



Grand Ronde—From Indians to Industry in 40 Years—Top, business section of New Grand Ronde where a new front for an old-time community assumes a modern appearance, facing the highway from Valley Junction to North Lincoln beaches. Bottom, Public housing project of 100 units at New Grand Ronde now entirely occupied by veterans who are mostly engaged in the local lumbering industry.

Indians to Industry in 40 Years Story of Grand Ronde

By BEN MAXWELL

From Indians to industry in 40 years is the story of Grand Ronde where the government closed its blighted Indian reservation in 1908 and where a community of about 900 labored in 1948 to ship 60 million feet of logs and 1700 carloads of lumber.

Though Indians still live at Grand Ronde, where Joel Palmer herded them from all parts of Western Oregon to the reservation some 90 years ago, they have pretty much lost their identity except for the tribal council and work along with their white associates to make this community one of the more prosperous logging and lumbering centers in Western Oregon.

Precisely speaking there are two Grand Rondes. Old Grand Ronde, site of the former reservation headquarters, is on the road leading from Valley Junction to Hebo. Here is located St. Michaels school conducted by the Sisters of St. Mary, assisted by Father G. Scheffold, attend to the education of 83 pupils in grades from first to seventh. Next year there will be an eighth. Call this the cultural center of this dual community if you like.

Industry and most of the local business is at New Grand Ronde on the road from Valley Junction to North Lincoln beaches. Here there is a diversity of business dependent upon an extensive lumber industry.

Largest by far among the logging operators is Long-Bell, successors to the Miami corporation since 1943. Their logging operations extend over 14 sections of timber land in this locality. Getting out with the logs, however, is the work of three subcontractors: Ted Dick, Eldwin Littlejohn and Del Van Fleet, each of whom employs between 40 and 50 men in their camps. Long-Bell's own employees take care of the pond jobs and carloadings. C. J. Hines is general superintendent for Long-Bell operations at Grand Ronde.

Grand Ronde Mercantile is a Long-Bell general store with 10 employees managed by D. A. Meyers. Nearby is the theater owned by W. H. Hibbert and The Ronde, a new and distinctive restaurant owned by Glen Wilbur of Salem. In addition this new front for an old com-

are shipped out daily over this line on Southern Pacific cars. Until 20 years ago the Miami corporation operated ancient and quaint locomotives over this line that were accepted by movie makers as period pieces for a cinema depicting Civil War scenes.

L. R. Anderson is superintendent of the 100 unit public housing project at New Grand Ronde occupied exclusively by veterans since 1946. Most of the men housed here are employed in the lumbering industry.

After Long-Bell, the Midway Lumber company, operated by Murphy brothers appears to be the next larger industry in this locality. Murphy Brothers are engaged in both logging and manufacture, and saw approximately 2,000,000 feet of lumber each month. Midway employs about 110 hands. Next in volume is Coastal Lumber company engaged in both logging and sawing. They employ about

75 men and manufacture about 1,500,000 feet of lumber each month. Across the road from Coastal is Pete McMillan's shingle mill running two machines and employing eight or ten men.

Also engaged in or associated with lumbering in this area are Hodge Brothers whose planing mill runs with 15 hands and the nearby Green Mountain Lumber company with some 40 employees.

New Grand Ronde public school, graduated through eight grades, had an enrollment of 180 during the last term. School is now out for the summer. Mrs. Harriet House, Grand Ronde postmistress, relates that her office distributes mail to 300 patrons located on two star routes and that 900 persons living in the community call at the post-office to receive their mail.

The average adult's brain weighs 49 ounces or half a pound more than his lungs.

DIGGING AS A HOBBY

Couple of Railroaders Aid Profs With Finds

Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (AP)—A couple of railroad men who dig up Indian relics in their spare time have made themselves authorities on the subject.

They are Al Bennaway, an engineer, and Walter Hayward, a brakeman.

Their spare-time work has unearthed arrowheads and pottery. Some of them are on loan to Vassar college and a Rochester, N. Y., museum. With the help of professional archaeologists from schools and museums they have been able to learn much about the life of the Indians. They have also found much evidence of trading with colonial settlers.

The railroad men have also been able to help the professors. When, for instance, Dr. Mary Butler Lewis of the University of Pennsylvania made an archaeological survey of the Hudson Valley in the early 1940's, she went first to them.

The men now working together in their hunts. They met

when both were hunting relics, not on their railroad jobs.

Hayward says he started his digging when he was six years old. That was when he first dug up an arrow head in his backyard. Since then he has ranged up and down the Hudson Valley. Bennaway credits him with locating most of their digging sites.

"We'll be walking around and wait will stop suddenly and start digging," he says. He often digs in the right place.

"All I do is make like an Indian," Hayward says. "I figure out where I would have set up a camp if I had been in his shoes."

Bennaway expects to retire in 1952 and looks forward to expanding his studies. Already he has made a vacation trip to Arizona where he dug up Indian relics for his collection.

Much of their work is along

the tracks of the N. Y. Central railway for which they both work. In at least one instance Bennaway located a valuable digging site in a cut through which he ran his engine.

Coast Incorporation May Be Asked Again

Taft—Residents of this coastal town soon may have another opportunity to decide whether they prefer to live in an incorporated or unincorporated area. At a special election in April a proposal to incorporate Cutler City DeLake, Nelscott and Taft into one city was defeated.

However this time the incorporation election would concern only the North Lincoln community of Taft. A petition requesting that such an election be held has been signed by the necessary 20 per cent of the eligible voters residing within the area and sufficient funds to defray the cost of the election have been raised.

Veteran Dies in Parade
Albuquerque, May 31 (AP)—Michael Abbin, 74-year-old Spanish-American war veteran, suffered a fatal heart attack while carrying the colors in the Memorial day parade Monday.

The Kipling Cotes Derby at Yorkshire, England, has been run every third Thursday in March for 429 consecutive years.

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