

## Oregon Pulp to Close Sawmill

### To Cut Off 135 Jobs; Retail Store, Millwork Division to Remain Open

Oregon Pulp & Paper Co. will close its Salem lumber division June 30, and the shutdown may be permanent. This will put 135 employees out of work and close out a payroll of nearly \$50,000 a month, it was confirmed Thursday by E. A. Linden, resident manager of the lumber division.

But the millwork division and retail store will continue in full operation, and the shutdown will not affect operations at the pulp mill, Linden said.

Altogether Oregon Pulp has been employing nearly 600 and has had annual payrolls of about \$4,000,000 for its combined Salem operations.

Shutdown of the sawmill was ordered by Oregon Pulp top officials after long consideration, declared Linden. He said these are the principal reasons:

1. Logs are in short supply. Logging got off to late start this year because of the weather. Mill hasn't caught up since last year's long strike cut off log supply.

2. "What few logs are available are so high-priced it's impossible to manufacture lumber and sell it in a successful operation."

3. Government timber auctions have pushed prices very high.

4. Logging areas are becoming more remote from Salem mills, as center of logging industry has moved south to the Roseburg region. Long hauls make logs more costly.

Manager Linden said the sawmill equipment would be maintained here, "probably a year or two anyway so we can see if the business picture changes any." He added a Corvallis mill has shut down for similar reasons and some other valley mills are considering reduced operations.

Receive Notice  
The 135 sawmill employees received notice Thursday from Oregon Pulp that their jobs here would end June 30.

Linden said the labor supply hasn't been particularly tight. But he expected most of the mill workers would find jobs in the Salem area. Many of them are highly skilled workers who have been with the OP&P sawmill here for some time.

Linden, who started with the former Spaulding Logging Co. in 1907, will continue to be manager of the retail operation and the millwork division which employ 80 to 100 persons.

To Buy All on Outside  
The millwork operation already buys 60 per cent of its lumber supply on the outside and now will buy all of it, said Linden.

Window and door frame and trim products are shipped to many Eastern states, jobbed to dealers throughout the Northwest and made specially for large construction jobs on which Oregon Pulp has contracts.

The sawmill, after a 10-year shutdown, was revived in 1942 by Oregon Pulp & Paper. Recently it has been cutting an average of 160,000 board feet a day, all yellow fir.

The pulp mill uses mostly hemlock logs or fir chips. Company log trucks will continue to operate to serve its needs.

The seating space was filled tightly with chairs, accommodating around 150 persons, and few were vacant. Television and news-reel cameras were posted at the rear, sound recorders at the side. The buzz of conversation (Continued on editorial page, 4)

## Clean Streets Hampered by City Dumpers

Spring gardening and lawn cleanup has been giving the city street cleaning department a bad time, Foreman Marion Gant reported Thursday.

Street cleaning is behind schedule because so many city residents have been dumping lawn clippings, hedge trimmings and debris piles in the street. This is illegal.

"We just can't keep streets clean the way the people want them, with all that dumping," said Gant. He thought it worse this year than before, but added that Salem householders have always cooperated when the matter was brought to their attention.

Said City Engineer J. H. Davis, "We have had cooperation in the past and never have had to take any legal action either. It would be expensive for the city to put on an extra street cleaning crew just because some residents are dumping in the streets."

## Cloudy Skies, Rain Predicted

Salem area will have mostly cloudy skies with light rain today, clearing to partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, according to McNary field weathermen.

There will be little change in temperature, with a high today near 65, a low tonight near 40.

At northern Oregon beaches skies will be cloudy this morning and partly sunny this afternoon. There will be westerly winds ranging from 8 to 15 miles an hour and a temperature range of 45-55.

## Animal Crackers

BY WARREN GOODRICH  
He has a sort of rakish look—like he was combed with a rake.

## Diamond Lake Road to Open

The West Diamond Lake highway will be open at 4 p.m. Friday, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock announced Thursday.

Baldock said that heavy late snows is delaying the opening of other highways.

He predicted that McKenzie highway would open in about three weeks.

The Mount Hood Loop highway will be blown open about June 15, while the north and east entrances to Crater Lake should be cleared around July 4.

## Curry County Fire Controlled

Oregon's biggest forest fire this year was controlled Thursday after burning 280 acres of slashings on the Chetco River in southern Curry County.

The state forestry department reported that the fire has been trailed.

It said the fire spread from a burning sawdust pile. Damage was not reported.

## New Oil Well Bombarbs City in California

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Downtown Huntington Beach was bombarded for seven hours Thursday by flying oil, mud and rocks when an oil well came in suddenly.

A crew managed to cap the seven-inch casing which blew out with a whoosh and forced nearly 300 residents from a trailer court about 3 a. m.

No injuries were reported. The Standard Oil Co. well was being redrilled when the bore struck a gas pocket. Members of the drilling crew dashed to safety as slime and rocks rained about them.

## Dancing Used as Part of Treatment at Mental Institutions



Taking part in a musical therapy outdoor dance program Thursday at the State Hospital was the Fairview Home delegation above doing a square dance. In the left background are several hundred inmates, many of whom later joined in a gigantic "bunny hop" dance on the hospital tennis court. Shown sitting at the piano are Tom Larson (left), and Paul Ackerman (right), musical therapists from Willamette University, who assisted with the program. (Statesman photo.) (Story and additional photos on page 8, sec. 4.)

## Released Pilot Railroad Car Shortage Acute, Survey Shows

Western Oregon's annual rail car shortage is more severe and developed earlier than usual, a survey indicated Thursday.

Seriousness of the situation was confirmed by lumber, cannery, grain and seed shippers and the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Late Wednesday Charles Heltzel, Oregon public utilities commissioner, signed an emergency order requiring railroads to put shippers on a quota basis to assure equitable distribution of available cars. He also scheduled a conference for June 10 at Eugene to discuss the problem.

Worse Than Usual  
Thursday R. U. Bronson, chairman of the Shippers Car Supply Committee, said at Eugene that the situation is worse than usual and threatens to become much more serious.

Bronson, whose committee one year sued Southern Pacific over the shortage, said Eugene area lumber mills are getting no more than 25 to 30 per cent of the cars they need. He added that there is talk of cutting lumber production.

Must Cut Output  
A lumber industry spokesman at Roseburg said mills may have to start reducing their outputs within a week because of the car shortage. A Southern Pacific representative said it is possible to meet only 50 per cent of the demand for lumber cars.

The lumber spokesman said several factors are responsible for the early, acute shortage. There have been heavy grain shipments to make storage space for the new crop, he added, and lumber shipments are running well above those of last year.

## Scramble for Uranium Sites Draws Horde

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP)—Hordes of prospectors seeking a uranium bonanza headed into the rocky Sierra Nevada Thursday to scramble for claims when an ore-rich area is thrown open Friday.

With them, ready to deal swiftly with any disorder, went 75 armed sheriff's deputies. They will patrol about an hour back.

The scene is Kern River Canyon, a winding, steep-sloped gash in the towering Sierra. The area to be opened is near Miracle Springs, 40 miles east of this San Joaquin Valley community.

Mostly on the canyon slope, its boundaries are roughly 2 1/2 by 3 miles, its area 2,914 acres.

Within this rectangle an estimated 3,000 ore hunters are expected to be poised by the 10 a. m. opening Friday to race to stake claims.

The site is the scene of California's richest uranium strike to date. But it has been ruled that the claims of the two firms which had it staked are not valid. This is because the land has been withdrawn from mining entry for more than 30 years as a power reserve.

The two firms, Kergon and Miracle, have done development work and have stockpiled ore hoping their claims would be recognized by the federal government when the area was opened. But they weren't, and now it's first come, first served.

## Portland Area Virtually Out of Fresh Milk

PORTLAND (AP)—This metropolitan area's seven cities were virtually out of fresh milk Thursday as dairies and their AFL employees remained deadlocked in a contract dispute.

No negotiations were scheduled. The union Wednesday went on strike against Mayflower Distributors, a Dairy Co-operative Assn. affiliate. Then other members of the Portland Milk Distributors' Assn., saying a strike against one is a strike against all, locked out their employees and closed up at the end of the day.

Union drivers responded by voting Thursday night not to go back to work until they had been paid lost time by the firms that locked them out.

There was little fresh milk left in grocery stores Thursday and the demand grew for powdered milk, which was being produced on a 24-hour basis by some plants.

Little Help  
Small dairies supplied a trickle of fluid milk but it was little help in a market where Portland, alone, normally uses 318,000 quarts daily.

Only one dairy—Green Acres at Hillsboro—was in operation in Washington County, west of Portland. Other cities hit by the dispute were Vancouver, Wash., Beaverton, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Gresham and Oregon City.

William Lubersky, spokesman for the dairies, said hospitals were getting milk from storage supplies but that he didn't know how long these would last.

Switch to Cocoa  
Portland public schools, which usually consume 15,000 half pints daily in their lunch program, switched to cocoa made with powdered milk. These also used an orange concentrate.

It was not known whether the federal subsidy, requiring that each meal include a half-pint of milk, would be cut off from the schools. Waiver of the requirement was asked by school officials.

The dispute is whether management can change work schedules without union approval.

## St. Paul Rodeo Queen Coronation Dante Set

ST. PAUL—The annual St. Paul Rodeo Queen coronation dance will be held at the city hall on Friday night, June 10, dance committee chairman Willie Richardson said. At the dance, to start at 9:30 p. m., a Rodeo Queen will be selected.

## Italian, Russ Talks Held

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov and Italian Ambassador Mario Distefano Thursday night discussed improvement of relations between their countries and means of relaxing world tensions.

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## Ford Offers To Provide Jobless Pay

DETROIT (AP)—The Ford Motor Co. Thursday was reported to have accepted in principle the CIO United Auto Workers Union demand that industry continue part pay to employes when they are out of work.

That is the key point in the revolutionary guaranteed annual wage plan which the UAW is pressing on Ford and General Motors under a strike threat next week.

The union has announced it intends to insist on the year-around pay plan throughout the auto industry and other CIO unions are making the same demand in other major mass-production industries.

The Detroit News said it learned from a high union official that Ford had offered a \$5 million dollar, three-year "job security" fund that would be "unprecedented in industry."

It appears to represent some of the thinking of both Ford's previous "partnership in prosperity" offer and the union's guaranteed annual wage plan," the News said.

"It accepts the principle of providing for a Ford employe while he is out of work—the principle on which UAW President Walter P. Reuther insists."

\$130 Monthly  
A fund of \$5 million dollars built up over three years would mean that the company would contribute approximately \$130 monthly toward the fund for each of Ford's 140,000 workers.

The Detroit Free-Press reported Thursday night the Ford offer would provide company-paid benefits supplementing state payments for a maximum 26 weeks, or half a year. The paper said the offer "perhaps could be termed a guaranteed 'semi-annual' wage," instead of a guaranteed annual wage as the UAW is asking.

60-65% of Normal  
It was also reported that the combined state and company jobless payments would aggregate 60 to 65 per cent of a worker's normal "take-home" pay, or the amount he gets in his paycheck after tax and other deductions. The UAW has asked for approximately 90 per cent of "take-home" pay as jobless benefit.

Possible strikes faced Ford on Monday and GM on Tuesday but it was generally believed only one of the giant auto firms would be singled out for any strike action.

## Woman Sits By Dynamite, Halts Project

STURGEON BAY, Wis. (AP)—Mrs. Victor Baker, 50, halted progress on a highway relocation project for nearly 17 hours by sitting next to a charge of dynamite until she got her money from the state Thursday.

A blasting crew had placed a charge on Mrs. Baker's property Wednesday afternoon. When the men were ready to detonate the charge, Mrs. Baker rushed out of her house and sat down next to the dynamite.

She claimed that the state still owed her \$1,500 on \$4,000 coming to her. The money was in payment for the right of way across the property.

Dor County Sheriff Ernest Glanzer was called and he tried to persuade Mrs. Baker to leave but, Glanzer said, he was powerless since the property belonged to Mrs. Baker and her husband.

As evening set in Mrs. Baker was joined by her husband and the two sat through the night in their car which was parked near the charge. The blasting crew stayed on during the night too, in the event that the Bakers would give up.

The stalemate came to an end when the \$1,500 check arrived in Thursday's mail.

## Grandma Doss Gets Life for Killing Mates

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Grandma Nannie Doss' gamble on a guilty plea paid off Thursday as she was given life imprisonment for the murder of one of the four husbands she confessed killing with rat poison.

District Judge Elmer Adams' only other choice for her punishment was death in the electric chair.

And to have made her the first woman to draw the supreme penalty in Oklahoma, the judge said, would have set a "poor precedent."

"This court has never heard of a woman being put to death for any crime in Oklahoma," Adams said. "It may happen some day... and the people of this state would very reluctantly see such come to pass."

## Coos Bay Lad Dies in Pond

COOS BAY (AP)—An 11-year-old boy drowned in an unused mill pond at nearby Bunker Hill Thursday while playing on rafts with another boy.

Dennis Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Frank of Bunker Hill, went under after a raft tilted when he and Stephen Thorne, 11, got on it.

A passerby, Lawrence Marcott, jumped in and rescued young Thorne, but could not find young Frank. Two other persons also joined in diving for the boy, but he was not found until 30 minutes later. Resuscitation failed.

## New Salem-Mehama Highway to Take Out Curves, Bypass Towns



This Oregon Highway Department map shows the proposed new highway (heavy black line) to be constructed soon between Salem and Mehama. Rights of way for the new road, which will cut through virgin farming areas and will by-pass most towns, are now being acquired, the highway department reported this week. A small portion of the new route extending from Airport Road in East Salem to tie-in with the existing highway near Four Corners (at left on map) will be open to traffic this summer. The rest of the road will not be completed for several years. It is hoped that grading of a section between Sublimity and Mehama (where it will connect with the already-completed new Santiam Highway) may be let later this year. The new route will measure 19.23 miles in length, compared with 22 miles in the existing road. Hearings for towns of Sublimity, Stayton and Aumsville, which will be by-passed by the new road, were held last fall.