

Lumber Industry Leads Way at Lyons

4 Plants Employ Some 400 People

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Lumbering and lumber products are Lyons chief industries. Four plants employing more than 400 persons give the community an annual payroll exceeding \$2,000,000.

The change from an economy of agriculture to that of lumber came early for Lyons. J. D. Hiatt and "Gip" Myers had a tie mill there in early days. Nearby timber, associated with rail transportation, gave Lyons an opportunity for industrial growth.

Growth, however, came slowly. In 1903 the population of Lyons was given as 60. Then the town had a sawmill and two general stores. J. D. Hiatt & Son and W. H. Trask had general stores. Henry Lyons kept the drug store and W. Farmer who ran the sawmill was also town undertaker.

Building booms, following wars and depression, were responsible for expansion of Lyons' lumbering industry.

Largest Plant

Largest of Lyons wood product plants is the local division of the Simpson Logging Co. It is now engaged in the manufacture of plywood.

This new enterprise, built in 1952, now employs 320 persons who receive an annual payroll of \$1,500,000.

During 1953 and 1954, as an M & M operation, the plant engaged in the manufacture of veneer. Now the product is exclusively plywood in a diversity of patterns.

Ferres Lumber Co. employs 62 hands in its sawmill and planer sheds. Annual payroll here is \$270,000. At Mt. Jefferson Lumber Co. there are 40 employees receiving an annual payroll of \$300,000. General Lumber Co. does custom sawing and planing. Eight are normally employed here.

Train and trucks provide transportation for logs entering Lyons plants and for the products shipped from them. Southern Pacific operates a rail freight service through Lyons on its Albany-Mill City branch.

Two Lyons Laid Out

Lyons was laid out by James C. and Henry Lyons who had taken a homestead in the community in 1879. In 1889 the event of Oregon Pacific Railroad induced them to lay out a townsite. At first the place was called Lyonsville and a provision in deeds to lots specified that the property should never be the place of sale for spirituous or fermented liquors. (Today's tavern at Lyons does not, presumably, occupy a lot granted by restricted deed from Lyons Bros.)

Present population of Lyons is estimated to be about 400. But the place never became incorporated to achieve city status.

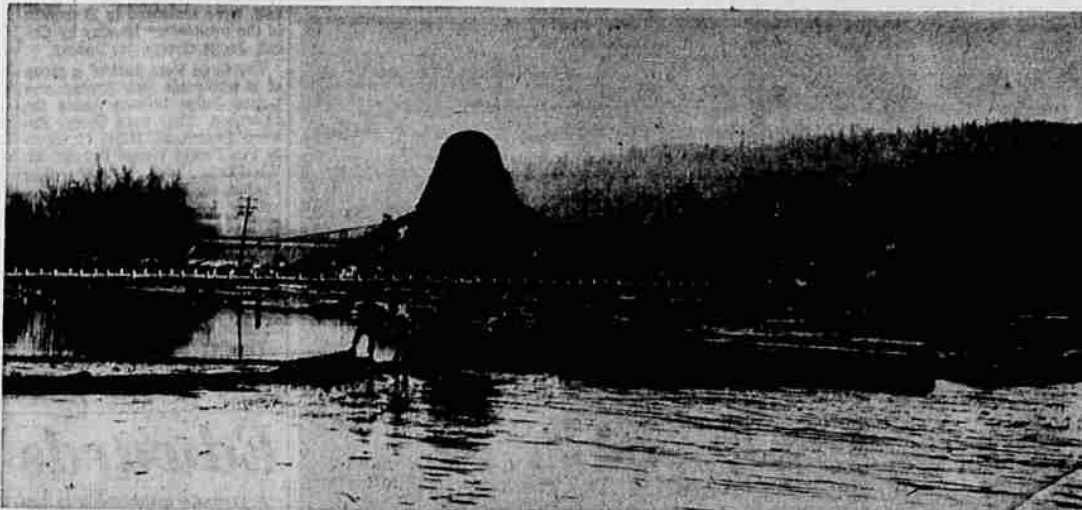
Even so, Lyons has a strong community spirit. The village has street lights, dial phones and a community water system will shortly become operative.

Also located at Lyons are three churches—Assembly of God, Catholic and Methodist. Community Church, Santiam Valley Grange with a hall at Lyons has a large membership. The VFW, Rebekah and girl and boy scout organizations also have representation there.

Several Businesses

Among businesses in Lyons are a restaurant, a realtor, two general stores, a hardware and plumbing

Simpson Has Large Pond in Lyons Area



The top picture shows the log pond of the Simpson Logging Co. at Lyons. The company operates the plywood mill in the background. In the lower photo is Mrs. Ruth I. Lyons who has been postmaster at Lyons for the past 16 years. (Capital Journal Photos)

Jersey GOPs Weigh Choice For Governor

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—New Jersey Republicans pick their gubernatorial candidate today.

The choice: Atty. Wayne DuMont Jr. of Phillipsburg or Publisher Malcolm S. Forbes of Bedminster.

Despite their relative youth — DuMont is 42 and Forbes 37 — both men are veteran members of the State Senate. Their legislative voting records are similar. Both served with the Army in World War II.

Their basic campaigning methods come from the same school and are geared for their rural counties — handshaking, man-to-man "I'd appreciate your vote" approach, and meetings with small groups.

But in this primary campaign they made necessary adjustments: Forbes, backed by the Republican party organizations and anxious to avoid an intraparty rift, simply ignored his opponent and concentrated on November — and Democratic Gov. Robert B. Meyner.

French Novelist 'Much Improved'

PARIS (AP)—Hospital spokesmen said novelist Francois Sagan showed "definite improvement" Tuesday after spending a relatively quiet night. The 21-year-old author was injured seriously Sunday when her sports car overturned near Fontainebleau.

Although reporting Miss Sagan's condition improved, hospital authorities said it remained so delicate a complete diagnosis of her injuries still could not be made, and doctors still feared to go ahead with any additional surgery that may be required.

Proud Papa Proclaims News



LAKEWOOD, Calif.—Staff Sgt. Arthur East of the Air Force lets the neighborhood in on the good news by hanging an "It's a Girl" sign on a 15-foot billboard image of a pilot in front of his home here. It was his way of announcing the arrival of a new heiress in the family. (AP Wirephoto)

Pope Counsels U.S. Newsmen

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius XII offered some advice to a group of American newsmen in a special audience Monday. The Vatican press office released the text Tuesday.

"Your profession," said the 81-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church, "holds you very close to this earth, with its restless, often enough bewildered, blinded masses and the day-by-day uncertain promises and hopes and menaces. . . . You understand the grave responsibility resting on you."

"Be conscious of it when you write. You have your ethical principles worthy of a noble art; yet you will agree there is an evil press abroad that scorns those norms. Bring the weight of your honorable loyalty and fearless example to thwart the harm it can do."

"Calumny and scandal; how quick-footed they are! A whisper, harmless perhaps though unwarranted, is blown up to a one-inch headline, and what havoc it can wreak in family life, in the lives of individuals and nations."

"A scoop is not worth the deep sense of shame that should come to one guilty of such conduct."

Mail Delivery to Ullman Is Jinxed

WASHINGTON (AP)—As if the Post Office Department did not have enough troubles, Rep. Ullman (D-Ore) Monday reported receiving a Christmas card mailed at Baker, Ore., last Dec. 16. It came from Sanford and Louise Adler. Adler happens to be postmaster.

What's more Ullman's mailed news release on it arrived in the House press gallery with the cancellation of the Chicago, Ill., rail-

Ceylon Area Diseased

COLOMBO, Ceylon (AP)—Health officials Tuesday declared an area north of Colombo dangerously afflicted with smallpox. The area includes the Port of Colombo, an important stop on the route from Europe to the Far East. For nearly a month smallpox cases have been reported from all over Ceylon. Compulsory vaccinations are being carried out in many regions.

way post office terminal and the notation, "Missent."

Austrian Slain By Red Guards

EISENSTADT, Austria (AP)—Hungarian border guards opened fire and fatally wounded an Austrian farmer who allegedly trespassed on Hungarian territory, police reported Tuesday.

The farmer, Mathias Fiedler, father of four children, was cutting reeds in the shallow Neusiedler border lake. He died of his wounds in a Hungarian hospital at Sopron.

New Envoy in Saigon

SAIGON (AP)—U.S. Ambassador Elbridge Durbrow Tuesday presented his credentials to South Viet Nam President Ngo Dinh Diem. The new American envoy, a 53-year-old career diplomat, arrived Saturday.

PHONE WORKERS RALLY

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's Communication Workers Union today staged two-hour workshop rallies in all major cities to support demands for a wage increase. The action temporarily snarled telephone and cable communications throughout the nation.

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