

OPA Considers Removing Lumber Export Incentive

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—An OPA official testified Monday that prices for exported lumber are under study "with a view to reducing to a minimum any possible incentive" for mills to export lumber.

Testimony also was heard that OPA's lumber price structure discourages production of lumber needed for house building.

Harold Webber, chief of OPA's office of export-import, told a senate agriculture subcommittee investigating a shortage of lumber that he intended to follow its hearings closely and "if information indicating incentives to export is developed... prompt corrective action will be taken."

Price Differentials

The committee earlier heard Peter B. Stone, OPA lumber price executive, acknowledge that there are "price differentials" for exported lumber. For instance, mills are allowed to charge \$34.50 a thousand board feet for one inch by six inch lumber at shipside whereas the domestic price is \$30.50 at the lumber yard.

Webber said such differentials

were historical and covered risks and charges involved in placing lumber alongside vessels in deep water ports.

Senator Knowland (R-Calif.), committee chairman, commented that it cost a tidewater mill no more to stack the lumber at shipside than in its own yard, yet it could charge \$4 a thousand more for the exported lumber.

Webber said exports are controlled by the civilian production administration and no lumber can be sold abroad without approval from CPA.

Frank Tyler, who said he was representing a number of retail lumber yards in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Nebraska, said that, under OPA prices, mills found it more profitable to sell lumber in the "rough green" state rather than kiln dry it.

Industrial Uses

The green lumber has industrial uses but is not suitable for house construction, Tyler said, adding:

"Green lumber put into a house will twist it out of shape in three or four months."

Albert Tamm, Kansas City lumber dealer, testified there will have to be some increase in price if mills are to produce house construction lumber. He estimated that about \$750 worth goes into the average small home.

Harold R. Northrup, Washington, secretary manager of the National Retail Lumber Dealers association, said the civilian production administration had over-estimated prospective lumber production when fixing export quotas.

He said CPA estimated production at 30 billion board feet whereas in his opinion "we'll be lucky" if it reaches 24 billion. Output has been steadily declining for the past several years, Northrup declared, and was 27 1/2 billion feet last year.

Northrup said CPA's first quarter export quotas were at a rate which would amount to 900,000,000 board feet for the year. He called that enough lumber "to build 112,500 G.I. homes."

Prefabricated House Will Be Set Up Here

One of the first prefabricated houses to be erected in Klamath Falls was moved here by truck from Portland this past week and the city council last night approved "construction" along with other building permits which totaled \$12,823.

The prefabricated house, costing \$1900, will go up at Spring and Oak, according to Art F. Wilson who sought the permit.

Other permits were granted as follows:

W. E. Palmer, remodel house, 1329 Division, \$1000.

Harold Hadley, move garage wall at 1530 California, \$300.

Lloyd W. Rusk, tear down house and build garage at 1847 Earle, \$1000.

W. D. Miller, remodel front of K.F.J. Willard hotel, \$2000.

Gertrude B. Brown, build back porch at 2139 Herbert, \$50.

Paramount Roof company, re-roof Swansen building, \$270.

Paramount Roof company, re-roof Loomis building, \$190.

C. Fitzgerald and Young, re-roof Greyhound Bus building, \$133.

C. Fitzgerald and Young, re-roof Buick garage, \$780.

A. E. Roberts, foundation and remodel residence, 2227 Reclamation, \$200.

W. E. Palmer, build residence at 2150 Reclamation, \$5000.

Welfare Costs Will Increase

SALEM, March 12 (AP)—Oregon counties will be unable to meet increased public welfare costs, county officials said yesterday at a conference with Governor Earl Snell and the state public welfare commission.

The county officials predicted that demands for old age and general assistance would increase while revenues will shrink. Governor Snell said the state would not allow old age assistance payments to decrease, but he said the state also will have a hard time raising money for its share of the cost.

Judge F. L. Hipps, The Dalles, secretary of the state association of county judges and commissioners, said counties are handicapped by the 6 per cent constitutional tax limitation, which prevents counties from increasing taxes to a point necessary to raise the amount required for assistance. He said many counties now have to spend their road funds on old age and general assistance.

Bargaining Agent Will Be Elected

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—A collective bargaining election has been ordered at the Armour and Company plant in Portland, Ore., by the National Labor Relations board.

The election will determine whether the workers will be represented by the CIO United Packing House Workers of America or the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America.

The NLRB ruled master mechanics, killing room foremen, wholesale market foremen and shipping clerks were not eligible to vote. Receiving clerks and watchmen are eligible.

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Six Purchase City Property

Six pieces of city owned property were put back on the tax rolls when the council authorized purchase of the lots at last night's meeting. The following purchased lots from the city of Klamath Falls:

E. E. Burrows, lot 1 block 20, Industrial addition, \$300.

A. E. and Lucile R. Anderson, lot 15 block 216, Mills second, \$500.

W. H. Elchholz, lot 19 block 311, Darrow addition, \$500.

James and Lillith Tetrick, lot 12 block 3, Industrial addition, \$500.

W. J. and Jennie Easter, lot 1 block 109, Buena Vista addition, \$150.

W. J. Nancarrow, S 50 feet lot 564 block 115, Mills, \$250.

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Krause Quits Airport Job; Cornett Named

G. A. Krause, for many years chairman of the airport committee, last night presented his resignation from that office and the appointment of Marshall E. Cornett made by Mayor Ed Ostendorf was approved by the city council.

Members of the council expressed extreme regret at the resignation of Krause who has worked long and diligently to serve the city in the capacity of airport chairman.

In a letter to the mayor, Krause made the following statement:

"About 20 years ago a group of citizens including myself and all interested in aviation, felt the city should acquire land for airport purposes and prevailed upon the city council at that time to place before the voters the matter of reserving some \$50,000 to acquire land and develop an airport."

"This was accomplished and I have had the pleasure of being chairman of the airport committee since its inception and reappointed under Mayor Ostendorf. I assure you it has been a great deal of pleasure to serve the city and gratifying to see that the small beginning has developed into a modern, first class airport."

Senator Cornett has long been

Public Employees Will Hear Retirement System Talked

Officials and employees of counties, cities, school districts and other local government agencies as well as state employees, are invited to attend a meeting at the courthouse Friday at 8 p. m. to hear a discussion of the new public employees retirement system, Mayor Ed Ostendorf announced today.

Speaker will be Jerry S. Sawyer, executive secretary of the

Oregon public employees retirement system, and the meeting is one of a series being arranged throughout the state by the League of Oregon Cities and other public groups. C. A. Meeker, Medford mayor and vice president of the League of Oregon Cities, will also be present.

The new state-wide retirement system, authorized by the 1945 legislature, will go into effect July 1, 1946. State and school employees are automatically covered and employees of counties, cities, port commissions and other local subdivisions are eligible to membership. Officials and employees of all interested groups are invited to attend the Friday meeting. A similar session will be held in Medford Saturday.

Combs To Hear Cases In KF

SALEM, March 12 (AP)—Chief Justice Harry H. Belt today assigned Judge Charles H. Combs of Lakeview to go to Klamath Falls to substitute for Judge David R. Vandenberg in the cases of Grimes vs. Grimes, and McKim vs. McKim.

He assigned Judge Walter L. Tooez of Portland to go to Condon to substitute for Judge McKay in the case of Moyer vs. Weed, and sent Judge Dal M. King of Myrtle Point to Jefferson county to substitute for Judge Ralph S. Hamilton in the case of Robb vs. Cable.

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Saddle Latigoes	\$1.19 to \$1.65
Cotton Tie Ropes	\$3.00 to \$4.75
Mohair Tie Ropes	\$3.75 to \$7.50
35' Nylon Lariat Rope	\$9.50
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Court Bailiff Seeks Back Pay

SALEM, March 12 (AP)—Lon A. Bass, Portland, who claims he acted as bailiff in Circuit Judge James R. Bain's department of

Multnomah county circuit from June, 1941, to March, 1945, today for an order of Judge Bain to pay him his services.

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