

Lumber Production Tops Last Year

PORTLAND-(Special)— Douglas fir sawmills saw their unfilled order files in August slide downward almost 100 million feet below July totals and at the same time inventories crept up to 1,053,000,000 board feet, highest for the year.

Production, orders and shipments for the first eight months of the year were almost identical, said Harris E. Smith, secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

The lumber executive said production for the fir region of 7,060,585,000 board feet through August was 392 million feet over the same period last year, but slightly lower than the record output for 1951. Orders and shipments both topped last year, he said, although shipments did lag behind 1951 totals to date.

The weekly average of West Coast lumber production in August was 190,480,000 board feet, or 100.3% of the 1948-52 average. Orders averaged 164,956,000 board feet; shipments 186,817,000 board feet; weekly averages for July were: production 166,217,000 b.f.; 87.5% of the 1948-52 average; orders 176,204,000 b.f.; shipments 167,616,000 b.f.

Eight months of 1953 cumulative production 7,060,585,000 b.f.; eight months of 1952, 6,668,612,000 b.f.; eight months of 1951, 7,067,514,000 b.f.

Orders for eight months of 1953 breakdown as follows: Rail and truck 4,804,511,000 b.f.; domestic cargo 1,503,674,000 b.f.; export 345,883,000 b.f.; local 315,207,000 b.f.

The industry's unfilled order file stood at 786,461,000 b.f. at the end of August, gross stocks at 1,053,474,000 b.f.

Fighting Dog Bites Police Chief

Police Chief William Brown had a hand badly lacerated by a dog bite last Saturday.

Bill's hand was bitten as he attempted to separate two fighting dogs in front of the Pine Cone theatre. The dogs were fighting near a line of juvenile matinee goers, and Bill feared that one of them might be bitten.

The dog bit Bill's hand in two places, inflicting deep wounds. Dr. Paul Ronniger treated the hand, and gave Bill anti-tetanus shots.

The dog is being kept under observation, although there is no indication of rabies.

Harbor Petitions Sent Ellsworth

Petitions carrying the names of over 350 patrons of the Harbor post office were sent to Congressman Ellsworth last week by Mrs. Lois Peterson, vice-chairman of the county Republican committee and leader of the effort to retain the post office at Harbor.

More signatures can be secured if necessary, according to Mrs. Peterson. The people of Harbor feel that there would be no economy effected by the move if rural routes are established, and they would receive their mail a day later than they now get it. Nothing more has been heard from the Post Office department on the matter of consolidation at this time.

WINS AT STATE

Mary Kenyon, 11 years old, was awarded a white ribbon at the 4-H exhibit at the State Fair in Salem. Her entry was vanilla drop cookies. Mary is the daughter of Roy Kenyon and a member of Fay Standhurst's 4-H club, "The Tastier Cooks."

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