

Retail Lumber Supply Eased

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) reasons also help to explain the lack of millwork items, doors, windows, mouldings and similar products. One builder questioned a statement by Wilson Wyatt, national housing expediter, who said that building material lines now are experiencing their highest production. He suggested that if this production is a fact, the matter is not being channelled properly, since little of it is reaching vital housing construction. Perhaps, he venturing, it is being stockpiled

for eventual construction of prefabricated housing for shipment to overseas points and to such areas of this country as will use this type of housing. All Items Scarce Lumber, except for the finished products, has not been very high on the list of critical materials here, it is indicated. Overshadowing it are practically all other items needed for building, including cement, plumbing fixtures, glass, nails, plaster and rock lath. Contractors have been forced to turn down applications of many would-be home-builders because these materials are not to be had. Commercial building is hitting snags in obtaining reinforcement iron and steel sash, required by the building code. One builder said that the only way to obtain the difficult materials is by a never-ceasing hunt, possible on individual projects, but prohibitive for contractors with a large number of jobs on hand. When obtainable, these items usually are in small lots only, probably enough for just one house. Many builders are turning to boards for battling for siding and using plywood for exteriors. Little Hope Seen Very little hope is held out for immediate easing of the situation. More and more housing projects are being held up at a time when need never has been so great. The demand has been building up since as far back as 1929. The vicious circle is completed in this area, where the housing shortage is keeping out the workers needed for production of building materials. Particularly hard-hit are the veterans, for whom the government building program is supposed to be aimed. Many veterans trying to build their own homes are finding it necessary to scour the countryside for everything from the ground up, and innumerable houses are sitting uncompleted because of some small item.

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German Winter Rations Will Be Increased
LONDON—(AP)—John B. Hynd said Wednesday the United States and Britain would raise the basic food ration in their zones in Germany to 1500 calories per person daily during the coming winter, "whatever the cost." Hynd, as chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, is the Attlee cabinet minister responsible for conditions of the British occupation of Germany. He told a news conference the food situation in the British zone still was critical.

Young Girl Fire Heroine

Twelve-year-old Darlene Owens critically burned by exploding coal-oil, braved the searing pain to rescue two small children from a burning home destroyed Tuesday night. Darlene was employed at the home of Loren E. Foote, Rt. 3, Junction City, to look after the two children while their mother worked in the bean fields. At 6 p.m. the girl was starting a kitchen fire with coal-oil when it exploded, igniting a box of matches in her hand and covering her with burning oil. The girl doused herself with a nearby bucket of water. Then, despite severe burns on her head, arms and body, she ran around the house to where the children, one two years old and the other four months, were sleeping in a bedroom. Ira Foote, their grandfather, reported they would have died in the fire, which destroyed the house within a few minutes, if Darlene had not rescued them. Neither child was injured but Darlene is in a Eugene hospital as an office patient. She received first-aid treatment from a Harrisburg doctor before being brought to Eugene Wednesday morning. She was reported badly burned but not in dangerous condition.

Note to Reds Hits Demand

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) The American note, however, did set its seal of "general agreement" on three of the Soviet proposals, namely: "1. The straits should be always open to the passage of merchant ships of all countries. "2. The straits should be always open to the passage of warships of the Black Sea powers. "3. Passage through the straits for warships not belonging to the Black Sea powers shall not be permitted except in cases specially provided for." The Coast Guard maintains the world's largest fireboat fleet.

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Flood Control Meeting Topic

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) things desired. Everyone had assumed, they said, that the Jasper unit was part of the general project but discussions Tuesday disclosed to them that it is separate and will require a separate appropriation. Study May Help A study will be made on rectifying this situation, Morse and Ellsworth said. Elmo Chase, former member of the Willamette River Basin Commission, suggested that when the Army Engineers make a report near the first of the year on a survey of the Willamette project, the time will be opportune to have the Jasper unit included in the general project. Ivan Oakes, engineer-analyst for the commission, also pointed out that a similar attempt can be made when the next authorization bill is considered. Rep. Ellsworth, calling the House appropriations committee a tight, hard-fisted body, declared the Oregon delegation was lucky to get as much in appropriations as it did obtain for the Dorena and Meridian projects. "If the President wants to cut expenditures and would first cut down outlays on obviously unnecessary things at Washington, then we would take reductions on these dams in good grace," Ellsworth said. "But we don't have many votes in the West and so we take a cut. However, I've had no word that he's cut down anywhere on unnecessary spending." Asks Bid Approval Morse disclosed that on Tuesday he wired Director John Steelman of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, backing a position of local flood control leaders, urging that Army Engineers be authorized to advertise for bids on the \$525,000 Willamette River channel improvement project so that when the moratorium is over, contracts for the channel work can be awarded at once. Ellsworth and Sen. Guy Cordón were complimented highly by Morse for their work on behalf of the project, while both Ellsworth and Morse paid tribute to Dodson for his work on behalf of Oregon projects. Dodson told the group the future of the area west of the Rocky Mountains is dependent largely on water "and we in the Northwest have more than anybody. The Willamette Valley project should bring this area the greatest prosperity any part of this region has ever had." Several speakers stressed the fact that time is the important factor, and Dorris declared that in the next flood the Willamette River is likely to take a short cut through Springfield. Delay Termed Fatal Dr. A. T. Oberg, chairman of the Eugene Chamber's flood control committee, warned that on such projects as the Meridian Dam it will not be possible to speed up work later to make up for lost time, because work must be done in units and the second cannot start until the first is completed. He also called attention to the fact that 20 miles of Southern Pacific roadbed must be relocated and that it will take many months of settling before the new one can be used. "We want to see that when the moratorium ends, the Dorena and Meridian projects are in the lead-headed row," he declared. Others at the gathering included County Judge Clinton Hurd, Commissioners Allen Wheeler and Walter Holland, Carl Robertson of the Eugene Fruit Growers Assn., Mayor Earl L. McNitt, City Manager Deane Seeger, Manager Fred Knox of the Eugene Producers Public Market, Manager Clark Van Fleet of the Willamette Valley Wood Chemical Co., Manager Ray Boals of the Eugene Water Board, Fred Hills, lumberman of the Jasper area, Ernest Skinner, supporter of the Jasper river project, Manager Fred M. Brenne of the Chamber, Treasurer C. E. McLean of the Chamber, Clarence Hyde, realtor, and Charles Edwards, chairman of the irrigation subcommittee of the Willamette Valley Project Committee in Lane County.

Americans Who Served Hitler Will Be Tried

NUERNBERG, Germany—(AP)—Three Americans who broadcast for Germany have been judged sane and will be sent to the United States to face trial as traitors, U. S. Atty. Gen. Tom Clark said Wednesday. He did not name them. Only one of the original ten indicted for treason—the aged poet Ezra Pound, who broadcast for Mussolini—has reached the United States. He has been adjudged insane but the treason count still stands should he regain his mentality, Clark said. Napoleon left correspondence unanswered six weeks in the expectation most of it would answer itself by then.

Action Taken to Free Shipyard Pipe Stockpiles

PORTLAND—(AP)—Shortage of pipe needed to complete houses while millions of feet are stockpiled at Vancouver and Portland shipyards but not yet turned over to the War Assets Administration was reported to a Veterans' Advisory Committee here. The committee, meeting for the first time Tuesday, will write the Federal Housing Administration and Maritime Commission officials in an effort to release the pipe. George L. Sandy, representing the State Department of Veterans' Affairs, said the state's colleges have turned down 6100 applicants because of lack of housing. Shortage of pipe is the principal reason for the lack, he said.

GAMBLING RAIDS

PORTLAND—(AP)—Continuing their raids on alleged gambling centers, city police arrested seven men for being behind barred doors Tuesday night, bringing the week's total to 140.

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