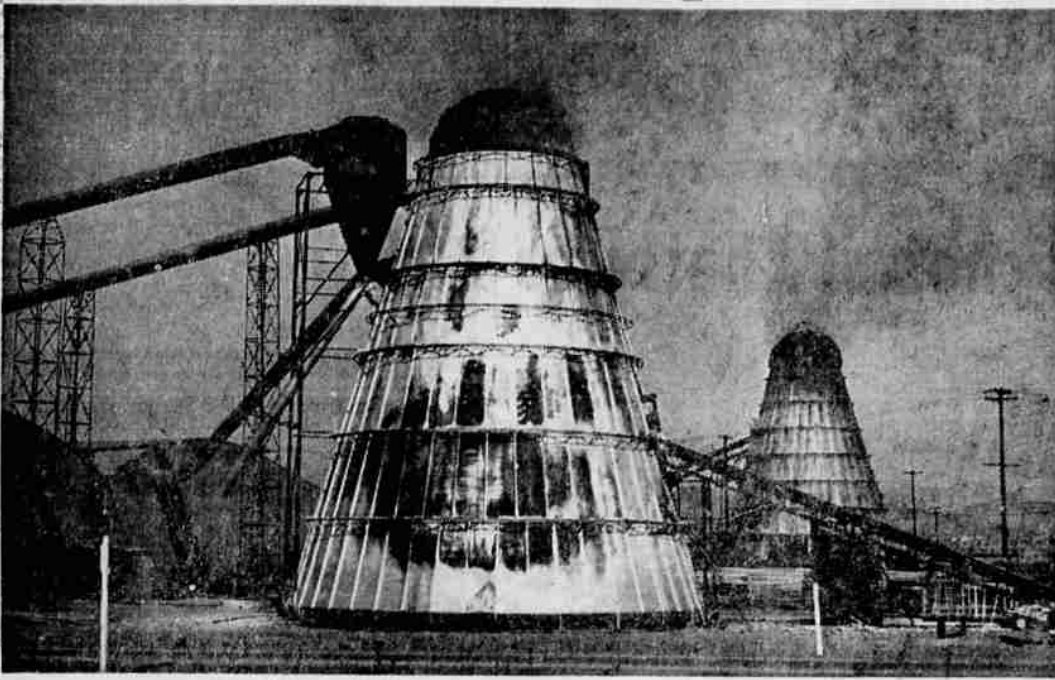


White City Story Credit to Tradition



Courage, Vision Needed to Start Industrial Area

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White City was put on the map April 1, 1960.

The story of the building of this little industrial community on the ruins of the demolished World War II site at Camp White is one that gives credit to the Oregon tradition. Courage and vision were needed for the small group of lumber interests who acquired the land vacated by the armed forces when the war ended.

The courage was needed when uncertainties as to the future were dominant in the northwest. Vision was required to foresee the day when industry rather than agriculture and recreation will represent the progress of the region.

Demand for Lumber

The demand for lumber immediately after World War II was at its height with home building for the returning GI's. The saw mills of the valley were humming and more were needed. So there was a natural incentive to establish a timber processing nucleus at this convenient point on the Crater Lake highway, with rail facilities and the woods available, nearby.

But White City was envisioned as more than a temporary operation. Homes were built and an elaborate plan for the future of a "little Pittsburgh" adjoining Medford, was set in motion.

Headquarters were established at the old military base next to the hospital buildings, now forming the Veterans administration dormitory. Here the White City Terminal and Utility company and a realty company for White City, opened offices. It still functions as the operating agency for the development.

Claim Residence

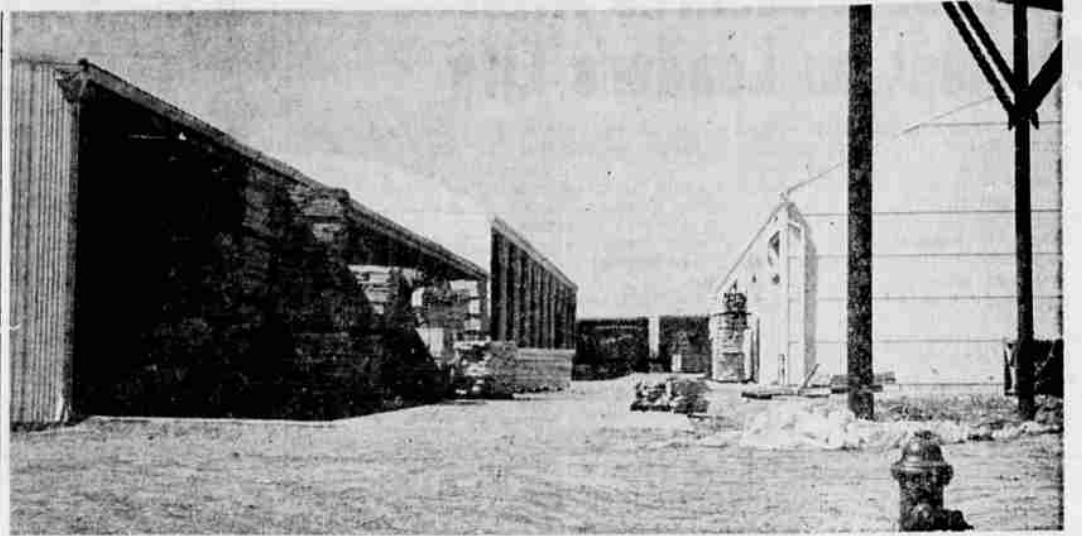
There was no post office until this year and the Camp White precinct was used by the small group of voters who claimed White City as their residence. The town has no officials as yet, and is dependent upon the county and state for regular police protection. It has its own fire equipment, volunteer operated.

Such matters as water, highway and other city improvements are provided by the interests which have been promoting the project. Telephone service is provided by the Oregon Washington Telephone company from a central station on the premises. Cooperation with the VA in these matters has facilitated such progress as has been made.

This was especially noteworthy in the extension of the water line built by the army engineers from the reservoir back of Eagle Point. In 1954, this line was rebuilt with steel and asbestos pipe replacing the wood stave conduit laid during the war when steel was not available for this purpose.

Work Together

The White City Realty and the National Guard, occupying the only remaining war time buildings other than the permanent domiciliary buildings, worked together to in-



LUMBER SHEDS—Above are some of the newer sheds in the White City industrial area. Several companies use sheds in which to store lumber. Other sheds are used for drying lumber.

stall the new pipe line. An extension from the government main enables White City to have access to an adequate water supply.

There have been numerous disappointments and disasters in this period.

A devastating fire in a sawdust pile burned for days sending smoke and ash over the valley. This mill had been doing an enormous business without burners, as the size of the sawdust pile indicated. It closed down completely after this incident.

Undertaking Curtailed

Then the bottom dropped out of the lumber market. One of the most ambitious undertakings for expansion, backed by W. H. Daugherty, one of the principal White City operators, had to be curtailed.

Mills were idle for a spell, but are operating in a limited capacity today.

A favorable turn in lumber sales developed when the demand for plywood began to grow by leaps and bounds. The effect was noted at White City with attention to this phase of wood working.

An active lumber market in Arizona and southern California is reported by the S.P. office here, and White City mills have been sharing in this outlet.

Enterprises Operating

A score or more enterprises are operating, as listed on the new directory posted at each entrance to the White City area. They include:

Carolina Pacific Plywood, Cascade Wood Products, Crater Wholesale Lumber company, Delah Timber Products, Eugene F. Burrill Lumber company, Fir-Ply, Inc., Medford Forest Products, Medford Moulding company, Red Blanket Lumber company, Rogue River Wood Products, Ross Lumber company, Trail Creek Lumber company, White City Box company and White City Plywood company.

Flexibility and diversity to meet the demand for wood products are apparent in the setup of each of these units in the White City cog wheel. Just now they are all engaged in the remanufacture of lumber in various forms.

Moulding Produced

In addition to plywood, several kinds of moulding are produced in addition to pieces "cut up" to specifications. Finished and semi-finished products are turned out. Ross Lumber company, one of the largest mills in the valley, is now turning out wood chips, used in the manufacture of paper.

W. H. Daugherty now has an interest in several operations and has just taken over the Medford Forest Products business, a gang saw mill, and is engaged in virtually all phases of lumber manufacture, including custom kiln drying and surfacing of lumber. This company is in close



RECENTLY COMPLETED — An office for the Oregon Washington Telephone company was recently completed at White City to serve the company's subscribers in that area. The company purchased the former Columbia Utilities company, which previously served the area with telephone service.

SCRAP BURNERS—Typical of the White City industrial area are scrap burners. Many firms in the valley are in the process of converting burners to eliminate as much smoke as possible, and some White City companies are

making pulp for use in paper. The industrial area at White City was started on an area which formerly was the Camp White military installation.

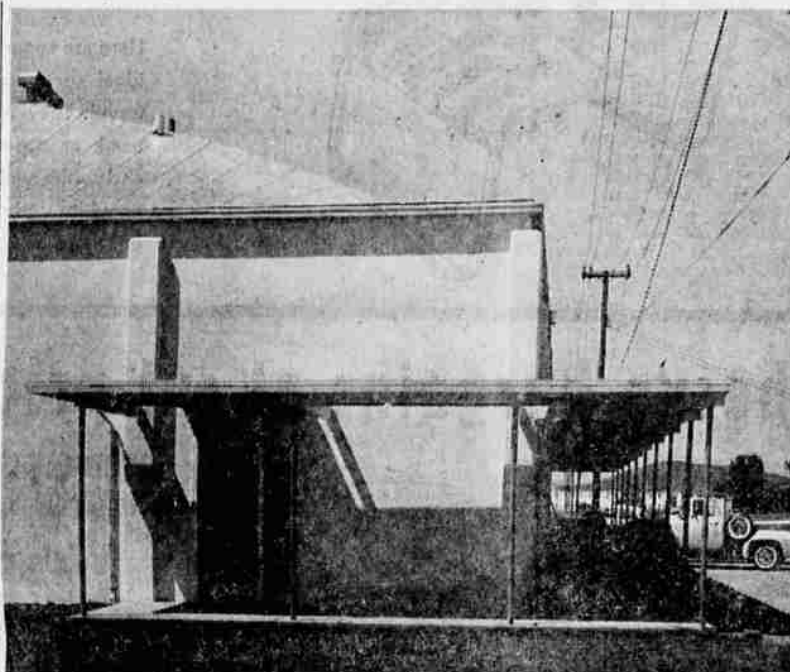
Morris Joins Staff Of Realty Company

Central Point—John E. Morris, route 2, box 242, recently became associated with the Central Point Realty company and will assist clients interested in farms and ranches in this area, according to Realty spokesmen.

Morris has been active in the Rogue valley in farming since 1919. His 120-acre farm near TouVelle park is a family property once owned by his father, Walter (Shorty) Morris. His mother, Mrs. Walter Morris, lives at 523 Dakota ave., Medford.

Morris is a member of the advisory board of the Future Farmers of America at Crater High school, and is a member of the First Baptist church, Medford.

Prior to the development of nickel alloy steel late in the 19th century, the only practical uses for nickel were electroplating, coinage and in the nickel-silver alloys.



NEW BUILDING—The Pepsi Cola company recently completed a new building, shown above, in the White City area for a bottling plant and distribution center for that area. The company, along with Sears Roebuck



CHEMICAL OUTLET — Among the more recent additions to the White City industrial area businesses is the distribution center for the Great West Chemical company, shown above. The company furnishes chemicals used in sealing and finishing plywood.

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HOT PRESS—This hot press at Medford Veneer and Plywood company at White City is typical of the type industry utilizing land space which once was the Camp White military installation. Plywood is one of many industries of the area, with moulding, a box company, lumber and saw mills among the other businesses.

FOUR PLUS ONE — Memphis, Tenn. — Three-year-old Linda Fay is the only child in the Robert Lee Palmer family without a twin. The Palmers are a family of four sets of twins and Linda Fay. All the nine children are under five years old. The eldest twins are Robert Lee and Rubby Lee, not yet 5. Then there are Loretta and Lonetta, 2, Estell and Estell, 1, and newcomers Earl and Earline.

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4-H NEWS

Howard Bake n' Stitches
The June meeting of the Howard Bake n' Stitches 4-H club was called to order by the president.

The minutes were read, and roll was called. Seven members were present. Kay Porter was a guest at the meeting. We talked about our 4-H cook-out and planned to have it in July. Daunie and Daine Millard demonstrated how to make potato salad. We all enjoyed the salad and then a play period.

Joyce Drennen, Reporter

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