

Hamman Stage Fare Hearing Due Sept. 25

A hearing on an application by the Hamman Stage lines to increase fares six per cent has been set for September 25 by Charles H. Helzel, Public Utility commissioner.

The bus lines operate between Salem and Bend via the North Santiam highway. Floyd Hamman, president of the lines, said fare hikes are necessary to meet increased operating costs.

The application requests, in addition to requesting a six per cent increase on all fares, also seeks establishment of minimum one-way fares at 25 cents and minimum round trip fares at 45 cents.

State Building Volume Drops

Oregon's building volume in July was more than \$1 million less than in July, 1955, according to figures compiled by the Pacific Architect and Builder.

The total for last month was \$12,493,348 as compared to \$13,819,276 for July, 1955. In June, 1956, the state hit a high of \$14,341,212.

The five western states' building total in July, boosted by California's heavy construction, totaled a record \$259,781,330, a mark of 20 per cent higher than that established for the same month a year ago. This record was established despite a decrease in Washington, Montana and Idaho as well as Oregon.

California's July, 1956, total was \$215,886,983, as compared with \$161,909,571 a year ago in July.

British Auto Strike Over

LONDON (U)—A strike involving 25,000 British automobile workers has been settled and union leaders ordered the men to return to their jobs Monday.

Fifteen unions called the strike July 22 in plants operated by the British Motor Corp. Little more than half of the huge corporation's 43,000 workers responded.

Management spokesman said car production remained almost normal throughout the stoppage. Several plants were closed for vacation.

The unions acted in protest against the firing of 6,000 men described as "redundant" after Australia and New Zealand cut purchases of British cars on credit freeze in Britain curtailed domestic sales.

The unions argued the men should have gotten longer notice or been paid compensation. The settlement reportedly involves payment of compensation to discharged workers who have been employed by the corporation three years or more.

Orr Clann Reunion

At Teton Reservoir
AMITY—Mr. and Mrs. John Orr and family recently attended a reunion of the Orr clan, held at the Teton Reservoir camp east of Rainer National Park, near the area settled by the first members of the Orr family to arrive in the territory.

Seventy members of the Orr clan gathered for the reunion, those attending from this area were: The John Orr family of Amity; Mr. Orr's mother, Mrs. George Orr, his brothers and sister's families, George Orr, Dr. and Mrs. Paul J. Orr and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McClean, all of McMinnville.

MARINE DISCHARGED

MILL CITY—Phillip Goble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Verda Goble, has received his discharge from the U.S. Marines and is visiting at the home of his parents. He has not made definite plans for the future. He was graduated from Mill City high school with the class of 1952.

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