

KLAMATH MOULDING BUYS MILL

In The Day's News

WEATHER
 Max. (July 30) 85 Min. 52
 Precipitation last 24 hours .00
 Stream year to date 11.15
 Last year 11.47 Normal 12.28
 Forecast: Cloudy, thunder-
 etc.

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Big Lakes Box Company Plant Changes Hands

The expanding Klamath Lake Moulding company of Klamath Falls today announced the purchase of the Ewauna lake sawmill properties of the Big Lakes Box company, pioneer Klamath Falls lumber manufacturing concern.

Klamath Lake Moulding, owned by the Spangler-Palmer-Weldler interests, will take possession of the Big Lakes plant when it completes its present lease and operations at the "Boy Scout mill" on Upper Klamath lake, and in the meantime, Big Lakes Box company will continue operations of the Ewauna lake plant for several months.

The announcement today did not indicate the date for the change in operations. It did, however, point to the forthcoming retirement from the sawmill field here of the Big Lakes company, which was organized in 1917 and operated continuously in one location and under the same ownership personnel for 30 years.

Here is the formal announcement made by Klamath Lake Moulding: "Klamath Lake Moulding company announces that plans for the purchase by it of the sawmill, planing mill, dry kilns and yard of the Big Lakes Box company, which had been under consideration for the past two weeks, have been consummated. The box factory plant was not included in the purchase and future plans concerning it are unknown.

"Klamath Lake Moulding company is presently leasing and operating the Wheeler Pine company mill on the Upper lake, which is often referred to as the "Boy Scout" mill. When Klamath Lake Moulding company's operations at the Wheeler Pine mill are completed it plans to move its crew to the newly-purchased plant where it will continue to mill logs from its present timber holdings.

William Spangler, Loren Palmer and Don Weldler are the principals of the purchasing company, which did not further amplify the announcement.

M. S. West, president of the Big Lakes Box company, stated that the company will continue its operations for several months, and that there will be no immediate operating change. Big Lakes will continue its logging operations in Squaw valley on the Klamath Indian reservation.

The Big Lakes plant has a capacity of about 90,000 feet per shift, and is one of the major lumber manufacturing plants here. It was built in 1920 on its present site within the limits of Klamath Falls.

Three years before that, the company was formed by M. S. West, A. J. Voge, Ward Dwight, (Continued on Page 3, Column 6)

Hughes May Take Stand

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP)—Hughes and his globe-trotting publicity man, John Meyer, will take the stand side by side tomorrow in the senatorial investigation of Hughes' wartime plane contracts.

Thomas Black, Hughes' attorney, told newsmen, however, he is not certain whether the manufacturer will be here tomorrow. He said Hughes told him in a telephone conversation this afternoon that he is still undecided when to leave California for Washington.

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) announced today that arrangements have been made for the joint appearance of the Hollywood millionaire and the man who said he spent lavishly to entertain government officials in Hughes' behalf.

Ferguson's announcement was made after a session in which the senate war investigating committee heard testimony that top military leaders turned down a mass flying boat program in July, 1942, yet contracts for three boats were made later with Hughes and Henry J. Kaiser.

Undersecretary of State Robert A. Lovett testified that the joint (army-navy) chiefs of staff declared in July of that year that the diversion of materials to such a program would be "inadmissible" because everything was needed for fighting planes.

Kaiser had urged a program to build 500 huge cargo planes. Two former defense plant corporation officials who were assigned to the Hughes' cargo plane project in California followed Lovett on the stand.

During the news conference, Taft termed the congress session just closed "a great success" and said republicans should take all possible advantage of its record by speaking out on it to the people.

President Truman today vetoed a measure authorizing the coinage of half-dollars commemorating the 100th anniversary of the admission of Wisconsin into the union in 1848.

Mr. Truman expressed his "regret" that he found it necessary to disapprove the proposal, but said he did so in following the "wise policy" of President's Hoover and Roosevelt.

Dutch Army Takes Key Java City

Big Lakes Box Company Property Sold



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Indonesians Burn Towns In Retreat

BATAVIA, Java, July 31 (AP)—The Dutch army announced tonight the capture of fire-scarred Malang, former resort city which is the key to east central Java.

A broadcast Indonesian communique said the Dutch were within mortar range and that Indonesians were applying the scorched earth policy.

The republicans asserted also their forces were within 12 miles of Batavia and had recaptured the perimeter towns of Tangerang, Serpong and Tjemen. The Dutch declared this claim was "nonsense." This reporter found no sign of republican activity in the general Batavia area.

Heavy Fire

The Indonesian broadcast said Malang was "heavily gassed and machinegunned" during the night, and that republicans started fires in the city yesterday. It said Dutch planes strafed Malang.

The Indonesians said another column of the Dutch army, equipped largely with U. S. lend-lease and surplus war supplies, had cut nearly halfway across the waist of Java in a drive from Tegay, on the north coast, to the Bobotari area, 35 miles to the southeast. The republicans asserted the Dutch were using a company of Japanese in the attack.

The republican seventh division, pitted against the Dutch advancing on Malang from the north, offered no organized resistance except that of log road blocks, tank traps, land mines and occasional sniping, a dispatch from Soerabaja said. The Dutch jungle troops were backed by mechanized forces. Dutch officers said four Dutch soldiers had been killed and six wounded and that a number of enemy snipers were killed.

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British Buy Electric Plant

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The government will acquire about 190 private companies. The house of commons already had passed the measure, which becomes effective January 1. Commons must act again on minor amendments.

The government announced it contemplated expansion to fill a critical British need for more electric power.

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Britain Makes Renewed Bid To Stave Off Money Crisis

LONDON, July 31 (AP)—Britain arranged high-level economic talks with the United States today in a renewed bid to stave off her looming economic crisis.

The government's board of trade said its president, Sir Stafford Cripps, would fly to Paris this afternoon for a conference with William L. Clayton, U. S. undersecretary of state for economic affairs, and the British press said they would consider slashing Britain's imports from America to save dollars.

Meanwhile, the Brits' people took calmly disclosures that the government almost immediately would cut its armed strength, scale down the nation's standard of living and call for longer working hours to save British economy.

Few newspapers commented editorially on the revelations, which followed a "crisis" meeting yesterday of Prime Minister Attlee and his labor members of parliament. Those that did wrote approvingly.

"It is high time that they (the government) took this step, though it will mean a still more austere way of life for everyone," said the conservative Yorkshire Post, owned by the family of former Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

"We are eagerly waiting to see the government take bold steps to appeal to the nation's patriotism and self respect."

Informed sources have said that Britain plans to cut down her imports from dollar areas almost at once.

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Pepper To Tour Nation

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP)—Senator Pepper (Fla.) said today he will make his own cross-country speaking tour this fall in an effort to "keep our democratic party liberal."

The Florida senator told a reporter he has not been asked to speak for the democratic national committee but will follow in the wake of "such republican presidential candidates as Senator Taft (Ohio) and Governor Dewey of New York."

Noting Taft's call earlier this week for republican leaders to speak out "frankly" on foreign and domestic issues, Pepper said "Dewey has been imitating the Sphinx to date but I think Senator Taft is going to smoke him out."

As for his own trip, which he has not yet mapped in detail, Pepper said he intends to "straighten out anybody who might be misled by republican propaganda that this was a good congress."

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French Urge Jew Solution

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The resolution was adopted late yesterday by unanimous vote of the assembly, which also congratulated the French government for not attempting to impose a course of action upon the Jews.

Dispatches from Port-De-Bouc on France's southern coast reported meanwhile signs of growing restlessness among the shipbound Jews, who have refused to disembark in protest against being shipped back to France after a fruitless attempt to crash the gates of Palestine.