

KFPA Pushes Construction Of Fire Tower On Hogback

Preparation for the coming fire season has started by Klamath Forest Protective association, clearing logs from roads where they have fallen during the winter and repairing communication lines broken by snow and storms.

The 40-foot lookout tower under construction on top of 6300-foot Hogback mountain is the biggest job being done by KFPA in its fire prevention work.

A crew of five men built the 1100-foot stretch to the top where the tower will be, in eight days. It is still a little bumpy in spots and there are rocks which must be blasted out, but the road is passable.

Actual work started on the tower last Monday, with two carpenters, Burkhard and Schortgen contractors, and two laborers on the job. One side of the tower was almost

completed Thursday and the cement "shoes" poured for the 12-inch diameter red fir corner posts to stand in. The side will be raised by Tuesday Schortgen expects, then the other three sides will be built to it.

The whole tower should be up by the end of next week, Schortgen said, with only a few details left for the following week. A trap-door will be made in the tower floor, through which the lookout can draw up the supplies brought to him a couple of times a week.

A colossal view is to be had from top of Hogback, and it is expected to become one of the points of interest to tourists when the road is improved enough for casual travel, Hal Ogle, superintendent of KFPA, believes. The view takes in Swan lake, Meadow lake, Tulelake, Upper Klamath lake, Ewauna lake, Pelican Bay, Weyerhaeuser Timber company, and all of Klamath Falls. Even the top of Sugarloaf mountain in Northern California can be seen from Hogback and with 40 feet added to the height of the mountain by the tower, a wide range of territory can be supervised during fire season.

Two men working with a cat are clearing brush from the mountain top, and it is planned to build a trail at one point where the drop

Ship Blast Is Most Powerful

HOUSTON, Tex., May 2 (AP)—The April 16 explosion of the SS Grandcamp at Texas City was equivalent to 250 five-ton blockbuster bombs exploding simultaneously, Edgar M. Queeny, chairman of the board of Monsanto Chemical company, said.

In a report, "The Texas City disaster" released today to stockholders and employees on Monsanto, whose Texas City plant was practically destroyed by the series of blasts and fires of the disaster, Queeny said the atomic bomb explosion at Hiroshima and Nagasaki "may have been less severe than that suffered by parts of our plant."

Queeny denied reports that a series of major explosions occurred within the Monsanto plant following the initial explosion of the SS Grandcamp.

Insurance Reinstatement Urged By Vet Officers

E. E. Benner, Ralph D. Jones and Lynn Roycroft, leaders of three major veterans organizations, this week urged veterans of World War I to reinstate their national service life insurance during NSLI Week.

Roycroft, commander of Klamath Post No. 8, American Legion, reminded veterans that the NSLI program was inspired by the Legion and other veterans' groups.

"We felt that life insurance was a great protection to the soldier and his family," Roycroft stated. "Time has not changed the Legion's viewpoint. All veterans of World War II are being urged by the Legion to reinstate lapsed GI policies or convert to one of six permanent plans now offered by the government."

Speaking for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jones, commander of Pelican post, described NSLI as one of the most valuable possessions of every veteran of the second world war.

"No insurance issued through any recognized commercial underwriter can equal the GI policy," Jones declared. "It is our recommendation that all veterans take advantage of this opportunity to reinstate their insurance and keep it for the protection of their families and themselves."

Strongly backing the veterans administration's insurance program are the Disabled American Veterans, NSLI requires no additional premiums for service disabilities and a veteran disabled in service is not dissatisfied from reinstating at the present time.

"We cannot stress too strongly the value of NSLI," commented Benner, commander of chapter 12, D.A.V. "Most of us who served in World War I, through bitter and often tragic experience, recognized the value of government insurance and urge veterans to keep it while they have this chance."

State Asks Federal Aid

SALEM, May 2 (AP)—State officials appealed today to the federal social security board to telegraph welfare funds so that Oregon can pay its old age pensions and other public welfare allotments immediately.

Miss Loa Howard, Portland, state public welfare administrator, said 23,000 old age pension checks should have been mailed out yesterday, but were delayed because congress was slow in appropriating funds. She told Acting Governor Marshall E. Cornett this morning that congress finally appropriated the money, but it would be another week or 10 days before Oregon's share arrived unless the money were telegraphed.

Cornett appealed to Senator Clay Cordon to contact the U. S. treasury to see if the money could be telegraphed. Miss Howard also made a similar plea to the social security board.

The federal funds involved are about \$800,000, but the delay ties up Oregon's federal-state-county welfare program which amounts to \$1,200,000 for this month.

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Moscow Ambassador Describes Parade

BERLIN, May 2 (AP)—Walter Bedell Smith, U. S. ambassador to Moscow said today the May Day parade before the Kremlin was "a very good show, with 100 jet planes flying overhead and a large, four engine bomber which looked very much like a B-29."

Smith stopped at Tempelhof air-drome en route to Washington. He said his return had no connection with reports that he might become an assistant secretary of state.

Classified Ads Bring Results

"Queen" Plans Final Here

Radio's "Queen for a Day" will be met at the Klamath Falls airport the morning of May 7 and escorted to her suite at the Willard hotel by a welcoming committee of local citizens, according to the announced schedule by the chamber of commerce "Queen for a Day" committee, and from then on for the next 60 hours her stay will be packed with events in the Klamath basin.

The lucky award winner on the Mutual broadcasting system radio program will be formally introduced and feted at a banquet the night of May 7 in the Willard hotel banquet room, and then escorted to the Pelican theatre where she will appear in a command performance in her honor. She will be interviewed on the stage over a local radio broadcast and a special winter sports film will provide a preview for her scheduled trip to Crater lake.

The morning of May 8 the queen will breakfast in bed, then prepare for an air trip over the entire basin area for a birdseye view of her domain. At noon she will appear as a guest of the Kiwanians, and after lunch she'll be whisked by limousine to an as yet unnamed ranch for an afternoon inspection of the inner workings of potato farming. Dinner will be served her highness at a Klamath cattle ranch.

The following day, May 9, her highness will awaken early to breakfast at Klamath Agency and visit with members of the Klamath tribe, then lunch at Crater lake and an afternoon of winter sports. The evenings will be taken up with dinner and dancing at Lakeshore inn until 10 o'clock when her highness leaves to catch the 10:45 plane for the south.

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