

Monopoly Charge Hurlled at Mohawk Unit Proposal

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 22—(AP)—Hearing on the proposed Mohawk River sustained-yield forest unit was concluded last night after opponents branded it "monopoly" and government officials suggested that plans for including small operators in the contract could be worked out.

A suit filed in federal court yesterday seeking to enjoin creation of the unit was mentioned at the hearing but did not affect it.

The proposal would give Fischer Lumber Company the right to cut federal timber in the unit. Small operators having holdings within the boundaries protested that they were being shut out. Officials said they believed the small holders could join and enter the plan. Walter Horning of the Bureau of Land Management said he believed such a plan would be successful and would have support from the agency controlling Oregon and California revested lands.

Judge Lief Erickson, former member of the Montana Supreme Court, speaking in opposition to the unit, said monopoly and dislocation of operators was "too great a price to pay for sustained yield."

C. G. Davidson, assistant secretary of the Interior who conducted the hearing, said proposed land contracts would affect only 60 per cent of the federal lands and asked if that constituted a monopoly.

"It does if you own a mill at Marcola," Erickson replied.

Other objectors said the 100 year term of the contract was too long a period to predict lumber demands and to forecast the pattern of forestry practices.

Grain of Humor



His role in the current congressional investigation of grain speculators was the theme for the initiation of Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson into the famous fun-making Society of Saints and Sinners in New York. Scarecrow on the backdrop is supposed to represent Henry Wallace.

Richards Defeats Montgomery To Hold Ring Title

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22—(AP)—Bobby Richards, Portland, Oregon featherweight boxing champ, retained his title here last night by winning a 15-round decision over Monty Montgomery, Klamath Falls, Indian.

It was a bruising brawl, Richards winning eight rounds and Montgomery five. There were four knockdowns, three of them scored by the champ.

Richards weighed 124 and Montgomery 129.

Jerry Strutz, Fort Lewis, did the iron-man act by winning two four-round decisions in the featherweight class. First he beat Jimmy Curry of Portland, then he defeated Joey Edmonds, Vancouver, Wash., Negro.

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Credit Assn. Has Top Progress Year

The Southern Oregon Production Credit Association has seen more progress during 1947 than in any other year since its formation in 1934 it was disclosed by Arthur M. Borer, secretary-treasurer, at the association's annual stockholders' meeting yesterday at the Umpqua hotel.

The organization, which embraces Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine and Jackson counties, expanded from 96 members in 1935 to the present figure of 427, it was announced. The number of new members increased in 1947 to 95.

The value of the stock owned by stockholders in 1935 was \$14,492; as of Dec. 31, 1947, the

weight, knocked out Willis Jackson, Klamath Falls, Indian, in the 4th round of a scheduled four-rounder.

Dick Wolfe, another Klamath Falls Indian, won a decision over Howard Mendenhall, Salem, in a four-round middleweight fight. Wolfe scored two knockdowns.

amount was \$84,404. J. W. Bradley, secretary of the Production Credit Corporation of Spokane, and guest speaker at yesterday's meeting, expressed the belief that these conditions in this and other similar organizations will help to counteract the shock of a possible depression or sudden deflation.

The association members were entertained by singing on the part of a dual quartet from the Senior High School, and by solo numbers by Miss Helen Casey.

Clerks Demand 40-Hour Week, Fixed Minimum Pay

PORTLAND, Jan. 22—(AP)—Union proposals that women and minor employees as retail clerks be placed on a 40-hour work week at a minimum of 65 cents an hour were presented to the first conference of the Oregon Wage and Hour Board yesterday.

At the request of employers' representatives, the hearing was continued until Feb. 9 when employers will file a reply.

The board was told the 40-hour week for women and minors prevails in most Portland stores, but that the practice is not general in up state communities.

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