

Boon To Business, Economic Conditions In County Seen In Secondary Manufacture

As a possible boon to the business and economic condition of the Douglas County area, the president of a local woods manufacturing firm visualizes a change in the local area's business status from one of a source of raw material to a secondary manufacturing center.

Bob Norton, president of Roseburg Wood Products Co., which has recently undergone expansion in manufacturing, told listeners at Tuesday's Kiwanis Club meeting at the Hotel Umpqua that "what we should shoot for is a finished product to reach the actual consumer; we should change from exclusively a raw materials source to a finished products area."

He pointed out that historically such a change has come about in centers of raw wood products in the United States and he predicted that Oregon would be the next state to take advantage of the opportunities provided by secondary manufacture.

Douglas Timber Value

Norton's plant, located at Kelley's Korner, south of Roseburg, now employs eight men in processing some one million board feet of lumber per year. In this

process, he said, the plant doubles approximately the value of the rough lumber.

The chief products of the plant are mouldings and semi-manufactured material for furniture. Even wood-waste is utilized for such things as survey stakes and most of the shipping is done to the deep South and to Los Angeles.

It is the utilization of the base and by-products of the industry to the fullest extent locally that we should strive for, Norton asserted. He observed the lack of any fabrication plants near here, but pointed out that some smaller plant secondary manufacturing is cropping out at such operations as St. Helens Wood Products which produces handles, Saar Inc. which produces wood for pencils, Oerding Forest Products, a couple of shoop plants in the area and the prefabrication of logs at Round Prairie.

At his own plant, Norton said that rough fir is used and that progress was made from the use of edgings almost exclusively to the use of moulding grade or better now. Some hardwoods are used, but principally cedar or Douglas fir.

Former Postmaster At Elkton Succumbs

Arthur Ross McDonald, of Elkton, age 68, died at Portland Veterans Hospital Monday.

Born in Tulare County, Calif., Sept. 4, 1889, he came to Elkton when he was three years old where he resided with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Price Fenley.

He was postmaster at Elkton for many years and lived in Douglas County all his life, except when he was in the service. He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the American Legion at Elkton.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Norman of Troutdale, and John of Palo Alto, Calif.; one aunt, Mrs. Ella Fenley of Oakland, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Elkton Methodist Church with Rev. Earl Fullerton officiating. Interment will follow at the Moore Cemetery in Elkton. Stearns and Little Mortuary of Oakland is in care of arrangements.

Days Creek Residence Destroyed By Fire

The Louis Gilbeaugh residence on the Upper Days Creek road was destroyed by fire Nov. 1 about 7:30 a.m.

The fire, thought to have started from an overheated stove, destroyed the two-story home in a matter of minutes with only a few items of furniture saved by loggers who stopped when they saw the flames.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ledford and the latter's father, Mr. Gilbeaugh, who resided there with their three small children, lost all their clothing and personal effects in the flames.

They are temporarily living in a small house on the J. R. Griffen place on the Days Creek Road, reports correspondent Edith Moore.

Oldest Roseburg Beauty Shop Changes Location

Roseburg's longest-established beauty shop, operated by Mrs. Ethel Oederkirk, will soon be housed in the Newland Building and will be known as the Town and Country Beauty Salon.

The shop will move its facilities from its present location at Miller's department store, Mrs. Oederkirk, who has been in the beauty shop business here for the past 16 years, is hoping to be established in the new location about Nov. 30.

She will continue to have six operators in the shop, which will be located at 400 SE Jackson St.

Former Resident Here Dies In Walla Walla

Alex E. Debolt, 66, died Monday in Walla Walla from a heart attack, according to word received here.

He was in business in Roseburg until 1940, when he moved to the Washington city.

He is survived by his wife, Ella; and four brothers, Delbert, Spokane; Dewey, Will and Jess, all of Roseburg.

Debolt, who was born in Nebraska in 1891, was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Flu Epidemic More Widespread Than World War I Hit

PORTLAND (AP)—The state Board of Health says Oregon's flu epidemic is more widespread than the one which hit the state in World War I.

The board Tuesday disclosed that Oregon had 6,585 cases of flu reported in the past week. It was an all-time high for the state.

The new cases swelled the year's total to a record 29,019. There were 28,651 cases reported in 1918, the year which formerly had the highest total.

Mark Howard of the Board of Health said only a fraction of this year's cases have been reported. The current outbreak may be at its peak, he said. Health officials, however, said they expect other waves of the disease to hit the state later this year.

To Strike Again
"We expect the disease to be back, perhaps several times, until everyone has had his chance to have it," Howard said.

The largest number of cases have been reported among high school students.

Howard said the greatest incidence last week was in Walla Walla, Jackson, Curry, Josephine, Lane and Multnomah counties.

One aspect of the disease's spread, he said, is that it appears to hit sparsely populated communities heavily for a short period.

In more populous areas, however, it lasts longer but is milder, Howard said.

The board said that even those persons who have contracted respiratory ailments this year cannot be certain they have had Asian flu.

Orientation Course Slated For VAVS

An orientation and indoctrination course for volunteer workers at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Roseburg has been scheduled for Thursday, according to Dr. R. G. St. Pierre, manager.

The program will start at 7 p.m. and last until 10. Dr. St. Pierre will welcome the volunteers and speak on "The Importance of the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service Program."

Dr. Horace G. Miller, acting director, professional services, will discuss "The Medical Service and the Volunteer."

"Social Service" will be the topic of speaker Walter Barker, chief, social work service, and Miss Helen Ellis, chief nurse, will speak on "The Nursing Service and the Conduct of the Volunteer."

Mrs. Clyde Akey of Camas Valley, chairman of the Garden Club Therapy Committee, reports that since members of the garden clubs are all inexperienced volunteers, the orientation and indoctrination course will enable all those interested to give better service at the hospital.

According to Mrs. Akey, Douglas County garden clubs have been furnishing flowers to the hospital every week for the past three months and have completed plans for special work during the Christmas season.

Tractor Catches Fire, Receives \$50 Damage

A tractor belonging to the Roseburg School District caught fire Tuesday afternoon while it was being operated at the Edenbower School and was damaged to the extent of \$50.

According to firemen from the Roseburg Rural Fire Dept., who were called to the scene, the fire was started after the sediment bowl on the carburetor broke. The blaze spread to the gas tank and burned the wiring and coil.

Firemen were called to the school at 1:45 and extinguished the blaze with chemicals. The operator had attempted to subdue the flames with foam, but ran out of spray before the fire was out.

The tractor operator was digging in an earth bank on the school grounds at the time of the fire.

Eugene Councilman's Funeral Is Thursday

Funeral services for Larry Watson, the Eugene city councilman killed in a plane crash near Harrisburg Monday, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the First Methodist Church in Eugene.

Watson was the son-in-law of Paul T. Bubar, 762 SE Chadwick St., Roseburg. His wife is the former Grace Bubar.

Three children also survive. They are Mary Ann, Martha Gay and Lawrence Marion.

BANKRUPTCY PETITION

Fred Gary Muir, Sutherlin millworker, has filed for bankruptcy in U.S. District Court, Portland, listing \$4,563.54 in debts.



INSPECTOR — Lt. Col. Boe G. Ansel, left, inspector general of Oregon National Guard units, takes a look at one of Co. D's jeeps, which mounts a 105-mm. gun. He was here on an inspection of equipment and personnel of the Roseburg unit Tuesday. First Lt. Oliver A. Durand, right, is in temporary command of the company. (Paul Jenkins)

Khrushchev Asks High Level Conference

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ing shortage would be licked in 10 to 12 years.

Khrushchev also condemned the NATO summit meeting in Paris in December which President Eisenhower, Prime Minister McMillan and other Western heads of state will attend. The Soviet chief said that meeting "promises nothing good in the cause of peace."

Khrushchev leveled a specific blast at U.S. Secretary of State Dulles, declaring: "By keeping the world on the brink of war, as Dulles put it, the imperialists are trying to make favorable conditions for the imperialist monopolies."

The Soviet leader spoke for three hours and seven minutes to 17,000 persons jamming Moscow's giant Sports Palace. His audience — which gave him a standing ovation as he entered with Red China's Mao Tse-tung — included leaders from all over the Communist world on hand for the 40th anniversary tomorrow of the Bolshevik revolution.

Bert Hazen Austin Dies In Hospital Tuesday

Bert Hazen Austin, 60, a Roseburg resident for six months, died Tuesday at a local hospital.

Born Sept. 13, 1897, at Norwood, Kan., Austin had lived most of his life in Oregon. He and Mary Helen Brock were married Aug. 6, 1921 at St. Helens.

A retired Clatskanie grocer, Austin was a member of Brookings Bible School and the Masonic Lodge of Clatskanie.

Surviving are his wife, Helen, of Roseburg; one son, Albert of Sacramento, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Patrick (Ann) Moran of Roseburg, Mrs. John (Claire) Renard of Winston, and Mrs. Walker (Betty) Mustola of Clatskanie; a sister, Mrs. Knute Johnson of Mist, and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Chapel of Roses Friday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. John Adams of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. A Masonic ritualistic service will follow. Vault interment will be in Roseburg Memorial Garden.

Douglas High Flu Cases At 44 Pct. Of Student Body

Douglas County's severest outbreak of the flu yet hit Douglas High School today with some 44 per cent of the student body reported absent from school with illness.

The epidemic proportions forced Supt. John Cox of the district there to inquire from the county health office as to the advisability of closing school.

Ordinarily, according to county health officials, they do not advise closing a school unless absences exceed more than half the student body.

The absence situation at the school has clouded the athletic picture at the school which originally called for a district championship playoff game for Friday with Glendale. Officials at Douglas agreed to inform Glendale by Thursday as to the school's status then and further plans would be made accordingly.

Douglas' 44 per cent absence rate, highest yet for any county school, meant that 232 of the school's 530 students were absent Wednesday. The toll also included 12 players off the football team.

The southern end of the county was also hit at Riddle and Canyonville which reported their highest absence count of the year today. Riddle had 23 missing and Canyonville 19.

At Glendale and Myrtle Creek, meanwhile, the epidemic had subsided with Glendale reporting "definitely over a long seige" and Myrtle Creek counting 64 absences today compared to 79 at the high school Monday.

Creswell Man Crash Victim

GRANTS PASS (AP)—A Creswell man died early Tuesday in a spectacular crash of a sports convertible on the new Highway 99 freeway near here.

The victim, Howard R. Newton, about 40, was en route to California to see a brother who was seriously ill.

A witness to the crash said the car hit upside down in a muddy ditch, bounced up, and turned over in the air before hitting the ground again more than 500 feet from where it left the highway.

In the car were groceries for his brother's family, a stock of frozen venison, and Newton's deer tag.

Survivors include the widow, a 12-year-old daughter, and a 7-year-old son at Creswell.

Radio Panels Schedule Youth Discussion Here

Adults will face teen-agers in a panel discussion tonight on a local radio station as part of Youth Progress Week.

The 7:30 broadcast over KRXL will feature adults interested in youth work talking to a panel of student body presidents from Central Douglas County high schools.

The discussion by the panels will center around problems and reactions of teen-agers to present day society. The adult panel will be made up of Julian Hellock, county juvenile officer; Charles S. Woodrich, circuit court judge; Arthur Judd, assistant superintendent of the Roseburg School District; and George Castillo, assistant editor of The News-Review.

Seven student body representatives will serve on the teen-age panel.

Sailor Returns To Jail After 5 Days' Freedom

Five days after being released from Douglas County jail to naval authorities, Joe Ester Couey, 18, was back behind Douglas bars.

The sailor from a Seattle station was sentenced Tuesday to ten days in jail for being drunk on a public highway. He was arrested by state police and was handed the jail term by Ward Watson, Sutherlin justice of the peace.

Couey had been released from the jail Oct. 31 after serving time in lieu of a \$50 fine and \$5 court costs for an Oct. 4 conviction for driving without an operator's license.

Moonwatch Teams Scan Skies For Sputnik II

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sion, starting at 8 p.m. EST. The CBS network arranged to carry it live, with others to broadcast it at later hours.

A short time before the President's changed speaking plans were announced, Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas made public plans for an investigation of American missile and satellite programs. The probe, to begin this month, will be conducted by the Senate Preparedness subcommittee which Johnson heads.

Johnson told a news conference "We are lagging in both the satellite and missile programs." But he said "There is no reason to believe we can't catch up if we apply the necessary will, power, man power and money to the problems involved."

2 State Troopers Killed; Assailant Sought In Manhunt

ELLENBER, N.C. (AP)—About 300 state highway patrol cars prowled the roads of central North Carolina today seeking a driver who shot and killed two state troopers at separate locations.

Barricades blocked major highway intersections.

The manhunt began about 8 o'clock Tuesday night when the driver of a 1957 automobile bearing Pennsylvania license plates walked from his car to a patrolman who stopped him for speeding, whipped out a pistol and shot the officer dead.

The victim was PFC. Wister Lee Reece, 39, of Rameur, N.C., a 10-year veteran trooper. The shooting took place at a speed check-point on U.S. 220.

Negro Passenger Flees

A Negro passenger in the Pennsylvania car fled when he saw the driver slip a pistol from the glove compartment and walk toward Reece. The passenger, Robert Perry Jr., 30, of Norman, N.C., was held on an open charge in a Rockingham jail, 10 miles south of here. He told police he was a hitchhiker.

An hour later near Sanford, about 50 miles away, P.C. J. T. Brown radioed that he was stopping the car on U.S. 1. Another patrolman, R. L. Gates, was ahead of the fleeing vehicle.

Shortly thereafter, Brown sent a message that he had been shot. Gates left his post and drove to assist Brown. Gates said he saw the car pass him as he drove toward Brown.

Gates found Brown lying partially in his patrol car. Brown died about 10:30 p.m. on an operating room table in a Sanford hospital.

Board Of Equalization To Attend Salem School

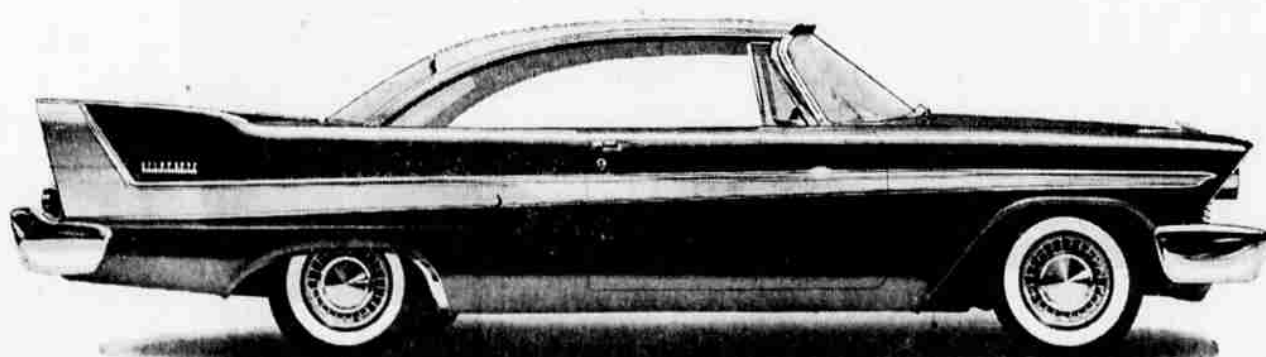
Members of the Douglas County Board of Equalization will attend the annual school for such boards to be held at Salem Thursday.

The school, conducted by the Tax Commission to acquaint board members with assessment procedures, was changed from October to this month because of the special session of the legislature and because it was felt there would be more need for instruction after the Nov. 4 organizational meetings of equalization boards.

Commissioner Huron Clough and Carl Hill left today for Salem to attend the school. The third member of the board, Harold Woolley, was unable to attend.

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