

Lumber Labor Agreements Reached By Employer Group and Two Unions

Klamath Falls (UPI) — Agreements between employers and two big lumber unions for some 5,000 employees in Oregon and northern California have been reached, it was announced here Friday.

The agreements, subject to union local and individual employer ratification, are similar to others recently announced in the lumber industry.

One is between the Pine Industrial Relations council and negotiators representing the Western, Central Oregon and Willamette Valley council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union. This affects some 1,826 employees.

The other is between the Pine Industrial Relations council and the International Woodworkers of America. Two local firms also announced the same agreement with the IWA.

Welfare Money Approved

The Pine group and the LSW recommendation provides for an employer contribu-

tion of 8½ cents per hour per employee to an area-wide trust fund to provide health and welfare benefits effective June 1, 1959, plus a 2 cent per hour fund to be used to correct inequities in job bracket wage rates.

The pact runs to June 1, 1961, and provides for six paid holidays starting June 1, 1960. A third week of vacation with pay and reduced eligibility requirements to qualify for the second week will become effective for vacations to be taken in 1960.

Companies represented in talks with the LSW were Bates Lumber Co.; Moore Timber Products; Southern Oregon Plywood and Wolf Creek Lumber, all of Grants Pass; Medford Corporation, Medford; Cody Logging Co., Gilchrist; Kinzuna Corp., Kinzua and Tygh Valley Lumber Co., Tygh Valley.

The IWA agreement affects about 3,100 employees, in-

cluding 350 at Klamath Basin Pine Mills and Ellingson Lumber Co., Klamath Falls.

Pay Hike Given

The two-year contract is similar to one reached earlier with the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co.

It provides a 7½ cent across the board increase, and a 2½ cent hourly increase for job bracket adjustments effective June 1, 1959.

On June 1, 1960, it calls for a 3½ cent wage hike and a third week of vacation after 10 years.

C. L. Irving, managing vice-

president of the Pine Industrial Relations council, said the following operations were affected:

Brooks — Scanlon, Inc., Bend; Ochoco Lumber Co., Prineville; McCloud River Lumber Co., McCloud, Calif.; Ralph L. Smith Lumber Co., Anderson and Mt. Shasta, Calif.; Fruit Growers Supply Co., Susanville, Calif., Medford Corp. for woods operations at Butte Falls, and Fir Milling and Planing Co., Ashland.

IWA voting is scheduled to be concluded June 22.

High Dam Approved For Mountain Sheep In Spite of Protests

Portland (UPI) — An Army Engineers review board Friday stamped its approval on a proposed \$241 million high Mountain Sheep dam on the middle Snake river, despite objections from fishery groups and others.

The board of engineers for rivers and harbors also approved all but one of 11 other major river projects. The projects were contained in a comprehensive development plan for the Columbia River Basin prepared by North Pacific division of Army engineers.

Hatfield Opposes Dam

Total cost of the plan would be \$1,049,461,000 plus \$5,742,000 annually for operation and maintenance.

Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon and state and federal fish agencies have asked that a high Mountain Sheep project be delayed until fish passage problems are solved. An interior department official also suggested a delay in the project.

It is contended that a high dam at Mountain Sheep would block valuable salmon and

steelhead runs on both the Snake and Imnaha rivers. Public power groups have favored construction of a dam at Nez Perce farther downstream.

Wenaha Dam Out

Engineers recommended only one change in Mountain Sheep, that the pool elevation be increased from 1,490 feet to 1,510 feet. This would permit a more economical installation, according to Brig. Gen. Allen Clark, division engineer.

The project not included in the recommendations was a proposed \$94,574,000 Wenaha dam on the Grande Ronde river in Oregon. At least a five-year delay was suggested because of fish passage problems.

Public hearings on the plan were held in the Northwest and Washington, D. C. last March.

Other projects approved by the board included:

- Long Meadows, Yaak river, Mont., \$25,709,000.
- Flathead Lake, Mont., \$6,142,000.
- Knowles, Flathead river, Mont., \$234,910,000.
- Enaville, Coeur d'Alene river, Idaho, \$78,036,000.
- Asotin and extension of navigation on Snake river to Lime point, Idaho, \$241,782,000. Two projects.
- Penny Cliffs, middle fork, Clearwater river, Idaho, \$210,036,000.
- Bruces Eddy, north fork, Clearwater river, Idaho, \$127,166,000.
- Ninemile Prairie, Blackfoot river, Mont., \$54,893,000.
- Garden Valley, Payette river, Idaho, \$148,100,000.

Willamette Basin Projects

Last April the Columbia Basin Inter Agency committee found that Knowles, Asotin, Bruces Eddy and Penny Cliffs were controversial projects along with Mountain Sheep and Wenaha.

In addition, the board recommended four projects as additions to the Willamette Basin plan in Oregon. They include:

- Strube re-regulating reservoir, south fork McKenzie river, \$6,685,000.
- Gate Creek, \$15,920,000.
- Fern Ridge, modification of existing project, \$140,000.
- Cascadia, South Santiam river, \$28,270,000.

Floral Salmon, Canoe Winners Among Portland Parade Floats

Portland (UPI) — The 1959 Portland Rose Festival reached its climax yesterday with the colorful, impressive floral parade through downtown Portland and across the Morrison street bridge to E. 26th and Burnside.

The sun came out to make the weather ideal for the parade — bright but not hot. Generously interspersed between the floral floats were bands with charming drum majorettes marching teams and mounted posses. The

theme of the parade, in keeping with Oregon's Centennial celebration, was "A Century in Flowers."

Reigning over the entire festival, including the parade, were Queen Mary Sue I of Rosaria and her royal court of princesses. Grand marshal of the parade was Vice Admiral R. E. Libby. He arrived on the USS Helena, one of 14 U. S. Navy ships that came to Portland for the Rose Festival. Also in port were six destroyer escorts of the Canadian Navy.

Sweepstakes Winners

The grand sweepstakes award for floats went to the City of Vancouver, Wash., and in the commercial class, to the Hollywood Boosters of Portland.

The Vancouver float, based with red roses and titled

Temporary Manager Named for Ski Bowl

Mt. Shasta — Joe Futch, who operated the ski supply and gift shop at the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl lodge, has been named temporary manager of the Ski Bowl, Inc., succeeding Bill di Christian, who resigned effective July 1.

Futch also has worked in ski resorts in the Sierras for several years.

Ski Bowl directors voted to reduce the ski lift charge from \$2.25 to \$1.50 to encourage

family patronage. The corporation will serve coffee and snacks to riders at the top of the lift, directors said.

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Jacksonville Lions Complete Tile Floor

Jacksonville — A work party from the Jacksonville Lions' club recently completed installing an asphalt-tile floor in the banquet room of the Jacksonville Community hall, according to Lion President Bruce Blew.

The project is part of a continuing program of improvement of the facilities of the hall, and will make the building more attractive for use by community groups.

Work was completed in time to enable the Lions' club to serve the Community hall to the "buckaroo breakfast" for the 4-H Wagon Train, last Monday morning in Jacksonville.

Bus Service Set For Crater Lake

Daily service by Pacific Trailways bus system to Crater Lake National park becomes effective tomorrow, and continues until Sept. 15, the company has announced.

From Medford, a bus will leave daily at 7:15 a.m., arriving at Crater Lake National park lodge at 9:30 a.m. The bus will continue onto Bend, where it arrives at 12:30 p.m. with intermediate stops.

En route from Medford to Crater Lake the bus will make stops at Eagle Point, the junction of Highway 234 and 62, Shady Cove, Trail, McLeod, Prospect, Union Creek and Annie Spring camp in Crater Lake National park.

Returning to Medford, the bus leaves the lodge at 4 p.m., arriving in Medford at 6 p.m. The bus originates in Bend at 1 p.m.

Service also will be available to Klamath Falls, and connections may be made in Bend for buses eastward.

Applications Being Taken for Positions

The Civil Service commission has announced that applications are being accepted for several positions. They include mess attendant aboard sea-going hopper dredges operated in the Columbia river and on coastal waters of the Pacific northwest, employee development officer, messenger and radio operator, air reserve technician.

Additional information may be obtained from the Medford post office.

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Frederick Remington, one of the great painters of the frontier days out West, loathed art galleries. Once, after allowing himself to be dragged to an impressionist exhibition, he scoffed, "Why, I've got two million suits upstairs who can knit better pictures than these!"

The year's most perverse office boy ran into a bit of hard luck recently. He got excused for the afternoon to attend a baseball game, and then the boss caught him at his grandmother's funeral.

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Future Economic Growth in Area Depends on Resources

Grants Pass-Future economic and population growth in the Rogue basin will depend upon the degree of utilization of natural resources, Malcolm H. Karr, investigations engineer for the state water resources board, told a meeting of the Dam Believers here last week.

"Since water is a controlling factor in resource development," he said, "the potential of the basin is based primarily on the quantity of water available for development use."

"Top quantities of water are sufficient to satisfy all existing and contemplated needs and uses of water in the Rogue river basin, with the exception of utilization of water to minimize pollution," he added.

Presents Findings

Karr presented findings of the basin survey by the state water resources board.

"Serious dislocations exist in terms of distribution of the resources in regard to physical location with respect to availability and time of need. Major augmentation of the water resource in periods of need must come through storage of surplus run-off. Flows, unless augmented by storage, would not be sufficient on most streams during the summer months of low flow to supply future consumptive and non-consumptive demands exclusive of pollution abatement."

Karr, noted that in January, discharge of the Rogue at its mouth was one-sixth of the annual discharge, while in September, when water is needed most, the discharge was less than one-tenth of the January flow.

Possible Solution

One possible means of correcting the maldistribution is through storage, which would mean building dams to store

water during the months of heavy run-off.

Karr, noted a need for more industrial use of water, pointing out that about a billion feet of timber is cut in the area each year. Forty per cent of this, he said, is declared waste, which could be made into pulp. Only the main Rogue or a tributary storage facility would be needed for the 100 cubic feet of water per second necessary for a pulp mill.

Several dams declared feasible in the basin would have recreational advantages, Karr pointed out. Construction of multipurpose dams would add appreciably to income from tourist trade, he said.

Becomes Serious Problem

Pollution abatement, which Karr said was dependent upon increased use of water, is becoming a serious problem in the valley.

Irrigation use would provide more than 100,000 acres of new crop lands, he brought out. At the present time there is enough water for only 71,000 acres.

Maintenance of fisheries is important, he said. He said only the spring run chinooks would be affected by loss of spawning grounds if a dam were to be constructed on Lewis creek as contemplated.

Fish Protection

Karr said the board recommended that 1,400 cubic feet of water should be maintained in the river to protect fish, but there are many seasons when the flow is less than that. High water tempera-

tures, he added, also are detrimental to fish life, and on recent tests temperatures in the lower Rogue have reached as much as 76 degrees, which is above that desirable for fish.

The engineer said flood control also was important, but controlling floods would require dams on both the main stem and its tributaries to be effective.

Karr said power could be developed. He pointed out that there is a potential of 780,000 kilowatts in the basin, with only 51,000 being utilized.

Representative F. I. Bristol, Rogue River, reviewed the history of water rights and use of water in the valley.

Balk Presented Award by Company

Robert G. Balk, resident manager of the Medford office of J. Henry Helsler and company, west coast investment firm, has been awarded the firm's Baketel trophy for "best performance in leadership and in service to clients" of the 24 offices of the company.

The award is given in the name of Leon B. Baketel, financial editor of the Oregonian and the firm's first general manager, now retired.

Mrs. Bernadine Weaver, secretary in the Medford office, was presented a plaque and given special commendation in appreciation of more than 10 years of service.

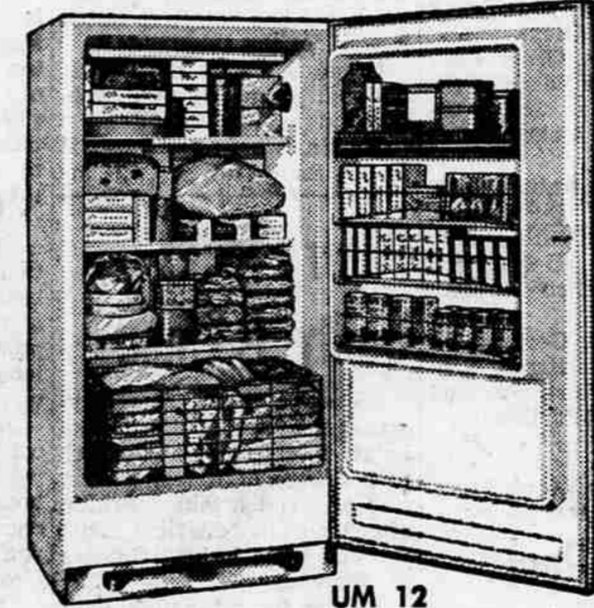
Poor Farm Crops Seen in Siskiyou

Yreka — Siskiyou County Farm Advisor M. V. Maxwell said last week that continuing cold, dry weather has all but eliminated the possibility of good grain and onion crops this year.

Maxwell said weed infestation in grain is the worst he has seen. Growth of alfalfa has been stunted by the lack of rain and sun, he said.

The onion crop at Tulelake, which was completely replanted by June 1, may not have time to reach maturity.

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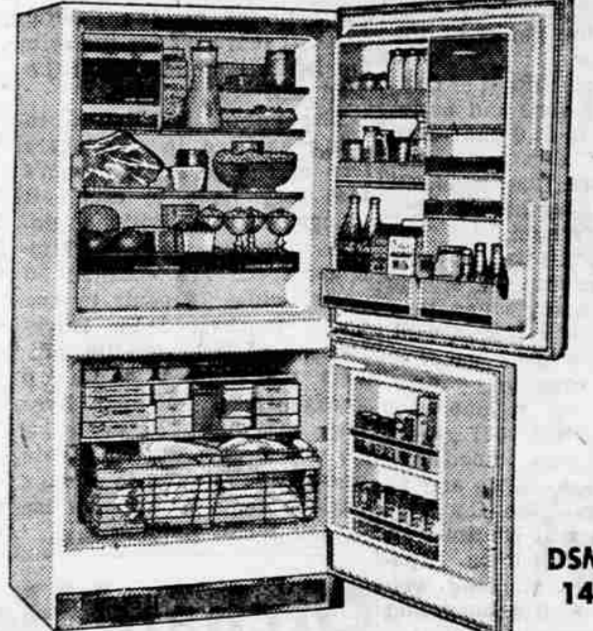
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Siskiyou County Buys Radio System

Yreka — Siskiyou County supervisors last week approved a transfer of \$14,040 within the road department for the first payment on a \$43,000 radio-telephone system for the road department.

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, which had been renting the equipment, is eliminating slowly its communications equipment rental business.

County Administrator Jess O'Roke said the state civil defense organization may contribute 50 per cent of the cost for the system.

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