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State Box Car Lack Is Reported by Hogue

Railroad box cars in Oregon are in relatively short supply and the immediate future outlook is not good, R. J. Hogue, Medford lumberman and chairman of the governor's emergency transportation committee, said Saturday.

"Shippers on Southern Pacific lines in the southern half of the state," he said, "have received only 60 to 70 per cent of their normal requirements this week." The northern half of the state was faring a little better, he said.

He noted that during the two preceding weeks, the northern half of the state was in a short supply situation.

Up until the middle of July, Hogue said, the Portland division of Southern Pacific was carrying a surplus of up to 4,000 box cars, and was able to take care of all practical needs of rail shippers. The 4,000-car surplus is considered somewhat more than is needed to satisfactorily take care of Oregon shippers, he said.

"Accordingly," Hogue said, "in mid-July the Southern Pacific closed the gateways with connecting railroads, and would not accept 'foreign' cars which resulted in cutting down decidedly on the 4,000-car surplus."

On Aug. 14, the SP recognized that the surplus had dwindled to a critical point, and again accepted all foreign cars available in order to build back an adequate surplus to take care of Oregon shippers, he said.

"They called on the American Association of Railroads for help in directing the other railroads in the United States to turn over additional empty cars to help them build back an adequate supply," Hogue said. Unfortunately, empty cars were not available to promptly build back an adequate supply, and the shortage has developed.

Local Districts Near End of 1959 Season For Irrigating Land

Talent, Medford and Rogue River Valley irrigation districts are preparing to wind up the season's operations, district managers reported Friday.

Talent Irrigation district is draining the Talent lateral from Sept. 11 to 15. Then, Emigrant reservoir will be drained to end the season, according to Walter Hofftrick manager. It will be drained through the district's ditches and water users can get their final irrigation then, Hofftrick said.

roughly 10,000 acre feet, Hofftrick said.

Rogue River Valley irrigation district has roughly 10 per cent of the holdover it had last year, according to Harold Sexton, irrigation district manager. Rogue River Valley district shares one-third of the water in Fish Lake and Four Mile. Normal district operations mean continued irrigation until Oct. 1 or until fall rains come. Stock consumption of water is a small part of the total demand, Sexton said. Usually fall rains take care of normal stock demand, he explained.

Democrats Plan Meeting to Name Epps' Successor

Portland - (UP) - The 72-member Democratic state central committee will meet here October 31st to elect a new state chairman. The new Democratic leader will succeed the late Dave Epps, who died during the summer.

Acting chairman Beulah Hand said the committee members will meet in the Multnomah hotel here.

Hogue said one thing which has aggravated the car supply situation is the heavy grain movement in the northern part of the country, where some 15,000 box cars are out of use with grain storage.

Hogue said the governor's committee is doing what it can to improve the box car supply for Oregon shippers, but "the fact remains that box cars are in tight supply nationally, and that we can expect some box car shortages over the next few weeks."

Cutoff Segment Work Contracted

Lakeview—Another segment of the Winnemucca cutoff, the road leading east from Lakeview, has been put under contract by the Nevada highway commission, it has been announced here.

The segment is a 13-mile stretch of highway south of the 8-mile portion which has already been completed south from the Oregon-Nevada line. Contract price was \$339,738.14, including oiling and grading.

The committee urged Oregon shippers to do what they can to help themselves during the shortage by loading all available cars to capacity, and load as quickly as possible to conserve car-days. The committee also urged receivers of freight to unload as promptly as possible so the cars can be made available to shippers in the area.

Named to the nominating committee were Judge Lloyd Rea of Baker, Mrs. Robert Y. Thornton of Salem, Al Roll of Roseburg, Pat Dooley of Portland and Howard Morgan of Sisters.

Irrigation and Reclamation Officials To See Facilities in Southern Oregon

About 150 irrigation district managers and bureau of reclamation officials from the Pacific Northwest and Floyd E. Dornay, Washington, D. C., reclamation commissioner, are expected to attend a three-day tour of irrigation district projects in southern Oregon this week.

This is the first time the irrigation district managers' conference has been held here, according to Jack Hofftrick, manager of Medford Irrigation district.

One of the purposes of the conference and tour is to keep managers of districts up to date on recent developments relating to their operations.

The tour is held every other year, with regular conferences alternate years without tours, Hofftrick said.

Included in the three-day event, which starts Tuesday, are tours of facilities at Grants Pass, Eagle Point, Rogue River Valley, Medford, Talent and Klamath irrigation districts.

Highlighting Tuesday's events will be a talk by Dornay at the Rogue Valley Country club, where H. T. Nelson, Boise, Idaho, the bureau of reclamation's regional director, also will speak.

In addition to tours of irrigation district facilities, tours also are scheduled of orchards, packing plants and power plants constructed in connection with irrigation districts.

Nehru 'Tougher' In His Discussion Of Reds' Attacks

India Never to Yield
To Claims on Territory

New Delhi - (UP) - Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru got tougher Saturday in his talks about Communist Chinese attacks on Indian soil. He called Red China an "aggressor" nation and warned that India would never yield to Chinese claims on large areas of Indian territory.

Laos Troops Fight Off Heavy Assaults To Hold Mounsgone

Vientiane, Laos - (UP) - A government garrison is fighting off "heavy assaults" by Communist forces in a dogged effort to hold Mounsgone in Samneua Province until reinforcements arrive, army sources reported Saturday.

The sources said the Red attacks were launched Thursday on an army post due west of the town and that sketchy reports reaching Vientiane indicated heavy fighting raged.

Ohio Officer Here for Landis

Glenn Landis, 64, arrested here Thursday night as a fugitive from Ohio where he was serving a life sentence for murder, is to be returned to that state to appear before the pardon and parole commission there.

Lt. Louis M. Kell from the London, Ohio prison farm whence Landis escaped in 1935 explained this last night after his arrival here.

A Note Brings Notoriety For Husband of Cashier

Friday afternoon, two men entered the new Sears and Roebuck store at the Medford Shopping center.

They headed for the cashier's cage. Then the older of the pair carefully wrote a note. The other stood close by with his hand in his pocket.

"And Now a Brief Commercial—"



Battle on Civil Rights Causes Long Debate

Washington, Sept. 12 - (UP) - The Senate locked in battle last night on civil rights, the issue which holds the key to adjournment.

The opening shots in the conflict cracked at approximately 11 p.m. after the Senate had been in session for 14 hours with congressional leaders resigned to the fact there would be no adjournment this week end.

Bonebrake Dies Of Skiing Injuries

Vernon Bonebrake, 33, vice principal of Roseburg junior high school and former teacher at Eagle Point, died Saturday in a Roseburg hospital of injuries received in a water skiing accident on the North Umpqua river Thursday.

Douglas County Coroner Dr. C. H. Babbitt said Bonebrake was skiing behind a boat operated by Walter Buss, another teacher. He suffered a fractured skull when he struck a tree along the river bank.

Mississippi Girl Wins Beauty Crown

Atlantic City, N. J. - (UP) - Dark-horse Lynda Lee Mead, of Natchez, gave Mississippi its second consecutive Miss America crown Saturday night by proving that she could think faster on her feet than other finalists in the annual beauty pageant.

SOVIET MOON SHOT FIRED AS SEND-OFF FOR PREMIER'S VISIT

Moscow - (UP) - The Soviet Union Saturday fired a new vapor-trailing moon rocket designed to reach its target on the eve of Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's departure for the United States.

Soviet comment indicated it was under a new guidance system controlled from earth.

The science correspondent of the Soviet news agency Tass said, "It is difficult to forecast at present whether it will touch the surface of the moon, become a satellite of the moon or become a new planet."

The correspondent, Yevgeny Gogoyavlenky, also hinted that a new type rocket fuel had been used in Russia's new moon shot.

"One would be fully justified in supposing that such an outstanding feat has been achieved thanks to the Soviet scientific achievements in developing new types of rocket fuel," he said. "Apparently the United States does not yet possess such a fuel, because this year it abandoned attempts to launch a moon rocket after its four failures between August and December 8, 1958."

Free Auto Check In Medford Slated By Safety Council

A motor vehicle safety check will be held in Medford Saturday, Oct. 17, according to C. D. (Swede) Larson, president of the Medford Safety Council.

The free safety check will be conducted by the Medford Lions club in cooperation with the safety council, Larson said. Participating in the check will be members of the Southern Oregon Timing association, who will provide technical assistance.

Dr. Lee Mellish, Medford Lions club, has been named general chairman of the project. He will be assisted by representatives of other sponsoring groups with traffic control to be furnished by the Medford police department and the Jackson county sheriff's office, Larson said.

Dr. Mellish emphasized that the vehicle safety check program is completely volunteer and no charge will be made. It will be offered to as many as possible during the one day, and if the demand is great enough it will be repeated the following Saturday.

Each car checked and found to pass the 10-point safety check will be issued a window sticker signifying the fact. If a car does not pass all of the points, the owner will be so advised and may correct the fault and be rechecked to qualify as a "safety checked" car.

Larson said a complete check takes only a few minutes and is well worth the "peace of mind" it brings in knowing that the car is in safe driving condition.

Ownership Change For Lodge at Lake

Portland - (UP) - The national park service disclosed Saturday that two Portland businessmen will take over operation of the lodge at Crater Lake.

Transfer of the capital stock has been approved by the service to James M. Griffin and Ralph O. Peyton. Griffin is sales manager for Ames Harris Neville company and Peyton is a bag manufacturer with plants here and in Spokane, Wash.

Under contract with the park service, the lodge company owns, operates and maintains the lodge including cabins, a cafeteria, store and boats.

For the past six years the lodge has been owned and operated by H. C. Smith and his son, H. W. Smith, both of Spokane.

Bargain Days To End Monday

The Mail Tribune's annual bargain days subscription campaign will end at 10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14.

All residents 18 years old or over are eligible to enter contests. Residents of Jackson and Josephine counties in Oregon and Siskiyou county in California are eligible.

Entry blanks for the contest appear in the Mail Tribune, and a winner is picked each day.

Medford's Schools Open Tomorrow; Some 8,000 Youngsters Are Expected

Some 8,000 youngsters are expected to start classes in the Medford district's 17 schools tomorrow morning.

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent, said cafeterias will be open in all schools, and buses will operate on schedules previously announced.

All junior high school students are asked to report at 8 a.m., Dr. Mayfield said, and all senior high students are asked to be at the high school at 9 a.m.

High school students will report to their registration room period, which starts at 9:09 a.m. There will be no first period for high school

students the first day, Dr. Mayfield said. First period is between 8:10 and 9:05 a.m.

The complete high school schedule will be followed Tuesday, the second school day, starting at 8:10 a.m., he said.

Some students, who have been working in the fruit harvest, will be allowed an additional week to continue their work after clearing, Dr. Mayfield said. Students who continue working are encouraged to make an effort to obtain books and keep up on assignments during the first week, he added.