

Oregon Veneer Buys 7,900 M Board Feet Of O and C Timber

Oregon Veneer company, Medford, was high bidder at \$295,000 for 7,900,000 board feet of timber in the Union Creek district of Rogue River National forest this week. The timber is in the Huckleberry Break sale area.

Southern Oregon Plywood of Grants Pass was runner up in bidding. Other bidders were Steve O. Wilson, Fir Ply, Inc., Johnston-Plumley, Inc., Lee Logging company, Ross Lumber company and Kogak Lumber Industries, all of Medford, White City and vicinity, and Red Blanket Lumber company, Prospect.

Oregon Veneer's bid was \$37 per thousand board feet for an estimated 6,700,000 board feet of Douglas fir, \$52 per thousand for 800,000 board feet of pine, and \$14.50 per thousand for 400,000 board feet of white fir and other species.

Above Appraised Price

The bid totaled 71 per cent above the appraised price of \$172,385, according to C. E. Brown, forest supervisor.

The timber is in four logging units covering a total of 124 acres and about 13 acres of road right-of-way outside the cutting units. All the units, Brown said, are to be clear cut, with two of them located on steep ground where cable logging will be done.

Construction and rock surfacing of three miles of standard forest service 14-foot road is required as a condition of the timber contract. The forest service estimate of the cost of the construction was \$46,760, Brown said.

Brown said that included in the bid price is 65 cents per thousand board feet for use

by the forest service in disposing of the logging slash, and 75 cents per thousand board feet for reforesting the cut over area.

Balance of Receipts

The balance of the receipts from the sale, as with other national forest timber sales, will go into the forest reserve fund of the federal treasury. At the end of the fiscal year, 25 per cent of the forest reserve funds are returned to the state for distribution to the counties in which the national forest is located in proportion to the national forest acreage in each county, he noted.

Brown said Joe Hoare, president, and Dale Harding, logging manager of Oregon Veneer, said they intended to start road construction into the timber area within the next week.

Rubber Strike End Not Expected Before Monday

Akron, Ohio — (UPI) — Union and management spokesmen indicated today they expect no progress in settlement of a strike by 59,000 B. F. Goodrich, Firestone and U. S. Rubber Co. workers before Monday.

Goodrich and Firestone workers have been off the job since March 16 and U. S. Rubber Co. employees out since March 10 when contracts covering pensions, insurance, working conditions and supplemental unemployment benefits expired. Talks have been conducted steadily this week without progress.

Basically Same Package

"Our original statement still holds," a Firestone spokesman said today. "We are offering basically the same package as Goodyear."

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. was the only major rubber firm to escape a strike when negotiators managed to reach agreement only minutes before the deadline. The 23,000 members of Goodyear locals of the United Rubber Workers Union are scheduled to vote Sunday on ratification of their pact.

Talks Resume

The Firestone spokesmen indicated strongly that he thought there would be no progress until after the ratification vote by Goodyear locals. A spokesman for the union made a similar indication.

Talks with all three companies resumed today. The negotiations with Firestone are being conducted in Cleveland, with Goodrich in Canton, Ohio, and with the U. S. Rubber Co. in New York.

Three Interchanges Planned at Ashland

Ashland — The bureau of public roads has rejected a proposal by Ashland City Superintendent Elmer Biegel to construct an interchange for the Highway 99 freeway at Oak st., Ashland, Biegel told the Ashland Chamber of Commerce this week.

The chamber a few months ago went on record as favoring such an interchange, and the state highway commission approved it. But since the federal government contributes about 90 per cent of the funds for the freeway, Biegel said the bureau of public roads has rejected the interchange idea.

Three complete interchanges will be constructed along the freeway, Biegel said. They are at the junction of the freeway and the present Highway 99 south of Ashland, where the freeway will cross Highway 66, and at Valley View rd. north of Ashland.

He said there is a chance that an "off ramp" will be constructed from the freeway at Oak st., which would serve as an additional access route into downtown Ashland.

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Milk Business Claimed Hurt by Strontium Reports

Washington — (UPI) — A dairy state congressman believes the Public Health Service should stop making routine monthly reports on radioactive strontium-90 in milk.

Rep. Melvin R. Laird (R-Wis.) said "scare headlines and stories" based on the reports are hurting the milk business.

Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney endorsed Laird's charge that such stories have given the false impression that milk is dangerously laden with strontium-90 from nuclear fallout.

But Burney said stopping the reports now would lay the Public Health Service open to criticism for withholding information from the public.

Laird questioned Burney about the strontium-90 reports at hearings last month by a House appropriations subcommittee. A transcript of the testimony was made public today.

The Wisconsin Republican asked if there has "ever been a degree of radiostrontium contamination detected in milk that has constituted an immediate danger to the health of individuals." Burney replied, "no, sir."

Danger Lack Stressed

Laird said the monthly health service releases always have stressed that the strontium-90 content of milk was "far from dangerous." But he said "this fact somehow is lost in the account in the press."

The congressman asked why the agency didn't limit its press releases to the strontium content of water.

"In using this one product, milk, it has a tremendous effect upon the economy of the great milk producing areas," Laird said.

Burney said water is not as good an indicator of strontium-90 as milk.

Henderson Night Crews Jeered on Leaving Shifts

Henderson, N.C. — (UPI) — Non-union Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mills workers leaving the night shift were harassed again Thursday night.

Police, however, reported a lessening of the violence which renewed here Monday night when members of the Textile Workers Union of America charged the company with reneging on a new unsigned contract.

Status Up in Air

The status of the new contract was up in the air. It was agreed to last Friday night when Gov. Luther H. Hodges intervened to reach a settlement between mills president John D. Cooper Jr. and Carolina's TWUA director Boyd Payton.

The union ratified the contract Sunday but Payton refused to sign it as scheduled Monday afternoon when the plant hired 15 former strikers for the night shift, which began operation Monday.

Cooper maintains he told the union he would not rehire all the strikers. Payton claims Cooper promised to hire 222 unionists for the night shift and the third or overnight shift which is scheduled to begin next Monday.

Unionists in Uproar

The disparity on what was agreed to verbally threw the unionists into an uproar. The 700 non-union workers have been jeered daily by unionists.

Hodges charged management had "intentionally misled" the union into thinking most of the jobs on the second shift were open, when actually only 15 unionists were recalled.

Quotas Being Filled In Navy Program

Quotas for the Navy's high school graduate program during April, May and June, in the Portland recruiting district are being depleted, the Navy recruiting office here has announced.

Navy recruiters said high school seniors may apply to be tested and placed on the list in a particular field. High school graduates wishing to select a technical field prior to enlistment are asked to contact the Navy recruiting office in the Medford post office building.

COMPOSER TO WED

New York — (UPI) — Frank Loesser, author and composer of the musical "Most Happy Fella," and singer Jo Sullivan, star of the production will be married next Wednesday.



CHAPLIN IS 70—Charlie Chaplin huffs and puffs and blows out seven candles on his birthday cake, as his wife, Oona, and children Victoria and Eugene look on. The great pantomime comedian is celebrating his seventieth birthday in Corsier-sur-Vecve, Switzerland.

Senate Approves Bill To Enlarge Board of Parole

Salem — (UPI) — The Senate Thursday passed the bill increasing the State Board of Parole and Probation from three to five members and reducing the term of office of each member from six to five years. The bill now goes to the governor.

An effort was made in the early part of the session to create a one-man parole board but this bill was laid on the table.

A bill to authorize temporary liquor permits to sell for 25 cents was defeated in the Senate by a 15-12 vote.

Sen. Don Cameron (R-Grants Pass) said that the permits, which would be limited to two weeks, would be a good advertisement for Oregon's Centennial.

Opposition to the bill was largely based on the premise that the temporary permit would be unfair to permanent residents who must pay \$1 for a liquor permit.

During discussion of the

\$3,176,489 budget for the Oregon Fish commission, several members of the Senate said there was a need to consolidate the fish and game commission.

Work Closely Together

Sen. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) said that although the members of the two commissions were now working closely together, there was still need for consolidation of the two agencies.

Sen. Dan Thiel (D-Astoria) also urged the merger.

Sen. Walter Leth (R-West Salem) said an interim committee on which he served was likewise in favor of a merger.

"But when we went around the state and made this suggestion, the protests that came from the sportsmen and some of the commercial fishermen led us to realize that any immediate move to merge the two commission would create a Little Rock situation in Oregon," Leth said.



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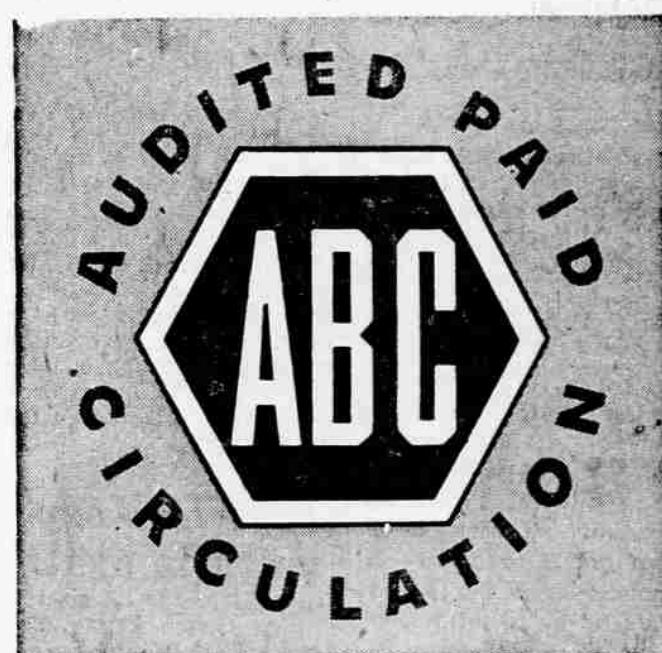
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4-H CLUB NEWS

Applegate Kitchen Pests

The eighth meeting of the Kitchen Pests was held Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mike Elmore. Wayne Stoner called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting.

We discussed different points of the bottle drive which was brought up as old business from the last meeting. Our leaders, Mrs. Herriot and Mrs. Prowell, gave a demonstration on how to make a salad dressing. They mixed the dressing with salad which was served as refreshments.

Tommy Piete will bring refreshments for the next meeting May 5, at 7:30 p.m.

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