

Oregon Lumbermen Ask ICC for Relief In Railroad Car Shortage Crisis

A group of Oregon lumbermen have taken steps to petition the Interstate Commerce Commission to order relief in the "annual shortage" of freight cars on the Southern Pacific railroad, according to the Oct. 6 issue of Crow's Lumber Digest, Portland.

The plan was outlined at a meeting in Roseburg recently which was called by the transportation committee of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce. The Western Forest Industries Assn. cooperated.

Finances Raised
R. J. Titus, executive vice-president of the association, said it is hoped that \$10,000 can be raised by October 15 to finance the program. Contributions and pledges to date total more than \$8000.

The proposal met with unanimous support of the Roseburg meeting, Titus reported, and a Shippers Car Supply Committee has been appointed to carry on the work. Earl Plummer of the Roseburg Lumber Co. will head the group, and an executive committee will be selected later.

The committee's program will involve three steps:
"1. Filing a formal complaint requesting the ICC to investigate

the situation and offering specific evidence that during certain periods of almost every year the Southern Pacific fails to supply sufficient cars to meet requirements. This complaint would be filed in the names of 100 or more shippers—not by any particular group or association.

"2. Presentation of evidence that during the shortage periods cars are available on competing lines in Oregon, on SP lines in other states and on the connecting lines north, east and south of Oregon.

"3. Requesting the ICC to issue orders which would improve the car supply on SP lines in Oregon. These orders, for example, might require connecting lines to give the SP an empty car for each loaded car received from the latter. They might provide also, that when SP is unable to give cars to shippers as requested, the shippers would be permitted to order cars from connecting lines with the understanding that the loaded car would be routed so as to give the supplying line the long haul."

Chance for Success
The WFLA statement declares that "consultation with traffic counselors and attorneys indicates that such a case would have an

excellent chance of success—it would injure no one and a solution would benefit both shippers and carriers."

Others on the committee which is canvassing shippers in the Western Oregon area include Fred L. Thompson, Drain-Yoncalla; Sidney Leiken, Oakland-Sutherland; Maurice Hallmark, Roseburg and north; Dick Bronson, Roseburg, south to Winston; H. M. Waterston, Myrtle Creek-Canyonville. Committee head Plummer is responsible for the Dillard area.

Rails Defended
Edwin Brady, Portland traffic

Riverside Ready For Cycle Riots

RIVERSIDE, Cal. — Police Chief J. A. Bennett declares he has confidential information that a group of "outlaws from motorcycle clubs" plan to stage another rampage here similar to last year's Fourth of July riot.

At a two-day motorcycle race last year, some of the more than 3000 cyclists entered in the event terrorized the downtown section in a drunken demonstration.

Bennett said he would have his entire force readied for this year's one-day motorcycle race scheduled for Nov. 13.

"We did a pretty good job last year, and this year we have nightsticks," Bennett told a meeting of the Police and Fire Commission.

"That's right," added Mayor William C. Evans, "maybe it will help things if any troublemakers get a few broken noses."

Grover Suffers Hurts In Truck Collision

COTTAGE GROVE — Robert Gierau suffered severe bruises in a car-truck collision on the highway east of town Tuesday. Gierau was driving his car west when he collided with a logging truck driven by Jim Thrasher. The driver of the car was thrown out at the impact. The car was badly damaged.

Fall From Cliff Injures Couple

PORTLAND — Falls down the rocky face of a 285-foot monolith in the Columbia gorge put two climbers in a hospital here late Tuesday.

Badly bruised but not seriously hurt were Joseph A. Amicarella and his wife, Shirley Jean, both 23, of Portland. A companion, Sherman McClure, 23, also of Portland, suffered a leg injury. He had managed to cling to the face of Rooster Rock when boulders cascaded amid the three climbers.

The married couple plunged an estimated 150 feet before their drop was broken by ledges.

A sheriff's party reached Amicarella, who weighs 200 pounds, and his wife and lowered them from the ledges in wire rescue baskets.

Regaining consciousness in the ambulance, Amicarella said "something hit me on the head—that's all I know." His wife, however, explained her husband was hit by a falling rock. His fall snapped their safety rope and tore her grip on the sheer wall they were ascending.

The plight of the three was discovered by a motorist, Mrs. May Lawrence Bigler of Hood River. She noticed the falling rock and saw the young couple fall.

American Indians, long before the arrival of the colonists, prized oysters as a delicacy.

Student Office Gets New Assistants

In order to be of greater assistance to freshmen and transfer students, two new counselors for men have been added to the staff of the office of student affairs, Dr. Vergil S. Foggall, director, has announced.

They are Roy Babcock, formerly a counselor in McChesney Hall, and Alfred L. Ellingson, former president of Campbell Club and vice-president of the senior class.

They replace Cyrus E. Anderson, who has accepted a position as assistant professor of education at the University of Florida, and Ray Hawk, who is now assistant professor of education and director of teacher training at Southern Oregon College of Education.

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No-Shift Ready For Ford, Chev

DETROIT — (AP) — The Ford Motor Co. announces that fully automatic transmissions will be available for Ford and Mercury cars by next July or August.

The no-shift device will be optional equipment at additional cost of not more than \$150. The transmission, which combines a hydraulic torque converter, was developed by Ford and Borg-Warner Corp., pioneer in automatic shifting.

The transmissions will be built by the Warner gear division of Borg-Warner at Muncie, Ind., and by Ford at an unannounced location.

Ernest Breech, Ford executive vice-president, said the no-shift device will probably be available on Mercury cars first as it will take a while to get into volume production.

Chevrolet reportedly is ready with its own version of a no-shift transmission. Automatic transmissions heretofore have been reserved for the more high priced cars.

Open House Friday At University YMCA

The YMCA at the University of Oregon will sponsor an open house Friday night from 8 to 12 at the campus YM house.

Dancing, games, and refreshments will be featured. The YM hopes to make the open house a weekly entertainment, Mrs. Clara Moore, secretary, said.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Communications Commission has denied Video Broadcasting Co., of Portland, any more time to complete construction on television station KTVU.

A commission spokesman explained that since the completion time has passed, the company will not be able to build the station through a new proceeding. The commission will order the company to permit the completion of the station.

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