RECORDS OF EVERY LOG cut and hauled to Douglas County sawmills and Plywood plants are punched on cards by the above pictured tabulators at the Southern Oregon Log Scaling & Grading Bureau, 948 SE Mill St. The staff of office workers is almost doubled during busy summer months. (News-Review Staff photo).

FRANK WOODWORTH, office manager for the Southern Oregon Log Scaling & Grading Bureau, checks IBM tabulations printed in their final form from cards punched by tabulators. At rear, left, Bob Stringham operates a machine sorter of punched cards ready to go to the IBM. Gil Gillette, rear right, operating another machine sorter.

Log Scale Bureau Moves To Building At 948 Mill

One of Roseburg's lesser known but vital establishments is the Southern Oregon Log Scaling & Grading Bureau, which has a new home. It is now located at 948 SE Mill St., in the former West Coast Building Supply Co. building.

Started in 1950 and occupying offices in the Pacific Building, the bureau has been located in later years at 641 SE Floed Ave, the former Eagles Building.

The new building has adequate office space — 3,000 square feet compared to the former 1,400 — for efficient operation and future expansion, according to General Manager Ken Craig.

This building, owned by L. W. Metzger, has been redecorated inside, partitioned and air conditioned. Outside parking is provided.

Operation Not Small

While not too well known, except to those industries making extensive use of its wide services, the operation is by no means small. According to Craig, the bureau's annual payroll is around $330,000. It employs 30 log scalers year around, increased to 36 during summer months. The five-girl office staff, increased to 10 in summer, and two IBM operators are under the supervision of Office Manager Frank Woodworth.

The bureau is a non-profit organization made up of lumber and logging industry members, headed by a board of directors.

Clifford Bryden, Roseburg Lumber Co., is president for the current year; Al Keatley of Stomar Lumber Co. is vice president, and Tom Clark of National Plywood, Inc., is secretary. Directors are Fred Sohn, Sun Studs, Inc.; L. L. Burr, L. L. Burr Logging Co.; Jim Fourtner, U.S. Plywood Corp.; R. C. Grant, Martin Bros. Container & Timber Products Co.; Tom Lindbloom, Conifer Logging Co., and Jack Hogan, U.S. Forest Service.

What is the purpose of the bureau?

Provides Uniform Scale

According to Craig, it was set up to provide uniform log scaling for the industry. Most logging operations in Douglas County, two at Brookings and three at Grants Pass use the service. The bureau makes for more efficient operation than if each company handled its own scaling. It also provides uniformity and impartiality not otherwise achieved.

The bureau scales from 750 to 850 million board feet of logs annually. The year ending April 30, 1961, showed 1,960,872 logs, ranging down to six inches in diameter, scaled in the field and recorded at the office. This amounted to 748,884,000 board feet, down from the all-time record year ending April 30, 1960, of 818,792,000.

Scaling takes place on the trucks at the mills or at designated platforms for Forest Service timber sold to operators. The Forest Service accepts the bureau's scale in lieu for stumpage payments, as its timber is sold on an actual scale basis.

KEN CRAIG, general manager of the Southern Oregon Log Scaling & Grading Bureau, supervises the scaling and grading of close to 2,000,000 logs representing just short of a billion board feet cut annually by Douglas County, Grants Pass and Brookings area mills. It is a membership, non-profit operation of the logging industry.

Determine Defects

Scalers must determine defects and allow for deductions and determine the grade of each log for lumber or plywood recovery. Scalers record each log by brand, load and grade and compute footage.

From tickets turned in by the scalers to the bureau, the records are processed. It is here that machines take over. The machines have to be told what to do by means of cards punched by operators, but the intricate tabulation job is up to the machines.

As explained by Craig and Office Manager Woodworth, the tickets for each day's log scale are turned into the office, hand sorted then go to the girls who punch the cards for tabulation. After a card is punched it goes to a verifier, a repunching process to catch inaccuracies. From here the cards go to automatic sorting machines and then to the complicated IBM machine for final tabulation and recording for report.

Service Stepped Up

The bureau provides 48 - hour service, which is a far cry from the service the bureau offered when established 12 years ago. To begin with all tabulation was done by hand, using only conventional machine aids. From 13 to 14 girls filled the cramped Pacific Building quarters and the bureau was always behind a week or more in its tabulation reports.

Then IBM machines were installed. They had to be put through upstairs windows by cranes. While these cut down on the help needed, the important factor was the speed up of the reports to 48-hour service. The bureau's work has almost doubled in volume.

It also offers another service. Permanent records are kept and these are provided the member companies on request at any time as to the log scale for any given period, according to Craig.

While the bureau is busiest from April to November, the trend to keep logging operations going in winter months when possible, spreads the work more evenly throughout the year. Logging is done when weather permits at lower altitudes in winter, and high altitudes in summer. This eliminates costly colddecking at the mills.

Rose Hotel Modernization Planned

Plans to modernize the Rose Hotel in Roseburg were announced this week by Frank B. Salisbury, president of Reliance National Investors Corp., of Salt Lake City, which has acquired all the outstanding stock of Senior Citizens' Land and Development Co.

This wholly - owned subsidiary will use the name of National Foundation for Senior Citizens. Stock in the local company was exchanged for stock in the new company. The acquisition includes both the Rose and the Grand Hotel. The latter is to be operated as a senior citizens' home.

Salisbury said the modernization program for the Rose will include general improvements to better the accommodations. The work is contemplated in the very near future. The hotel underwent considerable renovation and improvement a year ago when acquired by the Senior Citizens' Land and Development Co.

Other Associates

Associated with Salisbury in the enterprise will be H. R. Raddon, head of Pacific Sew Co. in Portland, who accompanied him to Roseburg this week to look over the properties.

Giles H. Florence, Denver, one of the founders of Senior Citizens, will continue as a stockholder in the new firm and will be in charge of arranging for life leases at the Grand and at other hotels which Reliance Investors plans to acquire.

Ron Landess, who managed the Miles Hotel in Salt Lake City, acquired recently, has been moved to Roseburg to manage the Rose Hotel. Nettie Hallcraft is the assistant manager.

Harry Bryant, former manager, has been named public relations director with Reliance National Life Insurance Co., the parent company headed by Salisbury.

Others associated with Salisbury are his son, Richard F., of Salt Lake, vice president and director of Reliance; Doyle D. Gill, director of agencies, and James L. Barker Jr., legal counsel and director.

Retain Stock Interest

Dr. Harvey Kring, who headed Senior Citizens, contractor Jack Mathis and other investors in the local firm retain stock in the new company.

Salisbury said he was very well pleased with progress on the Grand, which will be renamed the Grand Manor. It is scheduled for completion in time for occupancy by mid-August. Facilities then will be leased, with the total lease cost to be pro-rated over a ten-year period.

The blast damaged five-story building is one of the few remaining to be rehabilitated. The damage from the Aug. 7, 1959, explosion was so devastating that the interior of the hotel is having to be almost completely rebuilt. Partitions moved by the force had to be torn out and replaced. Codes required that old-style plumbing and electrical wiring all had to be replaced with modern equipment. Fire escapes had to be arranged for. An added safety factor is the installation of a complete sprinkling system to flood the building in case of fire. Other safety precautions to conform with the fire code have been complied with.

Up until now the principal work on the building has been the tearing out of the damaged portions and replacing them with new structures, including installing of plumbing and wiring. Now finishing of the rooms is started as sheet rock is being installed, and bathrooms tiled.

Salisbury in his report to the board of directors of Reliance said: "It is indeed gratifying to be able to report to you that these negotiations have been completed and that we will be entering a field of endeavor which is so rewarding from a public service standpoint."

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Salisbury's Rise In Business From Slow Start Phenominal

Frank B. Salisbury, who heads the company which took over the Rose and Grand hotels in Roseburg, is an Oregon native who has worked his way up from a humble beginning to the presidency of a $40 million insurance firm. He also heads an investment firm.

Salisbury is president, general manager and holds controling interest in Reliance National Life Insurance Co. and its subsidiary Reliance National Investors Corp., both of Salt Lake City, Utah. He also is president of National Foundation for Senior Citizens, a wholly-owned subsidiary, which will operate the Rose as a hotel and the Grand as a senior citizens residence.

To Buy Other Hotels

The latter company recently purchased the Miles Hotel in Salt Lake City and the Hoover Hotel at Whittier. Salisbury announced that plans call for the purchase of other hotels throughout the nation to be converted to senior citizens homes with exchange privileges for the tenants.

Salisbury was born in La Grande, Oregon, a descendent of early Mormon pioneers, raised on a homestead and worked his way through school. When he was 10 years old, his father became blind and Frank was only able to attend school part time to assist in making a living for the large family of which he was the eldest child.

He has done many jobs, working as a farmer, painter, fruit warehouse foreman, auto mechanic—running tractors and locomotives on highways and railroads—laboring on railroad section gangs in logging camps, fighting fires and other jobs.

Worked Way Up

In his early twenties he became a manager for Standard Oil Co., later moving to the Hoover Vacuum Cleaner Co. as sales and service manager and then to the Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co. as sales manager.

He entered the insurance business then, advancing to Northwest regional sales manager for Reserve Life Insurance Co. He was then appointed director of agencies for the Professional & Business Men's Life Insurance Co.

In 1954 Salisbury founded the Reliance National Life Insurance Co. The growth of Reliance has been almost phenominal. As of Jan. 1, 1962 it lists assets of $3,267,748, liabilities of $2,419,304 and capital of $3,267,748. Life insurance in force for the company is listed at $40,277,348. The company operates in 13 states.

Reliance National Investors Corp. was established two years ago.

Business Scene

By Leroy B. Inman

METAL ROOFING was being put on the above pictured garage building, which Bernard A. Young is erecting on NE Diamond Lake Blvd. on Deer Creek just west of the Jackson St. triangle. The block constructed building is being put up by contractor James & Stritzke. Early completion of the building is announced. (Chris' Studio).

Assumed Names Are Filed With County Clerk

Assumed business names have been filed with the Douglas County Clerk for the following businesses.

Barney Oldfield Construction Co., contract building and repair by Earl Bryan Oldfield, 1800 NW Mulholland.

Reedsport Bakery, bakery and snack bar, by Melvin E. and Wilfred E. Moen, Reedsport.

Pfeiffer's Boat Rentals, by Mary Ellen Pfeiffer, Gardiner.

Luard Kennels, dog kennels by Howard Austin, 891 NW Black.

Wayne E. Hobblar, doing business as Petherick Insurance Agency general insurance, Box 617 Sutherlin.

Sullivan Wholesale, Inc., wood products sales, by R. L. Sullivan, 96 Winchester and Ted E. Shultz, 44 Winchester. Shultz has also filed a retirement for Utility Finance.

Green Acres Ranch, by Bertha D. Stockfisch and G. H. Harrell, Rt. 2, Roseburg, and Richard H. Harrell, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Mel Products Co., selling and manufacturing of miscellaneous products, Cecil and Goldie E. Maney, 652 SE Parrott St., and David E. and Helen E. Lindblade, 3410 Hooker Rd.

A & W Restaurant, restaurant at Reedsport, by Charles H. and Ruth M. Moss, Florence. Retirement filed for the business by Theodore B. Hansen.

Local Group Forms Corporation For Machine Research

A group of California and Oregon businessmen have organized an Oregon corporation known as A. V. Grimaldi Research Labs, Inc., for developing, manufacturing and operating certain electronic machinery for various industrial purposes.

The group is headed by George N. Kuhn, owner of Winston Model Market, Clyde E. Rash of El Sobrante, Calif., and A. V. Grimaldi of Gold Beach. Headquarters have been established in Gold Beach.

One of the first projects upon which the company is working is an electronic rare earth and mineral operator, the principal purpose of which is to replace flotation cells and other separation processes.

The pilot model of the first project is built and operating and the next step is the construction of a large commercial sized machine. The company feels the machine can be of tremendous benefit to areas where there are large amounts of low grade ores, of many minerals and considerable diffused rare earth.

Osepian Building Station And Cafe In Azalea Area

Sam Osepian, proprietor of the Azalea General Store, has torn down most of an old garage building adjacent to the main highway and an access road to the old Highway 99 at Azalea. He has started erecting a new cafe and Chevron gas service station there.

A part of the old building is being left temporarily for a tool shed. An old barn on the property is also being torn down to make the new business more visible from the main highway, reports Mrs. Gerald B. Fox, Glendale correspondent.

The cafe building will be 30 by 30 feet, with an overhang on the north end to give an arbor effect. Tables will be set underneath for outside dining. The frame, modern-style building will make extensive use of large windows. A small section of the building will be used as an office for the gas station. A canopy will extend over the pumps.

The building is set about 60 feet back from the right of way to the main highway for ample parking and maneuvering of vehicles on and off the highway.

U.S. PLYWOOD SIGN — The above pictured sign recently was erected at Diamond Lake Blvd. and Rifle Range Rd. intersection directing the way to the plant about four blocks north on Rifle Range Rd. (Chris' Studio).

Richie's Drive In Sold To Eugene People

Don Hurley and Ed Nelson this week announced the sale of their business, Richie's Drive In to Mr. and Mrs. George Powers of Eugene.

The Powers and their three children have moved to Roseburg and plan to purchase a home here, they said. Powers formerly operated a restaurant in Eugene but recently has been in the building contracting business.

Hurley and Nelson built the Drive-In, located at 2011 NE Stephens St., 12 years ago. Except for about two years of that time they have operated the business themselves. Powers plans to operate the business on a similar schedule and basis to that in the past.

The former owners said they have no immediate plans but hope to continue living in Roseburg.

Riddle Manufacturing Sawmill Opens Monday

The Riddle Manufacturing Co. is resuming operations next week when the Keystone sawmill starts Monday, April 23, on a two-shift basis. The sawmill has been down since the middle of last November.

The planing mill in Riddle will begin operating next Wednesday, with a single shift. This plant has been closed since Feb. 15 reports Erma Best, Riddle correspondent.

WCA Announces Flight Changes

West Coast Airlines has announced the following schedules will go into effect April 29 for the Roseburg area, according to Leroy E. Scott, resident manager.

Flight 700 (F-27) from San Francisco and intermediate cities will depart Roseburg at 10 a.m. with stops at North Bend, Eugene, Corvallis Portland, Olympia, Seattle and Port Angeles.

Flight 315 (DC-3) from Seattle and intermediate cities will terminate in Roseburg at 1:03 p.m.

Flight 322 (DC-3) will originate in Roseburg at 2:15 p.m. with stops at North Bend, Corvallis, Salem, Portland, Astoria, Hoquiam and Seattle.

Flight 727 (F-27) from Port Angeles and intermediate cities will depart Roseburg at 7:45 p.m. with stops at Medford, Klamath Falls, Sacramento and San Francisco. Further information or reservations may be made by calling West Coast or Lewis Travel Service, said Scott.

Johnson Will Conduct Class In Real Estate

Ragnor O. Johnson, former real estate commissioner, will conduct the lecture for the certificate class for real estate brokers and salesmen from Douglas County at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, in the Trade and Industry section, Roseburg High School.

His topic will be "Mortgage Guaranty Financing." The lectures, sponsored by the Oregon real Estate Department, led to an award of a certificate in real estate and an invitation to membership in Rho Epsilon Kappa, a professional honorary society.

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