

Mills Urged To Prepare For Car Shortage In West

West coast sawmills were urged this week to make preparations for a possible unseasonal freight car shortage if the eastern coal strike continues.

In a letter to its members, the West Coast Lumbermen's association said the coal strike was already causing a curtailment of movement of empty freight cars westward by eastern railroads. This action may have a serious effect on west coast lumber shippers by drying up the supply of freight cars moving into this territory from eastern lines, the association's traffic department advised.

Urge Close Check

Some mills in the Willamette valley are advising their sales departments to go slow on accepting new business, and urging their production supervisors to keep a close check on inventories in mill stocks in the event of a sudden drying up of first class box cars available to Oregon lumber shippers. There seem to be plenty of flat cars and gondolas, the west coast traffic department stated, but a shortage of first class box cars would hit the industry hard.

The association urged its member mills to load every freight car to its maximum capacity so that the most lumber could be shipped in the minimum number of box cars. It urged prompt loading and dispatching of cars as soon as they are spotted at mill loading docks.

The association traffic department is working closely with the region's railroads and advised its members it would keep them fully informed on the freight car supply picture as they could plan their production and shipping schedules as far in advance as possible.

St. Marys Club To Hear Father Robert Sweeney

Father Robert H. Sweeney, vice president of the University of Portland, will address the St. Mary's Parents club at a meeting in the school auditorium Monday, February 27, at 8 p.m. Father Sweeney's subject will be "Catholic Education."



(Acme Telephoto) U.S. BULGARIA SPLIT—Bulgarian charge d'affaires, Peter Voutov (above), leaves the State Department to make immediate preparations to withdraw his country's diplomatic mission from Washington after the State Department announced that it had broken diplomatic relations with Bulgaria.

AMA Cautions On Antihistamines

Chicago, Feb. 25—(U.P.)—The American Medical Association warned today against "misleading" and "untruthful" claims for the use of antihistamine drugs in treating the common cold.

Tests so far "only suggest possible beneficial effects" from the drugs' use, the AMA council on pharmacy and chemistry reported in the current AMA journal.

The tests "do not prove that the anti-histamines are useful for the prevention of the average common cold or for the treatment of those who are ill with this affliction," the council said.

The AMA said a "welter of confusion" has been created by "claims and counterclaims" regarding the drugs' effectiveness as cold cures and preventives. "Further fundamental work is certainly indicated," it said.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 25—(U.P.)—Power failures over a wide area were reported early Friday when a 57,000-volt wire at the Silver Springs interurban station in Oak Grove broke and fell to the ground.

Appeal Made For Volunteers In Red Cross Drive

Col. Ben Stafford, vice-chairman of the annual fund drive of the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross, said Saturday that volunteer workers are needed to assist in the drive which starts here Wednesday.

Workers in the Phoenix, Talent, Central Point and West Side districts are particularly needed, he said.

"I am sure that it is not necessary to comment on the importance of the American Red Cross to army personnel," Stafford said. As a retired army man, he has seen the Red Cross in action during two wars, and he said Saturday that "throughout the world our armed forces benefit daily from some Red Cross service."

Aid Problems

"In our hospitals and at every military installation, they are constantly available in emergencies, or to assist in the solution of an individual's personal problem. This world organization is deserving of our complete support in its 1950 campaign for funds," he concluded.

The colonel originally came to Medford in 1937, and retired here after completing his army service.

Two divisions of the fund drive organization have been at work for nearly two weeks, the office said Saturday. They are the advance gifts division, under the chairmanship of A. A. Lausman, and the industrial division, under B. L. Nutting.

Chairmen Named

The other groups will begin their work March 1, and Frank Van Dyke, general chairman of the drive Saturday announced a number of the division chairmen who will lead in the solicitation work.

They include Allen McGee, Ashland; Wilbur Arnold and Col. H. L. Meiring, outlying districts; Mrs. Paul Walker, west side residential; Mrs. Alber Lenox, east side residential; Darrell Huseon, city employees; Ralph Sweeney, county employees; Moore Hamilton, federal employees; Paul Hutton, Camp White, and Colonel Stafford, clubs and special groups.

The rural district solicitation will be handled through the county Granges, Van Dyke said, with Roscoe Roberts and John Gray in charge of that phase of the organization.

Mrs. Frank Fairweather and Mrs. James Wyatt are handling publicity for the entire organization.

The county goal this year is \$25,000.

Nurserymen, Growers Discuss Price Lists

The Rogue Valley Nurserymen and Growers met February 23, at the Crater Green house, the first in a series of meetings for the purpose of establishing a minimum price list.

Members feel that such a list would make it possible for the growers to work in closer harmony, resulting in better quality plants.

All licensed growers were invited to the next meeting to be held at the same location at 7 p.m. March 2.

Officers named at the meeting included M. L. Schmidlin, president, of Rogue Valley Green house; Ken Meadows, vice-president, of Crater Green house, and J. Vernon Marshall, secretary-treasurer, of Marshall nursery.

Butte Falls

Butte Falls, Feb. 25—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bradford visited in Pasco and Walla Walla, Wash. last week.

Jerry Arnold is in a Medford hospital with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Woods and Jackie visited friends and relatives here Sunday and Monday. The Woods are former Butte Falls residents now living in Cottonwood, Cal.

Mrs. Vern Stephenson has been confined to her home with the flu.

Mrs. Florence Best and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kincaid, Sunday.

Mrs. Ernest Smith has been ill the past week.

Mrs. Glenn Pruitt visited her mother, Mrs. Hughes, here, Monday.

Mrs. Ben Edmondson has been ill with a severe cold.

Bob Marshall visited his sister, Mrs. Sally Walker, over the week-end.

A large number of basketball fans attended the tournament in Eagle Point last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The people are proud of the local high school team which won second place.

Mrs. Floyd Price was in Ashland over the week-end visiting her sister.

Mr. Rambo took his son, Arthur, to the doctor Monday. The boy was suffering from muscle sprain.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tungate and children from Milwaukie, Ore., are visiting friends and relatives here.

Butte Falls Grange held a social evening Monday. Friends of Grangers were invited. This was the first meeting of this type but every other meeting from now on will be social. H. E. C. served refreshments.

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(Acme Telephoto) FIRED ON—Rear Admiral Eric Longley-Cook (above), director of British Naval Intelligence, was fired on as he drove through a London suburb in what may have been an assassination attempt. Uninjured, he sped after the car from which the shots were fired but lost it. Authorities discouraged any speculation linking the incident with the Soviet atomic espionage case involving Dr. Klaus Fuchs.

Manila Suggested For Japanese Treaty

Manila, P. I., Feb. 25—(U.P.)—President Elpidio Quirino of the Philippines disclosed today that he had suggested Manila to President Truman as the site of the Japanese peace conference.

Quirino said the Philippines had "not changed a bit" in its attitude toward Japan and remained strongly opposed to Japan's revival as a military power. But he said the Philippines desired an early peace treaty.

... AROUND HOLLYWOOD

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Hollywood, Feb. 25—(U.P.)—Hollywood had better step a little faster. Palm Springs is hopping on the bandwagon.

They're working in up to the million-dollar-epic-and-searchlight-and-mink class in easy stages.

But from the looks of their first one, they'll be right in there before very long.

The tiny sun-drenched village on the edge of the desert is where most of the stars hang out now, anyhow. Getting celebrities to put in an appearance is the least of the town's worries.

Palm Springs can do it cheaper, too. They don't have to splurge on searchlights. The city fathers would probably be shanghaied to the Los Angeles "smog" if they passed up their publicized sunshine and staged a shindig at night.

So it was that Palm Springs' first movie premiere in almost 20 years got under way before sundown. And it wasn't a super-duper Hollywood epic that filled the Plaza theater, either.

It was a 20-minute public service film on safe driving. It's called "Last Date," and the people behind it are unknown so far as Hollywood's concerned.

The producer is James S. Kemper, an elderly millionaire who likes to spend big chunks of his loose change making drivers slow down on the highways.

The star is 20-year-old Joan Taylor, a sweet-girl cutie who began getting offers from movie moguls two hours after her desert debut.

Kemper only spent \$37,000 to scare teen-agers into keeping their "hot-roads" under control. But the idea was enough to pull stars like Bob Hope, Charles Farrell, Jane Russell and Bob Waterfield away from their swimming pools long enough to put on a show for the natives.

Gold Hill Meeting Set To Discuss Tax Equalization

Gold Hill, Feb. 25—The real estate tax valuation protest committees of Gold Hill, Central Point, Rogue River and Blackwell Hill will hold a meeting Monday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the Gold Hill city hall according to announcement made by Mrs. Daniel H. Stewart, chairman of the combined group of tax committees.

Harry J. Loggan, supervising appraisal engineer and Arthur W. Sellander, chief appraisal engineer, members of the State Tax commission, will meet with the committees Monday night to discuss equalization of property valuations in the three towns and on Blackwell Hill. The meeting will be for committee members and will not be open to the general public.

Meetings will be arranged by Mr. Loggan and Mr. Sellander to be held later with the tax committees in their own territories to make plans for re-appraising individual pieces of property judged by the committees to be out of line with property valuations as a whole in their respective towns.

Maps have been furnished by the tax commission to the committee members of the aforementioned places showing valuation of every piece of property in their towns to be used by them in making recommendations for achieving equalization of tax valuation. This work having been completed the committees will submit their recommendations to the appraisal engineers.

Property owners who are not satisfied with the results of this equalization work may make their appeals to the tax equalization board when it meets in the spring.

Sunday, February 26, 1950

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE



(Acme Telephoto) REVEALS MURDER—Diana Heaney Johnson, 18, of Linwood, Calif., strikes a pensive pose after she revealed to police in Washington, D. C., that her husband, Ewald, 29, beat and choked to death wealthy Texas oilman W. A. (Tex) Thornton last June 22 in a tourist camp near Amarillo, Tex. She is being held as a fugitive for Amarillo authorities. (Exclusive photo by Washington Times-Herald.)

Fries Treasurer Of Easter Seal Sale

Appointment of A. C. Fries Jr. of Medford as Jackson county treasurer of the 1950 Easter Seal sale sponsored by the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., was announced today by Mrs. C. B. Parich of Medford, county chairman.

The chairman explained that Fries' position as treasurer takes on added significance this year because of the fact each county will be responsible for its returns from Easter Seal sales. In past years all returns have been made to headquarters of the Easter Seal agency in Portland.

Jackson county residents purchasing Easter Seals will send their returns to Fries, at the Medford branch, S. National Bank, where they will be deposited.

The chairman reported this is the fourth Easter Seal sale in Oregon and that it will run from March 9 through April 9. The Easter Seals will be placed in the mail in early March.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 25—(U.P.)—Mrs. Alexander Thompson, 86, long prominent in Oregon and national politics, women's clubs and welfare work, died Thursday at the Troutdale Tuberculosis hospital.

SHADY COVE DANCE CLASS
Shady Cove, Feb. 25—Colleen Hope of the Colleen Hope Dance studio of Medford will give dance instruction for Girl scout troop 22 and the scouts' guests Monday, February 27. The class will be held at the Shady Cove school house, starting at 7:30 p.m., and there will be no charge.

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