

Survey Shows Lumber Industry Anticipates Modest Gain in Production

Manhunt Starts For Killer of Family of Four

Holcomb, Kan. — (UPI) — One of the greatest manhunts in Kansas history was organized today to search for the shotgun killer of a wealthy farmer, his wife and two teen-age children at their showplace home here.

The murderer invaded the home of Herbert W. Clutter, 48, former Eisenhower appointee to the Federal Farm Credit Board, late Saturday night on early Sunday, shooting Clutter, his wife, Bonnie, 45, and their children, Nancy, 16, and Kenyon, 15, point-blank.

Three empty wallets found in the house indicated robbery as a motive but the possibility of a grudge killing was also being investigated.

Track Down Slayer
More than 50 officers including agents from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation were assigned to tracking down the slayer, who apparently woke the Clutters from their sleep, trussed and gagged them, and shot them one by one. One of the possibilities under investigation was that the killer was known to the family and gained entry by posing as a pheasant hunter.

"Clutter was a prominent man and it was a fine family — so fine that it's difficult to envisage a possible motive," according to Finley County Attorney Duane West, one of the townspeople who believes the theory of a grudge killing is as good as that of a robber prowler, or psychopath.

There was no evidence of forcible entry. Townspeople said the Clutters customarily left their doors unlocked in this peaceful Kansas farm community in the heart of one of the world's richest wheat areas. Holcomb owned a 1,000-acre ranch here and leased additional farmland.



NEW CARDINALS—Two Americans, Msgr. Albert Gregory Meyer, archbishop of Chicago, top; and Msgr. Aloisius Muench of Fargo, N.D., apostolic nuncio to Germany, bottom, have been named to the College of Cardinals by Pope John XXIII. Eight cardinals were named by the Pope to bring the college to the highest strength in history. The college now has 70 cardinals. —(UPI Telephoto)

Bearing Strait Bridge Feasible

Wenatchee, Wash. (UPI) — "Americans will some day drive all the way to Paris."

That was the observation of Washington Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) as he addressed a gathering of Highway 97 boosters here Saturday.

Magnuson said that a bridge across the Bering Strait is a very feasible thing and that engineers have informed him that a bridge at that point would be less difficult than the construction of the Golden Gate bridge due primarily to the almost non-existent tides.

Decline in Home Building Expected Despite Increase

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Washington (Special)—The lumber industry anticipates a modest gain during the coming year in production and dollar volume, despite expectations of a decline in home building in 1960, according to the National Lumber Manufacturers association.

This expectation was revealed in a nation wide survey of some 500 lumber and wood product manufacturers who reported they anticipated production next year to increase 2.8 per cent compared with 1959's estimated total of 36 billion board feet.

The lumber manufacturers agreed that "tight money" looms as the single economic factor likely to hurt the lumber market next year. They reported a fear of builders facing a shortage of mortgage money.

Same Outlook
The National Association of Home Builders came up with the same outlook in a survey it conducted of home builders around the country.

"Nearly 86 per cent of the replies predicted a drop in home building in 1960, with a median expectation of a decline of 15 per cent," the Home Builders found. "Sales are sticky in about 73 per cent of the reporting area; only 5.4 per cent reported increases. The principal reasons for sales declines were mortgage rates and difficulty in qualifying buyers."

Carl Minick, president of the Home Builders association, called an emergency policy committee meeting on the issue for Dec. 2-3 because of what he termed an "emergency situation" in which "tight money conditions" throughout the country have almost eliminated an effective flow of mortgage funds.

"Tight, high-priced money throttles home building and the home building markets, consumer and manufacturer alike," declared Minick. "And when home building declines national and local economies suffer."

Money is Tight
Nat Rogg, economist for the Home Builders association, said money is tight because of the interaction of these factors: (1) a booming economy in which capital is in demand; (2) failure of savings to keep up with the demand for capital funds; (3) Treasury department methods in refinancing the national debt; (4) Federal Reserve board restraints on credit intended to slow down what the board regards as too rapid expansion.

The Eisenhower administration, through the Treasury and the Federal Reserve board, has sought to curb inflation by adjusting interest rates upward in order to slow down borrowing. Rates for both government and corporate securities tended to level off and ease slightly last month, but there is no indication of a respite from the present high costs of mortgage money.

At the administration's request, Congress this year permitted the Veterans administration to raise the ceiling on interest rates of mortgage loans it will insure from 4 1/4 to 5 1/4 per cent. The Federal Housing administration, on its own, boosted the ceiling on FHA-insured mortgages from 5 1/4 to 5 3/4 per cent.

In the survey taken by the Lumber Manufacturers association, the consensus on the 1960 outlook was:

1. Demand for lumber and wood products in construction will decline by 1 per cent.
 2. Farm demand for lumber will be about the same as in 1959.
 3. Furniture demand for lumber and wood products gain 1 per cent.
 4. Railroad use of lumber will also show a gain of 1 per cent.
 5. U.S. lumber exports will be about the same as in 1959.
 6. Use of lumber and wood products for making containers will drop 2 per cent.
 7. Demand for wood wall paneling will rise 2 per cent.
- The survey also showed that nearly three-fourths of those participating said they expect their profits to be as good or better next year than in 1959. It also showed that producers of materials that are competitive with wood were more optimistic than the lumbermen about their sales and profit outlook for 1960.

More than 100 million acres of land in the United States, one-fifth of the land available for crops, have been made arable for drainage.

Red Proposal to Settle Dispute Said 'Impracticable'

New Delhi (UPI)—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru told the opening winter session of Parliament today that recent Chinese Communist proposals for settling the Indo-Chinese border dispute were "impracticable."

Nehru said he was willing to meet Chinese Communist Premier Chou en-Lai as suggested by Chou in a recent note but that some "preliminary steps were necessary first. Earlier, government sources said Red China would have to withdraw from disputed border areas before any talks are held.

Chou suggested setting up a 25-mile-wide buffer zone through the disputed areas. Indian officials said this would not get the Chinese out of territory claimed by India and it was believed India would reject this proposal.

Foreign Policy Debate
Parliament, at the first day of its six-week winter session, agreed to hold a foreign policy debate on Red China next Wednesday. Observers predicted the debate would be one of the stormiest in recent parliamentary history.

The government today presented a white paper on recent notes, memoranda and letters exchanged between Peiping and New Delhi on the border dispute and this is expected to be debated next week. Nehru said he also would make public the formal Indian reply to Chou's recent suggestions.

Nehru confirmed today that the 2,500-mile Sino-Indian border had been placed under control of the armed forces but that India had no forces in Bhutan. Indian troops are patrolling the border of Sikkim-Tibet, he said. Both states are Indian protectorates between India and Tibet.

Nehru's policies have been under attack in the Indian press and many Indians have displayed dissatisfaction with his failure to take a tougher line toward Red China which had laid claim to 40,000 miles of border territory considered Indian.

A border clash in which seven Indians were killed and 10 captured inflamed the Indian populace. The seven dead were cremated this week end and the prisoners released by the Chinese were en route here.

Two-Year-Old Dies After Short Illness

Salem (UPI)—Two-year-old Steven W. Banick, Brooks, died in a Salem hospital Sunday after a two day illness.

A grandfather, John Banick, said death was apparently from spinal meningitis. An autopsy is planned.

The lad was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby R. Banick, Brooks. His mother was out of town and was unaware of her son's sudden illness.

Fire Damages Old Salem Residence
Salem (UPI)—Fire partially destroyed the historic Miller home at the community of MacLeay near here Sunday.

The home had been in the family of Mrs. Dan Miller for more than 100 years.

CAUTIOUS—Mrs. Anna Collica, who will be 101 soon, arrived in this country from Italy in 1911, but waited until 1959 to apply for citizenship in Los Angeles. "I think I like this country," she said after giving it a 48-year trial.

GIVES POLICE ALIBI

Bergamo, Italy (UPI)—Francesco Pezzotta, picked up Friday for questioning in a jewel robbery, was held for auto theft. Pezzotta told police he could not possibly have been involved in the jewel theft because he stole five cars 100 miles away that day.

The latest West German import is a ballpoint pen that glows in the dark.

The United States Marine band was organized in 1798 and has played for every President except George Washington.

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MANEATER SHARK—Fisherman Phillip M. Vella, skipper of the 38-footer boat Chief, exhibits a 450-pound, 9-foot long maneater shark he netted at Stinson beach near San Francisco Friday. Vella said a 4,000-pounder about 25 feet long was caught Thursday, but was chopped in two and tossed overboard because he and crew could not get it aboard. —(UPI Telephoto)

Stocks Rule Narrow In Moderate Trade

New York (UPI)—Stocks ruled narrow and mixed in moderate trading today.

Steels continued to sag despite the rapid resumption of steel production under court decree. Youngstown, Bethlehem, Republic and U.S. Steel were down around a half or more. Jones & Laughlin dropped 1 1/2.

The electronics, pace-setters in recent sessions, had some good gainers. Motorola jumped more than 4, Zenith 1 3/4 and Texas Instruments a major fraction.

Brunswick-Balke opened late on a 25,000-share block at 46 3/4 up 2 1/2. Universal Match also came in strong with a gain of more than 4.

Alleghany, which appears headed for a proxy battle, was up a fraction. New York Central also eased.

In the motors, American lost more than a point, while Chrysler firmed. General Motors held at its previous close.

Circuit Judge Gets Damages in Suit
Eugene (UPI)—Circuit Judge Frank B. Reid Saturday was awarded \$5,000 general damages by a jury here as a result of his libel suit against the Eugene Register-Guard newspaper.

Reid had sought actual and punitive damages totaling \$200,000, claiming he suffered damage to his reputation and professional standing through a news article and editorial published by the newspaper in June of 1956.

The all-women jury began deliberations Friday night at 7:30 and returned the verdict at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

BUSINESS FAILURES CLUB
Yonezawa, Japan (UPI)—A group of 108 men Saturday announced the formation of a club which requires that each member be a business failure and unpopular with women.

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