

Plywood Plants See Banner Year Ahead

PORTLAND — The Pacific Northwest plywood industry faces a banner year in 1955, according to industry sources quoted in the 24th Annual Plywood Review published this week by The Timberman magazine in Portland.

Reds Convict Chiang Agents

LONDON — Red China has sentenced 12 persons to death and two others to life imprisonment on charges of acting as "American Chiang Kai-shek agents," Moscow radio reported Friday. The broadcast indicated all were Chinese.

Peiping radio said on Nov. 24 Red China had killed 106 American and Chinese Nationalist espionage agents and had captured 124 since 1951. The broadcast said some had been turned over to people's courts for prosecution. Whether the 14 mentioned were among the 124 could not be determined.

Moscow Radio, quoting a Singapore dispatch in an Anhwei newspaper, said: "The people's court in the province of Anhwei has sentenced two groups of American Chiang Kai-shek agents sent by airplanes to the territory of China. Twelve of them were sentenced to death by execution and two to life imprisonment."

"Most of these agents are officers in Chiang's army and are professional spies," the broadcast said. The alleged agents were dropped by parachute in two groups, one of eight and the other of six, at two separate points in Anhwei province, in East China, just north-east of Shanghai.

Youthful Robber Sent to Reformatory

TACOMA — A Seattle teenager who robbed a Tacoma garage early this month and then fled to Oregon with a 13-year-old girl has been sentenced to 15 years in the state reformatory by Judge Hardyn B. Soule.

Fred A. Sather, 18, confessed to robbing a garage here when he was arrested by Oregon police for living with the young girl. The youth had received a deferred sentence for burglary in King County last month.

Melvin Roderick, also a Seattle teenager, who was arrested with Sather, will be sentenced next week.

Larger Homes Built in 1954

WASHINGTON — Americans built bigger homes last year.

Two-thirds of the non-farm, one-family homes started during the first quarter of 1954 had three bedrooms or more, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said.

A survey showed that in 15 metropolitan areas the 1954 house was about 5 per cent larger than homes built in 1951.

The bureau said its survey showed 1,140 square feet as the average floor area for all new non-farm, one-family houses.

RADIO SCHEDULES

Program listings are prepared by the radio stations.

KERG 1280 KORE 1450 KUGN 590 KASH 1460

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1955

6:00	This was 1954	Hawaii Calls	Skip A Long	Metropolitan Opera
6:15	This was 1954	Band Records	Skip A Long	Metropolitan Opera
6:45	1954	Chicago Theatre of Air	Skip A Long	Metropolitan Opera
7:00	Two for the Money	Chicago Theatre of Air	Skip A Long	Metropolitan Opera
7:15	Romance	Chicago Theatre of Air	Skip A Long	Metropolitan Opera
7:45	Gunsmoke	Chicago Theatre of Air	Skip A Long	Metropolitan Opera
8:00	Gunsmoke	Chicago Theatre of Air	Skip A Long	Metropolitan Opera
8:15	Gunsmoke	Chicago Theatre of Air	Skip A Long	Metropolitan Opera
8:30	Gunsmoke	Chicago Theatre of Air	Skip A Long	Metropolitan Opera
8:45	Gunsmoke	Chicago Theatre of Air	Skip A Long	Metropolitan Opera
9:00	Sal. Night	New Records	Town Hall Party	News, glancing
9:15	Dance	Records at Random	Tex Williams	Dancing
9:45	World News	Records at Random	Tex Williams	Dancing
10:00	World News	Records at Random	Tex Williams	Dancing
10:15	World News	Records at Random	Tex Williams	Dancing
10:30	World News	Records at Random	Tex Williams	Dancing
10:45	World News	Records at Random	Tex Williams	Dancing
11:00	World News	Records at Random	Tex Williams	Dancing
11:15	World News	Records at Random	Tex Williams	Dancing
11:30	World News	Records at Random	Tex Williams	Dancing
11:45	World News	Records at Random	Tex Williams	Dancing

TV SCHEDULES

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KVAL-TV—Channel 12

Saturday, Jan. 1
6:00 Stars of Western Range
7:00 Special Featurette
7:30 Industry on Parade
7:45 The Clor
8:00 For Your Information
8:30 The Big Picture
9:00 Request Playhouse
10:30 Your Hit Parade
11:00 Night Movie

KOIN-TV—Channel 6

Saturday, Jan. 1
6:00 Big Town
6:30 Beat the Clock
7:00 That's My Boy
7:30 Willy
8:00 Stage Show
9:00 Two for the Money
9:30 My Favorite Husband
10:00 Playhouse
11:00 Showtime on Six

Lights Out Decried

BIBLIS, Germany — It's lights off on all streets on moonlight nights with the exception of the main stem of this Hessian town of 5,000. Town fathers, worried over increasing municipal indebtedness, decreed the economy measure.

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By Chic Young

Stable Prices Seen for '55

Prices that Oregon families will pay in the year ahead will be much the same as they have been, according to Mary Beth Minden, Oregon State College extension home management specialist.

For the past three years, consumer prices have not varied much, she said. The rise in consumer prices nationally has been only a little more than one per cent since January, 1952. Miss Minden foresees very little change in the year ahead.

Farm families can expect generally a little less net income next year, she said. Many other families will have a shifting income, with no general up or down pattern. For safe planning, she suggests families consider chances for less income.

With these possibilities, it will be even more important for families to do a good job buying and planning, Miss Minden said. Many of them will need to consider how to stretch their money.

The home management specialist recommends a three-point program for the family's "pocket-book planning." It includes income, prices and how to manage.

"Planning, scheming, and spending know-how are all tools which help us use our money and other resources wisely," she commented. "Using these tools to advantage can make a difference in our living in the year ahead."

Miss Minden discusses outlook in prices for food, clothing, home furnishings and equipment, services, and housing in a new extension publication, "The Family Looks Ahead, 1955." This leaflet is available through county extension agents or Oregon State College.

Lumber Firm Changes Name

Effective with the start of 1955, the C. W. Guerrier Lumber Co. of Springfield has changed its name and hereafter will operate its two mills under the title of Springfield Lumber Mills, Inc.

Don Hendricks, general manager, this week reported the name change following a decision of the organization's board of directors. C. W. Guerrier is no longer associated with the firm.

Offices are being moved from the former Guerrier mill of S. 28th St. to the former Cascade mill on N. 61st St. Hendricks said, but no changes are being planned in personnel or management of the mills.

Mint Raisers' Session Near

Rising peppermint oil prices this winter are expected to spark interest in increased 1955 plantings at the Oregon Essential Oil Growers' annual meeting, Jan. 6 and 7, at Oregon State college, according to secretary C. E. Horner, OSC plant pathologist.

H. D. Thomas, OSC agricultural economist who will give the market outlook at the session, says the recent price rise stems largely from heavier exports to Europe. Domestic demand also remained strong this year despite a slight rise in production over 1953.

Oil prices opened in September at \$5 a pound, compared with \$4 a year earlier, and have since risen. Thomas believes this will likely lead to a new buildup in Oregon acreage which had dropped from a peak of 15,000 acres in 1952 to 12,000 in 1954.

Main speaker for the general meeting and annual banquet will be Ernest Guenther of New York, world authority on essential oils, who will show colored motion pictures and lecture on foreign oil production.

Oregon State College extension and research workers will review management practices for higher mint production.

A. P. Steenland, Prosser, Wash. grower, will head a panel discussion on methods of establishing new plantings as a guide to anticipated acreage increases next year. Panel members are H. H. Crowell, OSC entomologist, and growers Olin Cox, Dale Turnidge, Jake Gilmore, Dale Eisenmann, all of Jefferson, and Leon Funke and Clyde Sidwell, both of Eugene.

Standard Raises Price on Ethyl

SAN FRANCISCO — Standard Oil Company of California has raised the wholesale price of ethyl gasoline three-tenths of a cent per gallon.

The new price of 26.6 cents for dealers in California, Oregon and Washington became effective Wednesday.

Shell and Union had previously raised prices on ethyl. Shell to 26 cents and Union to 27.4.

What Were The Outstanding News and Sports Events in 1954?

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Fir Market Tends Higher

Green fir mill operators were in a festive mood as 1954 came to a close. According to experienced observers of the Douglas fir lumber industry, the green mills this past week were in many instances withdrawn from the market.

With prices revised upward to match their mood of optimism, the mills still selling were asking an average of \$70 per thousand board feet on random length dimensions and \$72-\$74 for specified items. Often, the asking prices were above these levels, and mills weren't unduly anxious to quote prices for fear they would be lower than January developments might merit.

Speculation in the green fir segment of the lumber industry brought results of exceptionally high prices being paid for stumpage and "bootleg" prices on available logs.

Will January experience justify all this, the market observers asked themselves. Noting little increase in actual buyer demand for green fir, they weren't sure. "Only the next 10 days can tell," they said.

Through the past week, the transit car market for green fir was unusually active, taking the season into account. Even so, there were reports that the number of cars held by shippers is about normal and that some price reductions may be necessary to clear them. Demand seemed strongest for long dimension lumber for future shipment at \$76 to \$80, depending upon specifications and time of shipment.

For the larger "mixed car" mills dealing in both green and kiln dried Douglas fir lumber, the week was reported as a good one. Christmas and New Year's holidays were kept short by most of these mills as order volumes remained high without particular solicitation. Most of the big mills were reported to have orders ahead equivalent to 30 days shipping time, the minimum amount generally required to maintain steady operation.

Prevailing prices on patterned clears were holding relative steady with 1 x 4 random length vertical-grained stock selling around \$161.50 for B and better, f.o.b. at the mills and other items prices accordingly. Kiln-dried 2 x 4's No. 1, 25-per cent No. 2, were quoted at \$83 to \$86.50.

In general, the large mills' prices on both green and kiln dried lumber were higher by \$10 to \$15 per thousand board feet than they were at the same time a year ago.

SOURDOUGH SESSION

VANCOUVER, B. C. — The 1955 International Sourdough convention will be held in Eureka, Calif., Aug. 18-21. It was announced here this week.

Trotsky's Slayer To Leave Prison

MEXICO CITY — Officials say Jacques Mornard, convicted of assassinating the Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky in 1940, will be released from prison this month. Mornard, sentenced to 20 years, was eligible for parole after serving two thirds of his term.

Slow Season

SIDNEY, Neb. — The fire department's fire pole here may be polished, but not by sliding firemen. A recent grass fire was the first alarm in this city of 5,000 in over a month.

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