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THERE HAS BEEN SOME CHANGES MADE.....

If you are real observant, you might have noticed that there has been some changes made in ye old Pilot this week. It is, as a matter of fact different in a lot of ways. We hope it meets with your approval. The following is by way of explanation.

It has been our goal, since we have been publishing the Pilot to give the people of the area a newspaper to which they can point to with pride. It has been our desire to print a paper which would be second to none in the state for a city of this size.

Frankly, while we have been proud of certain accomplishments in the past two and a half years, we haven't felt that we have improved the paper to the degree which we know that we can--and it hasn't been through a lack of time, effort, or e

been through a lack of time, effort or determination

We are, in this issue, instituting a complete new process. Not only is it new to us, but it is new to this entire section of Oregon. Only four newspapers in the entire state are now printing their papers by this method. This new process is called photo offset, and eliminates to a major degree the use of metal, and uses instead a pot of paste, a scissors, a special camera, platemaker, and a new press.

We have spent some weeks in making a study of this offset business. We have traveled practically the width of the country in an effort to visit the most modern plants now using the method. We are buying some of the most o

method. We are buying some of the most modern equipment available anywhere, and nobody in Southern Oregon has anything like it. All because we want desperately to give you a newspaper that you can pick up, read and enjoy.

As with any new machinery and with any new method there are bound to be a few "bugs" to iron out. We are going to ask you to bear with us for a few weeks until we can get things under control. We don't feel that we are asking too much there, because we remember warmly how graciously you people accepted a couple of greenhorns fresh out of Wisconsin a few years back.

Like kids with a new toy, we are bursting with enthusiasm. We would like you to stop in at the Pilot office in the next few weeks, and we'll be more than happy to show you what we have and what we expect to get shortly in the way of machinery.

Again, we feel that we are at last making definite strides in our mission—of giving you the best in a newspaper.

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Mrs. Jane Graves of Centralia, Wash. is here to spend several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Bailey and family.

LIGHTING A BIRTHDAY CANDLE is Helen Hedberg. The cake was in celebration for the birthday of the National Education Association. A party was held Thursday night in conjunction with the P. T. A. meeting. Helping Miss Hedberg is Phylliss Cole, left, Doris Shuey, and Joanne Renhard. Pilot Photo

GREEVES ATTENDS SOIL SCHOOL

Donald C. Greeves of The Soil Conservation Service office in Gold Beach has just returned from four weeks of special training at the Western training center in San Luis Obispo. The school is conducted by the Soil Conservation Service and is located on the campus of the California State Polytechnic College.

Among the special courses covered were soils, agronomy, biology and other phases of soil, water and wildlife conservation. There were 23 employees from six western states and Hawaii as well as an Indonesian Government official taking the course during this session.

LUMBER PRICES CONTINUE UPWARD

Crow's Lumber Price Index took another upward jump Thursday compared to two weeks ago, with the industry average up 67 cents. The green fir portion of the Index rose $1.36, the biggest increase since the Index was started last September.

Most of the gain in prices occurred last week. This wk. the market has been moving along on a plateau. There was no change in the dry Fir segment of the index, the increases having come in green Fir and Western Pine species.

Studs (2x4-8') are showing the most strength in green fir and plank and timber also strong. In Ponderosa Pine the No. 3 common 12-inch boards continue to lead in market strength. Dry White fir dimension (framing lumber) has gone ahead pricewise, accounting for much rise in the Pine section of the index.

Net change two weeks
Industry average up .67
Green Fir up 1.36
Dry Fir no change
WPA species up .28
Net change 12 months
Industry av. down 12.45
Green Fir down 12.52
Dry Fir down 4.96
WPA species down 14.44

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