



MIAMI—Yep, the girls in Miami, Fla., are—pardon the pun—stocking up on hosiery. Seems the latest fad is opera length stocking for beach wear, as shown by Jean Stuart at Matheson Hammock Park. The girls claim the hosiery "contains" the flesh, smoothing out the bumps and making legs nicer to look at. (AP Wirephoto)

NW Plywood Industry Said Endangered

PORTLAND (UP)—An increase in imports of cheaply-made foreign plywood poses a serious threat to the Douglas fir plywood industry of the Pacific Northwest, Charles Fox of Portland, president of Cascades Plywood Corporation, says.

Fox said according to U. S. Census Bureau figures imports of plywood for the first quarter of 1954 were 42 per cent over those of the last quarter of 1953.

At least 300-million square feet of foreign plywood will be dumped in U. S. markets in 1954 at a delivered price below what it costs the industry to produce Douglas fir plywood, Fox said.

The Northwest plywood executive said cheap labor which the U. S. Embassy in Tokyo estimates as low as 11 cents an hour for Japanese plywood workers give foreign plywood manufacturers an unfair competitive advantage over Douglas fir plywood workers whose hourly wages average \$2.09.

Death Claims Ex-Siuslaw River Captain

MAPLETON (UP)—William Robert Bernhardt, 92, who skippered the steamer Lillian up the Siuslaw River from Florence to Seaton, the head of tidewater, more than a half century ago, died at his son's home here.

He moved to Florence in 1884 and was thought to have been the first captain on the Siuslaw. Later he turned to deepwater and for 46 years sailed the oceans as a marine engineer.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Luella Wilson of North Bend, and these sons: Lee and Kintzlaw of Reedsport, Ray of Bremerton, Howard of Beaverton, Edward of Gardiner and Robert of Mapleton.

Senators Plan Coast-to-Coast Housing Hearings

WASHINGTON (UP)—A cross-country tour seeking further evidence of alleged housing irregularities was projected here by the Senate Banking Committee.

Taking a breather in its public probe of profits to builders from FHA-insured loans which exceed actual costs, the committee tentatively agreed on a new schedule of coast-to-coast hearings and asked another \$150,000 to continue its work.

Chairman Capehart (R-Ind) said he does not see any end to the spreading investigation, and predicted the inquiry may run into 1955.

The Senate, which voted the committee \$150,000 in April to start its study, must pass on the group's request for another appropriation of the same size.

The committee said it does not plan, at this time, to include a Pacific Northwest stop on its cross-country tour.

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