



TOPS IN SAFETY — Most recent group of Brooks-Scanlon, Inc., employees to win recognition for an outstanding safety record is the Logging Maintenance Shop group which has just completed 21,000 man days without a lost time accident. Brooks-Scanlon awarded each member a thermos bottle. In the picture, bottom row from left, Walt Moye, Darrell Harmon, Lonnie Shields, Barney Bennett, Jim Edwards and Ray Ross. Top row from left, Harold Grass, Ken Robinson, Dean Lowe, Allen Morley, Wayne Banay, Chuck Freeman, Les Kribs, and Clint Kennedy. Not present for the picture were Bud Lacey and Pat Murphy, foremen.

Wool prices expected to decline moderately during rest of year

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department said today world wool prices are expected to decline moderately during the remainder of 1963 because of competition from manmade fibers.

In a review of the wool situation, the department said that during the early months of 1963, world prices were the highest since late 1957 and early 1958 for the finer grades of wool, and the highest since early 1960 for the medium and coarser grades. Demand was stable for the lower-than-normal supplies, due to lower carryover stocks and smaller production.

The department said consumption can be expected to remain steady through 1963. Total use of all fibers is increasing, the agency said, but wool's share is decreasing.

The higher level of wool prices probably will result in a greater blending or substitution of man-

made fibers. This, in turn, the department said, will cause a moderate price decline during the rest of 1963.

Domestic use of wool, cotton, and manmade fibers in 1962 totaled 38.4 pounds per capita. This was 8 per cent more than a year earlier. The per capita domestic use of all three fibers increased—wool, 5 per cent; cotton, 4 per cent; and manmade fibers, 16 per cent. Of the total per capita domestic consumption, wool accounted for 3.1 pounds, cotton 22.9 pounds, and manmade fibers 12.4 pounds.

The crop reporting board said planted acreages of the nine vegetable processing crops for 1963 total 1,531,000 acres. This compares with 1,657,000 acres planted to the same crops in 1962 and 1,643,000 in 1961.

The declines for tomatoes, sweet corn, green lima beans, and cabbage for kraut from 1962 more

Bend girl sets European trip

Miss Pauline Peotter, daughter of Mrs. Wilamine Peotter, 105 Drake Road, will tour Europe this summer under the auspices of People-to-People on a two-month "journey to international understanding."

Miss Peotter, a student at Stanford University, will visit Spain, Portugal and France as a People-to-People student ambassador. During her stay in these countries she will meet and talk with European students in lecture halls, dormitories, private homes and youth hostels to help promote friendship and understanding among her foreign counterparts.

than offset increases indicated for snap beans, beets, cucumbers, green peas, and winter spinach.

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) estimates world cattle numbers total a record 1.1 billion head, and hog numbers total a record 496 million head.

Arab federation seems in doubt

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI)—Syria and Iraq's apparent second thoughts on Arab federation today placed their proposed union with Egypt in serious doubt.

Both nations' ruling Baath socialist parties have given clear indications in recent weeks they are having misgivings about implementing the union plan reached in Cairo April 17.

An abortive attempt during the weekend to overthrow the Baghdad regime has heightened the difficulties.

Anti-Baath sources here said they believed "only a miracle" can now save the ambitious union plans which were to go into effect by September.

Fear Domination

Observers believe the Baath leadership is delaying movements toward union because of fears they would fall under the domination of Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who would be the president of the new United Arab Republic (U.A.R.).

They believe the Egyptian leader's demand that they form national front governments is only a cover for the eventual easing out of their party.

In recent tests between Baath and Nasser supporters in Iraq and Syria, the Baathists have won new strength.

Reports from Baghdad have said the weekend trouble was engineered by groups supporting Nasser. Earlier this month, serious rioting between Nasserites and Baath supporters broke out in Syria.

Nasser Still Strong

But Nasser still enjoys strong support in his two potential partners, according to observers here, and the struggle is by no means considered over.

Cairo's semi-official Middle East News Agency (MENA) said Saturday night that 60 army officers and 120 civilians were arrested in Baghdad after they tried to overthrow Premier Maj. Gen. Ahmed Hassan Bakr.

MENA announced Sunday night from Baghdad that 10 retired army officers and two civilians were executed Sunday for resisting last February's revolution, which brought Bakr to power.

She believes Columbus was 'late-comer' to New World

By Gay Pauley
UPI Staff Writer

NEW YORK (UPI)—Christopher Columbus was a Johnnie-Come-Lately to the New World, according to a woman student of archaeology.

Mrs. W.R. Irwin, of the faculty of the University of Iowa, has concluded from extensive research that the Phoenicians beat Columbus to Middle America by about 2,300 years.

It's accepted, she said, that the Vikings also discovered America

ahead of Columbus, finding the North American continent about 1,000 A.D.

Mrs. Irwin's research on who was first is compiled into a fascinating chronicle of pre-Columbian culture in the Western Hemisphere. Called "Fair Gods and Stone Faces" (St. Martin's Press) the book was eight years in research and writing, she said. It is her first work about a field which she said always had intrigued her—archaeology.

Until now, her writings mostly have been sports books for young people.

Mrs. Irwin isn't belittling Christopher Columbus. "His timing was right," she said in an interview during a visit to New York.

"The Phoenicians and the Vikings were too early," she said. "Columbus arrived at a time when the whole world was ready to expand and to colonize."

"The achievements (of Columbus) are many and our debt to him can never be lightly dismissed.

"From 1492 on, the line of development is essentially unbroken."

But the Phoenicians, "the great seafarers of their time," landed in Middle America somewhere around 1,000 B.C., she has concluded. She stressed that this is her personal conclusion from her research—much has to be proved.

But she suggested they were the ones who gave origin to the legend of Quetzalcoatl, the fair-bearded god, among the dark-skinned Mayas, Incas and Aztecs.

Mrs. Irwin speculates that the Phoenicians, busy trading up and down the African West Coast, might have blown off course and riding Atlantic currents, found Middle America—probably the West Indies.

Maurine raps right wingers

PORTLAND (UPI)— Sen. Maurine Neuberger, D - Ore., Sunday warned the Pacific Northwest regional conference of the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education (COPE) of "tax exempt right wing groups."

Mrs. Neuberger told the labor group that "dozens of tax-exempt right wing groups masquerading as education or religious organizations are today flooding the country with extremist partisan political propaganda."

The Oregon Democrat said such organizations were financed by tax-free contributions from businessmen. She listed several organizations she said took in more

than \$5.5 million of tax - exempt contributions annually.

Mrs. Neuberger said the tax-free incomes and the shield of respectability "cloak their right wing propaganda."

OFFICERS NAMED

PORTLAND (UPI)— Mrs. John Schreiber Jr. of Portland was elected president of the Oregon Association for Retarded Children Saturday.

Leonard Pugh of Corvallis was elected first vice president and Mrs. G. Buren of Salem was chosen second vice president.

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