

Lumber Industry Spokesmen Say Market Is Worst In Two Years

A number of small lumber operations in Jackson county have been forced to shut down because of the high cost of stumpage and the low price of lumber, according to information gathered by a telephone survey of mills in this area.

The larger lumber companies, and other firms with their own stands of timber or those with comparatively lower-priced raw-material sources, are still operating.

Industry spokesmen generally expressed the belief the lumber market is in its worst stage in two years. They blamed the "tight money situation" as an indirect cause. Recent rainy weather which hampers woods operations was given as a direct cause. High price of stumpage and low lumber prices was given as another cause.

Situation May Improve

Lumber men seemed to feel generally that the situation will

improve slightly by next year and be back to normal by 1960. They seemed to feel, also, that the loosening of purchase terms on housing helped a little but came too late. One man said the banks just do not have the money to loan.

Elk Lumber company, one of the larger mills in the area, reported the night shift in its stud mill was laid off the middle of September and the day shift the first of October. This affected approximately 80 men in the two shifts. The pine sawmill and planing mill still are running two shifts each. Other than a seasonal lay-off of approximately 40 men working in the yard, no further lay-offs are anticipated, a spokesman said.

Triple Milling, Inc., is reported shut down with 28 men laid off. Manager E. E. Konopasek commented the immediate future "looks like sour grapes." Since it "can't be any worse," he expects it to pick up by 1960

when the market should return to normal standards.

Beagle sawmill has been closed for three weeks with about 10 men laid off. Bill Beagle, manager-owner, said this is the first time the mill has run continuously for 18 months. It will probably be down until next spring, he said. Reason for the shut down is that no logs can be obtained now.

Bellview molding mill — a remanufacturing plant — is running and stays open the year around. Three men are employed in making such lumber products as mouldings for houses.

The White City division of the W. H. Daugherty company is open year around converting green lumber into finished lumber. Approximately 100 men are employed the year around.

Cheney Forest Products company lumber mill is down for remodeling and due to the "tough market." A company spokesman said he did not know how long

this will be. The stud mill normally employs about 35 men. Six men are working on shipping orders.

May Curtail Operations

Donna Timber Inc. will continue to operate depending on the weather. Manager Virgil House said the company might have to curtail its operations further later in the winter. The company depends on other mills for its source of supply. It is employing 25 men now. A full shift normally employs 40 men.

Hunter and Best Saw Mill Inc. has been shut down since May 13. "The lumber business is so bad we couldn't buy logs for what they were asking, put 'em through the mill and make any money," a spokesman said. The mill usually employs from 25 to 30 men, he said.

Kogap Lumber Industries is running the year around manufacturing lumber and producing veneer. Right now the plant is in the process of installing pulp-

chipping equipment and a log-barker. This is a further step toward full utilization of raw material, a spokesman said. It will not employ more men. The company operates a sawmill for large logs and pine and veneer plant for large high grade Douglas fir, plus a log-gang mill for smaller logs. The plant employs about 150 men not including contract loggers.

The mill is temporarily closed down due to the deer season and the wet weather.

Touch and Go

Lovness Lumber company is still running but on "a touch and go proposition," a spokesman said. The company normally employs about 40 men in making moulding and other lumber products.

Lumber Mills Corporation has been down for some months because of lack of logs, high cost of logs and the low market prices. The closure is indefinite. Manager John Cotton said.

McGrew Brothers Sawmill, Inc., is running and isn't bothered by the rains since the company's logging operations are aided by a rock road into the Prospect area operation.

Lithia Lumber company is operating one shift, employing 180 men in logging, planing mill, kiln and shop force, according to Manager Paul K. Folks. The company is still decking and expects to continue its logging operations through to the end of November. Folks added that the mill operation was down temporarily from Sept. 27 to this week.

Mistletoe company's sawmill has been down for four months, a spokesman said. Approximately 15 men are laid off. The planing mill is still running full capacity employing from 28 to 30 men. The spokesman said he doesn't anticipate any shut-downs.

Oregon Shut Down

Oregon Lumber company is shut down. A spokesman said the

mill hasn't operated for three weeks due to the fire season in the woods and the subsequent rain. However, the mill is expected to resume operations in another four to six weeks, he added. The sawmill and planing mill employ about 30.

Table Rock Lumber company is still running one shift with one shift down. A spokesman estimated that about 20 to 30 fewer men are now employed. The summer-time operation normally employs about 125 men.

Timber Products company is still operating and runs the year around manufacturing finished lumber and plywood. It employs approximately 350 men a spokesman said. He said the future is "not good."

Triple Milling Inc. is closed down with approximately 28 men laid off.

Stumpage Cost

Paul Workman Lumber company has been down since August with approximately 28 men

laid off, owner Paul E. Workman said. He blamed the high cost of stumpage and the low price of lumber for his shut-down.

Red Blanket Lumber company with two mills in Prospect is shut down in its entire operation, according to Bill Matson, manager-owner. He blames tight money as "the fundamental cause" and the high cost of stumpage and low price of lumber as the direct cause. His operation on a one-shift basis in the two mills normally employs 75 to 80 men.

Medford Corporation is running the same as it has been, according to Manager B. L. Nutting. "At the present time, I don't know of any change in the operation," he said. "We are running the regular crew of about 500 men for the entire operation which includes both logging and planing. I hesitate to make any predictions as to the future of the lumber industry."

Syria Demands UN Action Against Turkish Troops

United Nations, N.Y.—(AP)— Syria today demanded urgent action by the United Nations General Assembly against Turkish troop concentrations which it said presaged "imminent attack."

A Syrian note to Assembly President Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand said the situation on the Syrian-Turkish border had become "intolerably dangerous."

'Military Threat'

"At present," it said, "there exists an actual military threat to Syria, resulting from the heavy, unprecedented and unwarranted concentration of Turkish troops, up to several divisions, in close proximity to the Syrian-Turkish border."

"They are now massed mainly in a small sector and have taken a disposition which presages imminent attack. The Turkish troops have apparently been given a slogan, 'To Aleppo!' which they now publicly repeat."

Aleppo is a Syrian city a few miles south of the Syrian-Turkish border.

The Turkish delegation had no immediate comment, pending receipt of the official Syrian complaint which was submitted to the U.N. this morning.

Khrushchev Warning

The Syrian charge followed close on the heels of a warning from Soviet boss Nikita S. Khrushchev that, "A barely disguised threat of war and a threat of aggression, which may have the most dangerous consequences to all international life" exists in the Middle East.

It came only one day after Lebanese Foreign Minister Charles Malik declared that while his country would adhere to the Eisenhower Doctrine, it "certainly will rise to the support of Syria in case Syria is attacked."

Flu-Like Infections Are Above Normal

Number of flu-like infections is above the seasonal average for the last year or two but not in an alarming state according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county public health officer.

"The increase is spotty throughout the county. There doesn't seem to be much increase in Medford, but it varies from area to area outside Medford," Dr. Merkel said.

Medford school authorities reported absences are about 12 per cent which is about normal. Ashland school authorities report that the number of absences due to colds and flu is higher than normal, but not as bad as last week. Then the daily normal average 300. The high school had the largest number absent.

Dave Beck Not To Quit As Teamster President

Washington—(AP)—Dave Beck announced today that because of court proceedings here he will not resign as Teamsters Union president in favor of president-elect James R. Hoffa.

Beck, whose term runs to Dec. 1, had planned to resign immediately from the \$50,000-a-year job to let Hoffa take over.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Thursday. Shallow fog again Thursday morning. Low to 35. High Thursday 60-65.

Temp. 64
Highest Yesterday 64
Lowest This Morning 34

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	6:25 a.m.
Sunset	5:29 p.m.
Moonrise	11:55 p.m.
New Moon	Oct. 22
Mars and Jupiter, like Venus, are moving eastward on their orbits around the sun. Both are too near the sun to be seen tonight as Mars passes to the east of Jupiter.	

PAISLEY FUGITIVE CAPTURED

Medford Officials To Participate in League Convention

Six Medford men will participate in panel discussions or speak at the 32nd annual convention of the League of Oregon Cities at the Multnomah hotel in Portland starting Sunday, Oct. 20.

Richard B. Hogan, recently appointed purchasing agent for Medford, will lead a discussion on Medford's purchasing procedure at a 10 a.m. Monday session at the Oregon finance officers section.

At the general session Tuesday morning, Eric Allen Jr., managing editor of the Medford Mail Tribune, will speak at a policy formulation and public relations section. General sessions will start at 9:30 a.m.

Snider to Speak

Medford Mayor John Snider will discuss the city council's position on the management team at a session on administrative relationships Tuesday morning.

Roy Bashaw, Medford city attorney, will be one of four panelists discussing prevention of accidents and personal property loss at the park and recreation section at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 22.

City Manager Robert A. Duff will be one of eight panelists who will discuss annexation procedures and policies at the general session starting at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

A discussion on street maintenance and minor betterment in semi-developed areas will be led by Vernon Thorpe, public works director for Medford. The discussion is scheduled at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the public works section of the convention.

Several councilmen and Fire Chief Gordon Barker and Police Chief Charles Champlin may also attend.

Sputnik Should Be Visible Thursday

Portland—(AP)—Thursday may be the last day that the Soviet satellite Sputnik or its rocket will be visible over Oregon.

Provided skies are clear, the satellite should appear moving through the lower part of the hemisphere about 5:16 a.m., according to calculations of the Goud School Moonwatchers here, the only moonwatch group in Oregon.

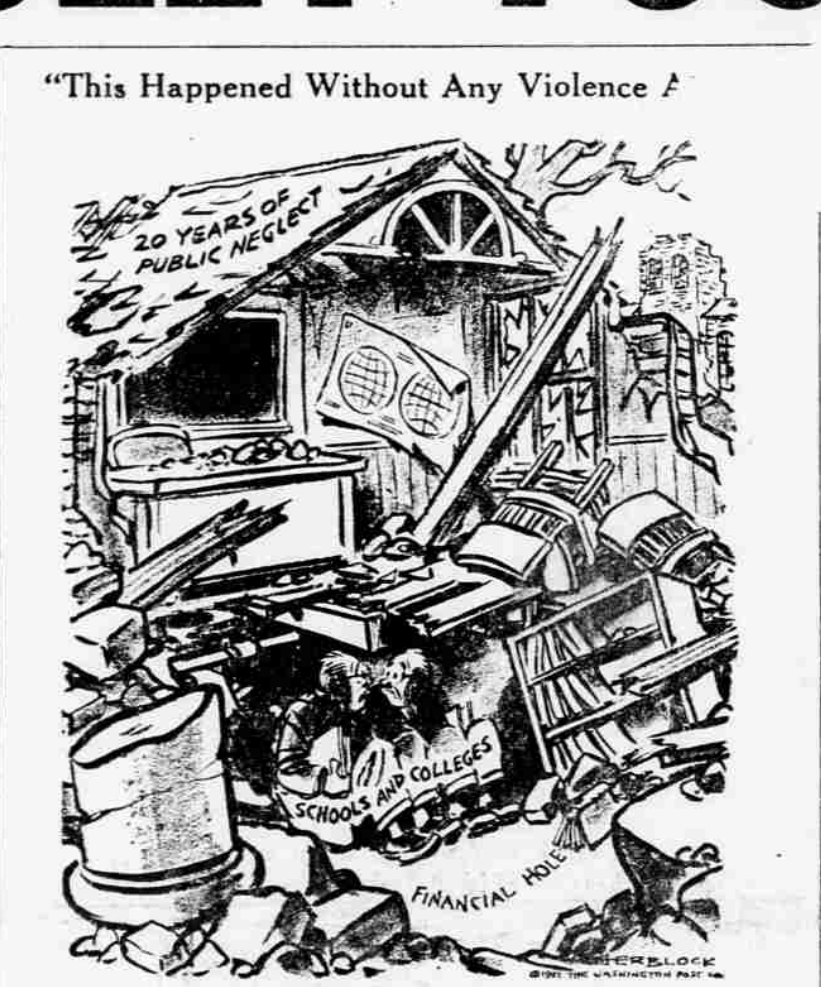
The group said the satellite should appear about 20 degrees south of the orbit it took when it passed over the state today. It will appear in the sky not far above the horizon, coming from just south of west and will disappear almost due south, describing a slight arc.

Japanese Interests Get Logging Contract

Seattle—(AP)—The U.S. Forest Service Tuesday granted a contract to a Japanese combine for the logging of 5 1/4 billion feet of timber on Baranof and Chichagof islands in southeastern Alaska.

The timber, mostly hemlock, will be harvested for pulp purposes.

The logs will be harvested by the Alaska Lumber and Pulp Co. over the next 50 years. Alaska Lumber and Pulp is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Alaska Pulp Co., which is financed by Japanese interests to the extent of \$26 1/2 million and by American interests to the extent of \$19 million.



Thousands on Hand To Greet British Queen

Jamestown, Va.—(AP)—Queen Elizabeth II for the first time as ruler of Britain set foot today on United States soil. Thousands were on hand to acclaim her.

She told her well-wishers, "I know that we are going to have a wonderful time."

The 31-year-old monarch stepped from her Royal Canadian Air Force transport at nearby Patrick Henry airport after a 500-mile flight from Ottawa.

After the welcoming ceremonies the radiant Queen, with her handsome consort Prince Philip, was off on a whirlwind tour of the historic Virginia tidewater area where her nation's first permanent colony in the new world was born, grew, and later stirred toward revolt and independence.

The Queen was treated to beautiful blue October weather for her day in Virginia. The temperature was in the 70s. The countryside was dressed in autumn gold and red.

Thursday, Elizabeth and Philip go to Washington for four crowded days as the guests of President and Mrs. Eisenhower before leaving for New York on Monday.

Here she saw a region rich in history. She was, however, tactfully spared a visit to an equally historic site at nearby Yorktown, Va., where British forces under Lord Cornwallis finally surrendered to American revolutionary forces.

500 Paratroopers Leave Little Rock

Little Rock, Ark.—(AP)—The Army flew half of its 1,000 paratrooper integration task force out of Little Rock today and announced plans to relieve the other half Thursday or Friday.

A spokesman for Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker said the remaining 500 men of the 101st Airborne Division will be flown back to Fort Campbell, Ky., their regular station, and be replaced by 500 men from the 502nd Airborne Division.

Army Secretary Wilbur M. Brucker ordered half of the 101st Airborne Division back to their regular base because of the peace and order now prevailing.

Astoria Nurse Charged In Baby Abandonment

Astoria—(AP)—Police here arrested Mary Ruth Hofmann, 24, Tuesday morning. They said she was contributing to the dependency of a minor.

Officers said she was the mother of the infant girl found abandoned in a back pew of St. Mary's Catholic church here day morning. They said the woman, a nurse at St. Mary's hospital, gave birth to the child unattended at 1 a.m. Tuesday.

Salem—(AP)—Fall term for the Oregon Supreme Court will start at Pendleton, Oct. 28.

'Sputnik' Said Capable Of Providing Military Data

Moscow—(AP)—The Soviet press admitted for the first time last night that the Russian earth satellite can provide military information of "immense importance" for guided missiles.

Science writer V. Petrov said in an article in the newspaper Leningrad Pravda that Sputnik was capable of determining the density of the atmosphere at various heights.

"This question is of immense importance for the development

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MAIL TRIBUNE

Ike Considering Recommendations From Scientists

Washington—(AP)—President Eisenhower is considering recommendations from top U.S. scientists for stepping up missile development in the race with Russia into space.

The highly secret scientific appraisal coincided with an abrupt warning from top administration spokesmen that more money may have to be poured into the nation's military effort, cooling off hopes for a tax cut.

To Meet Brundage

Eisenhower scheduled a talk today with Budget Director Percival Brundage. The conference was considered a possible further step in the continuing massive re-appraisal of the missile program in the light of Russia's sending a satellite into orbit around the earth.

There was no indication what the scientists' recommendations contained or if they would signal a shift into higher gear for the missile program being sought by congressmen who claim Russia has taken a significant lead over this country in the field.

Construction of Storm Sewer Starts

Construction started this morning on the Eight st.-Tenth st. storm sewer by Coast Construction company of Eugene, according to Vernon Thorpe, Medford public works director.

Total cost of the project will be \$75,148, Thorpe said, with \$27,354 for pipe costs. Contract bid was \$47,794.75.

Pipe will be laid first near where Tenth st. would intersect Bear creek and continue to Laurel st. and extend west on Eight st. to the alley between Lincoln and Hamilton sts., Thorpe reported.

Completion date for the project is Jan. 21, 1958. The company started clearing trees the earlier part of this week.

The project is part of the \$380,000 storm sewer program approved by the Medford voters Nov. 6.

Dogs Declared Launched In Rocket by Russians

Moscow—(AP)—The official Soviet newspaper Red Fleet today announced the successful launching of dogs in a rocket to a height of 142 miles.

The dogs, who were sealed in globes along with instruments and cameras to record their reactions, were reported to have been in good physical condition, after parachuting to earth.

Dulles Declares US Would Fight Russia If Turkey Attacked

Washington—(AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today the United States must be on guard against a possible attack on Turkey by Syria and the Soviet Union. But he said he does not "think an outbreak of war in the Middle East is likely."

Dulles implied that the United States would take the offensive against Russia if it attacks Turkey. He ruled out any defensive reaction by the United States which would leave Russia what he called privileged sanctuary.

Dulles told his news conference that despite recent Soviet scientific achievements, the United States still has a very marked military superiority over the Soviet Union.

He conceded that Russia probably has some advantage in potential military activity of the future, but he said he is absolutely confident of this country's ability to move ahead and stay ahead in the scientific field.

In this connection, he said, Russia's satellite accomplishment is very useful. He said Sputnik completely voids complacency based on the idea that American superiority is automatic and alerts the nation and Congress to the necessity for pushing ahead in scientific fields that may be decisive five to 10 years from now.

Measure Of Concern

As for Russia's violent propaganda campaign against Turkey, Dulles said he always feels a measure of concern when such charges are leveled so widely and indiscriminately. He is fearful that this type of campaign may be a smokescreen to hide something more serious, he said.

The secretary said the present situation resembles the period at the outbreak of the Korean war in June of 1950.

Dundee Filbert Plant Damaged by Flames

Dundee, Ore.—(AP)—Flames razed the filbert processing plant of the Dundee Nut Growers here early today and damage was estimated at more than \$300,000, by plant manager Earl Smith.

The townspeople of Dundee were aroused about 4:30 a.m. by persistent short blasts from a Southern Pacific locomotive whose crew had first spotted the fire. The building was still smoldering at 11 a.m.

The fire destroyed a two-and-a-half-story frame and metal building, about 50 tons of filberts, and \$400,000 worth of canned prunes being stored for the Springbrook Packing Company.

Faber Pays Off Wager Sweeps City Hall Walk

Mayor Donald E. Faber of Central Point paid off his bet on the Crater-Medford High school football game this morning.

He appeared at the Medford city hall at 11:30 a.m. to sweep off the sidewalk. Faber, in a wager with Mayor John Snider of Medford, had picked Crater to whip the Black Tornado. Medford won the Friday game 40 to 14.

Snider was not on hand to see Faber at work. He wrote Faber a letter saying that he would be out of town today and would have to take a "broom check" on the occasion.

ROMANIAN OFFICIALS FIRED

Vienna—(AP)—A number of high officials in Communist Romania have been fired from their posts for "serious misuse" of public money, Bucharest Radio said today. The broad officials of the Ministry of Heavy Industry and a number of foremen at Romania's biggest power station were dismissed.

Salem—(AP)—Final enrollment at Willamette University has been announced as 1,168.

Tired and Hungry Suspect Grabbed By Deer Hunter

Lakeview—(AP)—Jesse Thurman Hibdon, 30, a fugitive who eluded posses for six days after the slaying of John Troy Lawson in Paisley last Thursday, was captured without resistance late Tuesday by a fire chief who was on a deer hunting trip.

Hibdon, exhausted and hungry was captured near Lapine, some 145 miles north of here, by Harold J. Broderick, 50, fire chief at the coastal town of Hammond.

The fugitive told police he had thrown away his rifle and moved by night near Highway 31. He said he had only one quart of milk to eat since he fled last Thursday.

Big Manhunt Launched

Lawson was shot down last Thursday as he tried to break up a post office robbery in the small town of Paisley. The two holdup men fled but one, Donald Lee Ferguson, 32, Bakersfield, Calif., was wounded and captured a short time after the pair abandoned their getaway car.

One of the biggest manhunts in this area's history then was launched for the other man in the rugged rimrock country north of here.

Broderick said he had been staying at a Lapine motel with his two sons, Harold Jr., 23, and Pat, 12. They had been hunting earlier in the Paisley area and had a description of Hibdon.

Broderick was hunting about a mile east of the motel Tuesday when he saw a man in the woods. He said the man finally broke into a run. After they got to a clearing he shouted for the man to halt. "He stopped right away and didn't give any resistance," Broderick said.

Fugitive at Motel

He said Hibdon drank nearly a quart of water "like a horse in the desert." Broderick then sounded the siren on his pickup truck and his two sons came. Hibdon was tied to the tailgate of the truck and returned to the motel where the operator, William Schabener, called state police.

Schabener told police that on Monday night an unknown man who later turned out to be Hibdon appeared at the motel twice, first saying his car had broken down and the second time asking to rent a cabin. Schabener said he was suspicious and told the man he had no cabins available and the man left. He called police. Officer William Aveline tried to follow the man's trail but lost it in the brush.

Armstrong Date at Little Rock Canceled

Fayetteville, Ark.—(AP)—The Student Senate of the University of Arkansas last night withdrew a prom date invitation to jazz artist Louis Armstrong because of his "unfortunate" remarks about the engagement.

Jack Davis, president of the Associated Students of the university said the Student Senate had "regretfully advised Armstrong of its decision to withdraw its negotiations with him."

Armstrong was scheduled to play at a prom next March.

Armstrong, a vehement critic of Gov. Orval Faubus, said recently the engagement at the university was a "great moral victory." He said he would be glad to play at Arkansas but would be sorry if Faubus were to hear any of the "beautiful notes coming out of my horn."