

Plywood Sheathing Industry Suffers In Price Decline

Corvallis — (U.P.) — The Oregon plywood sheathing industry has been hit by a decline that is causing a reduction in employment, according to a spokesman for the industry here.

Some 34 employees were laid off at one Corvallis plant. Others were laid off at a second plant and a third is cutting the hours of work.

Jerry Robinson, sales manager at the Plywood Products corporation, said the sheathing market price has dropped 10 to 15 per cent in the last 45 days. He expressed the belief that it may have hit bottom now and would improve after the first of the year.

Blamed Partly on Season

Robinson said the decline could be blamed partly on the season. More people are interested in Christmas buying than they are in building, he said. He pointed out that large retail lumber outlets are reducing their inventories which, with a reduction of prices by the plywood plants, has brought on an unusually sharp cut.

Roy Foy, manager of Plywood Products, said prices were the lowest since 1948.

Pending an improvement in prices, larger plywood plants said they were diverting from the rough finished sheathing to sanded and other finishes that bring better prices. The shift was expected to help stabilize sheathing prices.

Reyes Trial Opens In Corvallis Court

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Trial of Martin B. Reyes, 23, accused of first degree murder of James Appelgate, opened here today.

The Seattle youth was charged with fatally shooting Appelgate, a Benton county sheriff's posseman, as the officer attempted to arrest Reyes in downtown Corvallis.

Reyes and a companion had escaped from a Eugene jail and terrorized several persons, including a Medford family, in their flight through the Willamette valley. After Appelgate was shot, Reyes escaped and was later captured in a Monmouth restaurant.

Sheriff C. N. Lilly agreed to provide Reyes with a noon meal during the trial. Defense Attorney John Fenner requested the additional ration to improve the defendant's alertness.

Most county prisoners receive only two 60-cent meals per day.



GENE PIAZZA
Jaycee Chairman

Gene Piazza Named Chairman of DSA

Gene Piazza, 932 Mt. Pitt ave., has been appointed chairman of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce annual Distinguished Service award.

The award is presented each year to a young Medford area man in recognition for civic service during the past year.

Nominations for the award may be made by any resident. Judging will be based on the person's contribution to community and state welfare and its betterment, participation in all-round community and state activities and civic enterprises, evidence of leadership ability, success in his vocation and personal and business progress, cooperation with individuals and civic organizations, and not be more than 36 years old.

Nomination blanks are available from Piazza or a member of the Jaycees. Nominations must be submitted by Dec. 22 and addressed to DSA chairman, post office box 1123, Medford.

Court Records

POLICE COURT

Edward Lloyd Bunnell, failure to stop at a stop light, \$10.
Wesley Lee Howard, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Katherine Mabel Farrell, failure to yield the right of way, \$10.
Retha Louise Dow, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Richard Allen Wickham, violation of basic rule, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT

Lester Charles Walker, no PUC permit, \$15.
Ruth Hunter Sheppard, violation of basic rule, \$15.
August Monroy Fartan, no PUC permit, \$15.
Virgil Baldwin, operating a motor vehicle while operator's license was suspended, \$25.
Fred Lyle Brown, passing on the crest of a hill, \$10.
William Sidney Goldin, failure to stop at a stop sign, \$10.
Gary Herbert Woodward, inadequate muffler, \$15.
Barton Duane Garred, violation of basic rule, \$15.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Kenneth Leroy Nutter, 20, of route 1, box 85, Central Point, and Betty Fern Jones, 15, Central Point.

Unemployment in November Jumps To 37,700 Persons

Salem — (U.P.) — Unemployment jumped 16,600 during November to include 37,700 Oregon workers, highest since last May, reports from 26 local offices of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission showed today.

The increase was second only to the early winter of 1953 while the total was 400 under the post-war Dec. 1 average.

Unseasonable cold and wet weather were held responsible for layoffs in lumbering, construction, food processing and service lines. With the single exception of Astoria, every office reported more persons without jobs. A late pickup in longshoring and fish canneries provided new activity in the coastal city.

Although some 3250 were added to the unemployed list at Portland, the metropolitan area had nearly 5000 fewer than a year ago. Other layoffs were widespread with the most being reported from Lebanon, Roseburg, Hood river and The Dalles. A shutdown of major industries connected with dam-building at the latter place during the mid-month cold spell carried over the commission noted.

Claims for compensation also trended sharply upward, passing 20,000 during the week after Thanksgiving.

Portland Conductor's Wife Dies of Cancer

Portland — (U.P.) — Mrs. Boris Sirpo, wife of the Finnish-born Portland orchestra conductor, died of cancer at her home here yesterday.

The grave nature of Mrs. Sirpo's illness was not discovered until she returned with her husband and his Portland Little Chamber orchestra from a recent tour of Western Europe.

The orchestra announced that it would cancel its Wednesday night symphony concert which Professor Sirpo was scheduled to conduct.

Earlier in life, Mrs. Sirpo was known as an author and her novels, written in Finnish, have been translated in the Scandinavian languages.

Her husband collapsed from shock of her death and was hospitalized.

GETS TIME CUT

Salt Lake City — (U.P.) — After being robbed of \$50, a gas station attendant, Sheldon Hansen, persuaded the armed bandit that it would be all right to wait only five minutes instead of 10 minutes before calling police.

Mining Claims Discussed At Meeting of NW Council

The Forest Service is not trying to discourage mining by its investigation of claims. Attorney Bruce Manley told the Northwestern Mining council at a recent meeting.

He said the investigation by the service is being conducted to eliminate invalid claims staked for purposes other than mining. Manley spoke on the importance of correctly staking claims under Oregon statutes.

Amended Notices

He pointed out that an amended notice to correct errors in original descriptions of a valid claim may be filed at any time, and added that few claims are properly located when originally filed. It is important, he said, to make sure the center end stakes are properly staked because any amendments are made in reference to them.

Manley said a placer claim needs no location work before it is filed, but if the area might develop into a lode claim, then the latter notice should be filed first. Lode claims required location work before filing, he noted.

Uranium Claims

In regard to uranium claims, Manley said there are court decisions which hold that location work is not required where a Geiger counter or Scintilometer indicate ore. He said courts recognize that use of such equipment constitutes a discovery, and that the 10-foot depth required on locating probably would not reach to uranium ore.

Representatives from the

Lakeview uranium area reported on progress in that area, pointing out that several deposits have been located. George Maxwell, who reported his experiences in the Lakeview area, said there still is much of the area which is open to prospecting.

The display committee reported that the Southern Oregon Historical society is preparing exhibit space at the Jacksonville museum. The council plans to have a permanent ore exhibit there, and future plans call for exhibits in the court house and at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Manley reported that the Oregon System of Higher education is planning a college credit geology course for the spring term starting late in January. The course, which will be conducted by Max Shafer of the Oregon bureau of mineral industries, will be held at Medford Senior High school. Manley said anyone interested in taking the course may contact him or the council's secretary, Thad W. Hatten.

Five Sisters Perish As Fire Razes Home

Benton, Ill. — (U.P.) — A fire killed five sisters, ranging in age from 6 to 15 years, at their home near here today.

The children were the daughters of Mrs. Ruby Wingo, a divorcee, who was burned critically and was not expected to live. Four other persons escaped the flames.

18-Year-Old Blonde Roses Tournament Queen

Pasadena — (U.P.) — Joan Culver, an 18-year-old blonde from Pasadena City College, was named queen of the 67th annual Tournament of Roses today.

Miss Culver, of La Canada, Calif., is in her first year of college. She is studying to be a teacher.

The hazel-eyed beauty and her six princesses will be crowned at a coronation ball Dec. 28 and will reign over the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Jan. 2.

Committee Urges Sex Deviate Care

Portland — (U.P.) — Establishment of facilities for psychiatric treatment of sex deviates should be added as an implement to present Oregon laws, the Legislative interim committee on sex crime prevention was told yesterday.

Witnesses also told the group there was need for public education on the problem.

Mrs. Howard Hillson, legislative chairman of the Children's Protective association, said Oregon's new law providing indeterminate sentence with a maximum of life called for psychiatric treatment "when available" but that facilities were not sufficient.

H. Richard Seller, secretary of the Council for Prevention of Crimes, said that sex offenders should be registered and their whereabouts known.

Churchill Stands By Hopes of Geneva

Woodford, England — (U.P.) — Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill, architect of the Geneva Summit Conference, said last night he stands by the hope it raised despite threats of a new cold war.

"Personally I am very glad the gap has been bridged and I trust it will not be broken again," he said.

It was Churchill's first public comment on the high hopes of the summit conference and the ensuing failure of the Big Four foreign ministers in a follow-up meeting.

Hearing on Victor Wolf Opens in Portland Today

Portland — (U.P.) — A hearing to decide the fate of confessed bomb-slayer Victor Laurence Wolf could be sentenced to the gas chamber or receive life imprisonment for the April 21 bomb-slaying of Portland attorney Kermit Smith. He entered a plea under a 90-year-old section of the state's criminal code.

Circuit Judge James W. Crawford indicated he would impanel a jury to act as an advisor.

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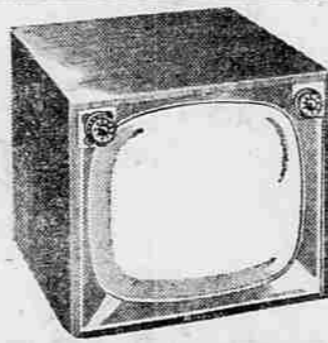
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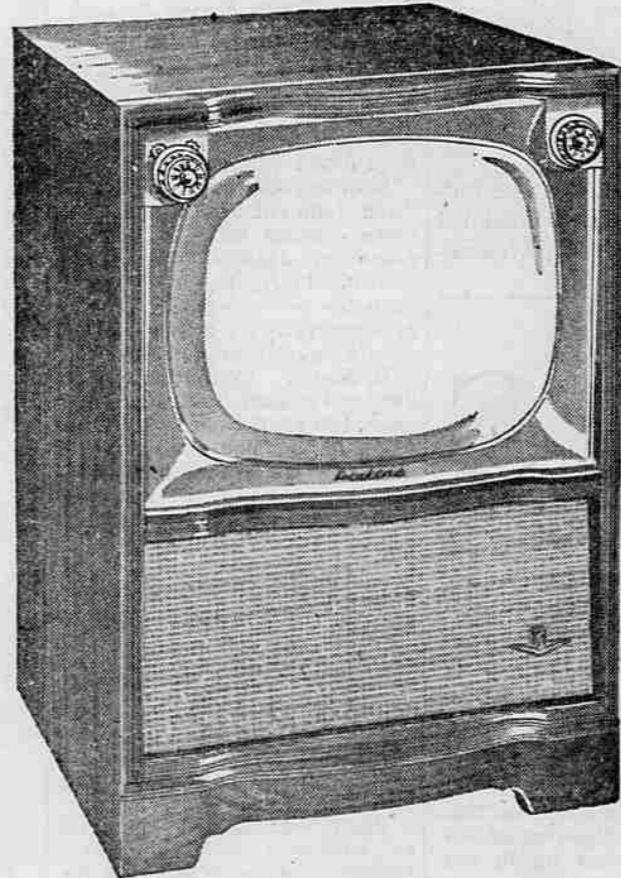
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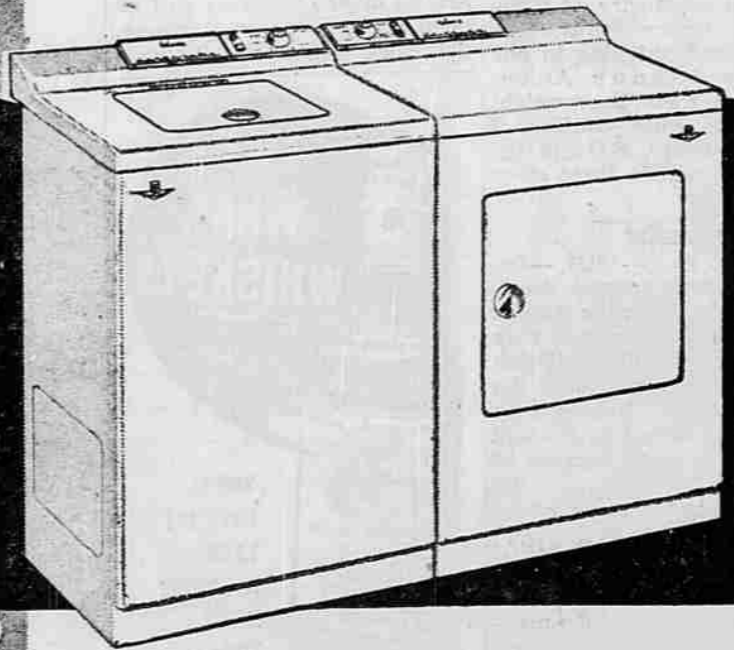
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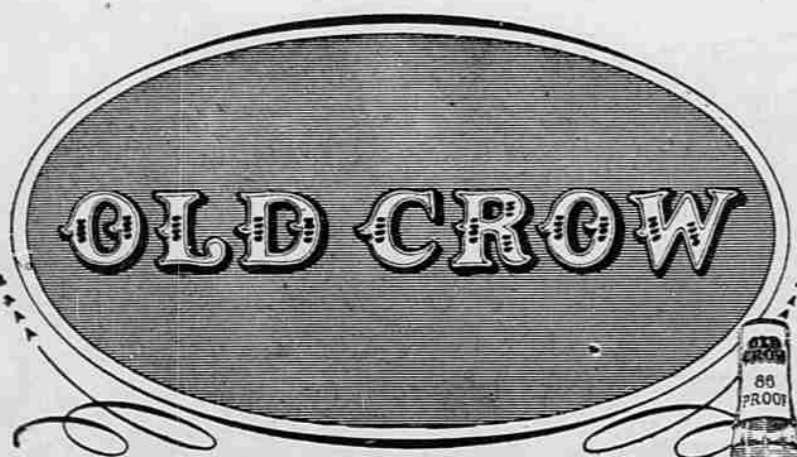
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