of the
22. trees on that piece of land aren't ready to be cut
23. yet. So when you market the mature trees you want
24. to make sure there's no damage done to the young ones
25. and then in a few years you'll have another crop to
sell.

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1. SOUND OF TELEPHONE RINGING

2. JERRY: I'll answer it, Jim. (SOUND OF RECEIVER OFF HOOK)
3. Pine Cone Ranger Station Bill Thompson? Well,
4. how are you, Bill Jim? Yep. Yep, he's here ...
5. Well sure, come on over What's that? Cruise
6. data? You mean the cruise we made of your timber for
7. the survey? ... Sure. Sure we've got it ... Well,
8. okay, Bill. We'll be lookin' for you. (SOUND OF
9. RECEIVER ON HOOK)

10. ANDY: Bill Thompson scoutin' around for some dope on his
11. timber, too, eh, Jerry? Be George, I bet them same
12. fellas been up to see him.

13. JIM: What you fellows ought to do, Andy, is to get together
14. and form a cooperative. It'd put you in a lot better
15. position when it came to marketing and instead of
16. havin' outside buyers comin' in and doin' the loggin'
17. maybe a lot of fellows in the cooperative -- like these
18. ranchers that don't have so much to do in the winter
19. time anyway -- maybe they could do the work. That way
20. you could be sure the cuttin' was done just the way
21. you wanted it and the money for labor could be kept
22. right here in the community.

23. ANDY: By Jupiter, that's an idee, Jim. Why don't you talk
24. that up with Bill?

25. SOUND OF TELEPHONE RINGING

1. ANDY: Business pickin' up, Jim. There goes the telephone
2. again. I gotta be goin' now, but I'll keep you in
3. touch with what's goin' on. (GOING OFF) So long,
4. Jerry.
5. JERRY: So-long, Andy.
6. JIM: So-long, Andy.
7. SOUND OF DOOR CLOSING
8. SOUND OF TELEPHONE RINGING AGAIN
9. JERRY: Whoever that is they'll probably want to talk to you,
10. Jim.
11. JIM: All right. (SOUND OF RECEIVER OFF HOOK)
12. Jim Robbins speaking ... Huh? Who? ... You want to
13. come in to see me? ... Why sure, Pat. We'll be glad
14. to see you anytime ... Huh? ... Oh no, no. That's
15. all water over the dam as far as we're concerned.
16. (CHUCKLES) Sure. Sure we knew it wasn't loaded ...
17. Uh huh. About seven o'clock this evening Okay,
18. Pat ... What's that? Cruise data? (CHUCKLES) Yep.
19. We'll have it ready for you ... Okay -- so long,
20. Pat. (HANGS UP)
21. JERRY: Who the dickens was that, Jim ?
22. JIM: (CHUCKLING) That, Jerry, was your old friend, Pat
23. Kelly.
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William... Jim... Dear... the telephone...
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found... (SOME...)

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Pat... Bill...
Well... you... Bill...

Pat... (SOME...)

Who... that, Jim?

(SOME...)
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1. JERRY: Pat Kelly! You mean that cantankerous old Irishman
2. that was gonna run us off his land when we went up
3. there to get a cruise on his timber for the survey?
4. JIM: Yep. Seems like he's developed a right smart interest
5. in that data, Jerry. And he said the shotgun wasn't
6. loaded anyway. (CHUCKLES)
7. JERRY: Well, I give up. (FADE) Maybe these people aren't
8. such suckers as I took 'em for, after all.
9. MUSIC: FINALE
10. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you at this same
11. time each Friday on the National Farm and Home Hour
12. as a presentation of the National Broadcasting
13. Company, with the cooperation of the United States
14. Forest Service.

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