

# DOUGLAS FIR LUMBER PRICES COLLAPSING



Lt. G. W. MADSEN and Salvation Army workers are pictured packing old clothes and canned foods into boxes which will be given to needy families in the Roseburg area. The canned food and old clothes collection drive is being conducted in conjunction with the present Community Chest drive. The Salvation Army workers are, left to right, Mrs. Charles Brennan, Mrs. Jim Moody and Mrs. Alfred Anderson. (Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

## Douglas County Candidates Will Discuss Current Issues At Public Meeting Oct. 25

Douglas county legislators and candidates for the state legislature and county judge positions will be asked to present their views on important issues and problems facing the people of this county and Oregon at a special meeting Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. in the junior high library.

Each candidate will present a five-minute statement of his stand on important issues, after which the meeting will be open to questions from the floor and general discussion, said Robert C. Sabin, junior high vice principal in charge of arrangements.

The nine measures on the November ballot, the Holy report on elementary and high school education, taxation and school problems will be discussed by the candidates in their talks.

The purpose of the meeting, said Sabin, is to give people an opportunity to meet with their candidates and to know how they stand on vital issues. It is possible that the state legislature next year will set the blue print for public education for the next 20 years and it is important to know what our candidates think about these problems, he said.

All people interested are invited to attend this meeting. Members of school boards, P.T.A.'s and teachers are especially urged to come.

Candidates who will present their views are: Paul Geddes, state representative; Sidney Leiken, and V. T. Jackson and Russell Hubbard, candidates for state representative; Carl Hill and Howard Cracraft, candidates for county judge. State Senator Thomas Parkinson will also be a guest speaker.

The meeting is sponsored by the Douglas County Division, O.E.A., and Douglas County Elementary Principals Association.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's put it bluntly: President Truman, speaking in San Francisco last night on a world-wide radio hook-up, presented to the communists in the Kremlin an olive branch on the point of a bayonet.

Give us peace, he said—OUR kind of peace, based upon JUSTICE—or face American armed might all over the world.

I suppose one of history's clearest lessons is that if you're going to have peace you've got to be willing to fight for it.

Why the spectacular flight to Wake Island? The President didn't enlighten us much on that. But a dispatch from TOKYO yesterday (before the San Francisco speech) is interesting to say the least. It quotes our old friend "informed sources" in Tokyo. These informed sources, the Tokyo dispatch says, report:

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## Former Mayor Kelly Of Chicago Passes

CHICAGO — (AP) — Former Mayor Edward J. Kelly, 74, Democratic national committeeman from Illinois, died today.

He was stricken in his hotel suite and died on the way to a doctor's office.

He was Chicago's mayor from 1933 to 1947, longer than any other mayor, and one of the leading political forces contributing to the elections of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt as President.

Kelly called himself "boss" of Chicago politics and never made any bones about having a powerful "machine."

## Lehman's Okay Of Hiss Adds To N.Y. Political Furore

(By the Associated Press)

Publication of a second personal letter by a candidate for the Senate kept national political attention focused today on the heated New York campaign.

Senator Herbert H. Lehman (D-Lib-NY) said he had no apology to make for a two-year-old letter in defense of Alger Hiss, former State department aide, since convicted of perjury. Lehman noted it was written before Hiss' indictment.

Lehman's letter was made public while controversy still flew about a letter written by Lehman's Republican opponent, Lt. Gov. Joe R. Hanley, which Democrats contend showed Hanley was "paid off" to run for the Senate rather than the governorship.

The Hanley letter had repercussions in California. It was brought up there by James Roosevelt, son of the late President, who is opposing Republican Gov. Earl Warren for reelection.

Asking why Lt. Gov. Godwin W. Knight got out of the race for governor early this year, Roosevelt suggested there might be a parallel to Hanley's withdrawal in New York. He referred to Dewey as "the senior partner in the firm of Dewey and Warren" and asked: "What went on here in California?"

Warren retorted that he had never discussed the question of withdrawal with Knight and he said of Roosevelt: "Is there no end to this man's trickery? He has no equal since patent medicines were sold on street corners from a buckboard."

Knight, too, threw down Roosevelt's suggestion. "I became convinced that my candidacy... might help Mr. Roosevelt," he said in explaining his withdrawal. "With defeat staring him in the face, Mr. Roosevelt will no doubt resort to other disreputable maneuvers before the voters count him out."

In a statement yesterday, Lehman noted that Hiss at the time had the support of many prominent persons, including some Republicans, and said that in his letter he had done "what I felt was the human thing to do."

Republicans, however, pounced on the letter in hopes that it would take attention away from the Hanley episode.

**BEER PRICE HOISTED**  
CHICAGO — (AP) — The dime glass of beer appears to be on the way out in Chicago saloons.

A group of west side tavern owners has decided to boost the price to 15 cents after Nov. 1.

Rising prices of beer and overhead costs were given as the main reasons for the five-cent hike.

## The Weather

Cloudy with intermittent rain becoming partly cloudy Saturday afternoon.

Highest temp. for any Oct.	96
Lowest temp. for any Oct.	22
Highest temp. yesterday	44
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	56
Precipitation last 24 hours	.18
Precipitation from Oct. 1	4.20
Excess prec. from Oct. 1	2.61
Precipitation from Sept. 1	4.76
Sunset today, 5:23 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:33 a.m.	

## Two Persons Seriously Hurt In 3-Car Crash

Mathew A. Rodda, 61, Lakeview, and his wife, June, 45, were seriously injured in a three-car collision Thursday afternoon north of Myrtle Creek on highway 99, state police reported.

The police said Rodda was apparently attempting a left hand turn off the highway when he became confused by an oncoming 1949 sedan operated by Thomas Pargeter, 35, Roseburg, and hit the vehicle head-on.

The impact of the collision, state police said, tore the pickup truck bed off the chassis and it hit a 1950 coupe driven by Ruby Louise Allison, 25, Myrtle Creek. Rodda's pickup burst into flames shortly after the accident occurred and the Tri-City fire department was called to put out the flames.

Pargeter was taken to the Myrtle Creek hospital suffering from contusions and abrasions and was later released. June Rodda was taken to the hospital with a crushed chest and lacerations. Her husband, Mathew, received severe burns and lacerations in the accident and was also taken to the Myrtle Creek hospital. The Myrtle Creek hospital officials reported the couple were recovering satisfactorily today.

Rodda's pickup truck was a total wreck, state police reported. They said Pargeter's 1949 sedan was badly damaged. Ruby Allison was able to drive her car away from the scene of the accident.

State police said no citations were issued as a result of the accident.

## N.Y. Central R.R. Has Two Collisions In Day

CLEVELAND — (AP) — The New York Central railroad's Pacer-maker collided with an electric engine here Thursday night, injuring some 20 persons.

It was the second mishap to befall a New York Central passenger train Thursday. In early morning darkness, the railroad's "North Star" plunged off the tracks in the heart of Oneida, N. Y., killing two crewmen and injuring a score of passengers.

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SALEM — (AP) — Everett J. Stalnaker, 24, state prison trusty who escaped last Saturday, was back in the prison today.

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## Concert Series Will Open Dec. 8

The Roseburg Community concert series will open with the appearance here Dec. 8 of Du Phaur's Infantry chorus, according to the schedule announced by Miss Gladys Strong, head of the Roseburg concert association.

James Pease, baritone, is dated Feb. 7, and Constance Keene, pianist, will be here March 2. The final concert program will be for late in March, the exact date to be announced.

Membership cards will be mailed out the first week in November. Miss Strong announced that a limited number of memberships are still available to newcomers and to persons who were out of the city at the time the membership sale was put on last spring.

It is announced that the appearance here of the Navy band Nov. 5 is not a part of the Community Concert series. The band's appearance is being sponsored by the Band Parents association, with other civic groups cooperating.

## Oregon Law To Curb Sex Criminals To Be Asked

SALEM — (AP) — Oregon's district attorneys are preparing laws which they expect will curb sex criminals.

The legislation will be submitted to the legislature, and is being drafted by the legislative committee of the District Attorneys association of Oregon.

E. O. Stadler Jr., Marion county district attorney and chairman of the committee, said one bill would amend the vagrancy laws so that officers could arrest and detain persons who molest children or who loiter near schools, parks or other public places.

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## Korean War Nearing End--MacArthur

### Troops Drop Ahead Of Reds To Shut Trap

Pyongyang Clean-Up in Final Stage; Prisoner Total Reaches 80,000

(By the Associated Press)

General MacArthur personally directed today a highly successful parachute landing by thousands of American troops 23 miles north of Pyongyang, Red Korean capital. He said the war is now definitely coming to an end.

Since Pyongyang itself is just about secured by United Nations forces, the paratroopers struck from the sky to seal off Red forces fleeing their lost capital.

"It looks like we closed the trap," MacArthur said as he watched from his plane the first parachute landing of the war. He added: "Closing that trap should be the end of all organized resistance. The war is very definitely coming to an end today."

The paratroopers fanned out toward the towns of Sukchon and Sunchon. The maneuver was a complete surprise and the Americans appeared to be meeting little resistance. Artillery, including such equipment as heavy 105-mm howitzers, was dropped to the men who went into action immediately.

As pictured by MacArthur, the closing chapter in the historic United Nations campaign has begun. The war started last June 25 when North Korean Communists invaded the western-recognized South Korean republic.

Prisoners Total 80,000

Only a few stray shots echoed in the bomb-pocked streets of Pyongyang as South Korean troops moved into the city proper to clean up the last of the die-hard Communists.

Some 6,202 Communists surrendered during the fight for the capital, bringing the U.N. total of North Korean prisoners to 80,000. Communist Premier Kim Il Sung and members of his government were said to have taken refuge in far North Korea or across the border in either Manchuria or Soviet Siberia.

Correspondents said the main part of the city was not badly damaged. Civilians cheered the American and South Korean troops. Many waved South Korean flags and some had United Nations banners. Some buildings already bore streamers reading "Welcome to United Nations forces."

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## Reds Torture, Murder 280 U. S. Prisoners In Korean Replica Of Bataan Death March

By TOM LAMBERT

PYONGYANG (AP) — Three American survivors said today 280 U.S. prisoners of war were beaten and murdered on a Red death march from Seoul to Pyongyang, the captured Red capital.

Swinging down the main street of completely occupied Pyongyang, the captured Red capital, the three Americans were being "beaten and murdered" on the torture march by the Reds.

The survivors are: William Locke, 30, Enfield, Ga., an F-51 pilot whose wife Ronda and nine-month-old daughter Karen were at Yokota air base in Japan when he crashed in North Korean territory near Waeagan Aug. 17.

Army Lt. Alexander Makaroumis, 27, Lowell, Mass., of company I, 29th regiment, captured near Haidong July 27.

Army Sgt. Takeshi Kumidal of Honolulu, headquarters company, 34th regiment, 24th division, captured July 29 when the Reds took Kaesong.

They said they were told in Seoul that Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, commander of the U.S. 24th infantry division who disappeared when the ion fell last July, was in Pyongyang.

## SCORN FOR STASSEN

### Request For Peace Talk With Stalin Silly, Crude, Soviet Paper Declares

By THOMAS P. WHITNEY

MOSCOW — (AP) — Pravda heaped scorn today on Harold E. Stassen, calling him silly, crude, and ridiculous and several other things for requesting a conference with Prime Minister Stalin on world peace.

One of the Communist party newspaper's top commentators, Yuri Viktorov, signed the article, the first comment on the Oct. 2 letter by the former Republican governor of Minnesota to Stalin urging face to face peace talks.

The Pravda article amounted to categorical rejection of the Stassen proposals. The writer made it plain that the Soviet government does not consider Stassen's letter worth a formal answer from the Kremlin.

(Stassen, now president of the University of Pennsylvania and a former aspirant for the Republican presidential nomination, urged Stalin in the letter to make possible a face-to-face meeting of Americans and Russians in an effort to "stop the drift toward war." He also urged Stalin to change Russia's present policy and "move toward world peace and freedom for mankind.")

Pravda said Stassen could fool no one by his disguise as a "peace-maker."

The paper said Stassen on Aug. 1 called for war against Russia in a public address.

It said Stassen let himself go so completely in his threats towards Russia that he called on America "to be prepared to carry the war directly to the centers of Communist might."

Stassen earlier in the year declared President Truman's order for production of the hydrogen atomic bomb was "insufficient," Pravda continued.

And Stassen, Pravda added, as far back as March of this year called for "an attack strategy" against Russia.

**Vote-Seeking Charged**  
The paper said that only last May, speaking in Carbondale, (Pa.), Stassen called for an acceleration of the cold war.

The paper declared that Stassen, in making his proposal for talks with Generalissimo Stalin, was seeking votes, "since he knows well the attraction of peace for American voters."

"Modesty," said Pravda, "is not one of Harold Stassen's virtues. On the other hand, unbridled greed for self-advertising is possessed by Stassen on a scale quite large, even for the American political stock exchange."

**Oakland And Riddle Given Housing Loans**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Public Housing administration announced today approval of \$437,100 in loans to housing authorities in 25 localities for the planning of 2,363 low-rent housing units.

The localities, number of units, and loan amounts include: Oregon, Oakland, 8 units, \$1,600; Riddle, 8 units, \$1,600.

In addition to advancing money for planning, the government agency also will help finance construction. Details of loans for the latter purpose will be worked out after cost estimates are submitted by the local agencies.

## Four Men Killed When Train Hits Automobile

LOMAX, Ill. — (AP) — Four men were killed today when their automobile was struck by a Santa Fe railroad passenger train at the outskirts of Lomax.

Coroner Clarence Mellor of Henderson county identified the dead as William Renner, Vernon Halligan and John Heikes, all of Colchester, and Howard Brooks of Adair.

**Navy Plane Plunges Into Columbia River**

ST. HELENS, Ore. — (AP) — A navy corsair fighter plane vanished near here last night. It was believed to have plunged into the Columbia river.

State police and the coast guard today were dragging the river bottom near where an oil slick appeared last night.

A 13th naval district announcement did not identify the pilot of the missing aircraft.

They slept on the ground or boards. Some died of exposure. The Reds refused an American plea for water during the march. Captain Locke said once an American plane dropped 36 cases of rations for them but "the bastards North Koreans took them although our men were starving."

He said while they were in Seoul three or four Russians visited them but didn't speak—"They just kind of smiled."

## Law Gives Reds Until Monday To Register

Party's Defiance Points To Long Court Battle Over Moat Provisions

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rules for forcing registration of Communist groups were officially laid down today by the department of justice.

Their application appeared certain to touch off a series of hearings and heated legal actions, with actual registration delayed for years.

Under the new anti-subversive law, Communist organizations have until Monday to sign up voluntarily. After that, registration by force is called for.

But this cannot be done until President Truman names the five-man bi-partisan subversive activities control board set up in the act.

The Communist party has said it does not intend to register and supply its roll of members, estimated by the FBI to number about 54,000. And Communist "action" and "front" groups have shown no signs of compliance.

This leaves it up to the attorney general to certify to the board that such-and-such groups regarded by him as Communist have failed to comply with the law.

Officials expect the first such citation to be issued against the Communist party itself.

Then the party may call for hearings by the board. It can be expected to contest the definition in the law which says that a "communist action" group is one dominated by a foreign government, meaning Russia.

This question has not been passed upon directly by U.S. courts. If the control board should overrule it and order registration, the organization may appeal to the circuit court here and, if it loses there, to the supreme court.

In view of this, some officials estimate it may take two years to get the party actually registered.

The rules for getting action started were published today in the Federal Register, daily official bulletin.

They call for complete disclosure by Communist groups of their sources of income and how it is used. "Action groups" such as the party itself, also must list the names and addresses of all members and those "other than members who actively participate in the activities of the registrant."

Publications and radio and television programs put out by the groups also must be plainly identified as to sponsorship.

Failure to comply with a final order to register makes the organization liable to a fine of \$10,000 per day for each day that it fails to comply. In the case of an individual the penalty would be \$10,000 fine or five years in prison, or both.

## State Employees Given Temporary Pay Boosts

SALEM — (AP) — State employees will get average wage increases of \$10 a month beginning Nov. 1, the state civil service commission says.

But these increases only take care of the cost of living increase up to June 1, so the state emergency board will meet here November 7 to decide what further wage increases are needed to take care of the rise in living costs after June 1.

The commission said it revised the pay scales so that state salaries would be comparable to those in private industry, as of last June 1. The increases range from nothing to \$50 a month.

The commission said it thinks that state departments can put the higher scale into effect without asking for further funds.

## Twin Sisters Killed In Collision Of Autos

GARDEN CITY, Ala. — (AP) — Nineteen-year-old twin sisters died together in an automobile collision on wet pavement Thursday.

They were identified as Maxine and Christine Flogg, both Birmingham telephone operators.

A third sister, Mrs. Albert Jones, 25, and her two small children were injured.

## Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

When the Democrats sit down at the \$100-a-plate Jackson day dinners, the general public will get an idea of what the administration did NOT mean by the warning that Americans would have to tighten their belts.

## Blame Placed On Federal Credit Curbs

Green Dimension First Affected; Orders Slump, Production Curtailed

PORTLAND — (AP) — Douglas fir lumber prices were skidding sharply today, orders were falling and scattered mills began to cut back on production.

The price break, that started when the government imposed restrictions on building loans six weeks ago, became a collapse this week on green dimension — 2x4's, 2x6's and the like.

Sales of No. 2 green 2x4's at \$50 a thousand board feet were reported Thursday. In August some mills were getting as much as \$80 and more for them.

The hardest hit lumber is that used in starting new houses.

Finishing lumber, still in demand to complete houses already under construction, has dropped some but not much. It is beginning to follow the green lumber collapse, though, C. C. Crow said today. Crow is editor of the Pacific Coast Lumber Digest, which concerns itself with price trends.

"There is every reason to believe that the bottom has yet to be reached," Crow said, adding that government credit restrictions had "brought the starting of new jobs almost to a standstill."

Lumber prices in late 1949 began climbing from a brief slump and started skyrocketing last spring.

Outbreak of the Korean war speeded the climb to what Crow called "unbearable levels."

H. V. Simpson, executive vice-president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, said it seemed likely now that an all-time fir production record would not be set this year. On Sept. 1 he said such a record was a cinch.

**Small Mills Will Close**

There were no reports of mill closures. They were expected in one to three weeks from marginal operators — small concerns whose costs are high — and some mills this week began eliminating their second shifts. There was no early tabulation on the number or how many men were being laid off.

However, with the shingle market heading downward, too, the North Vancouver, B. C., shingle mill laid off 300 men Thursday in closing for two weeks. A spokesman said it was due to the U. S. price drop, which he expected to be temporary.

Crow wasn't optimistic about that. He said pine prices still were holding up but a decline "will come very rapidly from now on."

In fir, Crow said, the past week has brought "the biggest footage of (order) cancellations ever known in the history of the industry."

One wholesaler reported hearing of some plywood order cancellations but there was no evidence of price weakening.

## Lumber Buyers Hesitate In Fear Of Further Drops

"The most hectic period in the history of the lumber industry" — That was the way Earl Beile, sales manager for Roseburg Lumber Co., termed the sudden break in the Douglas fir lumber market, which has hit the industry within the last month.

There have been numerous cancellations of orders and choosiness is noted in the part of buyers, who fear to purchase today because they might save a few dollars per thousand by waiting until next week.

Beile said so far there has been no big curtailment in production at Roseburg Lumber. Production has gone down some, however, as the result of the general rail car shortage.

The shortage has eased some, but only about 50 percent of the needed cars have been received.

Larger companies, which deal chiefly in dry lumber, are less affected than the smaller mills, which handle only green lumber. Green lumber prices locally have dropped about \$25 per thousand. Dry lumber is down only about \$10 per thousand.

Just how far the market will drop is the chief concern, said Beile. If lumber prices drop below production costs, it will mean a shutdown of the industry; but if they level off above production costs, the market may be stabilized, he said.

The local Oregon State Employment office reports no shutdowns or major curtailments in the county thus far.