

Logs Fall Off Train

Alex Carpenter, 48, of Westfir, was in Sacred Heart Hospital Wednesday following a logging accident in which he was crushed by logs falling off a train. The accident occurred Tuesday morning. Witnesses at the scene reported the logs pinned Carpenter against another train car. His condition was reported as "fair" at Sacred Heart Wednesday morning, but his doctor could not be reached to tell the extent of his injuries. Carpenter is employed by the Hines Lumber Co. as a brakeman on their logging train at Westfir.

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Plywood Trade Cuts Production

The plywood industry of the Pacific Northwest, faced with increased buyer resistance, curtailed production during the second quarter of 1949, according to the Department of Commerce's quarterly review of economic conditions.

Production during April fell seven per cent below April of last year, and May production is estimated at 153.5 million square feet. This is two per cent above production in May of 1948.

Reports of June production are not available, but newspaper accounts indicate some restrictions on production because of market conditions.

New Plants
(The current level of production of plywood represents a decreasing proportion of the capacity of the industry because of the completion of several new plants in the area this year.)

The plywood market continued weak during the second quarter, with unofficial reports indicating price declines of nearly 50 per cent from last year's level. The decline has been most severe for interior grades, industry stocks of which are nearly three times as great as a year ago.

Logging Suspended
Logging operations in the district have been suspended by most plywood firms, in order to reduce log stocks accumulated during the past year at a relatively high cost.

At the end of May, log stocks held by the industry were estimated at 216.4 million feet log scale, sufficient for nearly three months operation at the May rate of consumption.

Present plywood log prices are from \$20-\$30 below last year's level.

Memorial—

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anyway," Collins sighed. "I have just about lived my life—I'm content."

The Englishman said he had done most of his traveling on foot. "I don't mind walking," Collins remarked as he gave "Matilda"—now a close friend—a pat on its long-eared head. "I always seem to get where I'm going."

"You know, it's funny," Collins grinned, "but there is one place in the Northwest I haven't seen—the Pacific Ocean. I've been up and down Western Oregon several times and never have seen the darn thing—maybe next year."

Relatives All Dead
Collins said he didn't think he had any living relatives. "They're probably all dead. I left England such a long time ago. I haven't heard a word in 50 years."

Collins has never married.

The daily treks of Collins and Matilda along Springfield streets "ala 48er style" should stimulate citizen contributions for completion of the community center. Of course, the old man won't be here for completion of the building—he says goodbye to Springfield, its citizens, and Matilda Friday.

Where is he going? You guessed it—California, but not because he expects to "strike it rich." Collins just wants to get "on the move" again.

When Collins leaves town, one thing will be pretty sure—he will have little or no money in his pockets. "I've been broke many times," he said, "but somehow I always get along."

Fernpickers Set Meeting

Fernpickers, who have been picketing fern buying plants in this area, will report at 8 p. m. Friday at a meeting of the Evergreen Producers' Assn., in the Veterans Memorial Bldg.

The association, an independent union of fern pickers, says that the price paid for ferns has dropped to 8 cents a bunch, which the association says is "not a living wage." Last summer's price, they assert, was "a constant 12 cents."

The pickers seek to gain a contract with the fern buyers, and to work out a system of year-round employment and unemployment compensation.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, fair Wednesday night and Thursday except for cloudiness Thursday morning. Little change in temperature.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Tuesday, 78 degrees; low Wednesday, 50 degrees; no rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a. m.; total for month, .08 inch; normal for month, .46 inch; stage of river at 7:30 a. m., minus 2.70 feet; wind at 11:30 a. m., West 3, prevailing Tuesday, West 7.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST):
Thursday, 5:19 a. m. and 7:12 p. m.
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Improved Electric Service Going Into Mahlon Sweet

Construction to improve electric service to Mahlon Sweet Airport will be jointly financed by the Eugene Water & Electric Board and the federal government through the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

This was explained Wednesday by Earl W. Snyder, city airport manager, after announcement by the CAA that a federal allocation of \$8654 has been made for the project.

Snyder said the plan is for replacement of Mt. States Co. service to the field. The private

power company originally planned to serve airport installation only on a temporary basis. He added, and is in full support of the proposed change.

Up to 56 Per cent

The federal funds may be used to cover up to 56 per cent of the project cost. The Eugene municipal utilities system will pay the remaining cost following a policy that such services extensions will return adequate annual revenues to justify them.

Snyder explained that the project is not to remove hazardous power lines near the airport, but merely to provide a more dependable electrical supply. Mt. States, he said, serves a number of industrial customers on the same lines that have carried power to the airport. At times, especially in the winter months, these industrial operations have led to overloads on the lines and resulting outages.

With many of the airport's electronic safety devices involved, Snyder added, the dependability of power service is an important factor.

The airport manager also reported that a \$26,540 federal allocation has been made for support of runway repaving and drainage work at the Eugene Airport, the city's smaller field located on West Eleventh.

Although city funds were budgeted this year to match federal money for this work on the 56-44 per cent basis, the city council has held up such expenditure until determination of a master plan for the further development of both city airports.

At present, Snyder noted, Eighteenth Ave. has been opened across the north end of the airport as a detour route while a bridge is replaced over the Amazon Creek at Chamber St. At least until this route is located, or plans for the airport improvement modified and altered, the terms of the CAA allocation cannot be met.

Federal aid funds during the 1948-49 fiscal year provided \$11,200 for assistance in constructing additional parking and taxi strips at Mahlon Sweet Field.

Pen Sentence Given Thief

Frank LeRoy Rector, Jr., 33, who came to Eugene and asked to sleep in the county jail, was given lodging for not more than two years Wednesday when he was sentenced to the penitentiary for burglary not in a dwelling.

Rector pleaded guilty in circuit court to an information accusing him of breaking and entering the Salvation Army offices at 719 Pearl St., Aug. 10, and stealing a musical instrument.

He said he had come to town broke, wanted to sleep in the jail, but was refused because of lack of room. He then went to the Salvation Army quarters where he stole a horn, took it to Salem, and was arrested after he sold the horn there.

In passing sentence, Circuit Judge William G. East considered the fact that Rector had a previous burglary conviction in California.

Juvenile Group Sets Meeting

The Juvenile Detention Committee will meet at 8 p. m. Thursday in Judge William East's chambers in the county courthouse.

W. R. Lynch of the Eugene Eagles will report on his observations on detention facilities he inspected in the Los Angeles, Calif., area on a recent trip.

The committee is interested in obtaining a juvenile detention home for Lane County. Several sites are being considered.

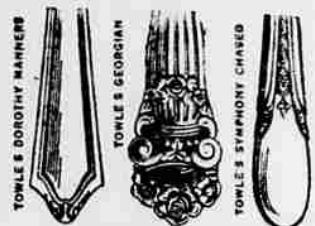
BARBER HAS CLOSE SHAVE
NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—(AP)—Peter Standish appeared as a witness for his barber, Joseph A. Robert, 71, accused of drunkenness and drunken driving. Robert was acquitted when Standish testified "he couldn't have been drunk. Just 30 minutes before he gave me a shave."

Trouble Comes All at Once

PORTLAND—(AP)—Raymond E. Barringer hit the climax of trouble when, rushing his sister-in-law to the hospital ahead of the stork, his car wiring short-circuited and burst into flame.

Except that he burned his hands

trying to beat the fire out, he turned out happily, none the wiser. A fire truck came and the flames. Two passing patrolmen up the sister-in-law, Mr. Hawthorne, and rushed to hospital. To cap it all, the stork as much of a tale as Hawthorne's paw still been born.



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