

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION STRIKE LOOMS

Home Building Industry Said Turning Upward

Mail Tribune Washington Correspondent
Washington (Special)—The home building industry, North-west lumber's biggest market, is on the rise again.
Congress, too, is nearing the action stage on a new government housing program designed to stimulate buying and building of new residential projects.
Whether the upturn will be sharp enough to make up for the slump of recent months remains to be seen, but economists have been forecasting a modest turn for the better this spring for housing and lumber sales.
New housing starts for March, latest month for which statistics are available, were at the annual rate of 1,283,000 units. This represented a gain of 15 per cent over March of last year.

New Home Spending Increases
The Census Bureau reports that spending on new homes during April amounted to \$1.6 billion, which was a 15 per cent increase over the previous month. The normal gain in April over March is only 10 per cent.
A survey made by the Wall Street Journal indicates a mood of cautious optimism among builders around the country. They report that a buyer's market still prevails but that there is a noticeable upturn in consumer confidence that the recession is ending.

One other reason for an increase in home buying, aside from seasonal interest, is the availability of mortgage loan funds, in some cases at slightly longer interest rates. A U.S. Savings and Loan League official estimates that the average interest rate now is about 6 per cent. A year ago it was 6 1/4 per cent.
A factor in the caution of builders is their large inventory of houses. Last year there were 1,238,000 new homes started, an 18 per cent reduction from 1959, but not all of these were sold. Sales must be brisk to have a substantial impact on the lumber industry and related building fields.

Feature of Proposal Controversial
The housing program recommended by President Kennedy has received approval from the Senate Housing Subcommittee and is likely to come before the Senate shortly. One of its features which may aid lumber sales is somewhat controversial.

This is a provision which calls for FHA-backed mortgages up to 40-years in duration with no money down on low-priced housing. These easy terms would apply only to housing costing no more than \$13,500.

This is an experimental idea which would last 12 to 18 months. In the past this provision has been used by FHA in offering easy terms to families forced to move because of some government program, such as slum clearance or highway construction.

The National Home Builders Association is supporting this proposal, arguing that homes today are built with better materials and design than ever before. E. J. Burke Jr., president of the Home Builders, said this will encourage builders to develop the "compact-car" type of homes which is the first of our objectives for this year.

The National Association of Real Estate Boards opposes the 40-year mortgage. Curtis E. Huber, speaking for this group, said it held out an "illusory promise of 'easy' home ownership to 4 million American families in the moderate income group who are not today home owners."

Down Payment Scale Altered
The Kennedy Administration housing bill also raises the mortgage limits for FHA participation from \$22,500 to \$30,000 and alters the sliding scale by which down payment requirements are determined. It would require three per cent down on the first \$13,500; plus 10 per cent of the next \$6,500; plus 20 per cent of the next \$5,000; plus 30 per cent above \$25,000.

Sen. Maurice Neuberger (D-Ore.), a member of the Senate committee which is handling the housing bill, strongly supports the bill, especially its features which he hopes will boost housing needed by elderly folks and young couples of modest means—those are most interested in "compact-car" type homes.

"Young couples and older citizens are not particularly interested in big houses for their own needs, and I am in favor of emphasizing home construction programs which will satisfy their requirements," he said. "Also we must provide an adequate test of the market for sale of homes without down payments on a long-term mortgage basis. Many people cannot become home-owners on any other basis."

"Housing program of the scope proposed by President Kennedy is necessary to move Oregon's lumber-based economy out of the doldrums," Sen. Neuberger asserted.

Thornton Forced To Cut Crime Prevention Plans

Salem — (UPI) — Because the legislature did not provide \$50,000 in pilot funds, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton said today he is having to curtail his crime prevention program.
The money request died in committee.
Thornton said he is forced to let his crime prevention director go on or before July 1. Former Tillamook Police Chief Philip G. Averill took over the post May 31, 1960.

Although the funds were denied, Thornton said he intends to continue the program for the next two years "but not in the way we had planned."

"We'll try to make out as best we can and hope there is more interest in the 1963 legislature."

A state crime commission proposal by Sen. Carl Francis (R-Dayton) and others died in the same committee — ways and means. It asked \$50,000 and would also have studied crime prevention.

Hearings on Zoning Proposal Scheduled
Ashland — Public hearings on a proposed residential zoning ordinance in Ashland will be held tonight and Tuesday night.

The planning commission is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the proposal at 8 o'clock tonight in the city council chamber. The council will have a hearing at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

The proposal calls for creating a multiple family unit known as Zone 3, and Zone 4, a single family unit area.

Search Pressed for Parents of Two Children Found Slain Near Redmond
Bend — (UPI) — The search continued today for the parents of two small children whose bare and broken bodies were found in a rocky gorge near Redmond Friday.

State police reported Sunday night that several leads had been checked out but that nothing has turned up so far as to the identities of the boy, about 6, and the girl, about 4. The children were of Indian or Spanish descent, police said.

A pathologist's report showed that both children had been criminally assaulted before being thrown into the Crooked River Gorge. The report indicated they may have been strangled and bludgeoned.

Warren Albright, Jefferson county district attorney, speculated that the parents of the slain children also may have met with foul play. He said

Laos Conference To Open Tuesday; Rebels To Attend

United States Bows to Pressure

Geneva — (UPI) — The 14-nation conference on Laos finally will open Tuesday, four days late and torn by fights over what delegations will be seated, it was announced today.

Britain and Russia, in their roles as co-chairmen, announced that the first session of the long-delayed parley will start Tuesday afternoon.

The announcement came a few hours after the United States had reluctantly bowed to British and French pressure and agreed to permit the Communist Pathet Lao rebels to attend the sessions as the equals of two other Laotian delegations. The Royal Laotians balked, however.

The acting head of the Royal Laotian government delegation said his group would not attend if the Reds and the "neutralist" faction from his country are admitted on an equal footing.

Spokesmen for British Foreign Secretary Lord Home and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, the co-chairmen, told a news conference that they invited all Laotian delegations here to take part, saying they "have agreed to seat representatives from Laos proposed by individual governments participating in the conference."

The United States immediately issued a statement saying it would attend the conference, despite the fact it recognizes neither neutralists nor rebels, simply to give interested nations a chance to work out "true neutrality" for the strife-torn kingdom of Laos.

Record Budget Approved for HEW
Washington — (UPI) — The House Appropriations Committee voted today to give the Health, Education and Welfare Department a record budget of \$4 billion for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The committee's recommendation was \$48,154,919 above what was sought in President Kennedy's budget. The committee called for fresh assaults on cancer, heart disease, infant mortality, alcoholism and the problems of the aged.

It also called for a new training program aimed at "really doing something about" retraining jobless workers to fill a shortage of skilled workers.

Talent Approves Sewer Charge Hike
Talent — The Talent city council has approved a \$1 increase in the monthly city sewer charge effective July 1.

This will raise the monthly charge from 50 cents to \$1.50. The additional \$1 will be placed in a fund to be used for enlargement of the present sewer system in the future.

Council members pointed out that present facilities do not meet state requirements.

No Hazards Reported In 226 Medford Homes
No fire hazards were noted by firemen in 226 of the 416 homes they inspected last week.

They made 289 recommendations for correction of hazards.

Firemen stopped at 882 dwellings. No one was home at 401. Sixty-five occupants rejected the offer of inspection.

TO DISCUSS PLANS
Ashland — F. D. Morgan, state highway department division engineer, will describe plans for the southern Oregon portions of the Interstate Highway 5 freeway at the Tuesday noon luncheon of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce in the Mark Antony hotel.

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To Attend Meeting
Richards will attend a meeting of the new California council on May 26. It will come into official existence on July 1, and he will assume his duties in the fall.

The announcement of Richards' decision to leave brought him high praise from board members. Vice President William Walsh, Coos Bay, said that expansion of higher education in Oregon during Richards' term of office has been spectacular, including campus buildings, larger enrollments, increases in salaries and educational television.

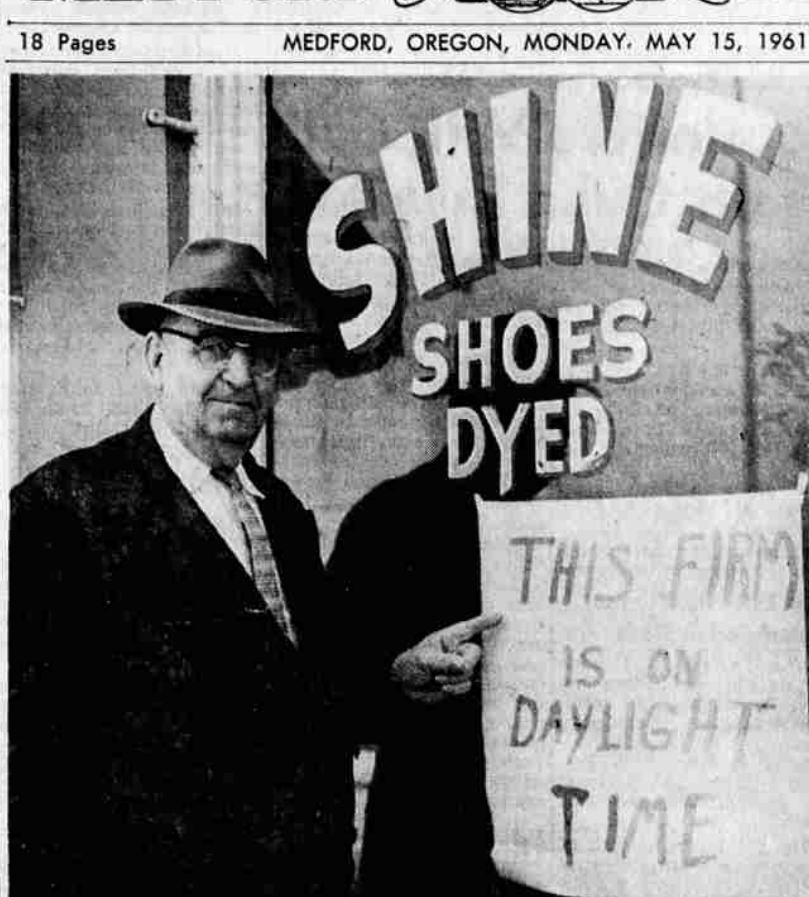
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WEATHER
FORECAST: Fair and warm through Tuesday. Low tonight 46. High Tuesday 80.
Highest Yesterday 71
Lowest This Morning 39

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 7:54 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 4:19 a.m.
Moonset tonight 8:31 p.m.
First Quarter May 22
PROMINENT STARS
Spica, due south 9:59 p.m.
VIBRANT PLANETS
Mars, due west 9:39 p.m.
Jupiter and Saturn, in the southeast 1:52 a.m.
Venus, low in east 4:05 a.m.

Mobs Attack 'Freedom Riders' In Alabama Racial Disturbance

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INDIVIDUALIST—B. E. Westgate, above, operator of a shoe shine parlor at 701 West Main st., Medford, doesn't give a hoot what anyone else does about daylight saving time. By placing this sign in his window he has solved the whole problem as far as he is concerned—and if you want a shine you'd better get there before he closes, which is 4:30, that is 5:30,—or late afternoon, any way.

Dr. Richards Sees Challenge as Head Of California Group

Assuming a newly created position for coordination of higher education in California poses him a "tremendous challenge," Dr. John R. Richards said today.

Dr. Richards, chancellor of the Oregon system of higher education for the past six years, this fall will assume the duties of the first director of the new California Coordinating Council for Higher Education. His office will be in the Bay Area.

Richards, who is in Medford today, will speak this evening at the first annual scholarship recognition dinner for high school students here. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Rogue Valley Country club.

The announcement came from Council President Robert J. Wert, a Stanford University official.

Provided With Background
"Dr. Richards' work in Oregon as the coordinator of all of Oregon's state-supported colleges and universities has provided him with a background ideally suited to meeting the challenges of California's enormous future growth in higher education," Dr. Wert said.

The council was created last year by the California legislature to advise it and the governor on educational financing matters and to help plan for development of educational programs. Its 15 members include laymen and representatives from the University of California, the state college system, junior colleges, and private colleges and universities.

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Funeral Service For Gary Cooper Tuesday Morning

Tributes Pour In For Deceased Actor

Hollywood — (UPI) — Tributes from all over the world arrived today at the home of Gary Cooper, who lost his four-month battle against cancer Saturday at the age of 60.

The messages of sorrow spoke of a personal loss felt by friends of the late actor on and off the screen.

Rosary for the three-time Academy Award winner will be recited tonight. Cooper died at his Holmby Hills mansion. His wife, Veronica, and daughter, Maria, 24, were at his bedside.

Requiem Mass Tuesday
Solemn Requiem Mass will be recited at 9 a.m. (p.s.t.) Tuesday at the church of the Good Shepherd in Beverly Hills. The eulogy will be read by the Most Rev. Timothy Manning, auxiliary bishop of the Los Angeles archdiocese.

Six close friends, Henry Hathaway, William Goetz, Jimmy Stewart, Jack Benny, Charles K. Feldman and Jerry Wald, will serve as pallbearers at the burial at Holy Cross Cemetery in Inglewood.

Honorary pallbearers include author Ernest Hemingway, who is ill and will be unable to attend, John Wayne, Henry Ford II, Bing Crosby, Burt Lancaster, Dick Powell, Kirk Douglas and Danny Kaye.

Request Contributions
Mrs. Cooper asked that contributions be made to the Sloan-Kettering Institute of Cancer Research in New York City in lieu of flowers.

Cooper's casket will be sealed because the family wants him to be remembered "as his friends saw him in life."

Fear that the ceremonies might turn into a circus has prompted Mrs. Cooper to appeal to the public to let her husband be laid to rest privately and in a dignified manner.

Extra police have been assigned to the funeral procession.

Dunsmuir Youth Killed in Mishap
Yreka — An 18-year-old College of the Siskiyous student was killed early Sunday morning when his car struck a highway divider strip sending it out of control and over an embankment on Highway 99 north of Dunsmuir.

The victim was identified as Thomas Lee Edson, of Dunsmuir. Siskiyou county sheriff's deputies said Edson was driving south on Highway 99, and attempted to pass a truck on the four lane highway.

After hitting the divider and careening over the embankment, the car struck a tree. The accident occurred at 5:45 a.m. 300 yards from the Dunsmuir city limits.

Edson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edson, Dunsmuir.

Ag Year Rainfall Totals 15.88 Inches
Precipitation for the current agricultural year for Medford and vicinity already totals more than for the entire 1959-1960 year.

Weather bureau records show 15.88 inches of precipitation here since the start of the agricultural year Sept. 1, 1959, to Aug. 31, 1960, was 15.88. These figures compare to an average of 18.15 inches of precipitation for this area. Total for the year at this time a year ago was 14.78.

The weather bureau reported 109 inches of snow on the ground at Crater lake compared to 84 at this time a year ago. Total for the season is 508 inches. There had been 420 up to this time last year.

Group Planned To Defy Segregation Customs in South

Whites Armed With Clubs and Knives

Birmingham, Ala. — (UPI) — White and Negro "freedom riders" who set out to crash Deep South segregation barriers were attacked by white men in two cities Sunday.

A crowd of about 100 white men, some armed with clubs and knives, attacked a Greyhound bus on which nine members of the Congress on Racial Equality were riding at Anniston, Ala. There were 13 other persons on the bus, including an Alabama state investigator.

Another group of white men at Birmingham attacked James A. Peck of New York City, editor of a CORE publication and one of the leaders of the tour. Peck and a Negro student from Morehouse college, Atlanta, were hospitalized.

To Defy Segregation
The CORE group planned to defy segregation customs in bus terminals at Montgomery, Ala., today and then move to Jackson, Miss. The tour began in Washington, D. C., earlier this month.

The Anniston attack destroyed the bus, and three persons were hospitalized for treatment for smoke inhalation.

When the bus tried to leave the terminal at Anniston, a group of about 100 white men appeared, threw checks beneath the wheels to keep it from moving and began to slash the tires. One man sat down in front of the bus and dared driver O. T. Jones to start.

State investigator E. L. Cowley, who got on the bus in Atlanta, prevented the occupants from leaving the bus, and Anniston police Chief J. L. Peck held back the crowd outside.

Set Bus Afire
The bus was able to leave, but a tire went flat just outside the city. The mob, which had followed in private automobiles, began throwing stones at the windows. Someone tossed an incendiary device in one window, and the bus caught fire.

The mob disappeared as soon as the flames broke out, and the passengers left the bus. The interior of the vehicle was destroyed.

No arrests were made.

Eagle Point School Entered on Week End
Eagle Point — Burglars entered Eagle Point Elementary school during the week end, but nothing was reported missing or damaged.

John Larson, school custodian, discovered an open window in the eighth grade room Sunday night. School officials said burglars apparently entered the room, and made an unsuccessful attempt to get into the main school building through a transom above the room door.

North Lane of New Bridge Closed
Motorists were reminded today that the north lane of the Eighth st. bridge will be closed to traffic this week.

City Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe said that Peter Klewitt and Sons company, contractor for the overhead freeway structure, will be working on a concrete support at that location. The support is being erected between the east end of the Eighth st. bridge and Main st. bridge.

The support, one of a number which will be needed for the freeway structure, is expected to be completed by Friday.

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Union Members Reject Contract Offer From AGC

Strike Authorized At Discretion

Portland — (UPI) — Possibility of a strike in Oregon's heavy construction industry appeared today after members of Local 1701, Operating Engineers Union, rejected a contract offer from Associated General Contractors.

The union represents some 5,000 workers in Oregon and Southwest Washington. A strike would also tie up other workers.

Pay Offer Turned Down
The vote was 1,387 to 292 to turn down an offer which was reported to have included a 13-cent pay hike, two 10 cent increases over the next two years and a 2 1/2 per cent increase in contribution to the health and welfare program.

The union authorized its negotiating committee to call a strike at its discretion.

Balloting on the offer took several weeks. The offer was made after negotiating sessions before a federal mediator here.

Associated General Contractors said they received verbal notification of the union rejection today.

Willing To Meet
A. H. Harding, manager of the Portland chapter of AGC, said:

"The employers stand ready and willing to meet immediately with Federal Conciliator Leroy Smith for further discussions and have so notified both the union and the conciliator. Meanwhile, the employers will continue to make work available."

The old contract expired March 31.

Mrs. Fagone Named Mother of Year

Mrs. Helene Fagone was named Medford mother of the year in a contest sponsored by radio station KJYC and Medford merchants.

Mrs. Fagone, of 629 Pine st., has three children. Her husband, S. J. (Bennie) Fagone, is an employee of the Medford post office. She has been active in local and county PTA groups, Post Office Employees auxiliary and Cub and Girl Scouts.

Mrs. Fagone and members of her family were guests for Mother's day dinner at the Medford hotel. She received gifts from local merchants.

Mrs. Ruth Vessey, of 1232 Stewart ave., and Mrs. Ruby Hiett, of 1428 East Main st., were runners up.

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