

Railroad Agents See Good Business Here

Establish Offices To Provide Better Shipping Service

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Medford will be the "capitol" of the most active lumber producing area on the Pacific coast, according to a group of railroad agents who have set up offices here to handle their business.

Since 1953 this project, together with another factor—increased competition among railroads for Oregon commodities—has brought these agents representing the Western and mid-western railroads into Medford.

The agents emphasize their main purpose here is to provide better service for the shipping fraternity. Among their services are holding passenger reservations on trains out of San Francisco, and Portland, quoting fares, rates and train itineraries, keeping shippers advised on the movement of their cars.

Off-time offices solicit traffic for direct shipments and part of their purpose here is to persuade shippers to route traffic on their lines once past the Southern Pacific route.

Principal Commodities
Principal commodities handled in this area are lumber, pears and grain. Agents estimate their shipments to be from 70 to 90 per cent lumber, about 10 per cent pears and the rest mostly miscellaneous shipments of grain, barley and canned goods.

An example of railroad competition is found among the five Chicago lines, which have little more in common other than that their headquarters are in Chicago.

They include the Chicago Burlington and Quincy line, Chicago Great Western, Chicago North Western, Chicago Rock Island and Pacific, and Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific, each of which has an agent in Medford.

The Denver and Rio Grande Western railroad and the Union Pacific, both represented in Medford, compete for SP traffic at Ogden, Utah, and from there serve as a feeder line to Denver.

Compete for Deliveries
At Denver most of the five Chicago lines compete for deliveries transported there by the UP and D&RGW. The lines have direct routes to Chicago where they serve as feeders to the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific.

A triangular area, from Omaha to Chicago to Minneapolis and St. Paul, is served by the Chicago and Northwestern RR. The Chicago Burlington and Quincy "main line" is from Denver to Chicago. The line, which operates about 11,000 railroad miles in 14 states, connects with all eastern lines at Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis.

From Ogden the Union Pacific also has routes to Omaha and Council Bluffs and Kansas City to connect with other carriers, which deliver further east. The UP also competes for traffic at Portland, which is the SP's northernmost point.

Cooperate, Supplement
Some agents have pointed out the word "competition" does not accurately describe the relationship one railroad has with another, though they may ship in the same territory. Instead, it is reported, railroads often cooperate and supplement each other's operation where they can.

A case in point is the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad, which ships in the territory south of Kansas City and St. Louis through points in Texas and near the Gulf of Mexico.

Representatives of the railroad, which is known as the "Katy" line, say its purpose here is to sell the "intangible product of transportation," and to "promote a better understanding between the shipping fraternity and carriers."

According to W. Harold Pyle, C&BQ commercial agent, "When trying to sell railroad service, you are in effect selling a personal service. If a shipper likes your service you are likely to get the traffic."

Interesting Trends
Why should southern Oregon, and thus Medford, be the anticipated center for the coast's lumber supply? Some interesting trends have been pointed out by the railroad agents.

Notably, the center of lumber production is moving south from north and moving north from the south.

According to Robert C. Burnett, D&RGW district freight agent, timber stocks in this area are comparatively undeveloped and, after the natural incentive to loggers in need of a new timber frontier.

Evolution of Production
Explaining the evolution of timber production on the coast, Burnett noted the first manufacturing mills started in Washington and in the vicinity of



CHECKS TELETYPE—Above, W. H. Pyle, Medford agent for the Burlington Lines, checks the teletype machine for car routing information from their main office in Chicago. The railroad company opened their

Portland, then gradually worked south through Salem and Eugene.

"Now lumber is slowing down near Eugene," he said.

Robert Stephenson, C&NW chief clerk, would not say lumber production is diminishing in either Salem or Eugene areas, but he pointed out upstate railroad agencies have indicated the lumber recession has been more severe there than in southern Oregon.

The shifting of lumber production centers also has been noted as a trend in California. Whereas originally California's timber center was Sacramento, Burnett observed that loggers have moved north from Sacramento through Chico and Redding, leaving Medford as the next stop.

With lumber production cycles converging on Medford from both the north and south, Burnett said there also was a lumber movement working west from Klamath Falls.

Fewer Small Mills
Compared with past years, Burnett added, there is a very small number of large mills there and fewer smaller ones.

According to agents, railroad executive picture the lumber industry in southern Oregon as something with lots of "diversified potential." Plywood mills and utilization of wood wastes are likely to increase here, they report. They add that the current surveys for a local pulp mill indicated the growing importance of the area's forest products industry.

Burnett said new logging methods are a promising factor in Medford's prospects as a lumber center.

Logging timber on a sustained yield basis, where timber is cut and reforested in a cycle, making it theoretically possible to log an area indefinitely, is likely to lengthen Medford's life as a lumber production center.

Burnett said.

The agents agreed that the time is still far off when the Medford area would reach its peak as the coast's lumber producing center. They say it will be many years before southern Oregon, where lumber now is "very unstable," reaches "full bloom" as a lumber producing area.

But they are already preparing for that day.

Chemical Storage Building Damaged

Corvallis — A chemical storage building on the Oregon State college campus here suffered an estimated \$3,000 damage Friday when fire started by a short circuit spread through the structure.

Between \$10,000 and \$15,000 worth of chemicals was stored in the building and extent of damage to them was not known immediately. The recently completed building was designed specifically for storage of combustibles and was built away from the main college buildings. Inside were pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.

The loss was covered by the state restoration fund.

Hells Canyon Senate Vote

Washington — The 45 to 38 vote by which the Senate Friday approved a bill to construct a federal dam at Hells Canyon.

For the bill—45. Democrats for 40—Anderson, Bible, Carroll, Chavez, Church, Clark, Douglas, Eastland, Ellender, Ervin, Fulbright, Gore, Green, Hayden, Hennings, Hill, Humphrey, Jackson, Johnston of S. C., Kefauver, Kennedy, Kerr, Long, Magnuson, Mansfield, McClellan, McNamara, Morse, Murray, Neuberger, O'Mahoney, Pastore, Russell, Scott, Smathers, Sparkman, Stennis, Symington, Talmadge and Yarborough.

Republicans for 5—Aiken, Cooper, Langer, Smith of Maine and Wiley.

Against the bill—38. Democrats against 5—Byrd, Frear, Lausche, Robertson and Thurmond.

Republicans against 33—Allott, Barrett, Beall, Bennett, Bricker, Bush, Butler, Carlson, Case of N.J., Case of S.D., Cotton, Curtis, Dirksen, Dworkshak.

Boise, Idaho — Idaho Power Company President T. E. Roach said Friday his company was "disappointed" in the Senate's approval of a high federal dam at Hells Canyon, but that his company would continue its construction of Brownlee and Oxbow dams in the lower reaches of the Snake River.

He added that he had "full confidence" that Congress would kill the measure.

The Senate Friday approved, 45 to 38, a measure would authorize building a federal high dam in the Hells Canyon area.

Continue Work
Roach said his company would continue work at the site under its "court-affirmed Federal Power Commission licenses."

The FPC has licensed Idaho Power Company to build three dams in the area. Work already has started on the Brownlee and Oxbow dams and construction of the other would not start for some time, if at all.

"Although we are disappointed that the Senate voted as it did," Roach said, "we have full confidence the Congress will ultimately decide against the government development, as did the Federal Power commission and the courts."

"The power shortage facing our own service area, as well as the Pacific Northwest, is real and it is serious," the statement continued.

"The company's projects are the only source of power supply which can be made available in time to meet that shortage," Roach said. "Power must be on the line by the summer of 1958, because this area cannot wait six or more years of a costly federal substitute."

COLOR CHALLENGE
Cincinnati — Do you ever feel an irresistible urge to pass a bright colored automobile? Color stylist Howard Ketcham said motorists feel more of a challenge to pass a red, maroon, cream or yellow car than they do a black, blue or green one.

Physical Therapy Helping Young Gary Hankins To Move His Limbs

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To most 11-year-old boys, swimming, going on camping trips and playing baseball are all part of summer vacation, but to Gary Hankins, who has been in Sacred Heart hospital for more than a year and a half, these things are only things to read about—at least for a while.

Gary lost the use of both arms and legs as a result of a bullet wound in his spine in February, 1956. The accident occurred near his home in Klamath Falls. He was brought to Medford by Mercy Flights the next day and has been in the hospital here ever since.

For a long time he lay in a hospital bed unable to move, but lately things have been looking up for Gary. After taking physical therapy treatments for only a few weeks there has been a marked improvement in the mobility of his arms and trunk. He is able to sit up by himself and turn over in bed. The treatments are being given by R. D. Scofield of the Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation center at 524 East Main st., Medford.

The therapy was recommended by his physician, Dr. Thomas C. Bolton, but getting Gary back and forth from the hospital to the place where the treatments were given posed a problem.

People Volunteer
A group of Medford people who knew of the predicament agreed that a simple matter of transportation should not stand in the way of him getting the treatments, so they volunteered to take Gary back and forth in their own cars.

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, according to a set schedule, one of the group brings Gary to the therapist. Scofield carries Gary to the treatment table where he undergoes stretching and massaging of the atrophied muscles in his arms and legs. The treatments are often painful, but Gary doesn't complain.

The purpose of the therapy is to achieve and maintain a normal range of motion in Gary's limbs and to eventually make it possible for him to have voluntary control of them. Every week the muscles in Gary's arms grow stronger as the result of various exercises, but he still lacks mobility in the fingers of his left hand.

According to Scofield, the strengthening of his arms has made it possible for him to sit up by himself. One physical achievement leads to another, and though it may take a long time, Gary hopes eventually to have normal use of his limbs.

Taken to Portland
Last week Gary was taken by Mercy Flights to the Shrine hospital in Portland for examination and possible treatment.

After examining him, the doctors said that the facilities there were no better than the ones in Medford for treating Gary's particular case, and all that could be done for him at this time was being done. Later, when Gary has more mobility in his trunk and leg muscles through the therapy he is taking, it may be advantageous to take him to the Shrine hospital for treatment.

Gary knows there is no "miracle" cure for his paralysis, and he was just as happy to return to Medford where it is possible for him to see his parents once in a while.

Besides the physical therapy treatments, Gary also takes hydrotherapy baths at the hospital. The use of his arms in turning the pages of a book, building models and running his wheelchair all serve to build up his weakened muscles.

Not Getting Behind
In the meantime, Gary is not getting behind in his schooling. Every weekday Richard Schuchard comes to the hospital to give him his lessons. Gary is a good student in most subjects, but like every boy or girl, some subjects appeal to him more than others.

Gary is also a member of Boy Scout troop 3, Silver Fox patrol. He will soon take his exams to become a second class scout, according to his Scoutmaster, Carl Olsen. He has been a member of the troop for more than a year, and is well-versed on the contents of his Boy Scout handbook.

When a boy has certain physical handicaps like Gary, Scout requirements are altered to conform with his physical ability, Olsen said.

Visits Patients
Gary has the run of the whole third floor of the hospital and he rides his wheelchair up and down the hall talking with the nurses or anyone that is handy and he also visits patients in other rooms to help pass the time.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Hankins, get over from Klamath Falls to see him at least once a month, and Gary writes to them nearly every day or calls them by telephone.

What Gary wants most of all right now is to be able to live at home with his family, which includes four brothers and a sister. He thinks Sacred Heart hospital is nice, but there is no place as good as home.



KEEPS UP SCHOOL WORK—In order not to fall behind in his studies, Gary Hankins receives private tutoring five days a week from teacher Richard Schuchard. The lessons are given at Sacred Heart hospital, where 11-year-old Gary has been a patient for more than a year and a half. Gary has recovered the use of his right arm and fingers and is able to write. He does work above his own grade level in some subjects, according to Schuchard.



STRENGTHENS MUSCLES—Gary Hankins, who was paralyzed as a result of a bullet wound in his spine more than a year and a half ago, is now taking physical therapy treatments to achieve a normal range of movement in his arms and legs and to strengthen atrophied muscles. Physical therapist R. D. Scofield, is shown above helping Gary work an exercising device. To get Gary back and forth from Sacred Heart hospital to the physical therapists at 524 East Main st., a group of Medford people volunteered to transport him in their own cars. Since beginning the treatments several weeks ago, Gary has gained considerable use of arm and trunk muscles. The treatments are being given three times a week.

Executive Arrested On Weapons Account

Portland, Ore.—A top executive for the Aluminum Lock Shingle corporation here was arrested by police Friday on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, but released on \$2,500 bail.

Lewis Korter, 47, president of the Portland firm, was accused by Jerry A. Tipp, 38, of threatening him with a gun in a dispute over a minor auto collision.

Tipp said Korter had damaged his car, which was parked in the lot of the Portland Towers apartment building. Both men reside in the apartment, and Tipp told detectives he phoned Korter to ask him if the man intended to pay the car damages.

When he later went to Korter's apartment, Tipp said, Korter grabbed him by the shoulder, pointed a gun at him, and threatened to "blow your brains out."

Korter said the remark was a joke.

A hearing has been set for July 9 on the matter.

50 Tenants Routed From Portland Hotel

Portland — An early morning fire Saturday forced about 50 tenants of the Laurel hotel from their beds. Damage was estimated tentatively by firemen in the "thousands of dollars."

The flames spread through three business establishments on the first floor of the building before it was checked by 14 pieces of fire equipment summoned to the scene. There were no injuries although police had to kick down some hotel room doors to awaken sound sleepers.

Cause of the fire was under investigation.

Phoenix Festival Plans Under Way

Phoenix — Preparations are under way for the annual Phoenix festival, which will be held at the Phoenix Community club grounds on Saturday, June 23.

Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. with crowning of the queen. A parade will begin in downtown Phoenix at 11 a.m.

Concessions, booths and program features are planned for the day. A dance will be held at the community hall from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Prizes will be awarded during the dance intermission.

Festival princesses are Elizabeth Pramann, Peggy Chisum, Carole Anderson, Wanda Oetken and Glenna Smith.

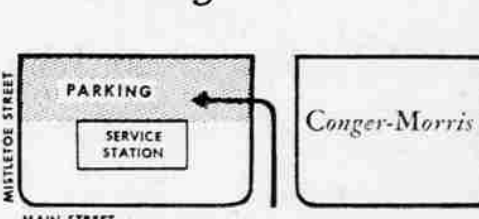
Anyone desiring to participate in the parade may contact Bob Cocks, 507 North Main st., Phoenix, or phone KE 5-1615, festival officials said.

Riddle Man Killed in Crash Near Langlois

Coquille — Louis Kadas, 59, of Riddle, Ore., died Friday when his car hit the southeast abutment of the Floras Creek bridge just south of Langlois on Highway 101.

Occupants of a passing car who saw the accident said Kadas had been driving north when his car suddenly swerved and crashed onto the bridge. The county coroner said the man died instantly.

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