

Gravel Crusher Being Installed in Umpqua River

A new gravel crusher is being installed at the Reedsport plant of the Umpqua River Navigation Co., and a diesel motor is being installed to furnish power for the machine.

The crusher is of the same type as one already in use there, but is a fine head instead of medium head. Before this installation was made, an electrically operated crusher was installed on trial basis. It did not prove satisfactory because of the lack of adequate electricity to keep it operating steadily, while the large electric crane was also in operation.

The company is in the Redi-Mix Cement business, now operated at Reedsport by Schneider & Ott, whose mixing hopper is located on First Street, near the Reedsport Packing Company plant.

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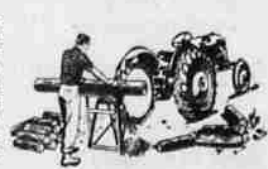


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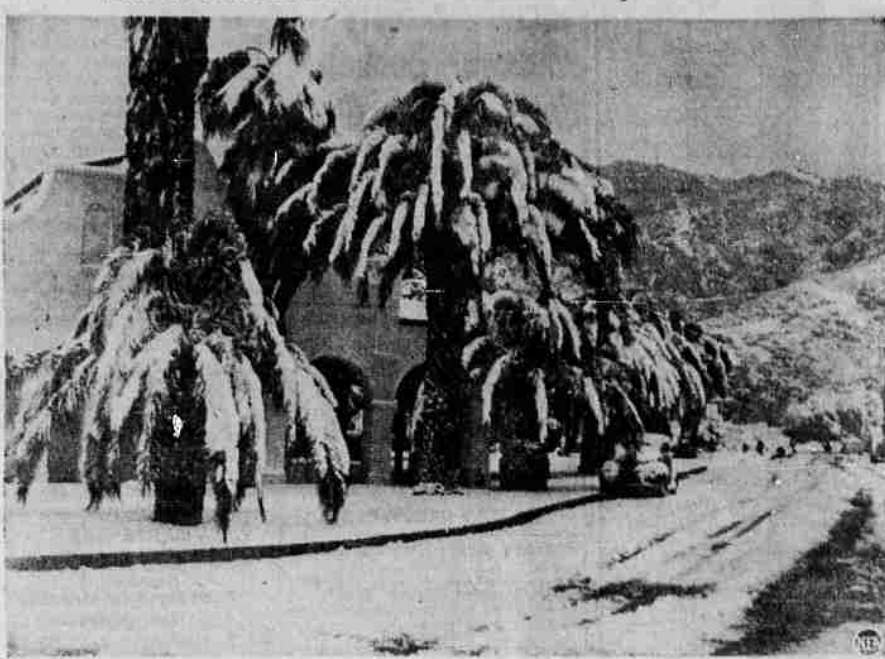


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Pensions, Health Insurance Now Top UAW-CIO Demands

DETROIT, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers today began pushing a 1949 economic platform that accents pensions and health insurance for its 1,000,000 members.

Wages were not dropped from the list of demands but were given secondary emphasis for the first time since the war. It appeared that the UAW-CIO might seek a boost of about 15 cents an hour.

If the 15-cent figure stands, it would be the lowest wage demand by the UAW-CIO since the war. In a straight wage battle in 1945-46, the union demanded about 36 cents an hour in increases. It received 18 to 18 cents an hour. In 1947 it gained 11 cents an hour plus six paid holidays while demanding 23 cents.

Last year, the UAW-CIO laid down a pattern that called for a 25-cent an hour wage increase but settled for 13 to 14 cents.

The UAW-CIO drew up its 1949 economic demands last week at a meeting of the executive board. President Walter P. Reuther made them public over the weekend in a letter to 800 UAW-CIO locals.

A special \$1 per member assessment was placed on each union member to provide funds for 1949 bargaining.

"We are taking pensions and social security plans out of the category of fringe demands and putting them at the top of the agenda," Reuther announced.

"While fighting to bring up the purchasing power of the workers' wage dollar to the level of June, 1946, we are determined to place the major emphasis of our negotiations on pension plans and social security."

It appeared that the Ford Motor Co., ironically, would be the first major manufacturer to face the 1949 union drive. Negotiations with Ford may be opened any time after May 15.

It was Ford who, in 1947, offered the UAW-CIO its first big pension plan. The union turned it down, demanding instead a higher cash wage boost for the more than 100,000 Ford employees.

Sawlogs Being Salvaged After Boom Is Broken

Sawlogs lost during December, when a Gardiner Lumber Co. log raft broke loose during a freshet and went out over the Umpqua River bar on an ebb tide, are being recovered at present.

An aerial search was made for the raft when it was lost, but it had broken up and the logs were scattered on the beach south of the mouth of the Umpqua River.

The logs are being brought back up to the old receiving dock by a logging tractor and will be put in the river there and rafted and towed back to the mill in Gardiner.

CONGREGATION TO MEET

The annual congregational meeting of the Reedsport Community Church will be held in the church parlors Wednesday evening, Jan. 26, for business and election of officers. A covered dish dinner will precede the meeting.

Boggie Delays Wedding; Gets Job Near Sutherlin

LEBANON, Jan. 17.—Clarence Boggie, pardoned Christmas eve from a sentence to the Washington state prison, said Saturday he was named superintendent of the Tye Logging Company operations near Sutherlin, Ore.

Boggie's plans to marry Beatrice Nichols, 38, widowed school teacher with whom he corresponded, were delayed.

"I'm going to Sutherlin to take over the new job and get a home ready," Boggie said. "Beatrice is visiting in Portland."

He denied reports that his correspondence romance with Mrs. Nichols had gone awry. "We've decided not to have a big wedding but a small one instead," Boggie said.

Myrtle Creek Students To Appear on Broadcast

Second broadcast to be presented by students of Myrtle Creek High School will be aired over KRRR Jan. 18 at 2:45 p. m. The program is being arranged by speech classes.

The Myrtle Creek Mail reported the following students to be in the cast:

Pat DeMarch will act as announcer for the program. The plans are to include the following numbers: Patty Hogg, violin solo; Donna Potter and Evelyn Rutledge, vocal duet; Pauline Kusler, Raynor Clack and Kenneth Calhoun in the skit "I'm in Love."

Dan Poling Will Speak At Myrtle Creek High

Dan W. Poling, dean of men at Oregon State College, Corvallis, will be the commencement speaker for the ceremonies for the class of 1949 at Myrtle Creek High School. It was announced in the Myrtle Creek Mail by Superintendent of School Ivan Parker.

The graduation exercises will be held May 26. It is expected that about 47 students will be graduated.

Poling was formerly the superintendent of the Myrtle Creek schools, leaving in 1937. He has returned twice as commencement speaker.

RETURN FROM PRESBYTERY

Rev. and Mrs. George Mortensen of the Reedsport Community Church returned Wednesday from Grants Pass, where they had driven to attend Presbytery on Jan. 11. They report a pleasant trip, with highway conditions better than they expected.

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River Navigation Hampered by Ice Flow in Umpqua

By S. S. SMILEY
News-Review Correspondent

Floating ice made navigation in the Umpqua River extremely hazardous Thursday afternoon. The huge cakes, broken loose in the river between Reedsport and Scottsburg by action of the tides, almost entirely blocked the river at times.

When these large floating masses of ice reached Reedsport, they broke up to some extent when striking the spans of the Southern Pacific bridge. The grinding noise made when this happened could be heard a considerable distance from the river.

Many pictures were taken of this unusual view, as ice is seldom seen in the river at this point, and in such large pieces.

A report from Smith River was to the effect that Cecil (Art) Moss, residing on a dairy farm at Wasson Creek, wanted to cross the river in a boat to be the guest of a neighbor at a duck dinner Wednesday. The ducks had been killed before the season closed Saturday.

Art found too much ice in the river to make the crossing and was about to give up the attempt when a cattle buyer driving along the road noticed his predicament, and stopped to render assistance.

The Good Samaritan threw a rope to Art, and the latter got his boat up on top of the ice and was pulled across with the boat serving as a sled.

William Wroe, who lives in the same vicinity, found it extremely difficult to cross the river to feed cattle he had there, and the mail and freight boat, Bonita, has not been able to make the run to its destination at Sulphur Springs since Monday.

G. Washington First Mule Owner in United States

George Washington was the first mule owner in the United States, having received several as a gift from Spain while he was president. Mules came into their own during days of the Santa Fe Trail when they were used to pull the wagons. Since the eastern end of the trail was in Missouri, that state soon became known as the "mule state." Today it ranks seventh in mule numbers.

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These broadcasts include news and announcements of the activities of the home extension units of the county, as well as timely information on home economics topics.

The broadcast on Wednesday, Jan. 19, will feature information about food preservation and ideas about using frozen and canned foods in the family's winter diet.

World's Known Insects In 800,000 Classes

Robert W. Every, O. S. C. extension entomologist, says there are 800,000 known insects in the world that have been classified. That is, 800,000 have been named. Authorities believe, however, there are actually between two and three million different insects.

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Vital Statistics

Divorce Complaint
RICE—Ida vs. LeRoy A. Rice: married at Columbus, Ohio, April 21, 1925; cruel and inhuman treatment charged; plaintiff asks support for minor children and ownership of home and automobile.

Taxpayers Face Deadline Tonight

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—There is a deadline tonight for many taxpayers.

Ordinarily it would have been Saturday—Jan. 15—but it was extended until midnight tonight since the original deadline fell on a day when the government closes up shop.

It's the last chance to file declarations (estimates) on 1948 income or correcting declarations filed earlier.

For farmers it will be their first contact with 1948 taxes. Farmers whose income exceeded \$500 must declare the amount.

In addition to farmers, those who must file estimates or make the final 1948 quarterly payment include doctors, lawyers, persons operating their own businesses and higher-bracket salaried workers whose income taxes are not covered fully by withholdings from their pay.

And any other taxpayer can get into the game. If he chooses, he can make his final return for last year, but the deadline is not until March 15.

IN RADIO DRAMA

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 17.—(Special)—Mary Ellen McKay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McKay, Route 2, Roseburg, was included in the cast of "Three Strikes, You're

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