

79 PERISH IN PLANE DISASTER

Lumber Workers Vote Authority For Strike

Union Seeks 5 Cts. Hour Wage Boost

Negotiations Planned Soon With Roseburg Lumber Co. Officials

Union negotiators will meet with Roseburg Lumber Co. officials soon, armed with authorization for a strike from a vote Saturday.

About 700 members of Lumber and Sawmill Workers Local 2949 who work at the plant voted 2 to 1 to authorize the strike if negotiations fail. No deadline has been set.

The union presented its request for a 5-cent-per-hour increase about two months ago, according to Henry Weber, business agent. The union wants the increase retroactive to June 1 and wants a 15 cent per hour increase if they have to go on strike.

The raise would bring the minimum wage at Roseburg Lumber to \$2.03 per hour. About 1,000 workers would be affected. The raise would amount to about \$100,000 per year in the payroll, according to Weber.

No Counter Offer Made
The union committee plans to meet today with the company negotiators when Kenneth Ford, manager, returns to Roseburg, Weber said. However, Cliff Pearson, member of the company negotiating committee, said that no meeting is scheduled.

The company has made no counter-offer, according to Weber. He said that Pacific Plywood Co. has been paying the new wage rate for about two months and that two other companies have agreed to the rate but are not paying it now.

Harold McKenzie, representative of the union's western council from Rogue River, was present at the strike vote and indicated that the strike is authorized by the council.

The union negotiating committee includes James Cooper, Ed Cariff, D. T. Mill, E. Ballou, Claude Rhoades, Ray Rauch, and Frank Vance. The company is represented by Ford, Pearson, and Eugene Card.

Canyonville Men Held In Fruit Stand Burglary
Burglary of the Riddle Junction Fruit Stand on Aug. 1 was apparently solved Saturday with the arrest of two Canyonville men.

Charged with burglary not in a dwelling are Leroy Graves Jr., 21, and Roland J. Thiess, 18. They were arrested by Canyonville police and are being held in the county jail with bail set at \$1,500 each.

Officers say Thiess has confessed to the burglary in which owner Leonard French said a large number of watermelons, cantaloupes, oranges, fryers, soda pop, potatoes and \$14.70 in cash were taken. Thiess denies that any money or potatoes were taken.

In The Day's News
By FRANK JENKINS
The sales tax, as it is generally understood in these days, is 36 years old. It got its start back in West Virginia in 1921. It has spread now to 33 states and somewhat more than 1000 cities.

In this modern day, when Uncle Sam takes about 75 cents out of every dollar of taxes paid by the people (the old boy used to take only 25 cents out of the total tax dollar, leaving the other 75 cents to the cities, states counties, school districts, etc.) the cities are as hard up for money as anybody, and have found the sales tax an answer to their prayers for more dough.

When West Virginia started it off, the take of the sales tax was infinitesimal. In 1956, it produced more than three billion dollars.

Percentage-wise, collections from the sales tax represented 18 per cent of total state tax collections ten years ago. Today sales taxes represent 23 per cent of total state tax collections.

Here is an interesting fact:
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The Weather
Fair today, tonight and Tuesday. Not much temperature change.

Highest temp. last 24 hours — 79
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 45
Highest temp. any August — 106
Lowest temp. any August — 39
Precip. last 24 hours — 0
Precip. from August 1 — .30
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 30.05
Deficit from Sept. 1 — .20
Sunset tonight, 7:20 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:16 a.m.

Fire Weather—Low fire danger in Coast Range and Northwestern Oregon through Sunday. Moderate hazard elsewhere in state.

Conference Dated Here By Jehovah's Witnesses

Between 800 and 900 delegates from 20 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses will be in Roseburg next weekend for a three-day circuit assembly.

The conference will be in the auditorium of Central Junior High School Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Delegates will be from Southern Oregon and Northern California points.

Theme of the assembly will be "Qualified to Teach," following the object of the Witnesses of developing each believer into a preacher. The sessions will begin Friday night and continue through Saturday. A public Bible lecture, "What Are the Prospects for a Lasting Peace?" will be delivered Sunday at 3 p.m.

Presiding will be C. A. Stoermer, supervisor of Oregon Circuit No. 2. He has been a minister of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1944 and in circuit work for the past 10 years.

Locally in charge of arranging for the assembly is C. V. Stefani, president minister of the Roseburg congregation.

Log Handlers Quit In Wage Demand

TACOMA, Monday — Picket lines formed Monday around the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Co. and Foss Launch and Tug Co. as members of Local 11-120 of the Boonmen and Rafter's Union strike for higher wages.

Pickets were also scheduled to appear later at three other log handling companies.

Negotiations between the approximately 80 men of the local and the five employers represented by the Industrial Conference Board broke down last week despite efforts of W. D. Toner of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to effect a settlement.

The union reportedly is seeking a 7 1/2-cent an hour wage increase. M. J. Muckey, Industrial Conference Board manager said that employers want to maintain the status quo.

The board is an employer bargaining organization representing some 450 Seattle-Tacoma area employers.

Muckey said rafters and boommen have been earning \$17.93 for a six-to-eight hour shift.

If prolonged, the strike would cripple logging operations in the Morton-Mineral area and eventually affect the entire lumber and plywood industry here.

Youth Held In Larceny From Church Academy
Charged with burglary of the Seventh-day Adventist Academy, W. Umpqua Street and W. Military Avenue, is Gary Lee Williams, 18, Fresno, Calif.

Roseburg police arrested Williams Saturday while he was allegedly trying to sell a tape recorder and record player to a downtown music store. The machines, identified as property of the academy, were taken from the building about 1 p.m.

When a plain-clothes officer asked Williams about the tape recorder, he investigated the police report, he was told it had been bought in Los Angeles about two years ago. The officer said Williams could not operate it, however.

THIEVES TRY SAFE
An attempted safe cracking at the tooling Logging Co., Drain, was investigated by the sheriff's office Saturday. According to the report of the incident, the office had been entered Friday night and the safe had been hacked with an axe in an attempt to open it. Apparently nothing was taken.

HOSE WHACKED
Another case of a garden hose being cut was reported to the sheriff's office Saturday. Mrs. Ray Art, 2074 SE Austin Rd., told deputies her hose had been cut about 10:30 p.m. Friday.

Comet In Northwest Visible To Naked Eye
The comet Markov has been seen on clear evenings the past couple of days, according to Leonard Hedine, U. S. weather observer here.

He said the comet, which now is moving away from the sun, can be seen best about 8:45 p.m. It appears about 10 degrees above the horizon in the northwest sky.

Hedine said the comet is visible to the naked eye if the viewer stays away from other strong lights. He said the comet's tail is visible.

Council Action Due On Urban Renewal Plan

Discussion Slated At Tonight's Session: \$8,000 Cost Estimated

Proposed participation by the City of Roseburg in the federal urban renewal program will be a major topic of discussion tonight by the City Council.

The city has budgeted \$8,000 for the participation, and the council tonight probably will act to put the money into use.

The money will be used for a planning study contributing to an overall program for future community development, preservation of community values, prevention of conditions tending to cause urban flight and the promotion of the general health, safety and welfare of Roseburg citizens.

Those aims are contained in a proposed resolution which will be submitted to the council tonight.

Financial Aid Available
Planning assistance may be provided by the Bureau of Municipal Research and Service at the University of Oregon under authority of state law. The bureau acts as agent of the State Board of Higher Education.

Financial assistance may be received from the Urban Renewal Administration, which was authorized in the Housing Act of 1954.

The proposed resolution would authorize: (1) Payment to the State Board of Higher Education of up to \$3,700 for planning assistance, and (2) use of personnel of the city for technical assistance at an estimated \$200 a month.

Total estimated cost to the city is \$8,000.

Other items on the agenda include a public hearing on the proposed rezoning of the south side of Harvard Avenue between Pilger and Kenwood streets from residential to business, bids on police cars and estimates on sewer construction.

The meeting will start in the council chambers of the city hall at 7:30 p.m.

Officers Clear Story Of 'Assault-Robbery'
Roseburg police Saturday wrote off as cleared a case of reported car theft and attempted assault.

Early that morning Eugene Caver, 835 SE Pine St., reported he had been forced out of his car by two young men, one of whom threatened to hit him with a crutch. He said he had been drinking and had asked the two to drive him to their home.

A different story was told by Delbert D. Huntley, 1715 Diamond Lake Blvd. He said he had sent a nephew and another young man to the Turn-Around Inn to get his car which had been left there. They found a man sleeping in the car, Huntley said, and took him to the Huntley home where he was invited in for coffee. After considerable time had elapsed the man declined to leave and was put out of the house, Huntley stated.

The police report notes that an officer checked at Caver's home and found his car, a 1947 Plymouth which he had claimed was stolen, parked in the driveway.

Further Time To Plead Given Mrs. Edith Ott
Mrs. Edith Ott, 46, Roseburg, was granted three days additional before entering a plea when she was arraigned today before Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly on a second-degree murder charge.

Mrs. Ott is under indictment, charged with the death of her 22-month-old adopted Korean daughter, Wendy Kay, June 14.

Bail was continued at \$5,000. Mrs. Ott is charged with striking the child, leading to its death. She was indicted by the grand jury July 23. The indictment was returned back to the grand jury by Wimberly on July 31, and a corrected charge was returned by the jury Aug. 5.

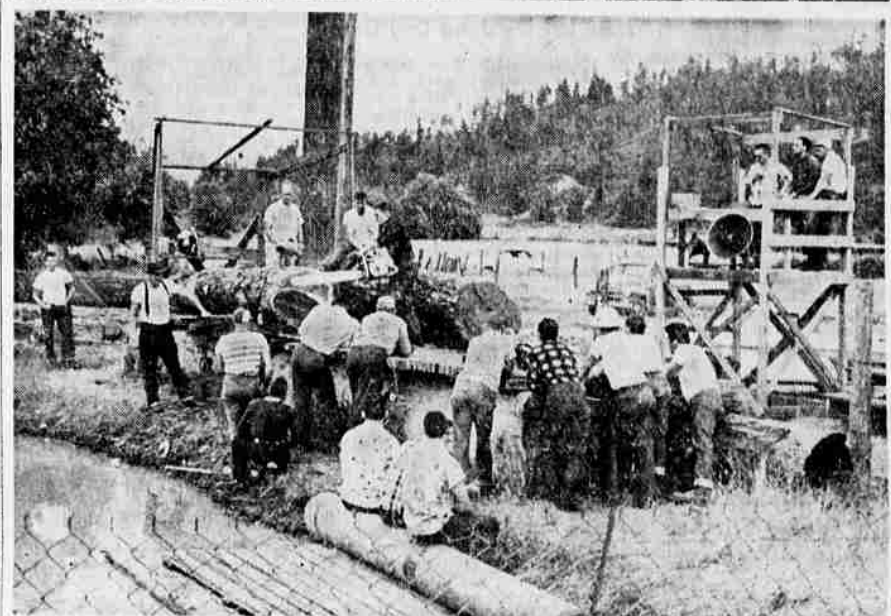
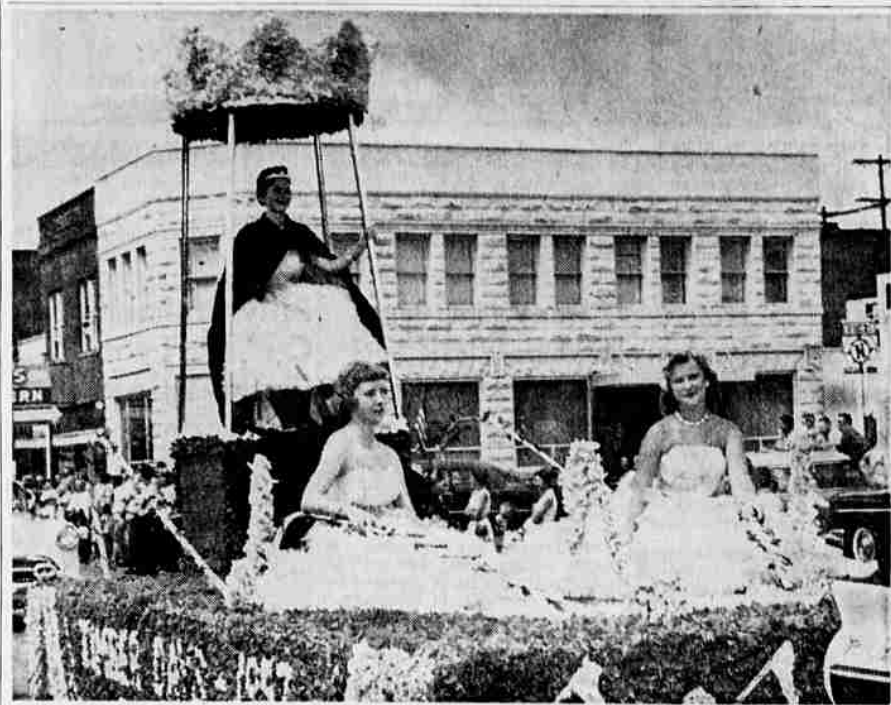
Mrs. Ott has been free on bail. Mrs. Ott's plea will be heard Thursday at 10 a.m.

Shell Kills Four Boys Playing Game Of War
YORK, Pa. — A playful game of "war" became a real tragedy when a souvenir bazooka shell exploded near here killing four boys — two sets of brothers.

Killed in the blast Saturday were Gary, 15, and Joseph Weaver, 10, and Lynn, 10, and Stephen Baker, 9.

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TIMBER DAYS — Queen Carolyn Hardin and her princesses, Margie Hought and Donna Kern, at top, were attractive in the annual parade in Sutherlin Saturday. They reigned over the three-day Douglas County Timber Days. At bottom, the power saw elimination was held Saturday. Billie Joe Polley, Glide, and Thomas Weathers, Camas Valley, were winners. (Paul Jenkins photos)

Parades, Logging Skills Feature Sutherlin Fete

See pictures page 3.
Douglas County Timber Days at Sutherlin were climaxed Sunday afternoon with the awarding of \$1,085 in logger's contests. Highlights of the three-day event was a parade Saturday morning and a queen's banquet that evening.

Mrs. Olga Bielman, parade chairman, described the parade as the largest and best in the 11-year history of the Timber Days celebration. The parade consisted of 12 floats, 34 marching units and 2 mounted groups. Winning floats and themes were: First, St. John's Lutheran Church, Rock of Ages; Second, Eastside PTA, In an Old Dutch Garden By An Old Dutch

Lebanon Logger Coast Handbucking Champion
QUINCY, Calif. — Ben Lentz, Lebanon, Ore., won the hand bucking contest at the Pacific Coast Loggers' championship competition here Saturday night.

In the contest entrants cut through a thick log with a cross cut saw.

Mill, third, Assembly of God Church, We Have An Anchor. Theme for the parade was Timber Days in Melody. A children's parade preceded the main parade. The children's parade, which had five divisions, consisted of children riding floats and bicycles. Most of the youths were dressed in costumes and some had their pets with them.

Coronation And Ball
Residents of Sutherlin started the celebration Aug. 3, when they started wearing jeans, flaid shirts and western dress. Friday night, 16 year-old Carolyn Hardin, a junior at Sutherlin High School, was named queen of the event. Girls named princesses were Donna Kern, 16, of Sutherlin, and Margie Hought, 16, of Oakland. Carolyn was crowned at a coronation ball Saturday night.

Senator Dan Dimick spoke on Oregon's new Department of Planning and Development at a queen's banquet Saturday night. The banquet was followed by a dance at the Veterans Memorial Building and a square dance at the West Side Elementary School.

Pat's Shoppe and Fountain Lunch won a trophy for the best decorated window depicting timber.

Cool, Clear Weather To Stay Through Week
Continued cool, clear weather is in store for Western Oregon the remainder of the week, the U. S. Weather Bureau office at Roseburg airport said today.

Temperatures will average below normal for this time of year through Saturday, but there will be little or no precipitation.

High temperatures will range between 72 and 82 degrees and lows will be between 48 and 56.

Canadian War Veterans, Families, Returning From Vacation, Tragedy Victims

ISSOUDUN, Que. (AP) — The fuselage of a wrecked Canadian airliner began sinking slowly into a deep, watery swamp Monday, complicating the task for an investigating team and the searchers going after the bodies of the 79 dead.

The four-engine DC4 plunged into the swamp during a summer thunderstorm Sunday 15 miles south of Quebec City. The death toll made it Canada's worst air disaster.

There were no survivors. Available evidence pointed to lightning as one possible cause of the mid-afternoon tragedy. The chartered airliner was carrying veterans and their families back to Canada from a vacation with their folks in Britain.

The main portion of the plane's passenger section, the fuselage, was believed stuck in a 25-foot, water-filled hole. Dr. Jean-Paul Poulou, coroner of Lotbiniere County, said the army was being asked to pump it out.

The boggy crash scene was sealed off from photographers and souvenir hunters.

The first body found Sunday night was that of an infant. The toll of 33 men, 41 women and 5 children, including 6 crew members, surpassed Canada's previous casualty high of 82 persons aboard a plane that crashed last December in the Rockies.

The pilot, 37-year-old Norman Ramsey of Montreal, whose flying license had once been suspended on a charge of negligence in a plane crash, stopped in Iceland on the way home.

He brought the plane up the St. Lawrence River valley in sunny weather, making the prescribed ram checks. At 2:07 p.m. he reported passing over Quebec.

There was no 3 p.m. radio report to Montreal. A Super Constellation near Brampton, Ont., for several hours the plane was listed as missing.

Cause Undetermined
Then the pilot of a plane operated by a subsidiary of Maritime sighted burning wreckage. A Royal Canadian Air Force plane from Trenton, Ont., dropped three parachute men at the scene. They messaged.

"There are no survivors," Maritime officials said they had "absolutely no idea of what caused the plane to crash."

Ramsay had been with Maritime two years. A Canadian Transport Department inquiry board suspended his license for six months late in 1954 after blaming him for negligence in the crash of a Trans-Canada Super Constellation near Brampton, Ont.

The Canadian Air Lines Pilots' Assn. said pilot's fatigue was responsible for that nonfatal crash. Maritime officials described Ramsay as a "good, well-trained pilot."

Father, Son Die When Plane Crashes, Explodes
GRANGEVILLE, Idaho (AP) — A Spokane man and his 11-year-old son died Saturday night when their light plane crashed and exploded at Moose Creek, deep in North Central Idaho's primitive area.

Killed were Charles D. McNeill, 43, and his son, James, who were en route to the Selway River area on a weekend fishing trip.

Witnesses said McNeill's plane apparently was caught in a crosswind as he came in for a landing in the isolated field, 100 miles east of here.

Crash Of Dutch Seaplane Snuffs Out Eight Lives
THE HAGUE (AP) — Eight persons were killed Monday when a Martin Mariner seaplane of the Royal Dutch Navy crashed shortly after takeoff from Merauke Airfield on Dutch New Guinea, the Navy Information Service said.

The dead included six crewmen and two passengers. A seventh crewman was critically injured.

The aircraft was engaged in supplying an airfield now under construction in the New Guinea jungle to serve as a center for exploration.

Washington Plumbers Get Wage Increase OK
TACOMA (AP) — The state executive board of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union approved a statewide agreement with employers Saturday. It calls for wage increases totaling 30 cents an hour by next July 1.

The agreement, which erased the threat of a statewide strike, calls for a 22-cent hourly pay hike Jan. 1, 1958, and an additional eight cents an hour next July 1. Journeymen plumbers and pipefitters now receive \$3.40 an hour.

Included in the agreement was a provision for 25 cents an hour of premium pay for all work done at heights over 35 feet.

Four Die In Dynamiting Sequel To Family Rift
YREKA, Calif. (AP) — A part-time gold miner, just off of jail on a wife-beating charge, sought to blast his wife out of existence yesterday.

He ended, said the sheriff's office, by blowing himself to bits and killing his son, daughter and son-in-law with a homemade dynamite bomb.

Wilbur Smith, 47, died instantly as his 16-year-old son, Ted, his daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Sturges, 29, and her husband Doug, 25, sought to wrest the bomb from him. They too died in the blast.

Mrs. Smith was hospitalized for shock and hysteria.

LEVITY FACT RANT
By L. F. Reizenstein

President Eisenhower's formula for combating inflation and paving the way to cutting taxes can be summarized in just two words that the average man in the street can understand—and endorse: Cut spending! All power to the poised veto axe.