

Mill Strike Called For Monday Morning; No Agreement Seen

Employers and Union Both Call Negotiations "Hopelessly Deadlocked"

The threat of a strike at the Heppner Lumber company, and several hundred other CIO mills in Oregon and Washington, appeared stronger today following a statement Wednesday by Orville Smith, manager of the local mill, who said the negotiations appear to be "hopelessly deadlocked."

Smith was in Portland Monday and Tuesday to attend a meeting of employers and employees at which time the mill operators voted unanimously not to grant the union demands for 12 and one-half cents an hour across-the-board wage increase, an additional week's vacation with pay and a correction of inequities in job rates. The union also appeared to be standing pat on their demands, and local union officials here said Wednesday that at a meeting Tuesday night, members of Heppner local 6-312 IWA-CIO again confirmed their decision to hold to their original requests.

The strike has been called for the start of the first shift next Monday morning, May 3 and, if put into effect, will idle upwards of 50,000 workers in the two states. Locally about 90 men will be effected, but the closure of

job rates. Such corrections to be based on a job analysis program to be made jointly between the companies and the union with the cost of such analysis to be borne by the companies.

—Add a clause to the present (contract) vacation article to provide three weeks paid vacation after five years seniority.

The demands are uniform throughout the entire lumbering industry in Oregon and Washington.

The Heppner Lumber company is currently paying a low base pay of \$1.75 per hour with the average pay of all employees in the mill being approximately \$2.35 per hour. It is also giving two weeks vacation with pay in addition to six paid holidays per year.

If the strike is called as scheduled, it will idle approximately one-half of all the pine and fir producing mills in the two states. The Heppner Lumber company mill, however happens to be the only CIO mill in this immediate area, the others in this section of the state being either AF of L or non-union.

MEETING CALLED

Word out of Portland Thursday noon indicated that a last minute attempt will be made Friday to avert the strike when representatives of six fir lumber operators organizations will meet with the Federal Conciliation Service. While the representatives of the pine mills are not expected to attend this meeting, should any break in the deadlock come from it, it could possibly set a pattern for an industry-wide agreement.

It was also understood here Thursday afternoon that negotiations between the union and Weyerhaeuser Timber Company one of the largest operators in the northwest, had broken down completely and that no more meetings of the two are now scheduled prior to the strike deadline.

The Heppner mill will also shut down three other supplier mills in the area which will raise the total workers effected to about 185. The other mills that will be shut down are the Jack Stalling mill in Condon, North Fork Timber company, Monument, and the Black Mountain mill near Heppner.

Statement Made

Smith said Wednesday that it was his opinion, and also of other lumber operators in the pine and fir industry, that market conditions and lumber prices simply will not allow the mills to grant the increases asked by the union. He said that the pine lumber market has been dropping steadily for the past several months and in addition, much of the former regular market for pine products has been lost to substitute materials. He cited the widespread use of aluminum and paper products which is constantly taking business away from the lumber industry. The use of hard and soft boards is also making heavy inroads into what has previously been one of the main points of sale for regular lumber.

In making the statement that negotiations were "hopelessly deadlocked", both Smith and local union officials indicated that they knew of no more meetings scheduled prior to the strike deadline next Monday. Jack Polynar, president of the Heppner local of the union and Francis J. Doherty, local secretary, said Wednesday that the local was willing to bargain here at any time, but that if an agreement was reached with the local mill it would have to get the approval of the Northwest Regional negotiating committee as well as be OK'd by the local members before it could be accepted.

Union Demands Listed

Basis for the strike threat are the union demands requesting:

- 1—An across-the-board 12 1/2 cent per hour wage increase.
- 2—Correction of inequities in

Three Heppner Men On Scout Board

Three Heppner men last night were named to lead the Boy Scout program for this district, at a Covered Wagon district meeting held at Arlington.

Bradley D. Fancher was named district commissioner, a position which automatically places him on the Blue Mountain district council executive board. Lester D. Boulden was named district chairman and La Verne Van Marter Jr. was named neighborhood commissioner to work with the board.

The naming of the three local men to the directive board of the Boy Scout organization is expected to boost Scout activity considerably in this area.

2 Hardman Ranches Change Ownership

The sale of the Claud Buschke ranch six and one-half miles north of Hardman to a company known as Silver Spur, Inc., was announced this week.

The sale was completed April 23 and E. S. Powell and Tracey Elder, both of Spokane, Wash., are listed as the owners of the company. Involved in the sale was 3769 acres of wheat and grazing land. The sale price was not disclosed. Sidney Zinter, Eightmile rancher will manage the operation.

In another recent large transaction the Everett Harshman ranch, south of Hardman on Rock Creek was purchased by John Graves of Sand Hollow. The ranch consists of 3,216 acres with 620 acres farm land and the balance mountain pasture. Graves will take over June 1.

Funeral Directors To Meet in Heppner

Plans for the fall meeting of the Tri-District Funeral Directors to be held in Heppner October 25, were told this week by Oliver Creswick, owner of Creswick and Soull Mortuary, who was elected vice-president of the organization at a recent meeting in La Grande.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Creswick attended the La Grande meeting.

Four County Students Perfect in Spelling

Four county school students Wednesday were rated perfect in spelling. The four, Janet Wightman and Donald Craber, Heppner; Nancy Wright, Lexington; and Donna May Wantland of Irigton, participated in the county school spelling contest at the Heppner school and finished with a perfect record of no words missed.

The contest, which included 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from Irigton, Boardman, Lexington, Ione and Heppner was under the direction of Miss Marguerite Glavey, Heppner 5th grade teacher. Spelling teachers of the county were the judges. A more complete list of the winners will be given next week.

FIRE CAUSES ONLY MINOR DAMAGE

Firemen were called Monday morning to control a fire which apparently started from faulty wiring in apartments on Cannon street owned by Howard Bryant.

The fire was discovered in an enclosed outside stairway leading to the basement, but was controlled before it caused more than minor damage. It did not get into the house itself.

REV. JACKSON GILLIAM TO VISIT HERE

Information was received this week that Rev. Jackson Gilliam, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilliam of Heppner, who is now living at Minneapolis, Minn., will be home next month and will preach at All Saints Episcopal church on Sunday, May 23.

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Program Complete For Homemaker's Festival Wednesday

Morrow County women will begin the annual Homemaker's Festival day, May 5, at the fair pavilion, Heppner, with registration starting at 9:30 a. m.

Mrs. Earl Blake, chairman of the county home economics extension committee, will be in charge of the morning program which starts at 10:15 with group singing by Mrs. Claude Riley of Ione. A special surprise skit will be presented by Mrs. Kenneth Peck and Mrs. Mervin Leonard, of the Lexington Garden club. A musical number in pantomime will be presented by Janet Stephens of Irigton.

Main feature of the morning festival program will be a report of the triennial conference at Toronto, Canada, by the Oregon delegates, Mrs. Norman Nelson, Lexington and Mrs. Markham Baker, Ione. Interesting and colorful pictures will illustrate the Associated Country Women of the World in action at Toronto. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Nelson assisted with resolutions on illiteracy and concept of peace, which originated by Oregon home extension women, and were adopted by the Associated Country Women of the World. Mrs. Baker was a voting delegate representing the Farm Bureau, while Mrs. Nelson was visiting delegate for the state home economics extension council.

The afternoon program will be in charge of Mrs. William Garner, Boardman. Exhibits from all communities representing all phases of homemaking will be on display.

Style revue of homemakers that have made dresses during the year in workshops or out will be held. Communities taking part are Irigton, Boardman, Pine City, Heppner, and Ione.

Special music will be given by the following lone boys: Larry Rietmann, Malcolm McKinney, Dick Ekstrom, Lawrence Jones, Dennis Swanson and Sam Barnell.

Miss Viola Hansen, state agent, extension service, Corvallis, will explain "Why we should be concerned about the refugees in Europe."

The festival luncheon will be held at noon with Mrs. W. A. Ruggles in charge of the program.

Special guests to attend are: Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Garret Barratt, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller, Boardman; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Penland, Heppner; and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grant.

Cub Scout Carnival Opens Friday Night

Heppner's Cub Scouts and their den mothers said this week that everything is in readiness for their Cub carnival to be held on Friday night at the Heppner fair pavilion.

The Cubs have been doing the work of building the booths and will operate the many concessions themselves, it was said. They assure that there will be attractions to entertain both the children and parents.

IONE EXTENSION UNIT TO MEET

The Ione Extension unit will meet Friday May 7 at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Fredrick Martin.

The demonstration discussion will be on Dry Cleaning In The Home.



HOMEMAKERS will hear Miss Viola Hansen, above, Oregon State College home extension agent speak on "why we should be interested in the refugee problem in Europe" at the Homemaker's Festival in Heppner next Wednesday.



GOOD SHOT—Marine Captain LeMoin Cox, son of Elbert L. Cox of Heppner, receives two marksmanship medals from Marine Col. Edgar O. Price, commanding officer of the Weapons Training Battalion at the Camp Matthews rifle range at the Marine Corps recruit depot in San Diego where he is stationed. Capt. Cox won the medals in the Mendeis and Crowell trophy matches at the national rifle and pistol matches held at Camp Perry, Ohio, last September. (Marine Corps Photo)

Catholic District Conference to Be Held Here May 3

The 14th annual Deacons Conference of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of the Catholic church will be held at the Star Theater Monday, May 3, Rev. Francis McCormack, pastor of St. Patrick's church, and one of the sponsors of the meeting, announced this week. Between 250 and 300 delegates are expected to attend.

The parishes of Hood River, The Dalles, Dufur, Condon, Hermiston and Heppner will be represented by delegates from parish Confraternity units as well as high school students. Registration of Delegates will start at 9:15 a. m.

The morning session 9:15 to 12:15 will be presided over by Stephen Trukoski and will be devoted to reports and talks on the various activities of the C. C. D. The afternoon session will be devoted entirely to youth and their problems and will be headed by Larry Mollahan, chairman of the Heppner high school discussion group. Jack Monagle and Darlene Connor will be the speakers. Father Baird, diocesan director of youth in the Baker diocese will also preside. Mrs. Charles O'Donnell will read the local unit report and John Emsdorf will be the speaker.

Bishop Leipzig will be on hand to address the conference and Sisters Presentina and Maurina Confraternity supervisors, will also be present. Rev. Leopold O'Riordan of Hermiston will deliver the keynote address at the morning session. Bishop Leipzig will also present diplomas to Mrs. Philip Blakney, Mrs. Bernard Doherty, Mrs. Don Hatfield, Mrs. Randy Lott and Mrs. Delbert Emert for having fulfilled qualifications necessary for teaching religion.

Sponsors of the Conference are the pastors from the various parishes including Rev. Peter Duligan, Hood River; Rev. Otto Nooy, Reva; Rev. Martin Quigley and Leo Stupfel, The Dalles; Revs. Alphonsus Domick, Kenneth LaPan and Reginald Krakosky, Dufur; Rev. William Boden, Condon; Revs. Leopold O'Riordan, Bertram Mulligan, Hermiston; and Rev. Francis McCormack of St. Patrick's, Heppner.

Rev. McCormack emphasized that the conference is open to everyone, and is not limited just to Catholics.

Voter Registration Figures Complete

A final tabulation of voter registration completed this week by the county clerk's office shows a total of 2351 persons are eligible to vote in the May primary elections. All of the county's seven precincts but one are predominantly republican.

Registration by precincts showed:

	Rep.	Dem.
Boardman	209	96
Irigton	129	166
Hardman	29	12
N. Heppner	345	172
S. Heppner	321	199
Ione	259	129
Lexington	147	101

DANCE PLANNED

The Lilian Turner foundation will hold a public dance at the Heppner fair pavilion Saturday, May 5. Duke Warner's orchestra will furnish the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Brodley Fancher were in Portland to attend the wedding of Fancher's cousin.

Crippled Children's Clinic to be Held in Pendleton Monday

The county health department announced today that the crippled children's clinic will be held Monday, May 3, at 1 p. m. at the Umatilla county health department, SW 3rd and Frazer streets in Pendleton.

The purpose of the clinic is for consultation with children under 21 years of age who have any form of crippling disease.

Anyone desiring an appointment for the clinic is asked to call Heppner 619915.

Local Hospital Plans Open House For Early May

On May 12, between the hours of 11:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., Pioneer Memorial will be joining thousands of hospitals throughout the continent by opening its doors to the public to commemorate national hospital day.

A public visitation day coupled with a voluntary chest x-ray program is planned. Refreshments will be served on the lawn, weather permitting.

The voluntary chest x-ray program is sponsored jointly by the Morrow County T. B. and Health Association and Pioneer Memorial hospital. This part of the national hospital day program is a substitute and in lieu of the mobile x-ray unit that has been brought into the counties for the annual chest x-ray surveys usually sponsored by the TB and Health Associations. All visitors to the hospital desirous of a chest x-ray may have it taken on this day free of charge.

The public visitation program will give the public the opportunity to become better acquainted with the services offered by the hospital for the benefit of the sick and injured; as well as to meet and become better acquainted with the hospital staff who dedicate their work to the improvement of more efficient patient care.

While the public honors the memory of Florence Nightingale on national hospital day by visiting the hospitals of the country and paying tribute to those whose work is devoted to serving the sick, it is generally remembered that Florence Nightingale became world famous when she organized a nursing staff to care for wounded soldiers in Crimea in 1854, and when she herself inspired her fellow workers by her tireless and sympathetic service.

Thus it is entirely fitting that May 12 the birthday of Florence Nightingale, should have become the occasion for national recognition of the hospital as an institution of public service, for it is through visits to the hospital on national hospital day that the people of the community may become familiar with the less spectacular functions of the hospital. Its readiness to give competent performances in times of public catastrophe or individual emergency is well known and fully appreciated. Less widely understood are the manifold services which it carries quietly forward from day to day and from year to year, constantly seeking to improve its methods, its equipment and its personnel to provide the best possible protection of the community health.

It is the purpose of national hospital day to acquaint the community with the people who are its practitioners of hospital care. On national hospital day those who can be spared from their duties wish to be seen as people seeking an opportunity to explain the job so that it may be understood and appreciated. For them, as to everyone else, it is the daily, routine performance of their tasks that is important rather than the occasional triumph that may be achieved in time of disaster or emergency.

In announcing the observance, staff members said, "In participating in the observance of national hospital day we are not seeking praise or recognition but rather we desire to show that we are proud to be a part of the great hospital system of the continent. We are proud of the exacting nature of our profession, and we are proud of its conquests over disease and suffering. Most of all, however, we are proud to stand in this community as a protector of the public health and happiness, for our pride of achievement is as nothing compared to the pride we feel for the responsibility which the community has entrusted to us. If this feeling of responsibility is

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County School Tax Levy Shows Drop For Next Year

County taxpayers this week received welcome news that while the total cost of operating the county's schools will be up slightly for next year, the necessary tax levy will show a reduction of approximately three mills due to increased receipts and carry-over.

The budget for the 1954-55 school year, published elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette Times shows a total of \$611,883 will be needed for all county schools during the year. This is an increase of \$9,625 over the present year's budget, but this is offset by an increase of \$63,952 in total receipts and cash carryover from the current budgets.

The actual cash reduction for next year amounts to \$54,650 which is approximately equal to three mills on total county valuation on which the tax is levied. The total budgeted cost for operating all the county schools is set at \$611,883, and of this figure \$236,958 will be raised within the 6 percent limitation. The balance of \$374,925 must come from a special levy which will be voted on by the people at a special election to be held May 14. The total tax levy, including the necessary amount outside the six percent limitation, will reflect the three mill reduction. This will bring the school levy in the county down to approximately 30.5 mills.

It must be pointed out that the special election on May 14 is to approve the operating budgets of the county schools only, and has no connection with any special bond election for construction purposes. The Heppner school board will soon call such an election to ask approval of a bond issue for a new grade school, but the date for it has not yet been set.

Results of Cattle Feeding Research Reported by College

Surplus Oregon feeder and lower grade slaughter grass cattle—which both tend to flood fall markets—may be profitably fed to higher grades for spring slaughter. These are preliminary findings of a feeding and grading demonstration conducted during the past season at the Malheur branch experiment station.

Common grade feeder cattle averaged a net profit of \$56.16 a head compared to \$25.31 for choice feeders during the 150 day feeding trial supervised by Neil Hoffman, station superintendent, and sponsored jointly by the Oregon State college experiment station and extension service. No labor charges, interest or taxes were figured in the costs.

Sixty yearling steers, representing five grades of feeders, were fed identical rations of alfalfa hay and ground ear corn and barley. Groups of inferior, medium and good feeders fell in between the extremes in net profits reared for the choice and common feeders.

Ed Coles, extension livestock marketing specialist, says that while these results represent only one season's trials, they showed considerably higher profits in feeding common feeders bought at 11 cents a pound and sold as finished grades of "commercial and good" at 18 to 20 cents a pound. Choice feeders bought at 17 cents a pound sold for 22 cents.

Profits were made by feeding animals into higher slaughter grades and not through weight gains, Coles states. Feed costs per pound of gain ran higher for all lots than the selling price per pound of live cattle. Cost per pound of gain was 21 cents for common feeder steers and 25 cents for choice feeders.

John Landers, extension animal husbandry specialist, said the trials showed that animals' ability to put on gains may vary widely within grades. Good feeders showed the highest average daily gain of 1.91 pounds, but the 10 animals in the lot ranged from 1.25 pounds a day to 2.53 pounds. Choice feeders showed the lowest average gain of 1.62 pounds. Common feeders averaged 1.86 pounds a day and ranged from 1.29 to 2.1 pounds.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner from the secretary of state's office will be on duty in the court house in Heppner Tuesday, May 11 between 9:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Anderson spent Thursday and Friday in Portland.