

# Steel Industry Sources See Record Year of Production

Pittsburgh — (AP) — Steel industry sources predict a record-breaking production year for 1960 — but only if there is labor peace and if consumers are not scared out of spending by inflation.

A top market research man for one of the nation's biggest steel producers put it this way:

"I do not believe 1960 will be a middle-of-the-road year. Rather, it will be a period of either record demand on a broad front, or a period of economic stagnation stemming from continued business and consumer uncertainty over labor demands and inflation fears."

**Production Booming**

As 1959 drew to a close, steel production was booming — but there were only a few weeks left before time ran out on the 80-day Taft-Hartley injunction which had ended — or interrupted — a record 116-day strike by the United Steelworkers Union.

USW President David J. McDonald will be free to call another work stoppage in the nation's major steel mills on Jan. 26, regardless of whether and how members of the USW vote on management's "final" offer for settling their contract dispute at that time.

What that would mean can easily be told from what happened during the nearly six months of the 1959 strike — 500 workers off the job and the nation's steel output slashed to 13 per cent of capacity.

As for inflation the companies insist they will have to raise prices by mid-year if they are forced to go beyond their proposal for a three-year contract which management says would cost the industry 30 cents an hour per worker.

Such a price boost would probably average out to \$2.50 a ton for finished products.

Steel production was about 92 million tons in 1959 compared with 79,700,000 tons in

recession-ridden 1958. Output reached a record 11,600,000 tons in May when customers were hedging against the coming walkout. It resumed at a high rate soon after the strike was ended by court order on Nov. 7 as steel-starved customers bought all they could.

"What's asked for 1960? James L. Rich, assistant director of commercial research for U. S. Steel, the nation's biggest, said total ingot production for the year could range from 105 million to 140 million tons although he admitted these were "extremes."

Tom Campbell, editor-in-chief of the authoritative metal-working magazine Iron Age, forecast record steel production of 127 to 130 million tons — 8.5 to 10 per cent more than the all-time high of 117 million tons in 1955. But he qualified his prediction on the absence of strikes — not only in steel, but in the railroad industry, too. If these occur, he said, "all bets are off."

Steel Magazine also foresees a record 1960 production — 130 million tons — if the steel strike is not resumed in January.

**Indian Discovers Variable Star**

Chicago — (Science Service) — Flicker, flicker, little star. Every three hours, back again to what you are.

Such a paraphrase of the well-known jingle would describe the fifth short-period variable star ever discovered. Its light fades, then returns to normal every three hours, Dr. K. D. Abhyankar, now of the Kodaikanal Observatory, Madras State, India, has found.

His studies of the light changes in the new, ultrashort-period variable star known as AD CMI, made while at the University of California, are reported in the current Astrophysical Journal.



**FREIGHT CARS PILED UP**—A Louisville and Nashville Railroad freight train will take at least three days to clear the railed near DeMossville, Ky., stacking up 25 cars side by side. Wrecking crews said it will take at least three days to clear the tracks. —(UPI Telephoto)

## Counterfeiter Gives Yule Gift To Uncle Sam

Jacksonville, Fla. — (UPI) — Uncle Sam got a surprise Christmas present from convicted Pasquale Masi—a pair of genuine \$25 checks.

Masi was convicted here in 1948 of conspiring to counterfeit U.S. treasury notes. He began serving a 7-year sentence in 1950 and was released in 1957 with the parole condition that he make every effort to pay off a \$5,000 fine.

**First Payment: \$5**

Masi, now living in Newark, N.J., was out of prison 14 months before he made his first payment—A \$5 money order.

The money continued to trickle in at a snail's pace until last January when it stopped altogether. Thus federal court officials were pleasantly surprised last September to receive a whopping \$25 check from Masi.

**Off Books by 2021**

Another \$25 check arrived Dec. 3 and it didn't bounce either. And when Masi sent a third \$25 check just before Christmas — two checks in one month—the court clerk was beside himself.

In two years, Masi has paid back the grand total of \$70, leaving an unpaid balance of only \$4,930. If he keeps up the good work, the debt should be cleared from the books by the year 2021.

Coal was first found in West Virginia by John Peter Sally in 1742.



**POLITICIANS ON A RIDE**—Constable-elect Buster Montague and State Senator-elect Hugh Bailey, both of Winoma, Miss., pause at Durant, Miss., on their trek by animal-back to the state capitol at Jackson. Montague, left, astride a bull, and Bailey, riding a donkey, promised to ride the animals to the state capitol if they were elected. The voters took them up. —(UPI Telephoto)

## Cancer Reported Caused By Industrialization

Chicago — (UPI) — The winner of this year's Anne Frankel Cancer Research award says cancer is a product of the world's industrialization.

"With the industrialization of the West starting to hit its peak at the turn of the century," Dr. Wilhelm C. Hueper told an American Association for the Advancement of Science news conference, "along came the modern

upsurge of cancer."

Hueper, 65, said after accepting the AAA's Frankel Memorial award that industrialization has filled the atmosphere with cancer-producing agents that "not only are absorbed by the lungs but nearly every part of the body."

**Chemicals Over Cities**

"Chemicals hang over heavily industrialized cities," Hueper said, "and eventually get into the air, water and soil."

"It is impossible to attribute the increasing incidence of lung cancer to cigarette smoking alone," Hueper said, "although it is definitely an important factor."

"But you cannot say one single thing is the cancer factor—unless you say it is industrialization."

Hueper, director of the environmental cancer section at the national cancer institute in Bethesda, Md., said some industries are known to "create more cancer producing agents than others."

**Atmosphere Permeated**

He said industries concerned with the production of chromate permeate the atmosphere with "a potent cancer producing agent" but that measures were being taken to adapt safety devices.

Hueper also said it is known that the causes of Leukemia, "which is alarmingly on the uprise," are radioactive materials and benzol but that "nobody is in a position to say which has the greatest influence."

**Lung Cancer Incidence**

The incidence of lung cancer, Hueper said, is "directly relative to the density of population but that is because there is also a direct relationship between the density and the industrialization of the area."

"London, England, and the British Midlands have the highest lung cancer incidence in the world," he said, "because they have the most polluted and industrialized atmosphere."

**Asks More Research**

He said research should be increased into the theories of "a closed system of production" where industries could not dispose of their wastes to the public's disadvantage.

Hueper also said "the situation has gotten so bad in England and other areas that the wearing of masks is being considered and enclosing industrial areas with hoods."

## EAGLE POINT Card Party Planned

By DOTTIE HARBISON

The community card party will be held at the Eagle Point Grange hall at 8 p.m. New Year's Eve, with games also provided for the younger people. All ladies are asked to bring either cookies or sandwiches for a midnight snack.

Four tables of people played cards Dec. 18 in spite of the soupy fog and warnings to stay home. Mrs. Clifford Moore received first, and Mrs. Paul Force got the consolation prize in the women's division while Robert Meyer placed first and Clayton Simmons received consolation in the men's division.

Thirteen women from the Eagle Point Community church gathered at the Don Pulley home on North Main st. Dec. 18 to sack 135 treats for the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Belanger, West Los Angeles, and Mrs. Ardra Pulley, mother of Don Pulley, arrived Dec. 19 at the Pulley home in Eagle Point for the holidays.

Mrs. Pulley is from Van Nuys, Cal. The Belangers left for Canada to spend the holidays and will stop for Mrs. Pulley on their return trip.

The young people of the Eagle Point Community church of Carl Johnson's truck and made a tour of Eagle Point singing Christmas carols following their church services Dec. 20.

On Monday evening, 25 members of the church motored to Camp White and sang carols through the halls of the domociliary, then went to the Pulleys for refreshments following the caroling.

Connie, Vonnie, and Bonnie Goering, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Edge of Brophy rd., were invited to be guest musicians by the Masonic Temple Lodge No. 37 of California at their installation of officers ceremonies Dec. 7. One their return trip the girls spent Sunday afternoon playing for the Jackson County Home on Highway 99 and for Mrs. Milledge's Convalescent home before returning home. The girls played several selections for the lodge and have been invited to return for a repeat performance in January and again next year for their installation ceremonies. The girls and their parents were given an expense-paid trip by the lodge, and have played their accordians at several functions through the county and Southern Oregon to gain experience and practice.

**MISSOURI FLIES TO MIAMI**

Miami — (UPI) — The University of Missouri football team arrived by chartered plane Christmas Day for their Jan. 1 Orange Bowl date with Georgia. The players were introduced to Orange Bowl queen Nancy Wakefield and other bowl officials before being taken to the Ivanhoe Hotel in Bal Harbour.

## Divorce Rate Low Among 150 Birds

Chicago — (Science Service) — Divorce rate among the chimney swifts appears to be very low, a biology professor reported here.

Some 150 birds that had been banded were studied for more than 10 years, Dr. Ralph W. Dexter of Kent State university told scientists at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting here. The majority of the chimney swifts had only one or, at most, two mates for life. Nesting records range up to 13 years, he said.

Few birds change mates each year or two, Dr. Dexter explained. Several swifts mated with their former mates after nesting with another bird in the interval. Only three birds had two mates in one season. A few birds shift about from one possible mate to another before nesting for the season.

**Iron Deposits**

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Crater Lake

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