

**Timber Company May Use Trucks, If Rates Remain**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An Interstate Commerce Commission hearing on Southern Pacific Co.'s proposal to lower lumber freight rates from Oregon moved into its third day today with a warning about trucks.

E. Earl Arthur, a Weyerhaeuser

Timber Co. vice president, testified Tuesday that his firm may substitute trucks for rail cars for shipments to California if rates from Oregon are not lowered.

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**Sec. Hatfield Sees Lack Of Democrat Leadership**

BURNS (AP) — Secretary of State Mark Hatfield charged here today there was a lack of leadership from the governor's office in offering testimony at the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing in San Francisco on reduced freight rates.

"The administration has access to facts and has expert witnesses, yet it has yet to participate in the San Francisco hearings, the outcome of which means so much to Oregon, Hatfield, the Republican candidate for governor, said.

Earlier in Lakeview, Hatfield said development of Oregon "will require master plans with master follow through with the entire state's well-being in mind."

He cited the Winnemucca Highway as an example that ultimately will be a boon to the entire Oregon Coast.

Hatfield will finish a five-county swing tonight with appearances in Vale, Nyssa and Ontario.

**Warehouse, Grain Elevator Burned**

JEFFERSON (AP) — A grain and machinery warehouse and a new grain elevator were destroyed in an early morning fire here with loss estimated at up to

a quarter of a million dollars. The Marion-Linn warehouse, which Jake Gilmore had bought a year ago from the Farmers Union Cooperative, was filled with newly harvested grain, farm implements and fertilizer. Crews had worked at the elevator until 4 a.m., filling it. The fire was discovered at 5 a.m.

Gilmore said the loss in barley, wheat, oats, the machinery, supplies and the buildings would run \$700,000 to \$250,000.

The Dimmick Antenna Shop next door was damaged. TV antennas are manufactured there.

A nearby barn, owned by Harold Johnson, caught fire and was destroyed. A number of mink were in the barn but Johnson got them out safely.

**Efforts Made To Revive Popularity Of Song**

SALEM (AP) — Efforts to revive popularity and familiarity of "Oregon, My Oregon," the state's official song, got a boost from Herman D. Kenin, Portland, new president of the American Federation of Musicians.

Kenin sent Gov. Robert D. Hulmes a souvenir recording of the song as played by the Watergate Summer Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C., last month.

In a letter accompanying the recording, Kenin wrote, "This is but a small token of my deep appreciation for the cordial recognition accorded me as president of the American Federation of Musicians during the recent (Oregon Night) celebration."

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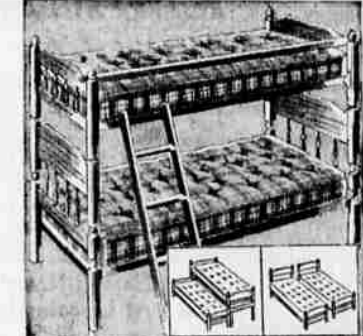
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