

Oyster-opening Machine Gentle—But So Efficient

ASBURY PARK, N. J.—(AP)—Oh, shucks, a new revolutionary type oyster opening machine has been introduced to the industry.

LeRoy Schneider, Leonia, N. J., a former oyster plant brand packer, and Dr. Herbert F. Prytheuch, technologist at the fish and wildlife service laboratories at Beaufort, N. C., said it could open 1,500 bushels in a normal day's operation. They perfected the machine.

"We claim our new device will cut labor overhead losses by 50 percent," Schneider said. "It will not damage the oysters, either."

"It is simple to operate and anyone of average intelligence can become a good shucker in two or three days."

The machine was shown at the annual joint convention of the Oyster Growers and Dealers Association of North America, the National Shellfisheries Association and the Oyster Institute of North America.

It is made of seven circular metal tubes with rotating discs in the bottom capable of rotating the oyster from the entrance until its final exit as a properly opened seafood.

During the operation it cleans the shell, takes off all the sharp edges, and then slightly opens the oyster to a regulated size which is so finely done that if the oyster is not shucked within five or six hours, it will close up again.

After leaving the machine, the

oysters are immersed in chlorinated water, which acts as a narcotic keeping them open for five or six hours. The machine also prevents grit or dirt from entering the shell, the inventors said.

The machine can be regulated to handle any kind or type of oyster shell and is 6x16 in size.

The inventors plan to go into production in the very near future, they said.

Strikers Vote To Continue

SEATTLE—(AP)—Some 8,000 Aero-Mechanics Union members voted unanimously to continue their 65-day-old strike against the Boeing Airplane Company during a mass meeting held here Wednesday night.

The union voted also to support foremen in their fight for recognition of Lodge 1750. The foremen are out on a sympathy strike with nearly 15,000 Aero-mechanics.

Harold Gibson, president of the union, told the cheering crowd not to go back to their jobs.

"Labor often determines its own rules," Gibson said, apparently referring to U. S. District Judge John C. Bowen's recent refusal to issue an injunction forcing the Boeing company to negotiate with the union.

Union members booed a reference to the teamster's union (AFL) which reportedly is trying to gain bargaining powers for the strikers.

"The Taft-Hartley act is new," Gibson stated. "No one knows yet what it means. After 13 years, they are still trying to interpret the Wagner act."

Gibson said he and other union officials negotiated with the company more than 26 months before walking out.

MARITAL TEAMWORK

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Unger of Rochester, N. Y., were graduated simultaneously from Springfield College.



(NEA Telephone) Tomoya "Matsubai" Kawakita (above), California-born Japanese, is shown entering a Los Angeles courtroom where he is on trial for treason. He is accused of torturing U. S. prisoners in a Japanese P. W. camp. He was recognized by an ex-sergeant who notified the FBI.

Electricians' Strike Settled

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The union reached an agreement with the National Electrical Contractors Assn providing for the one per cent contribution by employers belonging to the association.

Not Affiliated

Lane County contractors not affiliated with the national organization. One of the local contractors' contentions had been that they were not represented in the administration of the pension fund which does include representation by the national association.

Separate contracts were signed between the union and each employer, including those affiliated with the Lane County Electrical Contractors Assn. and the independent operators.

Wages Settled

A new wage scale was also a point of contention in the beginning, but in April the union reported that the contractors had accepted a \$2 scale, leaving only the pension fund as a major issue.

An election was held April 27, under the auspices of the state labor commissioner and on the request of the contractors, to determine whether the strike should be terminated.

Didn't Accept

The vote of the workers favored the contractors, 44 to 3, but since most of the union electricians were on strike and did not participate in the balloting, the union ignored the result.

Contract area covered by the electricians local includes Harney, Lake, Klamath, Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, and parts of Tillamook and Lane Counties.

The union reported that 75 per cent of the contractors in the above area had accepted a new amended contract last December. Members of the Lane County Electrical Assn. participated in the negotiations, according to the union, but terms acceptable to both the Lane contractors and the union were not reached until now.

Oregon Woods Need Selling

Engineering in wood as carried out by Timber Structures in Eugene was described to the Lions Club Wednesday noon by Ralph Fulbright, manager, who expressed the opinion the Oregon woods need only a selling job.

Experiments which during the war resulted in providing essential, special structures for the services are continuing at a type of timber structure which eliminates joists is being used to construct school roofs, Fulbright said.

The speaker also told the Lions of "off-the-record" structures now being constructed for a government agency.

"Wood is no longer something to nail together," Fulbright observed, but is being accepted as an engineering material." In this connection he advised the businessmen to foster proper use of wood and "save our forests."

Use of specially treated timber affords building owners a lesser insurance rate per thousand than steel, according to Fulbright, who noted "we can take 100 per cent in fact overload."

The largest building in the world was built of timber structures, according to the speaker, who told of 13 blimp hangars built during the war which were large enough "to play six standard football games in with adequate seating capacity."

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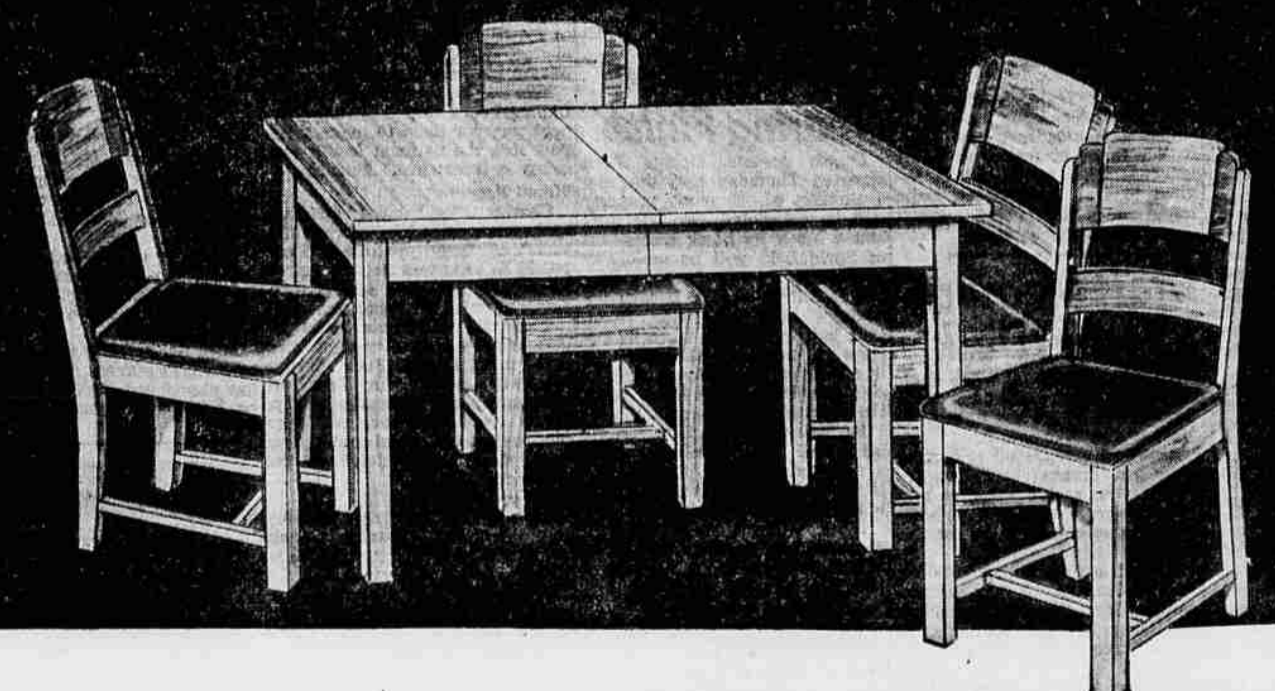
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