

Present, Future Lumber Market Conditions Bright

Both present and future lumber market conditions are bright, according to most of the spokesmen for seven of the larger lumber firms in Jackson county contacted Friday.

General business activity in the area also shows good prospects, according to bankers here. They report "business pretty fair and picking up." The mortgage loan field is more active with more houses being constructed, one of them said.

Auto loans were said to have picked up considerably. The "You Auto Buy Now" campaign possibly had considerable influence in this

field. Spokesmen for the three banks contacted said "things look good for the rest of the year."

"Recession Over"

One banker even stated emphatically that "the recession is over" for Oregon. It was over about the time it hit back east, he said. The recession started in this state in September and ended in February, he declared.

Most lumber industry spokesmen seem to feel that lumber market prospects will continue at least on an even keel until the end of the year. Some said the market will be much brighter by 1960, when the "family boom" hits. Others

commented that this expected boom has been moved back to 1963 by economists.

"President Eisenhower has men in the country trying to help him solve this economic question," one lumber industry representative commented. "He doesn't know the answers, how can you expect me to?"

Larger in Sight

The lumbermen generally conceded that the larger and more efficient operations will "keep in the fight" while the others drop out.

Those contacted generally believe that local offices of the bureau of land management and forest service are doing all they can with the limited funds they have in getting more timber into the hands of the operators. Most feel that the government could help by allocating more money for access road construction and for timber cruising and inventory operations. They also said the government is helping considerably by reducing the interest rates on mortgages and allowing a lower down payment. Many feel that more could be done in this direction.

One of the largest operators commented, "Access roads are good political fodder but are not the solution by a long shot."

Freight Reductions

All were pleased with the recent freight rate reductions on shipments of lumber into California and the Southwest. This, they said, puts Oregon lumber on equal competition with California lumber and other building materials.

Rates should be cut on lumber shipped east, also, one operator suggested. He said the east coast and southeast building construction is now recovering from a bad winter. Since he turns out manufactured lumber products primarily, he said he has noticed "a tremendous amount of activity" during the last 10 days.

The same operator said he has re-hired all of his labor force dropped during the winter and is adding "several new people." Only one of the larger operators reported he is still running only one shift. This will continue until conditions improve materially, he explained.

Sealed bids on all government timber sales would help, one spokesman emphasized. However, strong opinions exist on both sides of this question. This man said six bidders recently made 100 bids on one sale and raised the price from roughly \$46,000 to \$79,000. In sealed bids a man makes an estimate of what he can pay and still make a profit. He does not keep bidding up the price which materially boosts the lumber price out of reason, a lumberman said.

Road Building

Another operator feels that the government should hire the road building done in timber areas and the operator be assessed on a per thousand basis as the timber comes out. In one case an operator had to do \$150,000 worth of road building before he could get a single log out, it was pointed out.

One of the largest operators pounded away on the theme that "we are situated in a land of plenty as far as timber is concerned, regardless

Graham Says Pride An American Sin

San Francisco — Billy Graham told a crowd of 15,500 at the Cow Palace Friday night that pride is a "special American sin."

"We don't treat others as equals," the evangelist said. "There's too much snobbishness found when Americans travel abroad."

Graham said the people of other countries aren't against us because they are pro-Communist or because we're rich and they're poor. "It's because we throw our weight around."

Citing the story of the publican and the pharisee in Luke 18:9-14, Graham said, "Pride does more to defile a man and harden the mind of man toward God than anything else. God will punish the proud."

10,568 Christianized

A Graham spokesman said 637 persons stepped forward to make their "decisions for

Christ," bringing the total since the San Francisco Bay Area Crusade began to 10,568.

Before his sermon, the evangelist said he would hold his last Crusade meeting at the Cow Palace on June 8. Following the crusade, a gigantic follow-up is scheduled for June 23-26.

Graham said some 10,000 bay area churches will form two-man evangelical teams to call at the homes of the churches' "responsibility lists"—backsliders, new people in the neighborhood, parents of children in Sunday school and others who have shown interest in the church but who are not active members.

"When properly done visitation evangelism is the most effective means we have to win men to Christ," he said. "And our real job is to win souls for Christ."

Home Show Ends Four-Day Run at Armory Today

The 1958 Medford Home Show opens at noon today at the Medford Armory for the last day of a four-day run.

The Home Show features more than 100 commercial exhibits of new innovations in home furnishings and appliances, home modernization ideas, and decorating and building methods and supplies.

Also featured are several special exhibits, including the California Redwood Loghouse, the Moverama, featuring the latest scientific methods in packing, storing, and moving home furnishings and equipment, and a 10-minute film of the firing of the first Jupiter satellite launching missile.

Stage Show

The Home Show stage show features Tom Garey and Sherry, comic-variety-mind reading act with Rex the trained dog; Val Setz, "The World's Funniest Juggler," the Colleen Hope Dancers; and vocalists Sue Roberts. Stage shows Sunday are at 2:30, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

A special feature of this year's show is the Parade of Homes, a public preview of several of the new homes just completed in the Medford area. Maps of the homes opened to the public especially for viewing in the Parade of Homes are available at the show, and a touring car leaves the Home Show periodically to take visitors to the homes.

Another special feature is the "Living Outdoors for Fun" section, special displays showing landscaping and patio ideas, and outdoor furniture and garden equipment.

Utah Will Testify On River Problem

San Francisco — Utah the last of five states to offer evidence in the complex Colorado River water suit, is scheduled to begin its case Monday before Supreme Court Special Master Simon H. Rifkind.

Utah attorney General E. J. Callister said he would claim 125,250 annual acre feet flowing from his state into the lower basin, mainly through the Virgin River system. He said he expects to complete his case Tuesday.

Then, as all states will have finished their affirmative case, the hearings were expected to recess until July when they would resume to hear lengthy rebuttal testimony.

The suit is a dispute among California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and the federal government over the precious water in the Colorado River system.

New Mexico completed its case Friday, presenting evidence to back its claim to 115,500 annual acre feet of water flowing from within its borders and into the lower basin of the Colorado.

Most of New Mexico's last day was taken up with a grill-

ing by opposition lawyers of Philip B. Mutz, hydrologist of the New Mexican Interstate Streams Commission.

Cross examiners attempted to discredit the facts on which he based his estimate of Western New Mexico's present and potential water uses.

Jet Plane To Be At Ike's Disposal

Washington — A jet transport plane will be added to the stable of aircraft at the disposal of President Eisenhower.

The White House has announced that the President plans to start using a Boeing 707 airliner for longer trips late this year or early in 1959.

There are now 1,600 technically trained foresters serving as inspectors for the American Tree Farm System of growing timber as a crop on taxpaying lands.

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GOP Workers to Attend Meeting

Salem — Republican workers and officials from Jackson county are scheduled to participate in a two-day conference in Eugene, Friday and Saturday, May 23-24, in the Veterans' Memorial building.

The gathering will be hosted by the Lane County Central committee.

Mrs. Thelma Chapman Fowler, Lane vice chairman and conference head, said representatives will come from Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Linn and Lane counties.

"The delegates will confer to consider grass-roots ideas and recommendations which will be considered by the Republican State Central committee when that body prepares a state platform," Mrs. Fowler said.

All participating counties have been asked to appoint two official delegates, although all GOP workers have been invited to participate.

Study committee topics will include education, lumber, agriculture, port development, labor, taxes, natural resources and industrial development.

Columbia Bridge Plans Altered

Portland — Army Engineers here Friday revealed a tentative change in plans for the proposed Columbia river bridge at Astoria to lower the vertical clearance of the structure and reduce its overall cost.

As a result of the new plans, Col. Jackson Graham, Portland district engineer, cancelled a hearing scheduled for Astoria May 27 to consider the bridge proposition. He said a new hearing would be scheduled later after the plans have become settled.

Engineers said they had determined that the original vertical clearance proposed for a bridge from Astoria to Point Ellice, Wash., was more than enough to accommodate existing and anticipated ocean-going ships. By lowering the height of the span, the cost could be reduced substantially.

Harvard College Admits Five From Jackson County

Five Jackson county boys have been admitted to Harvard college, it was learned here Saturday.

Three of them also received scholarship grants.

It was not known immediately whether all five plan to attend Harvard.

David Mack, Gold Hill, who has won many other academic honors this year including a \$500 scholarship from the national school principals' association, not only was admitted to Harvard, but won a Harvard National scholarship, one of only about 50 given throughout the nation.

James and Richard Corum, twin brothers from Medford, each received a substantial scholarship, plus assurance of part-time jobs, as well as admission to the college.

David Frohnmayer and Eric Eitrem, both seniors at Medford High school, also were admitted to the college.

The total of five young men admitted to the high-ranking college at Cambridge, Mass., is the largest on record from this area. In recent years, it was reported, no applicant to Harvard from Medford High school has been turned down.

William Frake, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Frake, 22 Richmond ave., is the only

Lice Infesting Umatilla Fields

Pendleton — Umatilla county extension agent Victor W. Johnson said Friday there is a widespread and "possibly serious" infestation of plant lice in wheat fields throughout Umatilla county, largest wheat-producing county in the state.

Johnson, who had just completed a four-day tour of the county, said the continued infestation could destroy wheat crops.

He urged farmers to check their wheat crop and if they find "25 or more aphids per head of wheat, to consider spraying.

Holmes, House Firm To Dissolve June 30

The Holmes and House of Insurance, Medford, will be dissolved effective June 30, partners in the firm have announced.

Richard (Dick) House will operate The House of Insurance at a new location at 131 East Eighth st., and The R. A. Holmes agency will be located at 116 South Central ave.

They pointed out that the dissolution is with friendly feelings, and each will endeavor to further the best interests of each other and the insured.

COED RAID REBUFFED

Los Angeles — About 60 UCLA coeds seeking revenge Friday for springtime indignities inflicted on girls by panty-raiding male collegians found only frustration. They raided the men's fraternity houses at University of Southern California but were routed when defending males doused them with molasses, orange juice, water and blue paint.

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