

Lane Loggers May Be Using English Cranes

Eugene to Supply Heel Room Adapter

The Pacific Northwest logging industry may soon be using a new type of crane. The team work of Europe's large mobile crane company and a Eugene manufacturing firm.

Details of the plan were revealed this week when Eric Steel, of the vast Coles Crane firm of Sunderland, England, conferred with Charles Sparks, Eugene, and Frank Turner, owners of the Eugene Truck and Machine Co.

The Eugene firm manufactures a recently-invented heel room adapter which can handle giant logs with a minimum of damage. Steel said a proposal he had made to the logging industry was accepted by the Eugene Truck and Machine Co. and the Eugene Crane Co. would see Coles' cranes adapted with the heel room adapter.

Described by Sparks as a method of logging "just coming into its own," the heel boom lifting device does away with the need for a crane. Up to trucks can be loaded daily with a heel boom where conventional lifting methods would load only about 15 trucks, Sparks declared.

The butt end of the logs are lifted by the boom during the lifting process with a long holding device. This makes for a faster and speedier method, he said.

JUST BACK from Australia, Steel expressed enthusiasm for the heel boom made by the Eugene firm.

"It's something outstanding," he declared, adding that the local logging industry is taking its first real look at the heel boom with the observation that "it's where in the world is the boom as efficiently as here."

The Englishman has been chairman and managing director of the Eugene Crane Co. since he was 29 years of age. The main plant at Sunderland employs 3,000 workers and covers 70 acres. Cranes for U. S. use are manufactured at a plant in Joliet, Ill.

THE UNIQUE feature of Coles' cranes, Steel explained, is that they are gasoline or diesel-electric. The engine drives the crane which in turn supplies power for the crane operation, offering positive and accurate control.

W. Keith, local distributor of Coles' cranes, is attending to the locally-produced heel boom.

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LANE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

By DAN WYANT



SAFE DRIVING paid off in awards from the National Safety Council last week to five Eugene drivers of the Railway Express Agency. Above, left to right, are N. W. Price, Eugene agent for the Railway Express; Frank Bowers, 13 year's safe driving; Mark Jones, 13 years; Carl Jensen, 12 years; and Tom Watkins, 7 years. Receiving a 4 year award will be Ted Barry who was absent on vacation last week. Eugene Chief of Police Ted Brown made the presentation.

Prospects Declared Favorable In '52 Security Price Outlook

The Fitch Publishing Company, in its semi-annual forecast of the securities and commodities markets, expresses optimism in regard to security prices in the second half of 1952.

The firm points to certain fundamental factors present in the economy at the present time which are more favorable than in the first six months of the year and which should be reflected in security prices in the second half.

In addition to a discussion of factors present in the general economic picture, the investment advisory firm points out specific features which bear on investment opportunities in certain fields, such as the gold stocks, electronics, rails, and particular Canadian companies.

The semi-annual forecast is published in booklet form for use by individual investors. Copies of the booklet are available free of charge from Foster & Marshall in Eugene, member firm of the New York Stock Exchange.

Officials of two major railroad companies have reported earnings for the first five months of this year which are slightly higher than for the same period a year ago. Southern Railway earnings for the five months through May 1952 amounted to \$4.94 per share of common stock, compared with \$4.53 earned a year earlier. Earnings of the Erie Railroad were \$1.68 per common share, as against \$1.55 earned in the five-month period of 1951.

Directors of Mountain States Power Co. have declared a quarterly dividend of 21 cents per share of common stock, payable July 21 to stockholders of record on June 30.

Plans for the following construction projects were on file Thursday at the Eugene Builders Exchange, 260 E. 11th Ave. (with dates bids close):

Mapleton grade school addition and alterations, June 26; Marcola grade school addition, July 8; City Drive in Market, Roseburg, July 2; Cal Young Junior High School, Eugene, July 8; Remodeling Jefferson school shop bldg., July 11.

Office building for Dr. Spaulding and Thwing, Cottage Grove, June 26; Langis grade school addition, June 30; Eugene sewage treatment plant, July 10; Garibaldi high school building, June 27.

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5 Drivers Win Safety Awards

Five Railway Express Agency drivers last week were awarded citations for safe driving by Ted Brown, Eugene chief of police. The awards ranged from records of 4 to 13 years of faultless driving.

N. W. Price, agent of the Eugene express agency, said the awards are governed by rigid rules of the National Safety Council and mean that the winners' records are clear of any preventable driving accident during the period of the award.

This is accomplished, he said, by "defensive driving tactics" in which the drivers "make every allowance for possible mistakes of other drivers on the road and have the ability to recognize an accident-producing situation and instantly avoid it."

Each winner received a gold plated badge with the inscription "National Safety Council Award" plus a certificate citing his record and signed by Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, and A. L. Hummel, president of the Railway Express Agency.

In presenting the awards, Chief Brown complimented the drivers for their "valuable contribution to public safety."

He noted that such an award is even more impressive today since auto registrations in this area have skyrocketed from 25,000 to 65,000 in the last decade, adding to Eugene's traffic problems.

Express drivers receiving the awards were Frank Bowers and Mark Jones, each for 13 years' safe driving; Carl Jensen, 12 years; Tom Watkins, 7 years; Ted Barry, who was absent on vacation, will receive a 4 year award.

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Office Efficiency Stressed At Remington Rand Exhibit

An array of modern machines designed to step up office efficiency were displayed in Eugene last week at a Remington-Rand Regional Business Equipment Exhibit, sponsored by the Business Equipment Center, 881 Olive St.

The exhibit was Thursday and Friday in the Eugene Hotel.

Typical of modern advances in time-saving devices displayed at the exhibit was the Remington-Rand "Foremost" accounting machine, useful in payroll operations and other types of accounting.

In a matter of seconds the machine turns out a written employee's statement, a history earnings record, a payroll journal—and then with a jump of the tabulator, fills out the employee's check. The amount of straight pay and overtime, minus deductions, is all figured automatically by the machine.

What's more, the device keeps an eye on the operator's accuracy, refusing to go along with incorrect entries. With a change of tabulation bars the machine can handle widely different jobs—receivables, payables, inventory, or general ledgers, for example.

Also displayed was a new Robot Kardex which enables a clerk to locate any one of 4,000 8 by 5 inch cards in three seconds. Because all the cards are delivered to the operator at writing level, efficiency over a hand-manipulated Kardex is doubled, according to Don Persinger, of the Business Equipment Center.

Punch card accounting, also demonstrated at the exhibit, is capable of even greater savings of time for larger businesses, Persinger declared.

By perforating cards which can contain up to 80 individual letters or numbers, an operator can create a permanent and uniform record of information which is readily available and can be tabulated in an assortment of ways when the cards are fed through an alphabetical tabulator—all displayed at the exhibit.

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Lane Payrolls Double Size Of Next Rival—Douglas County

Payrolls covered by the state Unemployment Compensation Commission last year totaled \$104,452,568 in Lane County—an all-time record high—according to figures released by the commission this week.

The total is second only to Multnomah's \$529,809,317 and is almost double that of third-place Douglas County's \$54,608,517.

Marion County was fourth with covered payrolls of \$53,997,998, and Coos was fifth with a total of \$50,436,958.

LANE'S TOTAL covered payroll has been gaining by leaps and bounds in recent years. In 1947 it totaled \$60,236,897. The increase between 1950 and 1951 alone was 22.2 per cent.

Some idea of the county's total payroll—including wages paid to workers not covered by the State Unemployment Compensation Act—may be derived by adding another 40 per cent to the total covered wages, according to T. Morris Dunne, chairman of the commission. This would put wages paid to Lane workers last year at around \$140,236,595.

A breakdown of covered payroll figures for the fourth quarter of last year—the latest figures available—shows that almost half of Lane's total \$25,700,905 is accounted for in the lumber and woods products industry which added up to \$12,501,240.

Types of manufacturing other than lumber accounted for payrolls which totaled \$1,733,700. Covered payrolls for other Lane industries during the fourth quarter were:

AGRICULTURE and forestry, \$39,706; mining (including non-metallic mining and quarrying), \$269,318; contract construction, \$2,753,708; transportation, communication and other public utilities, \$1,360,870; wholesale and retail trade, \$5,337,114; finance, insurance and real estate, \$441,770; service industries, \$1,252,450; and establishments not elsewhere classified, \$11,029.

Pointing up Lane's dependence

on the lumbering industry is the fact that almost half of the county's working force covered by the unemployment commission is engaged in this type of work.

An average of 44.1 per cent of total covered employees, or 11,955 workers, were engaged in lumbering during the fourth quarter of last year. The average covered employment during that period for all types of jobs was 27,093 workers.

Despite the fact that Lane produces the biggest volume of lumber in the state, it is not the county with the largest percentage of workers engaged in logging and mill operations. An average 73.6 per cent of Curry's covered employment, for example, is in the lumber industry. For Lincoln County the figure is 70 per cent; for Tillamook, 63.9 per cent; and for Douglas 62.1 per cent.

Eugene and Lane civic leaders and businessmen have launched a program aimed to encourage the county's diversification of industry. Their desire is to establish an economy for the county which will not be in so vulnerable a position in regard to adverse conditions in the lumbering industry.

When bad weather, for example, shut down logging operations and mills, the economic effect quickly spreads to retail trade, transportation, and other Lane activities. If the county had a broader base of manufacturing industries, the shock wouldn't be so severe or sudden, business leaders point out.

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Eugene Named Convention Site

Life Underwriters Hold Annual Meet

Eugene has been chosen as the site for next year's convention of the Oregon State Life Underwriters Assn. The selection was made at the group's annual meeting in Bend this past weekend. Six delegates attended from Eugene.

Low Madsen, retiring president of the Eugene Life Underwriters, said the convention will be held sometime in June and is expected to attract some 200 or more insurance men from throughout the state. For the first time next year, a sales congress will be held in conjunction with the association's meeting, Madsen added.

Besides winning next year's convention, the local delegates also succeeded in placing one of their members in a state post. Charles O. McGee, regional superintendent of agencies for Provident Life, was elected state secretary-treasurer.

Attending the convention from Eugene in addition to McGee and Madsen, who also represents Provident Life, were: Frank Sinn, president of the Eugene association and representative of New England Mutual; Clyde Pierce, Businessmen's Assurance; Dale Appleton, Beneficial Life; and Ralph Schwab, Provident Life.

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Crop Outlook Good But Markets Uncertain

CORVALLIS —(P)—High costs and uncertain markets are causing concern, but the crop outlook is good in Oregon at the mid-point in the year.

M. D. Thomas, economist at Oregon State College, said rains have helped spring and fall seeded crops. Some hay spoilage resulted from the recent rains.

A reduction in acreage will cut barley production. Pear production in the Rogue River Valley will be reduced because of a freeze.

Thomas said the worst complaints come from strawberry and cherry growers, who are protesting price quotations.

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