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More Than Five Thousand In County Fruit Harvesting

More than 5,250 persons were working in the fruit industry in Jackson county Aug. 31, according to John J. Patton, manager of the Medford office of the state employment service.

Of the total, about 2,250 were working in the orchards. The total includes 199 Mexican Nationals who were brought in to assist the harvest when sufficient domestic employment could not be recruited, Patton said.

He added that even with the few Mexican Nationals employed, it will be difficult to maintain the required total of more than 2,000 domestic employees in the orchards during September. This is due to the completion of other fruit areas having longer seasons, he added.

The fruit harvest started about Aug. 1, Patton noted, and during the first 10 days there was a surplus of labor, which was quickly used up when the harvest got into full swing. By the third week, a shortage began to develop, he said, and at the start of the winter pear harvest the shortage had become acute.

Attempts to recruit workers in the Pacific northwest failed to provide enough employees, and arrangements were made to import Mexican Nationals. Of the 300 Mexican Nationals authorized for this area, only 199 were brought in, Patton said.

Wages for Nationals are fixed at the local "going rate"

for the work they are doing, he said. Nationals are employed under contract provisions specified by agreement between the governments of the United States and Mexico.

Some unemployment occurred in Jackson county during August, Patton pointed out, but some was due to labor disputes involving construction projects, and the long-haul truckers strike.

Unemployment in the county as of Aug. 31 was estimated at 530, which is 40 per

cent less than the previous month, and 18 per cent more than the same month last year, he said.

The unemployed included men out of work because of labor disputes, and a considerable number of women and older people who can not do the heavy outdoor work now available. There also are a number of people who recently moved into the area to seek employment and who have not yet succeeded in becoming established, he noted.

Workers directly involved in a labor dispute are not eligible for unemployment compensation benefits, but other jobs often are affected, and this tended to maintain a larger than usual unemployment compensation claims load through the summer months, Patton said. "Otherwise," he said, "unemployment in the county has been about the same as last year."

The hot, dry weather last month permitted lumber and construction activity to proceed without loss of time. The logging operations in Jackson county were not affected by fire hazard closures which stopped such operations in other sections of the state, Patton noted.

The outlook for jobs, Patton said, "will remain good through September, but will then begin to drop off as seasonal work starts its annual decline."

Couple Seeking Damages From Talent Mayor

George W. and Ila N. Conner are seeking damages from J. Frank Christian, Talent mayor, the city of Talent and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company (a California corporation) as the result of cutting down two trees on the Conner property in Talent, according to a complaint filed Friday in the circuit court.

The Conners are seeking \$8,900 in a first cause and \$5,200 damages in a second cause.

The Conners charge that two large ornamental and shade poplar trees on the property at the easterly line of Second st., Talent, were cut down. One was in the yard and one partly on the street or highway. The cutting was done without the consent of and against the wishes of the owners, the complaint states.

The cutting reduced the value of the real property and left large and unsightly stumps, the property owners charge. Removal of the trees also removed the shade and cooling factor for the dwelling, they said.

The cut trees were converted to the use of those who cut them damaging the owners approximately \$200, the complaint states. Included in the total damages asked are punitive damages of \$5,000 since the trees were removed "deliberately" and with "malicious intent," and against the express wishes of the owners, the complaint stated.

Additional Funds For Rogue Survey

An additional sum of \$24,900 for the Rogue basin flood control survey has been allocated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers according to word from Rep. Charles O. Porter of the Fourth Congressional district.

The amount previously allotted to finish the survey was \$4,000, Porter said. The increase was made by the planning division of the corps.

All available details on proposed water resources development of the Rogue River basin are expected to be given here during Monday's meeting at the courthouse. Representatives of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will meet with the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association.

The engineers are conducting further testing of the Lost creek dam site. A series of public hearings on the flood control program are scheduled for early next winter following the completion of the survey.

Nov. Ballot Is Set for Printer

The November ballot will be delivered to the printer Monday morning, complete with E. Roy Bashaw listed as candidate for district judge, County Clerk Bereth Hopkins said Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Hopkins said that her office was adding Bashaw's name to the ballot Friday afternoon in accordance with an order issued earlier in the day by Judge Edward Kelly.

Judge Kelly had ruled shortly before noon that Bashaw was the duly nominated candidate after disqualifying the other contestant, Robert Danielson, because he was not a resident of the county at the time of the primary.

Saturday morning Ashland attorney Sidney Ainsworth, attorney for Danielson in his court cases contesting his nomination, said that Danielson had not yet decided if he would contest Judge Kelly's decision or an earlier decision of Judge Val Slopier, Salem, which also held Danielson ineligible for the judgeship nomination.

Registration Unit

A mobile voter registration unit will be in Ashland between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday, the Jackson County Democratic party has announced.

The registration booth will be conducted on a non-partisan basis, and no political signs will be displayed. The booth will be in front of the J. C. Penney company.



Mayor John W. Snider

Mayor Snider Is Appointed To Commission

Medford Mayor John W. Snider has been appointed to the Oregon Centennial Commission, Gov. Robert D. Holmes has announced. The appointment is one of three made to the commission.

Snider, was appointed to replace Glenn Jackson, Vice President of the California-Oregon Power Co., also of Medford.

Thomas C. Young, Portland industrial business and civic leader, was named to succeed Thomas F. Sandoz, Astoria, President of the Columbia River Packers Association.

A. F. Hartung, President of the International Woodworkers of America, was appointed to replace Bruce Bishop, Portland, who resigned in August to study on a Fulbright scholarship in Europe.

Snider has been substituting for Jackson who resigned for reasons of ill health. The Mayor is a member of the advisory board of the Centennial for Jackson and Josephine counties.

Two Boys Admit Setting Car Fires

Two Medford boys, 11 and 12 years old, have confessed setting fire to two automobiles in the city on Aug. 19, city police reported Saturday morning.

The youths were turned over to the juvenile authorities and are being held in the Jackson county juvenile detention home pending further action.

They admitted to police starting fires in cars owned by Herman Budd Mitchell, 720 West 13th st., and Donald Arthur Greaves, 716 West 13th st. The Mitchell vehicle was reported a total loss as a result of the fire, the Greaves car suffered a three by five inch burn in the leather upholstery.

The Medford fire department cooperated with local police during the investigation.

The boys started the fires by throwing burning matches onto the seats of the car. A witness told police earlier that she had seen two boys ride by after the fires and throw a lighted match into one of the damaged cars. With this and other leads the investigators were able to discover the arsonists.

Transient Woman Held for Arson

Shirley Ann Kossie, 24, a transient fruit worker from Michigan, is being held in the Jackson county jail on charges of arson involving recent fires at the 401 ranch northeast of Medford, according to Chief Criminal Deputy Joe Walsh Saturday.

Walsh said interrogation and a signed confession revealed the woman set three fires at the 401 orchard on Aug. 27 and Aug. 28. Total damage is estimated at \$9,000. One of the fires burned down a cabin, another destroyed an outbuilding and another burned about five acres of brush. A truck and personal belongings of a worker in the cabin were burned also, a deputy said.

Walsh said the woman was arrested Friday night following an investigation by sheriff's officers and a member of the state police arson squad. No motive for the fires was revealed, Walsh said.

Two Elementary Schools Facing A Double-Shift

Temporary Measure Until Work Finished

When school starts Monday, Sept. 15, students attending Roosevelt and Wilson elementary schools will be double shifted at Roosevelt school for about one month, according to a school district official.

The necessity of completing the sewer connections and basic school plant at the Wilson school makes the double shifting necessary, he explained.

Only exception to this temporary arrangement is that all Roosevelt fourth grade students will be accommodated this school year in three classrooms at the Hedrick Junior High school. These are located in the north end of the school's east wing. They are a portion of the classrooms occupied in previous years by fifth and sixth grade classes of Roosevelt school.

HS Program Expanded

As the junior high school program expands necessitating use of these classrooms, the Roosevelt school fourth grade classes would be absorbed by additional classrooms added to existing schools, the spokesman said.

These fourth grade classes will operate all day on the regular elementary schedule beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing to 3:45 p.m.

Roosevelt school classes, other than the fourth grade, will operate on a temporary half-time schedule beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 12 noon. Students then will be dismissed for the day, a spokesman said.

All Wilson school students will begin their half-time session at 12:30 p.m. and be dismissed at 4 p.m., it was explained. All will be transported to and from school.

Regular classes will be held during half-time sessions and homework will be assigned in part to replace the usual teacher-supervised study periods, it was explained. Roosevelt school teachers will remain on duty during the afternoon to prepare lesson plans and student materials. The Wilson school staff will be on duty mornings to prepare for their afternoon session. Working space and facilities will be provided for the respective school staffs in the cafeteria during hours not with children, it was explained. The cafeteria will only serve lunches to teachers during the temporary double shifting.

A separate school office at Roosevelt school is being maintained by Robert Baccus, the Wilson school principal. The telephone number is SP 3-3447. The regular Roosevelt school telephone number is SP 2-2300.

The complete school bus transportation schedule will be announced later this week. Other details on school openings will be provided in a later news story.

United Crusade Workers to Meet

A meeting of workers in the United Medford Crusade's retail division will be held at the Jackson hotel at 7 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, James Ragland, chairman of the division, has announced.

The meeting will be conducted by Dick House, training chairman, who will acquaint workers with their duties in the campaign, which starts Sept. 15, and the needs of the UMC member agencies.

Miss Mississippi Is Miss America

Atlantic City, N.J.—UPI—Mary Ann Mobley, Miss Mississippi, was crowned Miss America last night.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Medford and vicinity continued fair through Sunday night. Risk of thunder storms Monday. High tomorrow near 100; low tomorrow night near 55.

Highest Saturday 102, Lowest Saturday 51. Our Skies Tonight: Sunset today 6:36 p.m., Sunrise tomorrow 5:44 a.m., Moonrise tomorrow 12:27 a.m., VISIBLE PLANETS: Jupiter, sets 7:58 p.m., Saturn, low in southwest 9:32 p.m., Mars, low 10:01 p.m., Venus and Mercury, rise 4:38 a.m. (Venus is by far the brighter planet)

U.S. Welcomes Reds' Offer of Peace Talks

Chou's Statement Accompanied By Bombardment Lull

Taipei, Formosa — (UPI) — Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai said yesterday Red China was preparing to resume Formosa peace talks with the United States. The statement coincided with a sudden lull in the Communist bombardment of the Quemoy offshore islands.

Informed sources said a Nationalist Chinese convoy escorted by U.S. warships left Formosa for Quemoy last night to crack the Communist blockade around the offshore islands. The report, confirmed in Washington said the U.S. ships would sail to within three miles of the mainland coast, ignoring China's new claim of a 12-mile territorial sea.

In a Peiping radio broadcast the Communist leader rejected the U. S. warning against Red Chinese action directed at Formosa. Chou said Communist China has the "right to liberate" Formosa and the Pescadore Islands. "Internal Affairs"

However, he said Communist China had offered in ambassadorial talks with America in Geneva to settle the Formosa problem "as an internal affair" of China through negotiation and without the use of force.

He charged the United States rejected this proposal, but that Communist China was preparing for a resumption of ambassadorial talks with America. Sudden Lull

The broadcast came in the midst of a sudden lull in the Red Chinese bombardment of the Quemoy island group. No shells landed on Quemoy through mid-morning yesterday and the Nationalist defense ministry said only 90 shells were fired on the island Friday. It was the lowest number reported since the Red artillery barrage began two weeks ago.

A Peiping radio broadcast said the lull was ordered to give Nationalist troops time to "reconsider" their position. The broadcast presumably referred to an ultimatum broadcast to the troops last week to surrender or face invasion.

At the same time, U. S. Marines from the Third Division based on Okinawa were poised aboard ships of the U. S. Seventh fleet on the eve of the first American-Chinese landing exercise ever held here.

About one battalion of Marines will take part in what observers in the Nationalist capital call an obvious show of force by the two nations.

Sputnik Rocket Visible Again

Portland —(UPI)—The fashionable past-time of Sputnik watching is in vogue once again in Oregon. The Oregon Moonwatch headquarters here announced the rocket of the Russian-made satellite will again be visible over the state after an absence of several days.

Here is the schedule: Today: Sunday—7:51 p.m., 15 degrees in northeast; 9:31 p.m., 77 degrees in southwest; 11:11 p.m., low in southwest.

Monday—7:15 p.m., low in northeast; 8:55 p.m., 86 degrees in northeast; 10:36 p.m., 10 degrees in southwest.

Tuesday—8:18 p.m., 62 degrees in northeast; 9:59 p.m., 22 degrees in southwest.

Wednesday: Wednesday—7:49 p.m. 44 degrees in northeast; 9:20 p.m., 47 degrees in southwest.

Thursday—7:11 p.m., 24 degrees in northeast; 8:41 p.m., 65 degrees in southwest; 10:21 p.m., low in southwest.

Friday—8:01 p.m. 90 degrees slightly toward southwest; 9:41 p.m., low in southwest.



LSWU Strike Spread Idles 4 More Mills

Portland—UPI—Four more mills have been idled in a strike of the AFL-CIO Lumber and Sawmill workers in Oregon and Washington.

The four latest plants hit are the Pope and Talbot Corporation at Oakridge, Oregon; the International Paper company's Long Bell division sawmill at Longview, Wash.; and Tygh Valley Lumber company and affiliated Cody Logging

company of Tygh Valley, Ore. The Long Bell plant was forced to halt operations when the members of the international Woodworkers of America refused to cross picket lines put up by the LSWU. The two unions are rivals within the AFL-CIO.

LSWU executive secretary, Earl Hartley, said additional plants would be struck by the union, but declined to name which ones.

The number of lumber workers now idle is over 3000. The Longview plant employs about one thousand. Negotiations between the LSWU and three major employer groups broke off when union negotiators walked out of the session charging that the employer offer was for too little money and too long a contract. No negotiations are currently being held between the union and employer groups, although the union and some independent operators have continued bargaining sessions.

Trucker Talks Making Progress, Officials Report

Washington — (UPI) — Union and company spokesmen reported "substantial progress" yesterday in efforts to settle a Teamsters Union strike that has tied up trucking in 11 Western states.

They announced that the talks, which were shifted here Wednesday, will be moved back to San Francisco and will be resumed Tuesday.

There was no elaboration on the "substantial progress" report.

Robert H. Cutler, chairman of a five-man management negotiating committee, and Elmer Mohn, chairman of the Western Conference of Teamsters, issued a joint statement on the negotiations.

"Substantial Progress" "We feel," they said, "that substantial progress has been made for settlement of the strike and lockout. The parties are recessing to meet in San Francisco Tuesday."

The strike, involving about 1,000 drivers, started over a wage issue in the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys of California. Teamsters there claimed their pay was not comparable to that received by union members in other areas of California.

Trucking companies began shutting down operations throughout the West, maintaining a strike against one was a strike against all.

But Would Not Prejudice Rights Of Nationalists

Washington—(UPI)—The United States yesterday welcomed Red China's decision to discuss the Formosa crisis at the diplomatic bargaining table. But it emphasized that "we will not be a party to any arrangement which would prejudice the rights of our ally"—the Nationalist Chinese led by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The U. S. position was set forth in a 300-word statement issued at the White House following an extraordinary three hour meeting of the National Security council convened by President Eisenhower.

The President had interrupted his Newport, R.I., golfing vacation to fly here for the conference and to handle other urgent affairs. Ready to Meet

The White House statement said the American ambassador in Warsaw, Jacob D. Beam, "stands ready promptly to meet with the Chinese Communist ambassador there" to resume talks on the Formosa dispute.

The United States and Red China had been discussing the problem previously in Geneva off and on since 1955. But the talks broke down last December when the Communists rejected repeated U. S. demands for a joint renunciation of force by the two nations.

But the Red Chinese radio announced this morning that Premier Chou En-Lai was ready to have the ambassadorial session resume. No Official Word

"So far, the United States has not received an official word on this subject," the White House statement said. But it added that "if the Chinese Communists are now prepared" to resume the talks, "the United States welcomes that decision."

"Naturally," the statement continued, "in these resumed talks the United States will adhere to the negotiating position which it originally took in 1955—namely, that we will not in these talks be a party to any arrangement which would prejudice the rights of our ally, the Republic of China."

The White House said the Security council also considered "measures which would conform to the policy" laid down by the President and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles Sept. 4 in a statement issued at Newport.

There was no elaboration on this point. In that statement it was said the President would not hesitate to use U.S. forces to defend Nationalist-held Quemoy and Matsu if he judged the circumstances made this necessary.

Vote on Joining Union Stated Here

About 120 employees of the Cascade Wood Products company, Inc., White City, are scheduled to vote on Sept. 16 on joining the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, Willamette Valley district council, according to Arthur Heiges, Portland, attorney for the National Labor Relations Board.

The date was set following an informal meeting of the NLRB representative, company and union representatives Friday in the ante-room of the county court office.

If the election conducted at the mill under NLRB supervision favors the union then it will be certified as bargaining agent for the employees, Heiges explained.

Meanwhile, employees of the Fir-Ply company, Inc., at White City, voted 63 to 21 against joining the Willamette district council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union, AFL. The company's night shift voted Thursday night and day shift on Friday, according to Bob Van Deucker, office manager.

The election was supervised by the NLRB. Petitioner for the election was the LSWU.

Work Progressing On Sanitary Sewer

Construction work on the Grandview-Kenwood sanitary sewer is progressing on two fronts, according to Vernon Thorpe, Medford public works director.

R. A. Heintz, Portland, the contractor, began at one point with the connection to the Camp White trunk sewer north of Crater Lake highway. Work crews have since made the highway crossing and are working south on Bidde rd.

Other crews are putting in the sewer in the vicinity of Wilson school, so that street construction in that area can proceed.

'Shadows' Win At Salem State Fair

The Shadows, a rock 'n roll act composed of six Medford boys, won the state-wide talent contest sponsored by the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Oregon State Fair in Salem Saturday afternoon. Members of the group, all students at St. Mary's High school, are Paul Smith, Tom Newcomb, Clare Mansfield, Bill Smith, Mike Feiss and Rick Carrara.

Sports Bulletins

Salt Lake City—UPI—Salt Lake City evened its final series with San Diego Saturday night, whipping the Padres 7-3 on the strength of Fred Green's seven-hit pitching and an 11-hit attack off Steve Ridsick.

Rookie pitcher Gary Bell of the Cleveland Indians snapped the Tribe's three-game losing streak Saturday night when he pitched a six-hitter to beat the Chicago White Sox, 7-1. In another American League night game, southpaw Billy O'Dell pitched the Baltimore Orioles to a 4-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox. In day games, the Washington Senators beat the New York Yankees, 8-3, and the Kansas City A's downed the Detroit Tigers, 8-2.