

Drain Plywood Mill To Have Force Of 220

When the Drain Plywood Co. mill at Drain is completed, it is expected to have a working force of about 220 men.

This was the report from Harold M. Buckner, manager of the mill which is still under construction southwest of the Drain city limits.

Although construction is continuing, part of the mill is already operating, according to correspondent Maud Deaver. The mill began operation in September and now employs 40 men.

Buckner said a second shift would be hired as soon as construction permits. At present, construction is being completed to house a boiler and a 22-section, six-line dryer. In operation now is a 10-foot lathe and a 4-foot lathe. The latter went into operation just last week.

Buckner said the plant at present is shipping two cars of green veneer and one carload of chips a day.

The mill is being raised on a 40-acre tract near the city limits. The tract includes a 22-acre mill pond, which Buckner says will hold 10 million board feet of timber.

Neuberger To Have Staff Research Position Open

PORTLAND — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) Thursday announced that he will make a staff research position available to some Oregon student who has shown "sincere interest and outstanding ability in the study of problems of our society and government."

The winning candidate, to be selected by a committee including J. W. Forrester, editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian, will spend a year as a member of the senator's staff and will receive pay of \$3,967.

Candidates must be graduating seniors from Oregon colleges.

Elaine Heidenreich Dixonville Prexy

By MRS. CHARLES FORREST

Elaine Heidenreich this week was elected president for the next nine weeks of the Youth Group of the Pine Grove Church at Dixonville.

Other new officers elected were: Kay Kinyon, vice president; Grace Carol Smith, second vice president; Marilyn Thompson; Robbie Carrio, treasurer; Gayle Smith, song leader; Velma Stone, librarian; and Robert Kinyon, usher.

The group holds meetings each Sunday evening at 6.

Visit From Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shely of Corvallis and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Johnson and Julie and Jimmie

Ike Names Democrat As Mid-East Plan Aide

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower this week appointed James P. Richards, former chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, as a special assistant on the administration's Middle East program. Richards will head up a mission to that area.

The South Carolina Democrat will serve with the rank of personal ambassador, the White House announced. Richards did not seek re-election last year.

Selection of Richards marks the second time in recent weeks the President has reached into the ranks of Democrats in Congress for a special assistant on foreign policy. Walter F. George of Georgia, who retired last week as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, now is serving as Eisenhower's representative, with the rank of ambassador, on problems dealing with the North Atlantic Treaty organization and coordination of bipartisan foreign policy. Both jobs pay \$20,000 a year.

In his special message to a joint session of Congress on Saturday, the President announced that he shortly would send a United States mission to the Middle East to explain to governments there just how this country is prepared to cooperate in that area to block any Red aggression.

Oregonians Paid \$429 Million In Federal Taxes

PORTLAND — Oregonians paid 429 million dollars in federal taxes in the fiscal year of 1955, Ralph Granquist, district director for the Internal Revenue Service, reported Thursday.

Some 58 million returns were filed compared with the nine million returns for 1940. Granquist told a dinner meeting of the Oregon Society of Public Accountants.

Santos, Brazil, the world's largest coffee port, is situated on an island which is protected by a higher island from Atlantic storms.

Nine Northwest Projects Placed In Omnibus Bill

WASHINGTON — Nine projects in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska were included in a \$1,630,000,000 omnibus authorization bill for rivers and harbors introduced in Congress this week.

A similar bill was rejected by President Eisenhower last Aug. 10 because some projects in the measure had not received the customary review by the Army Engineers and the states concerned.

Chairman Chaver (D-NM) of the Senate Public Works Committee said he believed the new bill would get the approval of the House and the Senate and Eisenhower's signature.

Projects authorized by the bill include: Navigation: Oregon — Yaquina Bay and harbor, \$19,800,000; Washington — Port Townsend harbor, \$387,000; Flood control: Idaho — Columbia River Basin, \$25,000,000; Oregon — Columbia River Basin, including Willamette River Basin, \$112,000,000; Washington — Sammamish River basin, \$825,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pinkerton, who have been guests in the Roy Hatfield home the past couple of weeks, left for Los Angeles and San Diego, Calif., Tuesday. They will visit friends there for several weeks before going on to their home in Payette, Idaho.

Gerald Rust of South Deer Creek Road and Kenneth Medford, manager of Mark's Shopping Center in Roseburg, will leave for Portland on a business trip.

Immediate Need To Halt Flooding At Oakridge Seen

WASHINGTON — Army Engineers have been asked to give immediate consideration to flood dangers now threatening Oakridge and Willamette City, Ore.

The request was made by Sens. Morse and Neuberger and Rep. Porter, Oregon Democrats, in a joint letter to Brig. Gen. E. C. Ischener, chief of Army Engineers.

Personal inspection of the area, they said, left them "convinced that there is immediate and urgent need for federal construction of protective levees and reclamation work in this case."

The three Democrats said "tremendous damage" was done to property in the two areas last winter and another flood has occurred this winter.

"Homes, water lines, the new elementary school at Willamette City, sewer lines, the Oakridge sewer disposal plant and the Willamette City water district's pump house are all in potential flood areas," they said.

In their letter, the Oregon trio cited changes made in the law by Congress last year increasing from \$150,000 to \$400,000 the maximum amount which Army Engineers may spend on a single project without specific congressional authorization.

This, they said, "would appear to be a clear legal basis for federal assistance in what we believe to be a very meritorious claim."

Educator Asks Shorter Terms

PHILADELPHIA — A former U. S. commissioner of education proposed this week that able students be permitted to abandon "present lockstep practices" and complete high school and college in three years each.

Earl J. McGrath, now executive officer of the Institute of Higher Education, New York, said they could do this "without personal harm or social loss—indeed with probable gains on both counts."

In a speech prepared for the Assn. of American Colleges (AAC), McGrath noted a tendency for Americans to stay in school for increasingly longer times, especially for professional education.

"There is reliable evidence," he said, "that many American youths could advance through high school and college much more rapidly than they do now."

McGrath said "questionable notions of psychology or democracy" are the basis for educational practices which often penalize talented youth.

"In light of the constant expansion of the years of formal education," he said, "a most pressing responsibility of educators today is to examine the impact of standard procedures on classification, grading, promotion and teaching upon above-average youth."

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