

Moore Timber Products Planing Mill Moved to Kettle Falls



DISMANTLE CYCLONE—Al Avey, of Avey Brothers Lumber company, Kettle Falls, Wash., is shown cutting the cyclone from the sawdust burner at Moore Planing mill in Grants Pass. The cyclone is on its way to Kettle Falls, Wash.



LOADED FOR MOVING—A lumber carrier purchased by Al Avey of Kettle Falls, Wash., is loaded aboard a lowboy for transporting to Washington mill. The planer already is on the truck. Avey is on top of the carrier.

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GRANTS PASS—If you ever plan to move a lumber mill, Al Avey of Kettle Falls, Wash., can tell you how.

Avey, with a crew of five recently undertook the task of dismantling the Moore Timber Products planing mill at Grants Pass and transporting it lock stock and barrel about 700 miles of highway to the northeast corner of Washington.

Bidding for Avey Brothers Lumber Company of Kettle Falls, Avey was the biggest buyer when Moore Timber Products mills and equipment here and at O'Brien were sold at auction in mid-October.

Has Small Problem

When the bidding was over he found himself with \$37,000 worth of varied equipment—including the main part of the planing mill and its complete electrical system—and one small problem: how to get it all from "down here" near the California border to "up there" near the Canadian border.

To someone from anywhere else, this might have been a big problem, but Avey is no stranger to moving operations—his whole town was once moved. "Kettle Falls" has its claim to fame in that it was not always in its present location on the shores of Lake Roosevelt. It was moved there lock, stock and barrel, a la Arlington, Ore.,

some years ago when the backwaters of Grand Coulee Dam flooded its former location.

Now, with the Moore planing mill to be moved there, Avey flew back to Kettle Falls for men and trucks from Avey Enterprises, which he operates with his brother Art. They returned to join 150 other buyers who have been spending the past three weeks removing various parts of the Moore mills at Grants Pass and O'Brien.

Skeletons Will Remain
Soon only skeletons will remain of the two mills which have operated here for the past

20 years. The decision to close them came earlier this year, forced by "too much competition for stumpage" and "an unrealistic wage schedule," according to R. T. Moore, Jr., of Grants Pass, president of Moore Timber Products.

A long successful local bidder was Cheney Studs, of Central Point, who bought the eight-foot band mill at O'Brien. Parts of the sawmill at O'Brien will go to Canada and California.

The planing mill, now being reassembled in northeast Washington, still will not set any record for travel; the sawdust

burner which it fed went to a buyer from Anchorage, Alaska.

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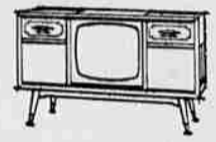
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Planning Commission Denies Variance Request for Carport

A Medford resident who some time ago erected a carport which violated setback requirements in two instances was told, in effect, by the City Planning Commission Thursday night that the structure will have to come down.

The carport had been put up by J. W. Higginbotham, 1325 Mt. Pitt Ave., without a building permit because "it was a portable structure" and he "didn't think a permit was necessary."

He had requested a variance from the commission, but the group voted 3 to 1 to deny his request. Higginbotham, in a letter to City Manager Robert Duff Friday, appealed the decision to the City Council. The matter will appear on the group's agenda on Nov. 21.

Action Is Deferred
In other action, the commission voted to defer action until its January meeting on a proposal to amend the sign requirements for limited commercial zones.

A request for a change of zone from single-family to single

and two-family for two lots in the Crestview Subdivision was unanimously approved by the group. The applicant, Oren Tucker, told the commission by letter he wishes to erect two duplexes on the lots.

A variance to side yard setback requirements was granted for property located at 907 E. Main St. The applicants, Drs. Malcolm and June Byers, propose to remodel the building at that address.

Request Is Denied
The commission also voted to deny a request to vacate Mingo Street from Summit Avenue to McAndrews Road.

SALEM (UPI)—The House Rules Committee Thursday permitted the introduction of a memorial asking Congress to prevent Bonneville Power Administration from raising its power rates.

Driver Cited After Accident in City

Gary Arthur Niedermeyer, 18, of 1014 Old Stage Road, was cited for violation of basic rule following a two-car collision Thursday morning, according to Medford police.

Driver of the other vehicle in the non-injury accident was William Marvin Sloan, 40, of 25 Myrtle St. The mishap occurred about 10:57 a.m. at Ivy and 10th Streets.

Officers said William Irwin March, 25, of 803 Sherman St., was the operator of a car which struck a vehicle registered to Mary Lou Hunt about 8:43 a.m. while it was parked in front of her residence at 721 S. Central Ave. No injuries were reported, officers said, and no citation was issued.

Recluse's Body Found In Mountain Cabin

GRANTS PASS (UPI)—Lloyd A. Teitsworth, 78, described as a recluse, was found dead Thursday in his remote mountain cabin 20 miles northwest of here.

Sheriff Lloyd Lewis said he was last seen alive two weeks ago. Lewis said although Teitsworth lived in apparent impoverished conditions, evidence was found that would indicate he was "far from poor."

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