

Steel Company Plans Explained for Board Members of Chamber

Plans for the Laughlin Alloy Steel company, which expects to begin operations in the Camp White area in July, were discussed for members of the board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

The company, organized two years ago, has made few changes in the plans announced when it was first incorporated in 1953 and leased buildings and property in the area.

J. N. Laughlin, president of the firm, said stock in the company is wholly owned by members of the firm, and will not be made available to the public.

Payroll Plans

The company is capitalized at \$1,500,000, and it is planned to employ about 65 men at first, with an annual payroll of some \$350,000, according to Jennings Pierce of Pierce, Dawkins, Inc., who spoke on behalf of Laughlin.

At capacity 256 men will be employed, he said, with a payroll of some \$1,250,000 annually.

Laughlin, in a question and answer period for members of the board, explained that the operation will not be a big one, as steel processing plants go, but will specialize in high-quality alloy steels, using principally scrap metals and local low-grade ores, principally chrome and manganese.

Five Divisions

The company will have five divisions, all but one of which will be located in the Rogue valley. They are mining and milling, ore reduction, electric furnace steel manufacturing, machine shop and fabricating, and a pipe and tube mill. Only the smelting operations of the ore reduction department will not be located here, Pierce said.

The company is not organized to do its own mining, and will purchase most of its ores locally on the open market, and will also do custom milling.

There were several reasons why Medford was picked as a site for the company's operations, it was explained. The firm has methods of processing and utilizing low grade ores found in abundance in southern Oregon and northern California, Pierce explained. In addition, he said, there is an abundance of electric power, labor, and markets in the northwest have already been established.

Equipment Readied

Equipment already here or ready for shipment here in-

cludes an electric arc melting furnace, tooling equipment, and dies, patterns, jigs and other fixtures.

Pierce and Laughlin emphasized that with the use of electric furnaces, there will be no smog, haze or fume problem resulting from the operation, and that there would be no hazards either to health nor to agricultural operations.

Laughlin will serve as general manager of the company, dividing his time between Medford and his other interests including the Laughlin Engineering company, Los Angeles, and others. He is maintaining a Medford residence at the Medford Plaza apartments.

Key personnel for the operation will come here from Los Angeles where they have been associated with Laughlin, he said, but most of the working force will be recruited locally.

Truck Drivers Get Awards for Safety At Pierce Dinner

Twenty-one Medford drivers for Pierce Freight Lines, Inc., received American Trucking association safe-driving awards at a husband-and-wife banquet at Kim's restaurant this week.

The drivers have accumulated a total of 115 years of safe driving, according to George P. Davis, president of the firm.

Frank E. Landsburg, district director of the Interstate Commerce Commission, spoke on the value of traffic safety. Ben F. Heinz, northwest safety engineer for Transport Indemnity company, congratulated the group on their driving achievements.

Long Distance Driven

Davis pointed out that in 1954 Pierce Freight Lines operated 4,817,457 miles, or the equivalent of 194 times around the world.

Heading the list of local winners was Arthur R. Davis, with a total of 18 years of driving without a chargeable accident. Sam W. Steele received a 17-year pin, and John R. Clark was awarded a 9-year pin. Mason Adair and Charles Cook gained 8-year pins.

Other driving awards were Robert Cosler and Rufus Younger, 7 years; William Grantham and Virgil Rose, 6 years; George Dunphy, Robert Guthrie and Charles Ward, 4 years; Edward Stevens, Harvey Hawley and Allen Lee, 3 years; Glenn Kier, Marvin Smith and Ray Schurr, 2 years and Leonard Negles and W. W. Kendall, 1 year.

GENTLE AND FATAL

Shelbyville, Ill. — (U.P.) — Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Roby sold their "gentle" three-year-old bull. On the day they were to deliver the animal to the new owner, a neighbor heard the bull bellowing and went to the Roby farm. He found Mr. and Mrs. Roby both lying near their barn—dead from chest and head injuries inflicted by their "gentle" bull.

Around Hollywood

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Vivian Vance, the honey neighbor on "I Love Lucy," dons glamour clothes tonight to sing on a color TV musical that's her proof of final recovery from a nervous breakdown.



Most of Vivian's fans idolize her as Lucille Ball's sidekick on the popular CBS-TV series — wisecracking, plain-faced Ethel Mertz.

But years ago Vivian played sexy, alluring females in Broadway musicals. Ten years ago she sang with Danny Kaye in "Let's Face It."

Then eight years ago she suffered a nervous breakdown. "I went to a psychiatrist," she said today. "Then I started back to work. I was doing summer stock at La Jolla when the producer of 'I Love Lucy' asked me to take the part of Ethel."

"I Love Lucy" has been my therapy.

For four years Vivian has played no other role but Ethel while she gradually regained her happiness. Then CBS asked her and her TV husband, Bill Frawley, to switch to new roles of a baseball manager and his wife on a "Shower of Stars" spectacular.

Vivian has sung on "I Love Lucy" but in "My Ethel Mertz voice." Tonight on "Shower of Stars" she'll sing "In my own voice" for the first time since her Broadway days.

"Of course, I'm still with my pal, Bill Frawley, but I'll look different," she said. "On 'Lucy' I wear Ethel Mertz type hair, like an old type marcel. On this show my hair will be swept up into a bun."

Other Offers

"I also get to wear real party clothes," she grinned.

When Miss Vance started the "Lucy" show she was unable to open doors because of her breakdown. Being forced to open doors during the program pulled her over that hurdle. She also had been afraid to sing or play the piano—until the script called for it.

"But much as you love your own show you get tired of playing the same part. Now I'm

Timber Sale Bids More Than Double Appraised Prices

Spirited bidding at a sale of timber yesterday brought the sales price to more than double the appraised price, according to officials of the Bureau of Land Management here.

Two tracts of timber were offered. They were appraised by the BLM at \$93,718.30, and the total sales price was \$195,021.51.

Timber Products Co., Medford, submitted the highest of 12 sealed bids made for an estimated 1,392,000 board feet of lumber on Forest creek. Some 4,990,000 board feet of timber on a tract in the Butte Falls area went to McGrew Bros., Medford, on a high bid in an oral auction, with three other bidders participating.

Douglas fir, the major species in both sales, went for \$38.45 per thousand board feet on the first tract and \$31 on the second. The appraised prices on fir were \$17.15 and \$14.50.

The next regular BLM timber sale will be June 16, when seven tracts with nearly 10,000,000 board feet will be offered in Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Douglas counties. Information regarding the sales is available at the BLM district forest office in the Medford city hall.

Legislation To Aid Disaster Areas Killed

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Agriculture Committee has killed legislation to give farmers hit by disaster special acreage allotments in controlled crops like cotton.

Committee sources said the action was taken two days ago at a closed session. Members were understood to have decided the special relief would not be fair to other producers of the controlled crops.

The committee tabled not only a bill approved by the Senate, but also about a dozen house bills either identical or similar to the Senate measure.

The proposed legislation grew out of a freeze that hit many peach growers. However, it was broad enough to cover other crops and all types of disaster including drought, flood, and pest.

Medford Youth Editor Of OSC Barometer

Corvallis — (U.P.) — James E. Lattie, Medford, yesterday was named editor of the Oregon State College newspaper, the Daily Barometer, for next year.

Lattie is a junior in the school of agriculture. He is currently news editor.

Robert C. Scott of Salem moves up to the post of business manager. He has been advertising manager during the past year. The appointments were made by a student-faculty committee.

Broad Band of Rain Soaks Part of Nation

A broad band of rain soaked the nation today from parts of Missouri and Southern Iowa into the Middle Atlantic states.

Meanwhile, dousing rains ended in the Southwest after five days of welcome dampness. Drought-stricken Texas cities such as Lanpass, which conducted a 14-hour session of prayers for rain, had been showered 2.25 inches of moisture.

On the Pacific Coast, choking smog was expected to clear a little in Los Angeles. But officials still urged a ban on trash burning and unnecessary automobile driving.

Today's rains had soaked Burlington, Ia., with .51 inch, Malden, Mo., with .85, and Walnut Ridge, Ark., with .74.

More rain was promised for the Northern Midwest as a low center and cold front moved out of Canada. The front was expected to sweep through parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin tonight and tomorrow.

More than 30,000 U.S. tourists visited Ireland in 1954 and spent an estimated \$200 each in that country.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Back Stairs: Ike's Gettysburg House

Washington — (U.P.) — Backstairs at the White House: The Eisenhower house at Gettysburg, Pa., should be truly completed this week.

The builders thought they had the place finished until Mrs. Eisenhower decided that she wanted the front porch enclosed in glass. That took quite some extra work because the wrought iron trim on the porch had been set in concrete before the First Lady made up her mind.

Quite conspicuous by his absence at the Gridiron club dinner Saturday night was the President's press secretary, James C. Hagerty. He was mentioned in the club skits, but Jim wasn't there.

With his family, Hagerty was in New Jersey at his old prep school, Blair school, being honored as one of the school's more distinguished alumni.

If other nations ever need proof of democracy at work, their envoys should have seen the Gridiron dinner. The Japanese ambassador, and this on the anniversary of VE-day in Europe.

The two envoys appeared to

Roseburg Woman Killed in Accident

Portland — (U.P.) — A Roseburg woman was killed and a Portland woman seriously injured last night when their automobile left the highway and dropped off a 15-foot embankment just east of here.

Gertrude M. Stapleton, 73, was dead on arrival at a Portland hospital.

Winifred Mitchell, 63, Portland, was listed in "improved" condition at Providence hospital with head injuries and wrist fractures.

The accident occurred at about 5:30 p.m. near the Fairview Junction of the Columbia River expressway.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday: 10 a.m. Monday for Monday other days 5:30 previous day

Nixon is a Golf Tyro

Nixon is a golf tyro. He took up the game seriously only after the Eisenhower administration took office. And now he shows promise of being able to match the master, the President, himself.

Nixon says, "Give me a couple of months and I'll take up the game seriously."

Which means he's working like the devil to cut down his handicap which has gone from a starting 22 to a new respectable 18.

He may quarrel with the handicap, but it is about accurate. Nixon is knocking at the door of a gross 90 and has broken it on celebrated occasions.

Ward Morehouse, writing in the Free Press of Colorado Springs, Colo., describes the conduct of Backstairs as:

"The prototype of that zealous, aggressive, hard-hitting prankster reporter immortalized by Hecht and MacArthur in 'The Front Page.' He fears no man, neither presidents nor kings."

Shucks, Mr. Morehouse, I haven't played a prank in years and besides that, I'm scared to death of Mr. Eisenhower or any president.

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