

**Smith Wood-Products to Build Plywood Plant**

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feet wide, is being built between the old storage shed and the new mill site, all of Port Orford cedar. The sawmill is to be 75x150 feet, in size with an adjacent building for remanufacturing.

The new sawmill will be a 10-foot band mill, with 12x72" edger, and gang saws will be installed in the remanufacturing plant for the cutting of flooring and other vertical grain lumber.

Both these buildings, as are all operations on the property, will be under roof.

A 70-foot burner is to be installed between the new mill and the plywood plant, near the river.

Adjacent to the sawmill will be a new boiler house in which will be installed a 600 h. p. Stirling boiler, an exact duplicate of the one just installed in the power house. A stack will also be necessary here which may be entirely of concrete.

A large new turbine generator, 2000 kilowatts, was received yesterday and will be installed at once. When ready it will carry practically all the load of the old plant as well as all of the new ones. The foundations for the turbine were poured a couple of weeks ago. With the 1000 kilowatt generator now in use the Smith plant is pretty well equipped with power, and all of their machinery is electrically driven.

It is expected that the roof of the new retail yard shed which is 170x200 feet, between the highway and the railroad, will be put on next week.

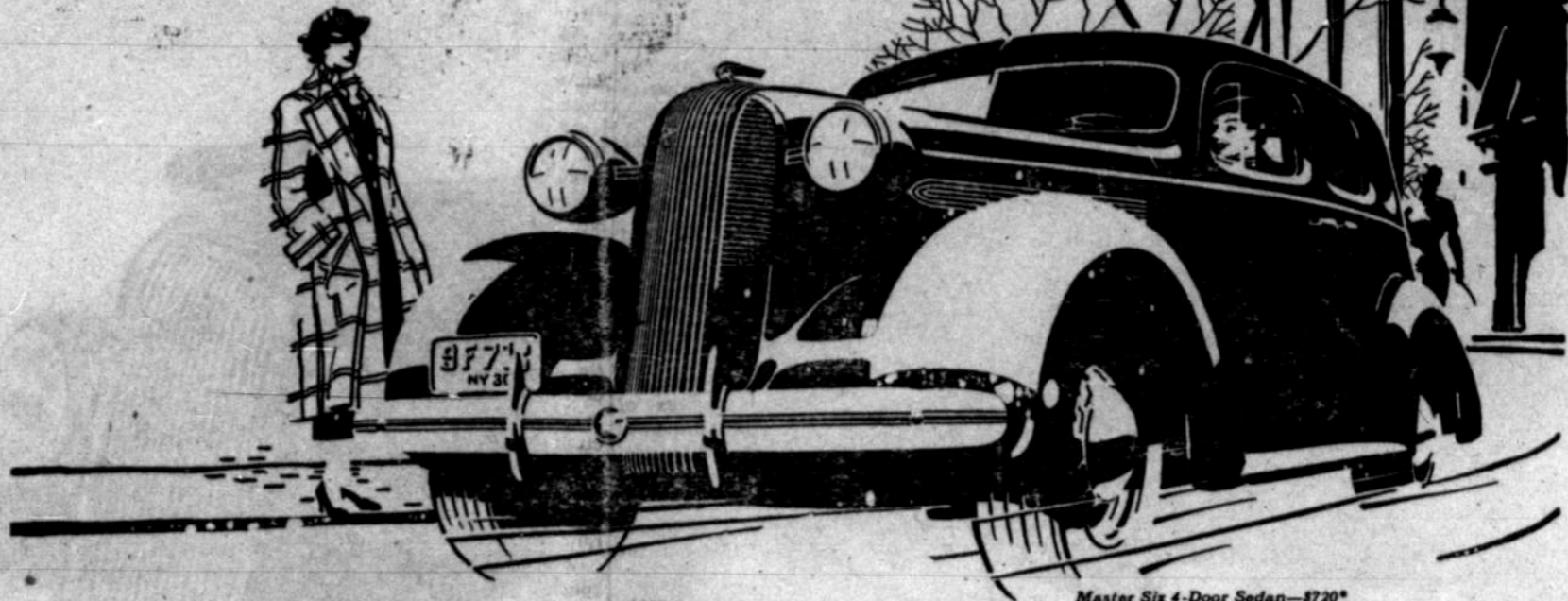
The Southern Pacific will start in a few days construction of a spur track into the plywood plant.

There are now about 350 men and women working at the Smith Wood-Products plants, and on construction. Some of the workmen on construction will, of course, continue with the company, possibly most of them, but with 200 operators needed in the plant the Smith concern will have 400 to 500 people on its payroll when plywood manufacture starts.

Where are they going to live? Mr. Ulett says the company expects to start construction of four or five houses in a few days, but with no vacant houses now in the city, where are these additional workmen going to live? It's up to Coquille to prepare for expansion in population.

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**Protest Against Abolishing Military Training in Colleges**

"There is a movement on the part of an organization with head quarters in a large eastern city to bring about the removal of military training in our colleges," says C. P. Zumwalt, commander of Coquille Post, American Legion. "Oregon is deemed a vulnerable point of attack at the present time. This issue has not yet come to a head, but we want you to know the attitude of The American Legion on this question, and we hope that if the need arises you will lend your aid in maintaining a sane and non-militaristic type of national defense."

"Now is the time when every effort must be made to keep the United States out of war. Neutrality legislation, 'taking the profit out of war' and every other measure to this end must have the whole-hearted support of all citizens. A certain amount of preparedness for defense only must be maintained. The American Legion, the greatest pacifist group in the country today, believes in placing the defense of the nation, so far as possible, in the hands of every-day, peace-loving citizens, rather than exclusively in the hands of professional military men. With the defense of the nation resting in the hands of civilians qualified for military leadership in case of emergency, we are assured of a non-militaristic policy as compared with the policy that prevails in some countries today where the national defense is entirely in the hands of professional soldiers."

That is why we are in favor of military training in our institutions of higher education. It is only by means of this training that the Organized Reserve can be maintained, which, together with the National Guard, removes the necessity for a large standing army, thus saving the citizens of the nation from a great burden of taxation.

"It is fitting that this training be given to college men, because: first, they are already devoting their time to attending classes and exercises, and three hours a week in military science is not burdensome to them; second, they are receiving training simultaneously in the social sciences which teaches them the methods and the desirability of keeping out of war, and insures their favoring armed resistance only when the country is threatened with actual invasion and after all other means of adjustment have failed; and, third, these men are receiving a free education at great expense to the taxpayers and it is

only just, that they, in return, prepare themselves for well-rounded citizenship which includes the defense of the nation from war as well as in war.

"That is our attitude from the standpoint of national defense. There are other considerations. The educational value is an important factor. There is the development of good citizenship and personal efficiency through work offered in such branches as command, leadership, hygiene, first-aid, map-reading and sketching, administration and military history, which courses develop poise, confidence and self-reliance.

"These departments of military science are a distinct saving to the taxpayers of Oregon, in that the United States government provides a staff of well-trained men with ample equipment, to give instruction free of cost to the State of Oregon, without which, equivalent instruction would have to be offered at the expense of the taxpayers. The maintenance of these establishments creates valuable payrolls in the communities where they are located. Advanced course students receive subsistence and allowances totaling \$299.30 over a two-year period, which amounts to a sizeable scholarship for many deserving students.

"Thus, we believe that to abolish military training would be detrimental from the standpoint of the economic welfare of the state, as a matter of educational policy, and as a matter of safe and economical national defense."

**Nugget Site Marked**

A commemorative stone marks the spot where the famous Welcome Nugget was found, erected by the Ballarat Historical society in Ballarat, Australia. The inscription reads: "In this place was found on June 5, 1858, the Welcome Nugget. It weighed 2,217 ounces and was sold for 18,500 pounds."

**"Snake Fumes" Kill Six**

Scientists believe that "snake fumes" caused the death of six men and the blinding of a seventh near Kapurthala, India, recently. The men had set fire to a bush to root a plant cobra and were overcome by the fumes. It is believed they inhaled poison from the burning reptile.

**Only U. S. Leprosy Colony**

The only leprosy colony in the United States is the United States Leprosarium at Carville, La.

**Meaning of Tel Aviv**

The name of Tel Aviv, Palestine's thriving modern metropolis, means "Hill of Spring."

**The "Playboy"**



**Arizona Ghost Town Seen**

**Key to Lost Salado Tribe**

A prehistoric "ghost town" on the outskirts of Phoenix is believed to hold the key to the mysterious disappearance of the Salado people, a highly intelligent, powerful tribe of Indians who once controlled the rich Salt River valley, observes a Phoenix, Ariz., United Press writer.

The Salados, who dug with stone tools 125 miles of irrigation canals and built 22 villages in the valley, vanished about 700 years ago. Where they went; if their descendants are still living, or lost their identity through intermarriage with other tribes, are questions archeologists seek to answer.

Excavations at Pueblo Grande, largest of the "ghost towns," and the only municipal archeological park project in the United States, indicate that the Salados may have been "flooded" out of the valley by a continually rising water table which eventually made their fields worthless.

Odd S. Hagerth, archeologist in charge of the Pueblo Grande work, said the Salados apparently had been forced to abandon village after village and finally the valley itself because they were unable to lower the water tables which their irrigation had raised.

Abandonment of Pueblo Grande, he said, apparently was sudden. Without pack animals, obliged to carry on their backs everything they took with them, the Salados were forced to abandon their helpless old people and many of their helpless infants, leaving them to die as food supplies dwindled.

Discovery of skeletal burials near the top of the adobe walls which formed Pueblo Grande lends credence to this belief, Hagerth said.

Ordinarily, the Salados practiced cremation, as did most other prehistoric southwest Indian tribes. Burial pots, containing charred human bones, have been found in nearly all villages. Usually, Hagerth explained, the pots were buried in or near the village walls. Almost never, he said, did the Indians inter their dead.

The Pueblo Grande excavations disclosed 12 skeletal burials near the tops of the walls. Of the skeletal remains four were those of adults of advanced age, while eight were of infants three or four years or younger.

Of the infant burials, three were of skulls only. No other parts of the bodies were found, and there was no evidence that those other parts had been removed after burial. Each tiny skull was accompanied by the usual burial bowls and trinkets.

Were those who remained after the

exodus forced into cannibalism or were the children sacrificed and decapitated to appease angry gods who sent the ground waters to flood away the crops?

Those questions, Hagerth said, cannot be answered from the evidence found at the Pueblo Grande excavations. He said, however, that there is plenty of evidence that other southwestern and Mexican Indians practiced human sacrifices and, occasionally, cannibalism.

Presumably, as they weakened, the abandoned helpless buried their dead in the walls, instead of resorting to the laborious cremation-rites they usually observed. Possibly, as they weakened further, they were driven to cannibalism.

But the greater mystery, the destination and fate of the main body of the Salados, remains unsolved.

**"Korekhan Cosmogony"**

"Korekhan cosmogony" teaches that the world is a shell or hollow sphere; that the surface upon which we dwell is concave, not convex. They assert they have proved this point by a geodetic instrument known as rectilinear, which shows that the surface of the earth curves upward at the rate of about 8 inches to the mile.