

Business — Scene

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OSU Wood Pole Study Could Save Industry Millions Yearly

A \$20 billion investment in 100 million wood poles carrying telephone and power transmission lines throughout the United States today represents a continuing maintenance challenge to industry and wood scientists.

Oregon State University's Forest Research Laboratory is now conducting a two-year study aimed at finding easy and economical methods of inspecting poles now in use and treating those which are unsound. Robert D. Graham, associate professor of wood products is in charge.

The challenges facing industry and wood scientists are how to treat poles before installation in the ground for longer life; how to determine whether poles in use are free from decay; add how to extend the life of poles that contain decay.

The average life of poles is about 30 years. Since the replacement cost is high, industry has a great interest in extending the useful life of each pole.

The average cost to industry when a pole is replaced runs from about \$100 for a 40-foot pole to \$750 for a 70-foot pole. Occasionally, replacement costs for a single pole may exceed \$1,000.

The current OSU study is being financed by Oregon industry under a \$20,000 grant. Co-operating with the Forest Research Laboratory are Bonneville Power Administration, Pacific Power and Light Company, Portland General Electric Company and the Northwest Public Power Association. Consumers Power Inc., Corvallis, also has an interest in the study.

In Oregon, there are an estimated 1 million poles. Most poles in the Pacific Northwest are made from western red cedar and Douglas fir. Studies of these poles in use have shown little deterioration of the

preservative-treated zone in these species.

Wood scientists at OSU have been working to identify the decay fungi which destroy poles. Fungi lack the ability to manufacture their own food. The fungi must rely on breaking down the cell walls of wood into substances which can be used as food. This produces the brown and white rot so familiar to decayed wood.

Also under study is the pattern of decay in Northwest woods. The scientists also want to find a simple method of detecting decay in poles already in use. Serious decayed poles can be discovered by sounding and by boring into the pole.

Up to now, most methods of determining decay quickly and accurately in the wood poles have been confined to the use of boring devices. Ultra sonic energy and various chemical methods to reveal the internal condition of poles are now being studied at Oregon State. Researchers hope to eventually produce a simple device which can be used by field workers to quickly and inexpensively determine pole condition.

One of the chief concerns in pole preservation is the splitting of the wood as the pole dries out and seasons. These cracks which extend beyond the treated zone into the heartwood are called "checks" and have been found to be the most important factor contributing to the pole's eventual decay.

Properly seasoned and treated small poles seldom develop these "checks" but large poles are difficult to season to prevent this splitting.

Preservative techniques on poles now in use are now also being expanded at the OSU Forest Research Laboratory. Out-side treating of poles seems to be effective but much study still needs to be done on internal decay.

Payne To Be Mill Manager For International Paper

Thomas C. Payne will become mill manager upon completion of construction of International Paper Co.'s new pulp and paper mill at Gardiner, announced George T. Ward, executive vice president - manufacturing.

Payne has served as manager of construction of the Gardiner mill since work began in June, 1962. The mill is designed to produce 100,000 tons annually of linerboard, corrugating medium, and unbleached Kraft bag and wrapping paper, and is expected



THOMAS C. PAYNE
paper plant manager

to commence production early in 1964.

A graduate of Auburn University, Auburn, Ala., Payne joined International Paper in 1940 at

the Camden, Ark., mill. He had been named plant engineer at the Camden mill when he was transferred in 1947 to Panama City, Fla., to head Construction Department for the pulp mill there. Since that time he has been assigned in various engineering or construction capacities of various mills of International Paper's Southern Kraft Division. In 1954 he directed installation of the No. 3 paper machine at the LaTouche, Quebec, mill of Canadian International Paper Co.

Al Laurie Will Open Electronics Business

Al Laurie, a recent arrival in Sutherlin announces he is opening an electronics engineering business in that town and will be located in the building which formerly housed a jewelry store next door to the Sutherlin Hotel.

Laurie and his wife, who will help him in the business, came to Sutherlin about four months ago from southern California, where he was employed by Riverside Cement Co. at Oro Grande. He said he had worked for the Bureau of Standards for four years.

He said he will specialize in electronic repairs for plywood plants, but will handle any accounts, large or small, on a night and day, seven-day week basis.

Two New Motels Planned For Roseburg Area



TYPICAL OF THE CROWDS that flocked to the new Roseburg Plaza during its grand opening Tuesday is the picture above taken of the interior of the new Pay Less Drug Store. The million and a half dollar shopping center was opened for business, making another big step forward in the redevelopment of downtown business areas damaged severely by Roseburg's blast of Aug. 7, 1959. (News-Review photo)



EARLY OPENING is scheduled for the above pictured Enco Service Station, which the Humble Oil Co. is constructing on W. Harvard Ave. at W. Freeway. This will be the second Roseburg Enco station of the company, which made its start in Oregon about three years ago. Building permit issued was for \$15,000 (News-Review photo)

Ward's Store Offers New Customer Service

A new customer service to make shopping easier and more efficient has been announced for the local Montgomery Ward store by Manager E. C. Nolte.

"Plus Service" cashier booths, fully staffed by full-time operators opened Monday at four locations throughout the store to provide customers more rapid cashier and wrapping service for both charge and cash purchases, said Nolte. The system gives sales personnel more time to advise customers on merchandise.

Koehler Named By Evans Co.

Peter H. Koehler has been named assistant to Emory Moore, vice president of Evans Products Co. and general manager of the firm's building materials division. He takes over duties immediately at Evans' Portland headquarters.

Prior to this appointment, Koehler was general manager of Multnomah Plywood Corp., Portland. Earlier he was vice president and general manager of Coastal Veneer Co., Crescent City, Calif., and was associated with M & M Woodworking, Portland, as assistant manager of the plywood products division and as assistant general manager of the firm's Eureka, Calif., plant.

In his new position, he will be concerned chiefly with the operation of Evans-owned plywood mills at Roseburg and at Aberdeen, Wash., Missoula, Mont., and Vancouver, B.C. Evans building materials division also operates a hardwood plant at Corvallis and a pre-finished plywood paneling plant in Memphis, Tenn.

Winston 4-Hers Receive Awards

Awards were presented to members of the Winston 4-H Club by Frank von Borstel, county 4-H agent, at a meeting held recently at the home of the group's leader, Mrs. Katherine Cory.

Included in the awards were those presented by Sears Roebuck and National Medals sponsored by the Allis-Chalmers Co. A special trophy, first year, was presented to Sharon Vie and a five-year award and Gold Award of Clover went to Peter McCord. A total of 14 other awards for various lengths of activity were made. Jeanie Patrick was the recipient of a five-year award.

During the business meeting a nominating committee was appointed to report at the Dec. 2 meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Cory.

For the program, slides were shown of Douglas County field crops and livestock.

HOW ABOUT KHRUSHCHEV?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Never fear little Ivan, wipe away your tears Natasha, you still can visit Disneyland.

The State Department said recently that the new travel restrictions for Russian and Eastern European diplomats and officials did not apply to the city of Anaheim, Calif. Disneyland is in Anaheim.

Accused Spies Denied Bail

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Accused Soviet spy Igor Ivanov and his alleged American accomplice were refused bail by a three-judge federal appeals court Thursday despite a Russian guarantee that Ivanov would appear for his trial.

Ivanov, described as a chauffeur for the Soviet Trade Agency in New York, and John Butenko, 28, of Orange, N. J., an electronic engineer who had access to U. S. defense secrets, were arrested Oct. 29 at the Englewood, N.J., railroad station. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents arrested the pair after Butenko allegedly gave Ivanov a brief case containing Air Force documents.

Chief U. S. Circuit Judge John Biggs said that it appeared "unusual" for the Russian government to intervene on behalf of a Russian citizen who was listed only as a chauffeur.

The Soviet guarantee came from the Russian Embassy in Washington. Nicholas G. Reemchenko, First Secretary of the embassy, testified Ivanov would be under the embassy's supervision.

Assistant U. S. Atty. Sanford Jaffe of Newark, N.J., told the court that bail should be denied Ivanov because there were no assurances Ivanov would not be permitted to return to Russia.

Forty Influenza Cases Reported In Douglas

During the week ending Nov. 9, Douglas County had a total of 40 reported cases of influenza.

Highest figure in the state was reported from Portland, where 78 were recorded. Among the counties, the highest figure was recorded in Polk County where 50 were listed.

The total number for the state was 613, slightly above the same week last year.

Other contagious diseases found in the county were three of measles and one of staphylococcus infection.

So far this year, the county has had 17 cases of infectious hepatitis and seven of tuberculosis.

CHICAGO (UPI) — A communications scientist said today the American pay check may become extinct.

Joseph W. Halina of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., Paramus, N.J., told the National Automation Conference that automation techniques eventually will include the wage earners' weekly check.

"The average wage earner may never need to handle his check," he said, "or, if he does, it will be a confirming copy, possibly to show to his wife."

The Roseburg vicinity will have two more motels, with a total of 101 units and representing an investment of approximately \$600,000 within the next several months.

Chuck Collins of Collins Construction Co. has taken out a building permit for \$275,000 with Douglas County for construction of a 61-unit motel to be located adjacent to the Garden Valley Shopping Center.

Interests representing Travelodge Motel is to be erected in Roseburg sometime after the first of the year, it has been learned here following sale of property by the Roseburg Church of Christ to interests representing the lodge.

Travelodge Interest Buys Church Of Christ Property

John York, the church's pastor, said the property at the west end of the Oak Avenue Bridge on which the present church is located, has been sold to George Gage of California, formerly of Portland.

Gage, it is understood, will own the land and erect the motel to Travelodge specifications, then will lease the motel to that firm. A manager, who, it is understood, will have an interest in the business, will be designated for its operation.

In addition to the church property at 311 W. Harvard, Gage has purchased the Byron G. Wilson home property at 325 W. Military, which abuts that of the church. This takes in all the land from the bridge up to the Standard Oil Co. service station on the south side of the street.

County Lists New Building At \$340,141

Thirteen new dwellings, a new church building and two new commercial buildings combine to form the bulk of building permits issued in the total sum of \$340,141 issued by the County Planning Commission during October, according to the report of James E. Slatery, coordinator.

The commercial buildings include a structure to house a new drug store, beauty parlor and barber shop in the Garden Valley Shopping Center. The permit was for \$59,430.

Also located in the shopping center, to the rear and to the west of the Drive 'N' Save Market is a warehouse, value listed at \$20,000 to serve as storage for the market.

Aaron Rose Prophecy Told In Magazine

"The Prophecy of Aaron Rose" is the title of an article appearing in the current issue of Cascades, magazine of Pacific Northwest Bell. It is illustrated with a 1 1/2 page picture in color of a section of the North Umpqua River.

The article opens with: "This is the story of a river, a man and a town. Perhaps they could be dealt with separately, but each would lose a little without the others."

The article tells briefly of the coming of Aaron Rose from the forests of Michigan to the Oregon Territory "in search of a new life." It tells of his coming to the North Umpqua River, finding the fishing good, the Indians friendly, and the valley fertile. It was September 1851.

The article sketches briefly how Rose, "a good host and a convincing talker," founded the town on Deer Creek, which bears his name—Roseburg. Fulfilling the prophecy of Rose, Roseburg became the southern terminus of the railroad and by 1883 half a million pounds of wool and 128,000 bushels of grain were shipped from this town annually. Roseburg became the center of commerce for this area.

The remainder of the article relates to present day Douglas County, "Timber Capital of the World," and its present day resources, its scenic attractions and its "banana belt" climate.

Baker Man Killed

BAKER (UPI) — Sam J. Elskamp, 66, Baker, was injured fatally Thursday night when he was struck by a car on a city street.

lodge have purchased the Church of Christ and adjoining property and will erect a 40-unit motel at the west end of the Oak Avenue Bridge, starting about the first of the year.

Starts Construction

Collins already has started construction of the foundation and is ready to start erection of the walls of his motel, which he is building on property purchased from the Garden Valley Shopping Center. The location is just east of the Tom Tom Restaurant and will about the access road leading from Interstate Highway 5 onto Garden Valley Blvd. at the interchange.

It will be another step toward over-all plans of the Garden Valley Shopping Center developers toward making a complete center at this location. The announcement comes on the heels of construction of a building on the west side of the parking area for a new drug store, and a large warehouse building for Drive 'N' Save Market.

The motel, said Collins, will consist of 61 units, which will be of one and two-bed sizes, and include also a honeymoon suite and executive suite. In addition there will be a single story office with living quarters containing 1,200 square feet.

Rustic Design

The design will be a frontier type, of frame construction with shake roof and rustic siding. It will consist of two stories, and will have some laundry facilities.

Also included will be a swim pool, oval in shape, containing about 940 square feet and heated.

Entrance will be both from the parking area of the shopping center and from a road leading north from Garden Valley Blvd. along side the Tom Tom Restaurant.

Collins stated the motel should be completed by early spring. While he will own the land and motel, he will hire a manager for its operation. He said he will start taking applications in about six weeks for a manager and other employees.

While the permit was for \$275,000, this, he said, is for the building, exclusive of land and furnishings. He said furnishings will cost another \$70,000.

Oregon Liquor Control Actions Are Reported

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission reports the following actions:

Grant on applications for new outlet, Richard Sommer of Hillcrest Vineyard, Route 8, Box 1372, Roseburg, for Farmers Winery, with sanitary recommendation.

Grant on application for greater privilege, Albert Strain, The Turn Around, 1023 NE Stephens, Roseburg, dispenser, class B.

Action on violation matters, James & Margaret Wauford, 99 tavern, Winston, seven days suspension starting Nov. 19, also a letter of warning, for licensee.

Permittee Joan Roberson, 99 Tavern, Winston, 15 days suspension beginning Nov. 19, and letter of warning to Ruth Paine, same location.

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