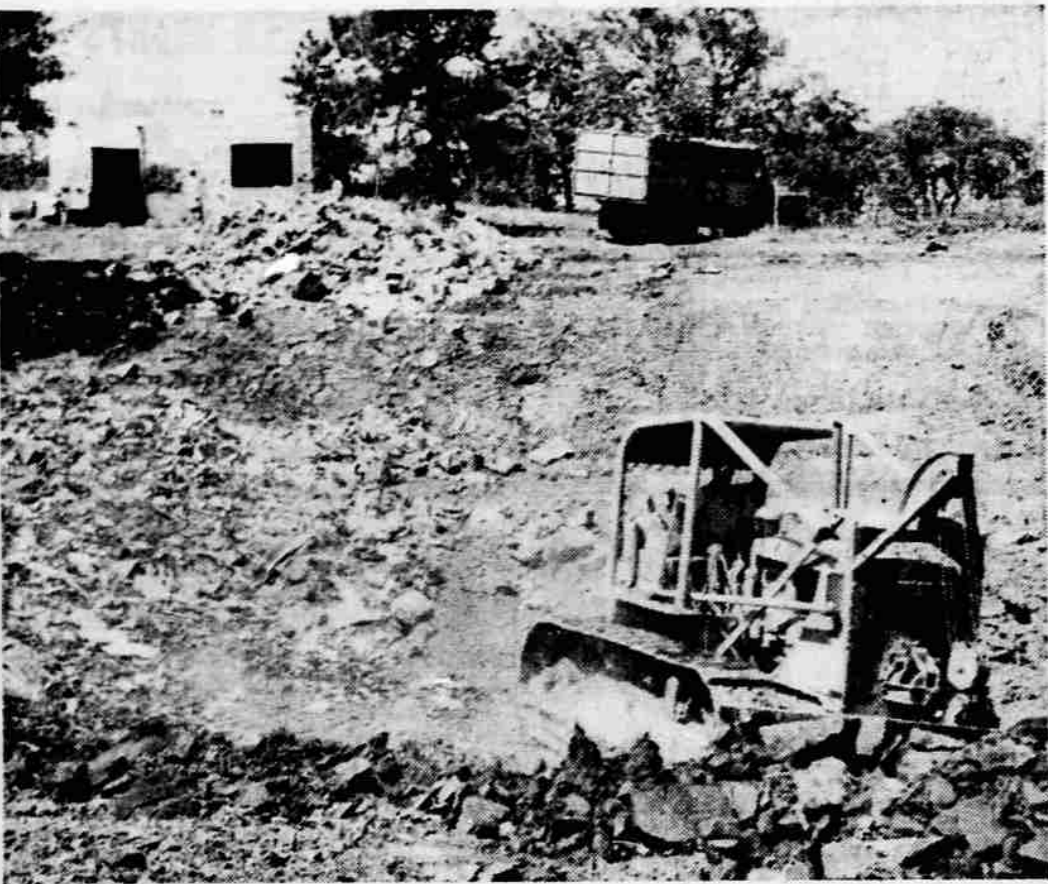


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NEW DUMP — City Sanitary service trucks bring the first day's loads Friday to the new garbage dump south of Jacksonville. The bulldozer pushes garbage to the bottom of the pit, then covers it

with a layer of dirt. Meanwhile, John F. Keaveny, Jacksonville's mayor, has announced closing of the town's "junk dump" on Sterling creek rd.

Many Lumbermen Say Market Will Continue to Show Upswing

Many lumbermen in this area believe the current "strong upswing" in Oregon's lumber market will continue, but have their fingers crossed, a Mail Tribune telephone survey of some of the larger companies in this area revealed. With one exception, the industry representatives contacted here said the current rise in the lumber market is a good strong sign. One lumber company official here summed up the general attitude of others when he said, "the psychology is good. This will have a direct influence on the building trend."

Industry spokesmen generally seemed to feel that the lower mortgage rates established by the government and the general population growth are two factors most directly affecting the rise in the lumber market. he thought a general shift in investment demands was partially responsible for the betterment of the lumber market. "For awhile all industry was requesting money so badly they paid good returns on short term loans. However, during the same period, the housing industry was still plugging along on long term loans at low rates. Need for Financing "Now industry as a whole is not able to make big returns since it no longer has a big need for financing. Investors are content to invest at lower interest rates on long terms. So you see the market is just balancing itself out."

A spokesman for a company dealing in manufactured lumber, such as window frames, door frames and sashes, said one factor influencing his business is that aluminum is losing in demand in the housing market. Another lumberman pointed out that stumpage prices are still too high and would have to come down before he could predict any substantial improvement in the lumber market. As he stated during a survey of lumber industry opinions earlier this year optimism and efficiency in operation are still the key words for better returns on lumber, he added. Lumbermen generally believed that the government could not do any more than it is already doing to improve market conditions. Industry spokesmen seemed to feel generally the lower home loan rates set by the government had contributed materially to help the market.

Enforcement of Agreement Asked

The Medford Realty board has requested that the Jackson County Housing authority enforce its stipulation that purchasers removing buildings from its project demolish them first. "We would expect the housing authority to have these people fulfill their obligations," Cap C. Vandagriff, president of the realty board, said yesterday.

The housing authority stated: "The buildings must be demolished to at least panel size." But purchasers were apparently never bound to this by formal contract. See Carried Out The realty board's request stated that the authority should "not only demand, but see that the verbal sales agreement is carried out at the site of the demolishing," and that it should "make this sales agreement ironclad."

"The present practice," it concluded, "will create unsafe, substandard living conditions in Jackson county, thus reducing present property values." Frohnmayer said the board had a "reliable report" that five building units had been located in sight of Crater Lake highway between Medford and Shady Cove and that two more were located back from the highway out of sight.

"It could be foretold by the number of FHA loans being taken out. Easier financing helped. The market was bound to show some improvement. "It is not a strong upsurge by any stretch of the imagination. Yes, it is better than earlier in the year. Then we had reason to worry because we were not breaking even. This current rise is not something we didn't somewhat anticipate. All statisticians anticipated it. "It could be foretold by the number of FHA loans being taken out. Easier financing helped. The market was bound to show some improvement. "We work with sales representatives from all over the United States. The eastern areas were slowest to show any market improvement. It is getting a little better in California. The southwest states possibly showed the earliest improvement by an upturn this spring.

"It should be kept in mind that as the market improves production will increase, too, and offset some of the price increase. You could say that we are not really enthusiastic about the current market conditions. National trends seem to indicate housing starts for 1958 will be about 1,150,000 units, a 10 per cent rise over 1957, according to the current issue of U.S. News and World Report. One lumber company representative here decried the loss of Texas as a strong lumber market about two years ago. Lumber there went mainly into housing, he said. However, as the Texas market declined the commercial building continued in the east, he added. The lumberman blamed saturation of the lumber market for the market decline. Too many builders had too many houses in excess of the current demand, he said.

First To Recover One spokesman noted that sheathing plywood was the first to recover on the market. Of the various species, fir seems to be among the strongest on the current market. Pine is not so good, he said. Another lumberman said

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DEDICATE PARK — Medford Kiwanis club Friday noon dedicated the Maple park rest area to the city and county. Shown above after dedication ceremonies are, left to right, City Councilman Robert L. Van Sickle, Jackson County Judge Rodney Keating, Medford Mayor John

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'Sleeper' Fires Expected Today; Showers Forecast

Strikes, Outages Result from Storm

"Sleeper" fires, resulting from Saturday afternoon thunderstorms in southern Oregon, were expected today by forest service officials. A total of 12 fires were reported by the forest service and state department of forestry late yesterday, and crews still were on three forest service fires in the Applegate area this morning. The fires all were small and crews extinguished most of them yesterday.

The storm left only a trace of rain at the Medford airport, but substantial amounts were reported in other sections of the valley. At the airport, the temperature dropped from 91 degrees to 73, and climbed again to 87 within about an hour during and after the storm.

Power Outages Several power outages were reported by California Oregon Power company, but service was restored by late last night, officials said. The weather bureau forecast more thunderstorms for late this afternoon and early this evening over the mountain areas of southern Oregon.

The forest service yesterday used calcium borate mixture, dropped from planes on the three Applegate fires. The mixture, which was used for the first time in this area, keeps the fire from spreading until ground crews are able to reach it. Medford Air Service has three planes equipped for the work. Smokejumper Dropped Two smokejumpers from Cave Junction were dropped on one of the Applegate fires, and they later were joined by ground crews. Other fires were in Klamath district east of the Cascades and two in the Prospect area.

State crews were dispatched to five strikes, mostly in the area east of Medford. One strike was reported on Coleman Creek rd. Others were in the Hiatt lake area, north of Eagle Point, one west of Prospect, and one east of Brownsboro.

Twister-type winds whipped the area west of Talent, knocking out power. Hail also was reported in the area, and trees knocked down power lines.

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Sports Bulletins

Memorial Stadium, Camp White—Rogue Valley Dairy Maids scored a 6 to 3 verdict over the Shasta-Cascade All-Star women's softball team here last night.

Spokane, Wash.—(UPI)—The Spokane Indians backed into a 4-3 win over the Salt Lake City Bees in the first game of a double header. Jim McDaniel committed two fifth inning errors that led to Spokane's winning run last night.

U.S. Recognizes New Iraq

Public Hearings On Rogue Basin Are Postponed

Porter Informed by Corps of Engineers

Public hearings by the Army Engineers on the Rogue Basin development plan have been postponed until October, it was reported Saturday. Congressman Charles O. Porter told the Mail Tribune he has been informed by the Engineers the delay is occasioned by an extension of the current survey of the basin to include the feasibility of the Lost Creek dam site, and other possible sites. The hearings originally were to be announced in July, but their announcement is now expected in September, Porter was told. The notices of public hearing are to include details of a proposed survey report, Porter said.

Meeting Monday (A meeting sponsored by the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources Association, at 8 p.m. Monday in the Josephine county courthouse in Grants Pass, is expected to be given similar information by Engineer representatives.)

Porter said the expansion of the survey to include the additional sites is expected to cost about \$165,000. He said the report would serve as the basis for revision of his Rogue Basin project bill, now scheduled to be reintroduced to Congress in January.

The proposed public hearings will be held in several different places in southern Oregon. They will report on the work of the Engineers over the past year investigating a number of alternate proposals for development of the resources of the Rogue for multiple-purpose use.

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Camp White Man Dies in City Jail

William Russell Blaine, 39, of Camp White, died in city jail at 2:25 p.m. Friday, according to city police.

Police said they arrested him two hours earlier on a charge of drunk in public. He had been picked up on Fourth st. between Central ave. and Bartlett st., police reported. Henry Converse Lanigan, a transient in jail at the time, saw Blaine collapse and summoned police to the cell. Police Chief Charles P. Champlin called in a deputy district attorney, the coroner and representatives from the county sheriff's office. A coroner's report is expected Monday.

Blaine had been arrested July 22 on a similar charge, police records show. Dr. E. G. Everett, Camp White, reported Blaine had been confined to the guardhouse there Thursday night for drunkenness and had been released Friday at 10 a.m. It was learned he was being treated at Camp White for tuberculosis and "abdominal spasms." His next of kin was listed as Betty Louise Blaine, Clovis, Calif., a former wife.

Trailways Seeks to Halt Gold Hill Stop

Continental Pacific Trailways has filed an application with Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan seeking permission to abandon service to a number of Oregon cities, including Gold Hill.

A hearing on the application will be held at 10 a.m. Aug. 11, in room 210, public service building, Salem, Morgan announced.



SHED DESTROYED — Two large oil tanks lie in the rubble of a machine shed which burned Friday afternoon in the Vilas orchards in the Central Point area. A speed-sprayer, caterpillar tractor, and pickup truck also were destroyed when the shed burned. Ned Vilas Sr., said he

did not know the cause of the fire. Damage was estimated to be at least \$30,000. Two tankers and pump trucks from the Central Point rural fire department were used to keep the flames from spreading to other buildings.

About \$30,000 in Damage Results From Farm Fire

At least \$30,000 worth of equipment was destroyed when a shed burned to the ground at Ned Vilas Jr.'s orchard in the Central Point area Friday afternoon. Equipment destroyed included a caterpillar tractor, another tractor, a speed-sprayer, and a pickup truck, according to Ned Vilas Jr., son of the orchard owner. Both the shed and equipment were insured, Vilas Sr., said. Tanks of smudge oil and diesel oil and a stack of hay also were destroyed.

Cause of the fire is undetermined. Ned Vilas Jr. said he spotted the fire and called the Central Point rural fire department about 2:18 p.m. Neighbors, volunteer firemen and a crew from California Oregon Power company used garden hoses and hoses from two pumpers and two tankers to successfully keep the flames from spreading to a barn and house. Flames had already charred parts of a woodshed, two-car garage and the Copco power pole.

Vaughn Beer, a Copco lineman, said his crew was en route to a job when they saw the fire truck. The Copco truck followed since crew members thought a power pole might be endangered.

Argument Ends In Gun Wound

A two-man argument in a cabin on South Stage rd. ended with the shooting of one man Friday evening, wounding him in the hand, according to state police. Steve Dinkins, no address, was shot by Herbert Joe Taylor, 52, Hillsboro, Ore. police said. Dinkins told officers Taylor ordered him to leave the cabin they shared, and as he was about to do so, Taylor pointed a gun at him. The two then struggled, according to the injured man, and several shots were fired. State police were called to the scene by Mrs. Paul Hendricks, 594 South Stage rd. at 9:22 p.m.

Seven Drown in River Near Princeton, Calif.

Princeton, Calif.—(UPI)—A car filled with nine persons plunged into the Sacramento river last night and seven of them drowned.

Colusa sheriff's deputies reported that two families of farm workers from El Paso, Tex., had been riding in the vehicle. Shortly after 8:30 p.m. seven bodies were recovered from the river.

Operating Engineers Reject Wage Offer

Portland—(UPI)—Striking Operating Engineers Friday rejected the "final" wage offer of the Associated General Contractors in a meeting here killing hopes of a speedy settlement to the three-week-old heavy construction strike.

Union Spokesman P. R. Wages, business representative of Local 701, said the vote to reject the AGC offer on wages, travel time and extension of the contract for three years was 613 to 88. He said, however, that union members voted unanimously to accept the section of the contract concerning working conditions which the two factions had agreed upon.

The AGC said the package offer was: A 25-cent-an-hour increase effective April 1, 1958; an added 15-cent hourly hike Jan. 1, 1959; 10 cents an hour for pensions July 1, 1959, and 5 per cent an hour (about 17 1/2 cents an hour) Jan. 1, 1960.

Wages said members of the union in other parts of the state will vote on the offer at the special meetings either Monday or Tuesday nights. He said these meetings will be

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WEATHER FORECAST: Variable cloudiness this afternoon and tonight. Fair Monday. Isolated thunderstorms in mountains this evening. High today 48. Low tonight 36. High Monday 50.