

# Tight Money Getting Blame For Lumber Market Slump; Future Said Not All Dark

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Look around your own neighborhood. Probably you'll find someone who is out of work, or is getting only a short shift, or who's business isn't quite as good as he thinks it should be. It may be you.

There are a number of reasons for this—but ask most any lumber producer or seller, real estate man or builder, and he'll give it to you in two words:

"Tight money."

In the year since these two words first came into public use they have been blamed for everything but the common cold.

In the last two weeks, lumber producers have been getting a concentrated lesson in what the two words encompass. At a meeting of the Western Forest Industries Assn. in Vancouver, B. C., and another meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. in Portland they were told that there are as many ramifications to what is going on in the housing business as a hand saw has teeth.

Each of these ramifications has some effect on home construction. In 1955 home building was at an all-time high of 1,350,000 units. Lumbermen couldn't wait to satisfy the demand for forest products. Mortgage credit was fast and easy. In fact it was too free and easy. The Federal Reserve Board, keeping a sharp eye on the state of the economy, foresaw a burgeoning inflation and clamped on some controls. The board, through its regional banks, began charging more for the money it loaned to member banks. It became less easy for homebuilders to get credit and financing.

At the same time, the industry itself apparently underwent a change. There was a shift from many relatively low-cost units to fewer, more expensive houses.

Early in 1956, lumber and plywood producers watched housing starts slide off their peak to fewer than 1,300,000 new houses were started that year.

Lumber demand skidded downward almost in pace with the new starts. By the beginning of 1957 the monthly lumber production rate was 7 to 10 per cent below the five-year average.

Western producers scrambled to hold their markets and to develop new ones to cushion the drop. More serious for most Western Oregon mills was the sharp drop in lumber prices. Buyers began to dicker.

By mid-March, 1957, when industry market analysts finally began to see a consistent upward

flicker in western lumber prices and demand, the average of all the Northwest's major species was \$13.19 below the same period last year. Plywood was a correspondingly lower priced. The average for green fir lumber, Western Oregon's mainstay, was down an even \$14.

In many cases, these prices meant that the value of the product had been squeezed down so close to the cost of timber that there was little left in between for logging and milling costs, let alone profit.

The result was a general cutback in production during 1956, and probably during most of 1957. This is why you probably can find someone in your neighborhood, perhaps even yourself, who has had a pretty lean time of it.

In many cases the mills have been able to soften the shock to individual employees by working shifts on alternate weeks—giving each man one week of work out of every two or by cutting back from five to four day weeks.

The picture is not all bleak. There are some encouraging signs for the near future—despite predictions that house construction starts this year will be down around one million or even less. Almost everyone says there will be a great year dawning about 1958 or '59.

## Mrs. Warner Gets Art Group Office

Mrs. Floyd Warner has been elected president of the Roseburg Art Assn.

Others elected to office for the coming year at the last meeting at the home of Mrs. J. C. Atchinson were: Mrs. A. B. Peterson, vice president, Carl Taylor, secretary; and Mrs. Jack Isaacson, treasurer.

At the same meeting, Amy Robinson presented a program on the subject of "Influence of religion on art through the ages." Plans for future programs and activities of the club were also discussed. Interest and place of the next meeting will be announced soon.

## Glide Man Dies Here Saturday

Harvey Andy Taylor, 29, Glide, died Saturday in a local hospital. He was born Nov. 15, 1897, in Hastings, Neb., and came to Oregon 28 years ago. He had lived in Glide for the past eight years and had engaged in the carpenter trade.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth, Glide; two sons, Melvin, Roseburg, and Gerald, Caldwell, Idaho; three daughters, Miss Helen Taylor, Glide; Mrs. Bill Vogt, Othello, Wash.; and Mrs. Renee Barrie, Payette, Idaho; two brothers, R. C. Taylor, Glide, and C. W. Taylor, St. Edwards, Neb.; five sisters, Mrs. Edna Williams and Mrs. Uralia Hayes, both of Tacoma, Mrs. Eleanor Sawyer, Ashland, Neb., and Mrs. Irma Morris and Mrs. Nell Trout, both of Eugene; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the Chapel of the Roses Wednesday at 11 a.m. The Rev. K. R. Thompson of the Church of the Open Bible will officiate. Interment will follow in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

## Mercy Hospital Staff Seeks Newspaper Name

Mercy Hospital staff members are looking for a name for their new monthly paper. Two editions have been published, one in March and the other this week.

Titles should be sent to Miss Darlene Hammond, record librarian, at the hospital. The April edition of the paper had 10 pages and contained jokes and news about staff members and the hospital. One-hundred and eighty-five copies of the paper are being sent through the mail.

## Smudge Pots Operating In Medford Fruit Area

MEDFORD — The temperature dipped to 26 here Sunday, forcing many Medford-area fruit growers to operate smudge pots in their orchards for the first time this year.

Frost forecaster William Rogers said it will be mid-week before damage estimates can be made in the orchards where there were no smudge pots.

The orchard heaters sent clouds of smoke into the skies around Medford.

## Thieves Force Store Owner From Home, Get \$27,000 Booty

KINGSTON, Ont. — Ontario police Monday sought two gunmen who pulled off the biggest holdup in Kingston's history—\$24,000 in cash and more than \$2,500 in checks—under the noses of two detectives.

Harold Gilroy, manager of the Loblaw supermarket, gave police this account:

He was watching television with his wife and two sons, Robert, 12, and Jack, 10, Saturday night when the robbers arrived at his home.

Threatening to kill Gilroy, they forced him to give them the key to the store and the combination to its safe. One robber stood guard over the Gilroys, bound with friction tape and dish towels, while the other drove to the store, 12 blocks away.

Unable to open the safe, the robbers returned, released Gilroy, and forced him at gunpoint to go to the store and open the safe. When two passing detectives looked into the store to see what was happening, the bandit warned Gilroy:

"Watch your step. Remember what you've left at home."

Gilroy said they were going to the bank. The detectives followed in their car. When they found the bank closed for the night, all four returned to the store. Gilroy put three small money bags in the safe, then he and the robber drove off with the rest of the loot. Gilroy was returned home and tied up again with his family.

## Funeral Tuesday For H. E. Quimby

Henry Elliot Quimby, 61, resident of Roseburg for the past 18 years, died Saturday in a local hospital. He was born Dec. 3, 1895, in Moscow, Idaho, and came to Oregon 29 years ago to make his home.

Surviving are three sons, Lloyd, Idley Park, Ill.; Roseburg, and Jack, Florence; three daughters, Mrs. Dorman (Mildred) Brookhart, Drain, Mrs. Vernon (Margie) Moore, Azalea, and Mrs. Romeo (Nina) Glover, Florence; two brothers, George, Cottage Grove, and Charles, Veneta; three sisters, Mrs. Melvin Haney, Sweet Home, Mrs. Gertrude Smith, Shady Cove, and Mrs. Dorothy Ashley, Springfield; 17 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Gravestone funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Fair Oaks Cemetery. The Rev. Lloyd Whitford of the Christian Church of Sutherlin will officiate. The Chapel of the Roses is in charge of the arrangements.

## Dooley Income Tax Bill Has Gov. Holmes' O.K.

Dooley's income tax bill has received the approval of Governor Holmes.

Dooley's bill is a suture under another name, the governor reported.

"I don't think so. The big dissatisfaction with the 1955 Legislature's tax program was its reducing exemptions to \$500. That was discrimination against persons with larger families."

He said that there is "a hue and cry against higher state taxes but it should be directed against taxes at the local level. If people understood the state tax picture and how the money is used, they wouldn't complain so much."

The House Taxation Committee hopes to begin work Tuesday on the tax program.

Dooley said that he has received only a dozen letters protesting his plan.

One bill "Not Needed" The governor called "unnecessary" the Senate-passed bill to remove the state from the property tax field.

He said the bill isn't needed to avoid a state property tax, asserting that the Legislature would provide enough money from other sources to run the state.

He added that the House probably won't pass the bill.

He added that he still wants the Legislature to provide the 50 per cent increase in basic school funds and that he thinks it could be done within the Dooley plan.

The proposed \$286,000 budget for the proposed state development department, he said, "would let us do a reasonably good job." Purpose of the department would be to attract new industry to the state.

## Death, Prison Sentences Meted By Woman Judge

BUDAPEST — A Communist woman judge today handed down three death sentences — one against a 25-year-old woman medical student — in the first big Hungarian show trial growing out of the anti-Russian revolt.

Judge Matilde Toth sentenced eight other defendants to prison terms ranging from 6 months to 10 years.

## Robin Dale School Aid Plan Made To Court

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which might end its function before the end of the school year if money is not received.

Shirley, in answer to a question by Judge Jackson, said it costs about \$1,200 a month to operate the school, with about \$1,000 of that amount being salaries. He said the school had 17 pupils at present but noted that there were other children who would attend the school if transportation were available. He said there were five or six in the Canyonville-Riddle-Myrtle Creek area who were kept from attending because of the transportation problem.

Money Drive Launched Directors of the school are launching a drive to obtain money to keep it going for the remainder of the year. A part of this drive, the court was told, will be contacting ministers in the community to see if money can be raised by churches before then he said.

Jackson told the delegation that he and other members of the court were favorably impressed with the objects and operation of the school. "It's too big a problem for you people to handle by contributions," he declared.

The judge pointed out that even if the court is given the green light by the district attorney nothing could be done for the school before July when the new budget goes into effect. No funds could be supplied before then he said.

When the court was asked if it would help Robin Dale School for directors to approach members of the budget committee, Judge Jackson replied he didn't think it would be necessary. "I think the budget committee would look with favor upon your problem," he stated.

## Strike Hits Northwest Metals Industry

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insisting on a pension plan and union participation in health-welfare plan administration.

Present pay scales for the machinists are \$2.69 an hour for toolmakers and die makers, \$2.37 for journeymen and \$1.98 for helpers.

At Portland, A. E. Bird, secretary of the Metal Trades Council, said the union rejected an offer of 13 cents an hour by the United Metal Trades Assn.

He said the unions asked 10 per cent across the board, which would range from 20 to 30 cents an hour, in a one-year contract.

Ralph Elle, the association chairman, said the employers offered one, two and three-year contracts with a 5 per cent pay increase and fringe benefits.

The Molders and Foundry Workers' Union reported a Puget Sound area vote of 669 to 57 Sunday to reject an employers' offer. The Molders' locals are in Seattle, Tacoma and Everett but only the Seattle members went on strike.

## Strange Light Appears Over Lander Lookout

A strange light appearing to cover a wide area in the vicinity of Lander Lookout was sighted by the Roseburg Ground Observer Post Saturday night.

Roseburg police said today that Terry Pearson, on duty at the post located on the China Wall, called them to report the light about 8:15 p.m.

An investigating officer going to the lookout said the light looked as if it were reflected from another city or was the reflection of a fire against clouds.

The Forest Service and Douglas Fire Protective Assn. both had no comment to make today concerning the light.

## Bus Driver Killed, 12 Students Hurt In Crash

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. — The big semi-trailer of a truck broke loose and collided head on with a parochial school bus Monday, killing the bus driver and injuring 12 students, one of them critically.

Killed in the crash which demolished the bus was Emil Michalski, 60, Michigan City.

Donald Herten, 6, was reported in critical condition with possible internal injuries.

Eleven other pupils were reported in good condition in Doctors and St. Anthony's hospitals here, and about 23 other pupils escaped injury.

State police said the trailer broke loose just as the bus was meeting the trailer-truck on U.S. 421, five miles south of Michigan City.

## Suez Canal Clearance Job Finally Completed

CAIRO — U.S. salvage crews Monday completed clearance of the Suez Canal by lifting and hauling away the sunken Egyptian frigate Abukir.

The Abukir, last major block in the 103-mile waterway, was towed to a dumping ground in the Bitter lakes north of Suez. Removal of the frigate opens the canal to ships up to 20,000 tons—provided the Egyptian government gives a go ahead. Before the removal only ships of under 10,000 tons could go through.

## Robert Dollar Mill Fire Has Brief Duration

A small fire broke out in the Robert Dollar gang mill in Glendale Sunday morning, but flames were quelled by the automatic sprinkler system.

An electric heater which warms oil for pumping through the head rig of the gang mill was given as the cause of the fire. The oil pumping line and a small pump motor were damaged. The motor had to be replaced.

Spread of the fire was impeded by a metal fire door immediately behind the blaze and before the fire gained headway, the sprinkler system went into action and had quenched the flames by the time crew members arrived.

The pump motor was replaced Sunday and mill operations resumed Monday on schedule, Mrs. George Fox, News-Review correspondent, reported.

The mill siren was sounded at 11 a.m., and members of the Glendale Volunteer Fire Dept., which has standby contract with the mill, arrived at the fire station ready to answer the call. They waited for a summons to the mill and when it did not come, decided the siren was being tested and dispersed.

## Air Disasters Claim Lives Of 77 Persons

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passengers and 5 crewmen, was en route from Livramento to Porto Alegre. All aboard perished.

Twenty persons were killed and 13 were injured in a rail collision near Magno station, in a Rio suburb. The stationmaster said one train had halted in an early morning mist some distance from the station and the second train plowed into it.

Twenty tons of rock and earth, loosened by heavy rains, plunged down a hillside and buried a house in Petropolis, 26 miles north of Rio. Seven persons were killed.

LUBBOCK, Tex. — Twenty tense minutes ended for 39 persons aboard a Continental airliner Sunday night after the cockpit whacked the landing gear lock with a boom from an early light indicating the gear was locked down failed to come on as the ship, with 36 passengers and a crew of three, prepared to land here on a flight from Dallas to Albuquerque.

The plane, circled for about 20 minutes while the pilot, G. F. Smith, and copilot, Carl McGee, worked to get the gear locked.

Stewardess Stella Romak instructed the passengers in crash landing procedures.

Then McGee finally reached through an inspection port and hit the gear lock with a broom handle. The light came on.

"I hope they make those broomsticks standard equipment," Bob Corliss of Dallas, a passenger, quipped after the landing.

PORTLAND — The landing gear collapsed and a Navy dive-bomber burst into flames in a landing at the Portland Air Base Sunday, but the two Seattle fliers aboard escaped without injury.

The Air Force fire crew quickly extinguished the flames that started from a gasoline tank on the plane, an ADM-5.

The pilot, Cmdr. L. A. Townsend, and his passenger, Lt. Col. K. L. Reusser, were shaken up on landing. They were on a routine mission from the Naval Air Station in Seattle, where Reusser is commanding officer of the Marine Air Detachment.

INDIAN SPRINGS, Nev. — A search party today found a body in a desolate desert country where a missing secret research plane and its dead pilot were located Saturday.

The flier was Robert L. Sieker, 35, Granada Hills, Calif., head of a research, engineering and consulting firm.

He and the U2 jet, a high altitude research plane, vanished last Thursday after taking off from Mercury, Nev.

The Lockheed spokesman said the U2 was engaged in classified high-altitude research and was not intended for extended weather reconnaissance activities of interest to the Air Force and the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics.

Sieker was an Air Force pilot from 1942 to 1948. He had been with Lockheed since 1951.

LAPINE, Ore. — One man suffered minor hurts and another was shaken up Saturday when a small private plane crashed on a takeoff at this Central Oregon town.

Pilot Joseph W. Culler, 32, a Spokane post office worker, suffered face cuts. His passenger, Omar E. Smith, 35, a Mead, Wash., aluminum worker.

The two men had landed here to refuel on a flight from Sacramento, Calif., to Spokane. The plane had taken off and was about 25 feet in the air when it spun suddenly to earth.

CASCADE LOCKS, Ore. — The body of a pilot who was killed in March 20 plane crash was recovered from the Columbia River Sunday.

The pilot was Lou C. Herron, 38, The Dalles, whose light plane hit high up on a bluff in the Columbia Gorge, then crashed into the river. The wreckage was recovered the day after the crash. Herron was enroute home to The Dalles from a business trip to Vancouver, Wash.

## Bandit Gang Chief Slain In Battle

Pakistan Also Slay 18 Others In Murder Of 3 Americans Captured

KARACHI, Pakistan — Pakistan border police said Monday that Dadsah, the leader of an Iranian bandit gang that killed three Americans, had been slain in a gun battle.

Police made the report in announcing the capture of 18 members of the gang, including Amhed Shah, who was said to have confessed murdering Mrs. Anita Carroll of Issaquah, Wash., wife of a U.S. Point Four official.

Iranian police previously had announced the slaying of three of the bandits, including one identified as the actual killer. The conflicting reports could not be reconciled immediately.

Pakistani police said Dadsah, his 18-year-old son Hamid, and his third wife were killed in a gun battle with Iranian police five days ago.

Chief's Wife Slain There were no reports from Iran confirming the death of the leader, but Iranian police reports said the body of the pregnant third wife of the outlaw chief had been found in the border region. She apparently had been killed by the bandits themselves because she was unable to keep up with their flight, the Iranian police said.

A dispatch from Tehran said the Iranian government had requested the extradition of 15 members of the gang captured in Pakistan, including Dadsah's two brothers, Mohammed and Ahmed, two other men and 11 women and children.

A government spokesman in Tehran said the prisoners were expected to be handed over before Monday or Tuesday, would face a summary court-martial and if found guilty would be executed immediately. The spokesman said as far as was known the 60-year-old Dadsah and 10 or 12 members of his gang were continuing to elude pursuit.

Kevin Carroll, husband of Mrs. Carroll, Brewster Wilson of Portland, Ore., a Near East Foundation expert, and two Iranians were killed in a bandit attack in desolate southeastern Iran two weeks ago. Mrs. Carroll was carried away by the gang, but was a short distance away, apparently because the bandits feared she would hinder their escape.

## Salmon Harbor Manager Choice Due Wednesday

Final choice of the manager for Salmon Harbor probably won't be made before Wednesday. Charles Collins, head of the county park department, said this morning.

He said the harbor board spent Thursday and Friday going over applications and interviewing applicants. The board was flooded with applications for the \$5,000 a year post — 75 persons sent in applications.

The three-man board consisting of Howard Hindsdale and Roy Henderson of Reedsport and Collins personally interviewed about ten applicants, Collins said. The field has been narrowed to three men, he said.

The job of manager for the harbor became open when the board decided to make it a year-around operation. Previously, the manager had worked four months out of the year. The manager, Gard Safley, resigned because he did not want the job on a full-time basis.

## Moose Lodge Sponsors Church Carlift Easter

Roseburg residents who need transportation to church Easter Sunday may take advantage of the Roseburg Moose Lodge "Operation Easter Carlift."

"Operation Easter Carlift" is being offered by the Moose to all persons who, because of illness, disability or similar cause, might be unable to attend the church of their choice on Easter Sunday because of lack of transportation, Chuck Droscher, chairman of the project, said.

The carlift has been conducted in Roseburg by the Moose for the past five or six years, Droscher said. There will be no charge for the service, he added.

Persons wishing transportation Easter Sunday may call Droscher at OR 3-5655 or the Moose Lodge, OR 3-7168.

## COWS TAKE STRIKE

News stated they had voted to leave the KEN BAILEY INSURANCE AGENCY, 610 S.E. First, Roseburg, and meet at someone's house.

## WATCH FOR OPENING BURTON'S DINNER HOUSE

3 mi. S. of Roseburg

## INEXORABLE CLERIC DIES

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## Margaret Stefferud Elected Sutherlin Booster President

By MRS. BRITAIN SLACK  
Margaret Stefferud has been elected president of the Sutherlin Hand Boosters.

Other new officers are Bernice Parr, vice president; Ruth Manning secretary; and Barry Le Philow, treasurer.

The officers were elected at the last meeting in the high school. It was reported the boosters are planning a potluck for the next meeting Monday, May 13.

June Kirkpatrick gave a report on the meeting of the school planning board she attended.

The sixth grade furnished the entertainment for the evening. Caleb Standifer announced that the all-band spring concert has been scheduled for Thursday, May 2. At that time, the top senior band member will receive the Ar-jon award.

Plans were made for a silver tea to be held at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Geider Wednesday, May 1, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., at the last meeting of the Fair Oaks Industrial Club.

Eighteen members were present for the potluck and meeting. After the meeting, the ladies worked on tea towels and pillow cases for the bazaar to be held this fall.

The afternoon was spent in crocheting and visiting at the last meeting of the Neighborhood Club of Nonpariel. Lenora Waggoner won the door prize.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Joyce Allen Thursday, April 13. Sixteen members and a guest attended the last meeting at the home of Mrs. Nell Strickland.

Nonpariel Cub Scouts are meeting this month at the home of their den mother, Mrs. Emma Norris. They are studying "Swiss Family Robinson." Seven boys of the community attend the meetings each Wednesday after school.

## Eye Witness Accounts Told Of Fiery Death In LA Bar

LOS ANGELES — "One moment I had a good time of happy people having a coffee. Then a sudden flash and the bar turned into a hell on earth."

Still numb with shock, bartender, Larry Fenton, 24, spoke haltingly as he told newsmen of the scaring moments during which six persons died when his place was bombed shortly before midnight.

"I can still hear the screams of the dying," he said.

"I can still feel the flames. I still can't believe it. . . . It was too gruesome. And so senseless."

Three men, apparently enraged at being ejected earlier from the bar, came back and poured a bucket of inflammable liquid on the floor and touched it off with a match.

There was a fiery flash. Most of the dead were trapped where they were seated," Fenton said. "Their clothes were on fire and the flames licked at their flesh. I saw one woman running about with her hair on fire."

"I saw one man struggling to get out of a booth. He screamed and collapsed on the table and the flames closed over him."

"I'll never forget the faces of those fiendish men. Some day I'll be on a witness stand and I'll point at them and say, 'there are your murderers.'"

## 16 Ordered To Report For Circuit Jury Panel

Sixteen more persons have been added to the jury list reporting for duty this morning for the April term of circuit court. Ordered to report were:

Roseburg — Norma Hatfield, Margaret Hatterscheid, L. R. Horton, Irene E. Jones, Norma J. Knight, Ray C. Lyness, Frank E. Nelson, Kenneth Overton, Wayne Schroeder, Irene Tigner and Wallace W. Watkins.

Sutherlin — Thelma L. Ballentine and Olga M. Bielman, Yoncalla — John A. Abene Jr., Oakland — Jessie A. Davis, Canyonville — John E. Roldness.

## Negroes Held In Sex Attack On White Girl

DENISON, Tex. — A 17-year-old Denison white girl was raped Sunday night by three Negroes while her boyfriend was held at gunpoint at Waterloo Park here, Police Chief Paul Borum said.

He reported that five young Negroes were arrested after the youth drove the girl to a hospital and reported the attack.

Bloodhounds from the Oklahoma State Prison at McAlester were taken to the park and led officers to a small house where three men were arrested. Two others were picked up later, Borum said.

The youth, also about 17, identified the men he said held a rifle on him while the girl was attacked in the back seat of his car.

Borum said charges were being prepared against two 17-year-old and one 13-year-old youth. He declined to name any of those involved.

## Gunmen Suspects Held For Washington Deed

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — Police here awaited Monday arrival of pictures of two men picked up Sunday in Missoula, Mont., to learn whether a four-state search for two gunmen has been successful.

Law enforcement authorities in four states were on the alert for two gunmen who invaded a rural home card party Saturday night, killed one of the players and wounded another in a holdup attempt.

Charles Buckley