

Hearings Drag on Timber Workers' Jobless Pay

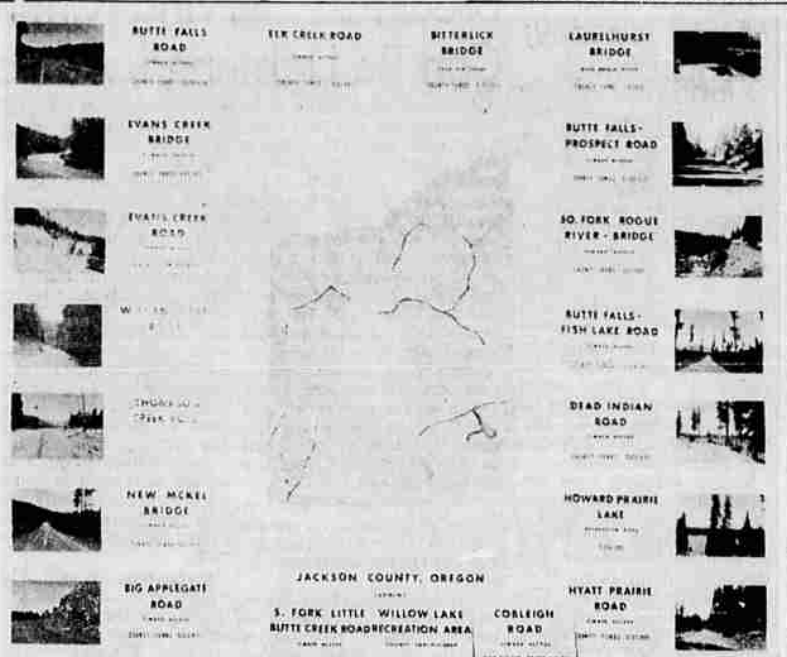
PORTLAND (UPI)—A hearing to determine whether 7,100 Northwest timber workers are eligible for unemployment benefits dragged through its third day Thursday despite efforts of a referee to speed it up.

M. F. McFarland, chief appeals referee for the Oregon Department of Employment, ruled that only one attorney for the timber firms and one for the union could raise objections and conduct arguments regarding a witness.

Six lawyers for the Big Six timber operators, four for the International Woodworkers of America and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union and two Washington assistant attorneys general have been involved.

H. J. Greeley, director of industrial relations for International Paper Co. at Longview, Wash., testified Thursday that the firm did no production work during last summer's lumber strike.

Under Oregon and Washington state law, workers idled by a labor dispute are not eligible for unemployment benefits. Union lawyers have implied that last summer's shutdown by the Big Six members was caused not by a labor dispute, but by other factors, such as the economic condition of the lumber industry.



ROAD CONSTRUCTION — Jackson County Judge Earl Miller used this relief map showing various road and bridge projects to show the use of O and C funds in road building and maintenance in the county. Miller spoke at a meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm Association. He said that construction and maintenance of roads and bridges accounted for \$1,609,062 or 35 per cent of the county budget. The judge also spoke on the county's growth and mentioned that the county is the only one in Oregon without a tax levy for the support of county government, yet has the sixth largest budget. The county court reviews road needs with the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management each year coordinating timber access roads, recreational facilities and other services for all persons.

Religion in America

Jews Commemorate Struggle Of Forefathers for Freedom

By ROBERT M. ANDREWS
United Press International
At sundown Tuesday (Dec. 10) Jews around the world will light a candle to commemorate their forefathers' struggle for religious freedom more than 2,000 years ago.

This will begin Hanukkah, the eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights. Each succeeding night another candle will be lighted on the menorah, or candelabra, until eight candles are burning on the final day.

The holiday marks the victory of the army of the Maccabees over the Syrian army during the tyrannical rule of Emperor Antiochus Epiphanes, who had forbidden the Jews under penalty of death to practice their religion.

The Maccabees seized the Temple of Jerusalem, which had been looted and defiled by the Syrians, and it was cleansed and rededicated to God. According to legend, the vessel that contained only enough oil to light the temple

menorah for one night lasted instead for eight days.

Today, the holiday is celebrated with special services: Prayers and music in synagogues, homes and religious schools. Children receive gifts or Hanukkah "gelt" (money) from parents and relatives each of the eight days.

The Hebrew word Hanukkah, or Chanukko, means "rededication." The festival also is known as the "Days of Rededication" to religious freedom.

The prayer, he said, "doesn't stand as a significant prayer in design quality, but it was my prayer and I meant it."

Cooper told the story before a meeting of the National Methodist Council of Evangelism in Louisville, Ky., where he received a medallion from the World Methodist Council.

A New York University psychiatrist has news for those who believe that religious inter-marriage leads to emotional conflicts and eventual mental illness.

Dr. Thomas S. Langner, co-author of Life Stress and Mental Health, reports that a survey of 1,660 residents of a midtown East Side Manhattan neighborhood shows it isn't necessarily so.

Of those interviewed, he said, 28 per cent had married persons of another religious faith, and showed no more evidence of mental disturbance than their neighbors.

Religious inter-marriage occurred most frequently in the group of highest social and economic status, Langner said. The same group, he added, "worshipped less frequently and thought religion less important in their lives."

MORATORIUM ON DIVORCE

PARSONS, Kan. (UPI)—District Judge Hal Hyler figures on making this a happy Christmas for some child by not allowing the parents to get a divorce.

The judge's Yuletide deed came in the form of a moratorium on divorce actions in his court from Dec. 16 until Jan. 2.

Judge Hyler said Thursday the ruling was so that every child in his district would find "the Christmas season a happy one not torn by domestic discord and family separation."

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Organic Chemistry Grants Received

CORVALLIS — Two recent grants to Oregon State University in the field of organic chemistry point up the increasing interest in basic research into organic chemical reactions, according to Dr. John L. Kice, associate professor of chemistry.

A \$26,000 three-year grant to OSU from the National Science Foundation will enable Dr. Kice to do basic research into organic chemical reaction mechanisms and to try to learn the exact sequence of steps in certain chemical reactions.

A second grant has been received from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. It is a two-year \$20,000 basic research grant to study the oxidation-reduction reaction of organic sulfur compounds.

Research now under way at OSU will attempt to determine how the reactions of these compounds take place. Some of these reactions play a key role in the biochemical process, Kice stated.

In addition, research on organic sulfur compounds is industrially important, especially to the rubber, plastics and wood products industries. Organic sulfur compounds are becoming commercially important by-products of the Northwest's wood industry and the study of organic chemistry may help to develop new commercial uses for the compounds, according to Kice.

Research into organic sulfur compounds in the U. S. has been limited, Kice said, and OSU is one of only a few universities doing work in this field.

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