

Castro Calls Temporary Halt To Executions

Reappraisal of Klamath Timber Shows Reduction

Portland—UPI—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said today a reappraisal of timber on the Klamath Indian reservation showed a reduction in its estimated value which would affect the amount paid to withdrawing tribal members.

The reappraisal was ordered by the Klamath termination act, Neuberger said it reduced value of pine timber on the reservation from \$118,000,000 to \$89,486,358.

The reduction would cut by about \$13,000 the amount of payment to each withdrawing member of the tribe.

Plans Hearings
Neuberger said he planned to hold Senate Indian affairs sub-committee hearings in Washington, D.C. in March on the accuracy of the reappraisal.

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GRANDVIEW Cafeteria Completed

By LILLIAN KNIGHT
Grandview - Wilson school cafeteria has been completed and hot lunches were served Wednesday, Jan. 7. The new gymnasium is expected to be complete by the end of next week.

There were seven new students admitted to classes since Jan. 1, bringing the total enrollment to 291.

At a student body meeting last Wednesday, names for the school's athletic teams were suggested, and on Friday a committee, composed of faculty members, selected the name "Wilson Warriors." The name was submitted by Phillip Frohnmayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Car-

ament is committed to buy it. Neuberger said that under the lower appraisal figure each Klamath Indian who chooses to withdraw would receive about \$45,000.

"The lower appraisal recently made may reflect the fact that a declining market for lumber in residential housing construction has had a tendency to diminish timber values all over the Northwest," Neuberger said. "In fairness to the taxpayers the Indians should receive only the actual value of the resources of their reservation. In fairness to those resources must be paid to Klamath tribal members."

Three Firms Chosen
The reappraisal was made by three firms chosen by secretaries of interior and agriculture. They are Harmon, Jensen & Wallen, Oakland, Calif.; Bigley & Feiss, Eugene, and Marshall & Stevens, Los Angeles. The Oregon firm placed the lowest estimate on the value, Neuberger said.

han of Eureka, Calif., were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hageman, Grand ave. The Carahans are former residents here, he being employed by Skinner's automobile agency, Medford. He and Mrs. Hageman are brother and sister.

A Christmas present for the Lloyd Hart family, Lone Pine rd., was a 6 pound 12 ounce boy born to them Dec. 24, who has been named Michael Wayne.

He is the Hart's first child and grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hart of Popular drive, former residents of Lone Pine rd., and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Abbott of Ashland.

Brenda Marie is the name chosen for the new baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hageman, Grand ave. The baby was born Dec. 29 and weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keith and daughter, Vickie Lee, Crater Lake ave., returned to their home last week after visiting over the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keith and Mrs. Lillie Keith in Wilmington, Calif., and other relatives in Belmont Shore.

Mrs. C. W. Johnson, Sr. is here from Las Vegas, Nev., for an extended visit with her son and daughter-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson, Roberts rd.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson Jr., Roberts rd., are building a house on the lot next to their home place which they will sell when completed.

Land area of the U.S. amounts to about 1,900 million acres.

Construction Industry Set To Surpass Mark

New York—UPI—The construction industry rode out the 1958 recession well and now is set to surpass the \$50 billion mark in 1959 for the first time ever.

New construction in 1958 rose two to three per cent above the \$48.5 billion of 1957 and a greater year-to-year gain is expected in 1959.

Current estimates indicate an additional \$20 billion will be spent on modernizing, remodeling, maintaining and repairing existing structures, bringing the total construction outlay for 1959 to more than \$70 billion.

The increase in 1959 will be part inflation and part in physical volume, with the latter exceeding the 1958 record, according to the Commerce and Labor Departments.

Based on Factors
The optimism for the construction industry is based on a number of factors, among them the continuing improvement in general business conditions, a steady rise in recent months of additional home mortgage insurance authorization for the FHA and the general belief that institutional and public works building will run at a high level.

Then, there is the report from Engineering News-Record that the flow into the heavy construction backlog—picked up in the latter part of 1958 and now is more than \$113 billion, as against \$111,480,000,000 at the end of 1957.

Dark spots in the picture are few. There is a possibility that improved business conditions will force the govern-

BOOST MEAT SUPPLY
London—UPI—Livestock expert Dr. John Hammond says Britain may be able to beef up its meat supply by producing more twin calves. Hammond has asked the Agriculture Ministry for a research grant to expand his experiments aimed at producing twins from cows by hormone injections.

ment to follow more of a "go slow" policy in stimulating housing and related building. A further tightening of money by the Federal Reserve would make it more difficult to obtain mortgage money, and rising construction costs could adversely affect some building work.

Public construction in 1959 is expected to account for \$2.5 billion of the projected \$3.5 billion rise in total new construction, the Commerce and Labor Departments reported. Housing will account for most of the remainder of the gain.

To Spark Rise
The road building program and increased school construction will spark the rise in public building. Capital spending for highways is expected to reach \$7.1 billion in 1959, compared with \$6.2 billion in 1958.

Housing starts are expected to hold at the 1958 level of about 1,160,000 units, with no significant upturn expected until after 1960 when the marriage and birth rates begin to rise again.

The decline in industrial construction in 1958 is expected to extend into 1959, but the recovery in general business could result in larger expenditures in this category.

Office building may be approaching a saturation point, according to the experts, but store building may recover from the moderate decline of 1958.

Bow To Public Criticism Abroad Cited as Reason

Havana—UPI—The revolutionary Cuban government announced today it was only interrupting—and not ending—the wave of executions of Batista men accused of murdering up to 20,000 rebel sympathizers during the past six years.

In an apparent bow to public criticism abroad the presidential palace announced the government would halt mass trials and executions until new regulations are fully circulated to the rebel courts. It invited full press coverage when the trials are resumed.

The Cuban people appeared fully in agreement with the revolutionary justice that has taken more than 200 lives. Rebel leader Fidel Castro and Foreign Minister Roberto Agramonte issued statements defending rebel action thus far.

No date was fixed for resumption of the revolutionary justice which was halted throughout the island late Tuesday after a reported 200 rebels had been executed by rebel firing squads. Additional thousands still face trial.

Acknowledge Criticism
A presidential palace spokesman announced after a telephone conference between President Emanuel Urrutia and Castro early today that domestic and foreign newsmen, photographers and movie cameramen would be invited to witness the trials from start to execution.

And in apparent acknowledgment of foreign criticism, the spokesman said foreign newsmen would be allowed to interview accused persons and their families as well as the accusers.

The palace source did not say whether future trials would be conducted by rebel officers and militia as in the past. There has been talk that government officials would prefer restoration of civilian courts for further trials.

Argamonte said all those executed thus far have been members of ex-President Fulgencio Batista's army though numerous civilians have been jailed for being informers.

Castro, in a statement Tuesday afternoon, insisted on the need for punishing those he said were responsible for 20,000 cases of torture and killings during Batista's six-year tenure.

Defends Executions
Agramonte also defended the executions and said the executions by firing squads were carried out only when persons were found guilty by a military tribunal and condemned to death. He said such deaths were far more humane than the barbaric treatment accorded revolutionary soldiers captured by Batista men.

Other developments:
—Rebel Pvt. Robert Perez, accused of the mistaken identity slaying of Havana University Prof. Rafael Escolina, was arrested and Castro said he would handle the investigation personally.

—Castro met at midnight with leaders of the rival Revolutionary Directorate to discuss the Directorate's views on the future course of government. The Directorate denied it had been disbanded but said its troops had been demobilized.

Jayne Mansfield, Husband Honored

Hollywood—UPI—Actress Jayne Mansfield and her husband Mickey Hargitay were honored on their first wedding anniversary Tuesday night by the Eastside Boys club.

The club presented the couple with a crystal and silver centerpiece and candelabra in appreciation of the couple's contributions to the youth organization.

The Hargitays celebrated their anniversary in their pink-walled mansion on Sunset blvd. with a small party that included champagne and a cake decorated with pink flowers.

TOO LATE
Caltanisetta, Sicily—UPI—Little Rosario Pilato died a few days after birth in 1941. The other day, his father received a postcard from the draft office asking Rosario to report for military service.

CHARGE VIOLATION
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