

Board of Control Plans to Re-organize Penitentiary

The state board of control announced it would investigate the entire state penitentiary with a view toward reorganizing it. The board's statement was made in connection with its report that Oran Brownlee, convict who committed suicide on last March 17, died partially because of carelessness and an error of judgment on the part of the guards in charge.

The board promised it would work out plans to prevent such an incident from happening again.

The board said that Brownlee, who came from Lake county, died from loss of blood and a rheumatic heart. Brownlee slashed his wrists in his cell.

"There was no question," the board wrote, "that Brownlee was insane and that both the inmates and the guards did not take him seriously. Twice before, Brownlee had cut his arm in an effort to be sent to the hospital. Both times he was sent there and no serious after-effect materialized."

"The last time that he did this it was viewed as more or less a wolf-in-sheep's-clothing. There was an error of judgment on the part of the guards in charge and some evidence of carelessness."

The board's investigation of the Brownlee case followed charges that Brownlee lay in his cell for six hours before receiving medical attention.

The board of control said its investigation of the prison would take some time.

"In the meantime we have plans under way to reorganize the entire set-up. Particularly that of medical attention given to the inmates. We are not ready, at this time, to disclose the corrections which will be made, but we can assure the citizens of the State of Oregon that there will be a substantial improvement in the entire organization."

"No building has been done at the penitentiary during the last 19 years, with exception of the new cell block which has just been completed. It is now possible to improve the conditions at the penitentiary because of this new cell block. We are also starting another cell block and possibly a correction block, both of which are vitally needed."

The board said it hopes the next legislature will provide more money for all state institutions.

The report was signed by all three members of the board. They are Governor Douglas McKay, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, and State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson.

Tropical Storm Veers Off Coast

Los Angeles, Sept. 9 (AP)—Southern Californians relaxed some today as the weather experts reported that a tropical storm, originally of hurricane proportions, was apparently dissipating off the coast of Mexico.

However the U. S. Weather Bureau here reported that another tropical storm has been sighted 160 miles southwest of Manzanillo, Mexico. Meager reports give the new storm 60 MPH within 100 miles of the center. It is moving northwest at eight miles per hour.

The original storm was 450 miles southwest of San Diego and was moving out into the Pacific.

Sizzling temperatures also appeared to be abating. Los Angeles had a high of 103 Wednesday but yesterday the maximum was 96.

East Salem Hop Grower Leaves Harvest on Vine

East Salem, Sept. 9.—For the first time in several years there are no hop picking jobs in East Salem suburban districts. The largest yard, the "Illiee" hop ranch of 40 acres will not be picked this year, and the De Sart yard is not being used for hops, most of it being plowed up and put in grain.

The company leasing the "Illiee" ranch because of the hop control program being used by the growers this year decided just to cut down the entire crop as they have other ranches and this ranch would make their percentage of cut all come in the one yard instead of a few acres in each yard.

The hops were good and the many pickers who picked each year in this yard will note the loss in wages, especially in Auburn district where the ranch is. The expense of preparing the field for harvest will be noted as a complete loss.

Beans are still being picked in some yards. The older part of the Herr Reinche yard has been cut down but there will be one more picking in the new fields.

Babe's Truck Down Again

Albany, Sept. 19.—Babe, 85, the wayward elephant weighing 8½ tons, made an unscheduled stop in Albany Wednesday night, when her owners, the Imperial Exposition carnival, drove through town in a fleet of trucks. As usual the Babe's truck broke down at the north end of the city limits near Tower Grove.

The marble-eyed old gal spent the night tethered at the side of the road alongside her traveling companion, Smokey, an 85-pound midget horse.

Babe's used to inconvenience though, as that is all she's had since she came to Oregon with the show a year ago. Last summer when in Albany, she broke loose, to send the town on its first elephant safari. The next morning she was found in a thicket south of the city limits.

She pulled the same stunt this year and went stomping off at St. Helens and was gone for 20 hours before she was again nabbed by her anxious keepers. She had gone off to pout after an inebriate blew his automobile horn at her.

Babe's truck, a rather decrepit affair, has a habit of breaking down under the weight of the animal.

The truck was en route to Springfield when its breakdown came Wednesday.

Babe covers her mouth with her trunk and says, "Ho hum! One place is just like another to me—same old routine, but I do meet a lot of interesting people."

Rent Control Ends in K. F.

Washington, Sept. 9 (AP)—Rent control was ended today in Klamath county, Ore., comprising the entire Klamath Falls defense-rental area. Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods ended the control on his own initiative.

LIKE TO OWN AN ISLE?

Uncle Sam Wants to Find Buyer for 50-Acre Island

By LEE LINDER (AP Newfeatures)

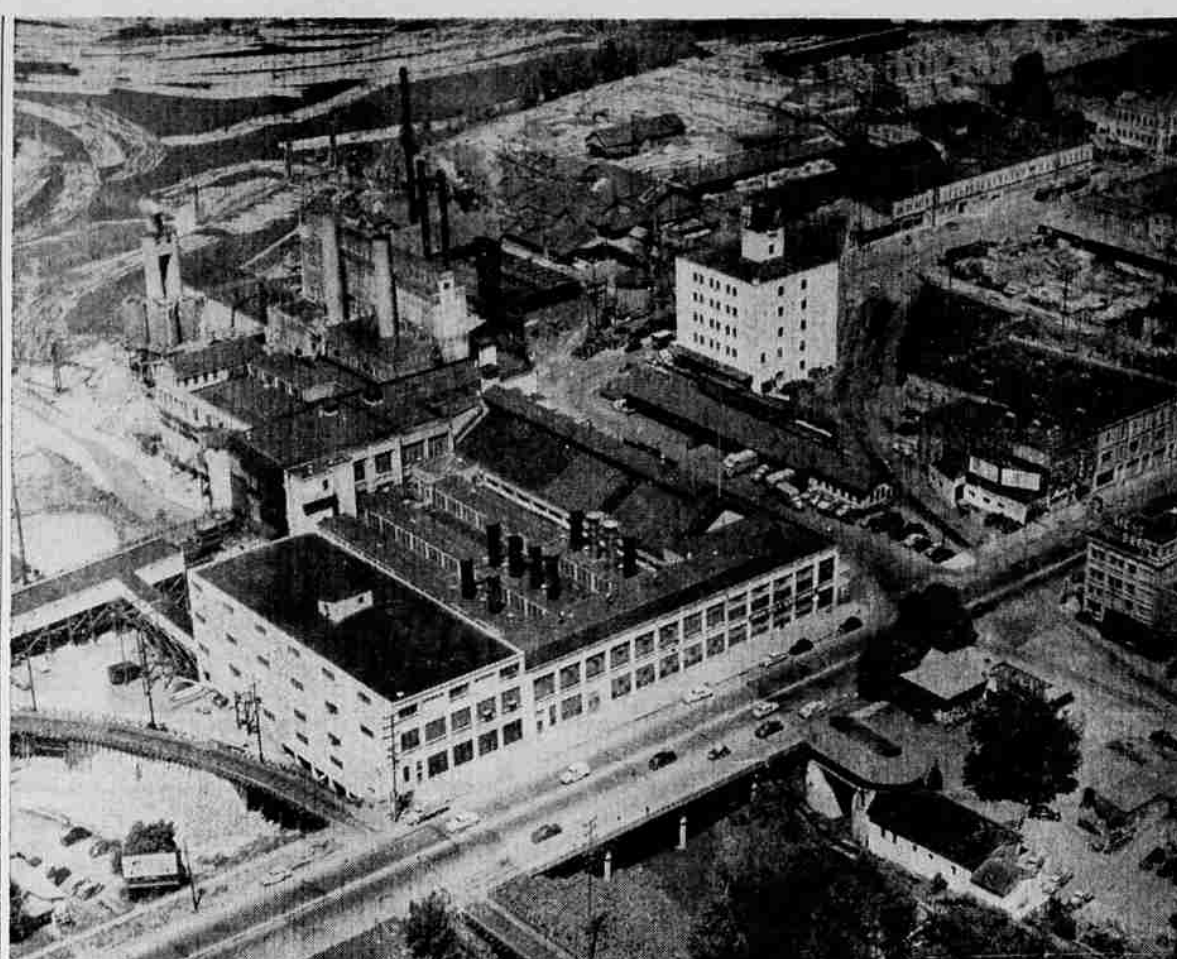
Wilmington, Del.—Uncle Sam would like to sell the 50-acre, tree-studded spit of land in the Delaware river called Reedy island. The island originally was the main quarantine station for the Port of Philadelphia.

Not long ago Shelby D. Collins, a 78-year-old Port Penn contractor, offered \$7500 for the island. The government turned it down as "unrealistic."

Collins wanted everything nailed down or not. His bid included the land, an office building, barracks, hospital building, recreation and mess hall, carpenter shop, storage buildings, water towers and pump houses, wharves, salt water fire mains and coal bins containing 200 tons left by the Navy.

The Army, now custodian of the property, said Collins must be joking. Collins replied his offer still goes. He admits, however, he doesn't know what he'd do with the island if he ever got it.

Reedy Island originally belonged to the State of Delaware.



Paper Factory From the Air—Here is an aerial view of the Salem plant of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company, which has large paper making and lumber manufacturing operations and is a major industry in Oregon.

14 Playing in Fiddler Show

Fourteen performers participated Thursday night in the third annual old fiddlers' contest sponsored by Salem post of the Disabled American Veterans. The contest is being held at the Hollywood theater and will reach the finals Friday night, with award of prizes to the winners. The contest will start at 8 o'clock.

The fiddlers come from all over the state of Oregon. All day Thursday they played at the Sears, Roebuck & Co. store and attracted much attention. Proceeds of the contest go to the DAV building fund.

Paper Factory From the Air—Here is an aerial view of the Salem plant of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company, which has large paper making and lumber manufacturing operations and is a major industry in Oregon. The annual payroll of the Salem plant is \$2,800,000, and it employs from 850 to 700 persons, of whom about 500 are in the paper manufacturing division. The Salem plant makes an average of 34,000 tons of paper and cuts 25,000,000 feet of lumber annually. The capital investment is in excess of \$10,000,000.

Price of a New Home Expected to Stay the Same

The price of a new home will stay about the same for the next year and may go slightly higher, contractors across the nation predicted today. Their consensus was obtained by United Press in a spot check of building costs in 22 widely scattered cities.

Few home builders saw much prospect for lower prices. The average price of a five-room frame house in a middle-class residential neighborhood in the 22 cities was estimated roughly at \$9,090, not including the lot.

Highest building costs were found in Chicago and Louisville, Ky., where contractors said an average five-room frame residence would cost about \$12,000. In Oklahoma City, contractors said the same house would cost about \$6,800, the lowest price uncovered in the survey.

In Louisville, several builders said they have quit constructing small homes because costs are too high and they cannot be sold at a profit.

Most contractors cited high wages in the construction industry, higher freight rates and few substantial cuts in material prices to support their belief that prices for homes will not drop.

In some cities, contractors predicted even higher prices because of local slum clearance and government housing projects. These, they said, would increase the demand for materials and boost their costs.

Some contractors believed that stiffer competition might cut costs slightly. The average price of a five-room frame house, not counting the lot, was estimated in various cities as follows:

Portland and Seattle \$8,500. San Francisco bay area, \$8,100 (higher in San Francisco proper) and Los Angeles \$7,200.

Fight Planned On Budworms

Portland, Sept. 9 (AP)—Aerial war plans against the spruce budworm were in the making today. Eastern Oregon seemed certain to be the principal battleground next year.

Foresters met here to draw up plans for 1950 spraying of infested areas. They said 2,232,250 acres already have been infested with 865,000 in drastic need of spraying.

The timber involved is worth \$32,980,000, they estimated. Most of the infestation is in Oregon.

Speakers said the budworm, besides destroying timber, is a fire hazard and threatens the water resources of Pendleton, Walla Walla, Baker, Milton-Freewater and other Blue mountain communities.

A committee was named to select the areas to be sprayed first and to make financing plans. E. L. Kolbe, chief forester of the Western Pine association, was named chairman. The final plan is not expected until next month.

Cabins Are Purchased

Gates—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards who recently sold their trailer court and tourist cabins have purchased two lots in Gates from Davis and Park and are having them erect a modern one-bedroom house, which it is reported will be for rent when completed. Following an extended trip east the Edwards plan to have built a larger home on the remaining lot.

Dale Herr, 30 Duncan, thrown from a motorcycle at 410 Evergreen when cycle hit chuckhole, bruised.

Beth Dimick, 70, of 820 South 21st, nose hemorrhage, taken to Salem General hospital.

Carol Talley, 2, of 2260 Hazel, bitten on face by dog.

Miss L. M. Hunter, 78, of 105 West Miller, overcome by heat at store on South Commercial, taken to her home.

Ray Strause, race track jockey, collar bone fracture in collision on track, taken to Salem General hospital.

Connie Anglin, 3½, right ankle injured in mechanism of bicycle.

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Auto Model Changes Not To Close Down Plants Long

Detroit, Sept. 9 (AP)—The new model work ahead is not likely to close down any of the auto plants for extended periods. Certainly prolonged shutdowns aren't needed to change models. This has been demonstrated in the switch overs already made to 1950 cars. Studebaker, with radical style changes, halted its assembly lines for only a week.

Other car makers yet to change over probably will do it in less than two weeks, even where outstanding changes are planned. This means, of course, that the auto makers are more concerned about competition than they have been at any time since the war. New car orders have become increasingly important to manufacturers of all makes of cars.

So the switch-overs generally will be made with a minimum of delay.

In the pre-war days a model change-over invariably meant a shutdown of from six to eight weeks. And when production was resumed volume didn't always materialize in a hurry.

Production difficulties weren't always to blame. Considerably more than half the shutdown period often was counted upon to permit dealers to clear out stocks of unsold new models. In some instances a current model could be had at a reduced price.

Of course this happened only when a dealer had more new cars than orders. There are some retailers in that situation right now. When their factories close for new model output they will trade though to make quick sales.

Next of the 1950 models to appear will be Nash. It returned to production yesterday after the change-over shutdown. There has been no advance information from company sources.

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