

Northwest Shingle Mill Owners Charge Slowdowns, Strikes

Portland—(U.P.)—Shingle mill operators in Oregon and southwestern Washington Saturday charged employees with a deliberate slowdown and "hit-and-run" strike program to enforce wage demands.

The operators reported that Oregon's major shingle producing mills have been closed by the workers' tactics, although an AFL Shingle Weavers Union official in Portland denied there is any slowdown.

Portland Mills Down
All shingle mills in the Portland area were reported down as well as the New Era plant at Canby and the Rainier mill at Rainier. Some seven mills in the Grays Harbor area in Washington also were reported shut down or about to close.

Operators said that on Wednesday workers failed to report for work at Grays Harbor mills and held similar "quickie" strikes in the Portland area Friday.

In Portland, an operator said the union was concentrating on slowdowns in a few areas at a time. He said mills at Gribaldi, Tillamook, Astoria, Eugene, Lebanon, Wheeler, Vernonia and Sweet Home were operating.

Secretary Denies Slowdowns
Secretary Ray Thompson of the Portland union local said there was no slowdown.

"We are willing to work and want to work. We are taking the 7½ cents they have offered, but we want a raise," he said.

The operators offered the 7½ cents an hour recommended by the governors' fact-finding panel for the Northwest lumber industry, but the union is reported asking a total of 35 cents an hour boost with a 45 cents raise in the Eugene area.

Negotiations are scheduled to begin next month for new contracts. The current agreements expire April 1.

Business Census Form Mailing Due Throughout Oregon

Census report forms for 1954 are being mailed to business establishments throughout Oregon, according to the Bureau of the Census.

The forms are going to retail, wholesale and service businesses, theaters and other amusement places, hotels, and tourist courts. An estimated 3,000,000 business places throughout the United States will receive the 1954 forms.

The report forms are adapted to the various kinds of business, and smaller firms need answer only a minimum of basic inquiries. Information collected in the census is confidential and will be used by the Bureau of the Census in compiling new statistics on business activities for the nation, states, and smaller areas.

First Since 1948
The census is the first conducted since the 1948 census of business. Results of that census showed Oregon had 17,538 retail stores with \$1,597,300,000 sales for the year and a \$156,755,000 annual payroll.

Figures for wholesale trade in the 1948 census were 2,561 establishments, with yearly sales of \$1,891,251,000, and yearly payroll of \$94,418,000.

TWO CATS
Buffalo, N.Y.—(U.P.)—City Judge Arthur J. Cosgrove ruled here recently that two cats are plenty for a single household. He instructed Miss Christine Gearhart to dispose of all her cats except two. A health inspector said the woman had 20 feline pets.

Low Fat Diet Termed Aid to MS Sufferers In Report by UO Man

Portland—(U.P.)—A University of Oregon medical school researcher Saturday revealed a low-fat diet treatment which could prove beneficial to many sufferers of multiple sclerosis, one of mankind's most mysterious diseases.

Dr. Roy L. Swank, professor of neurology, said he had recently completed a five and one-half year study of treating the disease with a low fat diet.

The doctor said many patients—particularly those in the early

stages of the disease of the central nervous system, had benefited from a reduction in severity and frequency of MS attacks after eating a diet low in meat and milk.

Most Patients Improved
Dr. Swank said more than 150 patients at the Montreal Neurological Institute at McGill University had received the treatment since 1949, and that most of the patients had improved.

The doctor has been head of the University of Oregon medical school's division of neurology for more than a year, but he said he had continued to remain in close contact with his Canadian patients.

He said the five and one-half year period of observation of the treatment was sufficiently long "to suggest the diet may be useful." But, he said the average duration of multiple sclerosis is from 20 to 25 years and conclusions must hence remain tentative.

Discovered in Norway
Dr. Swank said his theory of treatment evolved from a trip to Norway, where he found that fishing communities with diets containing little milk and meat had a low MS incidence.

On the other hand, Dr. Swank found that inland dairying areas were subject to a higher disease incidence. A review of medical literature showed that a similar correlation was world-wide.

Dr. Swank said multiple sclerosis caused attacks of numbness, paralysis, tingling, double-vision, blindness and staggering in its early stages. Young adults are most susceptible.

Peach Leaf Curl Spray Advised by Horticulturalist

Spray to combat peach leaf curl in Jackson county peach orchards should be applied as soon as weather permits, according to Don Berry, county agent for horticulture.

Peach leaf curl causes a distortion of leaves, which turn a yellow or reddish color and drop. Later the twigs and fruit may be attacked, and in severe cases large trees are nearly defoliated and small trees sometimes are killed.

The spores which produce the disease are present on the surface of the tree during winter months, becoming active and producing infection when growth starts in the spring.

Spraying Helpful
Spraying during January is very helpful in preventing the disease from becoming established, Berry said. He recommended use of bordeaux mixture 10-10-100, or Ferbam, three pounds to 100 gallons of water, or fixed copper as suggested on the package. Use of two quarts of summer oil or one-third pint of spreader depository per 100 gallons of water was recommended as a sticker.

Berry warned that flowering peach trees are susceptible to peach leaf curl, and also should be sprayed.

Regional Conclave On Educational Standards Slated

Ashland—A regional conference on teacher education and professional standards on the theme "Professional Standards for Better Education" will be held at Southern Oregon college Feb. 25 and 26.

Shildrick A. Kendrick, director of publications of the National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards of the National Education Association will be the principal speaker.

Teacher Supply
The conference, which will include teachers, parents, school board members, and other workers in education, will consider problems of supply and demand for teachers and the role of teachers and their associations providing a satisfactory corps of instructors. The conference will draw delegates from Douglas, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, and Lake counties, and some representatives from Siskiyou and Modoc counties in California.

Others in addition to Kendrick expected to speak include Dr. John Richards, vice-chancellor, Oregon State System of Higher Education, and Charles Hamilton, executive secretary, California Commission for TEPS.

Auto Accidents in Oregon Take Four Lives; GIs Killed

FROM UNITED PRESS
Four traffic accident deaths were reported in Oregon Friday and Saturday.

Two soldiers from the mid-west, stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., died Saturday when their car was involved in a collision with a truck six miles north of Ontario, in eastern Oregon, on U. S. Highway 30.

Soldiers Dead
State police said Pfc. Ray A. Wiebensch, Greenville, O., was killed instantly, and that Pvt. John A. Diehr, Hazel Park, Mich., died in a Payette, Ida., hospital about an hour after the accident. Both were in their early 20's.

The truck driver, William M. Mindis, 37, Lakewood, Colo., was unhurt.

Joyce Adele Ball, 8, Portland, was injured fatally Friday night when the car in which she was riding swerved to avoid an oncoming car and struck a house. It was Portland's third traffic death this year.

The girl was dead on arrival at Emanuel hospital. Doctors said broken glass severed the child's jugular vein.

Car Struck House
The mother, Bernice Olson, 35, told police she swerved to avoid an oncoming car, struck a parked auto and then swerved across the road into the house. Mrs. Olson suffered light cuts.

Portland registered its 42nd traffic fatality of 1954 Friday with the death of Mrs. Connie Massey, 32, who succumbed to injuries suffered in an automobile plunge from a Portland viaduct last month.

The victim's husband, Curley, 42, injured in the same accident, was paralyzed from the waist down. He had occupied a hospital bed adjacent to his wife's.



BIG CHRISTMAS CARD—One of the longest Christmas cards ever seen in this area was delivered during the Holiday season to Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Ricker, of Camp White. He is manager of the Veterans Administration domiciliary center, and the card was prepared by members of the center, and signed by 746 of them, all who were on the station during the holidays.

Sixty Court Actions Filed During Year by Agriculture Bureau

Salem—(U.P.)—Sixty court actions, including the first arrest in 12 years under the state seed act, were filed against violators of agricultural laws last year, a year-end summary of the State Department of Agriculture shows.

In complaints filed by the department, 50 defendants pleaded guilty; four forfeited bail totaling \$125; one case was dismissed; one defendant stood trial and was found guilty; and four pleas

were pending at the end of the year.

Bulk of the cases involved violation of Oregon food laws and fines were assessed by the courts on these charges amounting to nearly \$1100. Basis of the other complaints were larceny of livestock, 9; selling milk while the state license was suspended, 4; misrepresenting weight of a commodity, 1; operating without a meat dealer's license, 3; misbranding onions, 1; operating without a produce dealer's license, 3.

In the livestock larceny cases, three men drew penitentiary sentences aggregating nine years; two got three months each in county jail; two others are waiting sentence, and two have not entered pleas.

Both violations of the seed law were charged to the same man, a farmer who admitted failure to label agricultural seed and also failure to label mixed seed. Official tests showed that screenings were being sold for seed in this case.

The summary showed district attorneys issued 18 warnings on other hamburger violations, two on frozen desserts and two on mislabeled milk. The department handed out 22 regulatory warnings to produce and seed dealers.

In the dairy field, investigation uncovered 18 dairies selling milk without state license and sanitary inspection, and two selling milk from herds not tested. Dairy suspensions during the year were for these reasons: Bacteria count excessive, 119; sanitation violations, 18; sediment, 1; temperature violations, 2; cases of canned whole milk, later released for pet food sales; and 30 dozen eggs released after being correctly labeled. It also ordered dumped 1½ cans of whole egg meats.

Timberline Permit Cancelled by U.S.

Portland—(U.P.)—The United States Forest service has cancelled the permit of Charles W. Slaney to operate Timberline Lodge and the Mt. Hood chairlift.

The cancellation notice was contained in a letter to Slaney Friday, citing specific incidents of mismanagement and unsafe operation of the Mt. Hood facilities.

The Forest service said it would try to find another operator for the lodge and the chairlift.

The State Corporation commission ordered dissolution of the Timberline Lodge Corporation Jan. 3 for failure to comply with state laws requiring regular reports and payment of corporation fees.

The Forest service said, however, the state's action was only secondary to its decision to revoke Slaney's license.

Slaney obtained control of the Timberline edge corporation in January, 1954, from Elston Ireland and John and Carl McFadden.

Inquiry into Oregon Real Estate Board's Policies Requested

Portland—(U.P.)—Portland attorney Gerald H. Robinson asked Gov. Paul L. Patterson and Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton to investigate the policies and practices of the State Real Estate Board.

Robinson, in identical communications to the two state officials, said he asked for "a sweeping investigation" after Real Estate Commissioner Ragnar O. Johnson "denied a hearing whether to revoke" real estate licenses of Ward Cook, Portland realtor, and his agent, Ray Logan.

The request for the hearing preceded filing by John L. Lang of Portland of a civil suit for damages against Cook and Logan. The complaint charges "carelessness" and "negligence" in representations to a prospective buyer of property Lang listed with Ward's firm. Robinson said he represents Lang in the action.

Johnson, after the hearing plea had been investigated, informed Robinson that he felt justified in denying the request for hearing on the basis of a Real Estate Board rule which provides that the commissioner may refuse to accept jurisdiction in a dispute in which "the complaining party may obtain adequate relief through the courts."

Robinson said "the practical result of this policy is that the real estate law of Oregon is not continuously and equitably enforced and the industry is not properly and fairly regulated."

Oregon Payrolls Near Record Mark During Past Year

Salem—(U.P.)—Payrolls of nearly 18,000 employees covered by Oregon's unemployment compensation law in 1954 are expected to be only about 2½ per cent less than the all-time high of \$1,298,828,548 established in 1953, the State Unemployment Compensation commission said Saturday.

The prediction is based on preliminary tabulations of reports for the first three quarters of 1954 and estimates for the final three months of the year.

Despite the labor dispute shutdown of a big part of the logging and lumber industry during the summer months and a late crop season that delayed food processing, third quarter wages were only about \$21,000,000 below the \$350,768,092 record set in the previous year. Payrolls for the final three months may exceed the \$325,405,581 reported a year ago.

Indications are, the commission said, that covered employment will average considerably lower for 1964 than the figure of about 330,000 that prevailed for 1951 through 1953.

Hartford, Conn.—(U.P.)—One of the problems discussed by the annual meeting of the Hartford Society of Architects was, "What to do with garbage on a space ship."

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