

Pine Workers' Pay Well Above National Average

Following the issuance Tuesday of average income and hourly wage rate statistics by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Chet Irving at the pine industrial relations committee made a survey of the rates paid by lumber companies on the committee's membership list.

As a result of this study, it was determined that wages paid in this particular section of the forest products industry are well above the national average for production workers. The figures given by the bureau of labor statistics were taken

for the earnings of factory workers. However, as representative of the nation-wide lot of the ordinary working man, these statistics are useful when compared with prevailing local wage levels regardless of their origin.

Big Difference

For instance, the national average hourly wage, including overtime, was given as \$1.22 an hour. The corresponding hourly rate in the companies polled by Irving is \$1.685. The tremendous difference here somewhat reflects the superior position of lumber workers in this area.

The weekly earnings of the average factory worker amounts to \$48.91, according to the bureau. The average in the pine companies is \$66.88, or nearly 37 per cent above the national figure.

In the bureau's report, the average earnings of workers today were translated into terms of 1939 dollars. On this basis the report concluded that the buying power of the average man has not materially increased since 1939, and that in many cases the worker finds himself able to buy less with his increased earnings than before the war.

Truman Okays Paper Deal

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (AP)—Legislation under which a newsprint industry may be established in Southeast Alaska was signed today by President Truman.

It permits sale of timber in the Tongas National forest to newsprint manufacturing companies.

The forest service of the agriculture department is given authority to provide the paper companies with a steady source of wood, harvested in the Tongas preserve on a sustained yield basis.

Endorsing the bill before congress, forest service officials estimated it would open the way for construction of five \$30,000,000 paper mills in Alaska. The forest service predicted each mill would create a town of 6000 or more population.

The bill stipulates that money from the sale of Tongas timber will be held in the U. S. treasury until the claims of native Indians to parts of the land are settled. Indians of Southeast Alaska have opposed the legislation.

Soil Conservation Convention Ends

CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 8 (AP)—Extension service directors of 11 western states were on their way home today after urging long-range planning for soil conservation.

Final committee reports to the western states extension conference addressed special conferences on range management and more research on soil conservation.

One report also asked that more training be given 4-H club members in democratic procedures, principally by allowing them to participate in planning their own activities.

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Hughes Uses Earphone



Howard Hughes, Los Angeles plane manufacturer, industrialist and movie magnate, uses an earphone to hear questions of subcommittee members as he sits in the witness chair at a senate subcommittee's inquiry in Washington into his government plane contracts. —AP wirephoto.

Auble Named To Road Board

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Aug. 8—Dr. E. F. Auble's reappointment as a member of the highway committee of the California state chamber of commerce's Sacramento valley council, was announced this week.

Dr. Auble, Modoc county supervisor, is widely recognized as an authority on county road problems. The council is giving special attention to efficient expenditure of revenues under the Collier-Burns highway act.

Reappointment was made by George C. Pollock, chairman of state chamber's Sacramento valley council, who also reappointed eight Siskiyou county leaders as committee members. They are W. T. Davidson, Fort Jones, as supervisor; C. J. Green, McCloud; Gordon M. Jacobs, Hornbrook, supervisor, on the highway committee.

Norman J. Farrell, supervisor, Shasta, national forest, Mt. Shasta; Forest Supervisors George James and O. G. Steele, Yreka; Judge W. R. Lee, Dunsmuir, on the natural resources committee, and John M. Schuler, Mt. Shasta, travel and recreation committee.

England's cat population has been estimated at 10,000,000.

Policemen Held For Larceny

TACOMA, Aug. 8 (AP)—Two city police officers, who said they would have turned in \$46,500 which they found in the rear of a wrecked automobile had they been "sure it wasn't counterfeit," were held today under \$10,000 bail after being formally charged with grand larceny.

Prosecutor Patrick Steele and other officials said both men, Ernest Hyatt, 39, and Richard Floberg, 26, had confessed to taking the money from the trunk compartment of a car belonging to Mike Kostelac, a Gig Harbor rancher.

Two prominent Tacoma criminal lawyers, Grover C. Nolte and Bert Johnson, were named by Superior Judge E. D. Hodge to defend the men when they said at arraignment yesterday they were without funds to obtain counsel.

In Paper Sack
Steele and Police Chief William Farrar said the officers' confessions said the money was found in a paper sack, divided in 47 packets of bills ranging from \$20 to \$100 in denomination, during the course of a routine investigation of the car after Kostelac had driven into a guard rail at a Tacoma intersection early Tuesday morning.

Chief Farrar said \$24,000 was recovered in the bedroom of one of the officers and \$22,500 in the bedroom of the other.

"If we had it to do over again, I am sure we would turn the money in," Hyatt told a reporter. "I don't know why we kept it, except we weren't sure it wasn't counterfeit. If we had been certain it was real money we would have investigated why Kostelac was carrying it around in his automobile."

Kostelac said he carried the money for use in "business deals."

DIES
CHICAGO, Aug. 8 (AP)—Mrs. Mary Marsh Beaupre, 83, widow of Arthur M. Beaupre, long a member of the U. S. diplomatic corps, died last night.

Folder To Be Put Out On OVS

An eight-page folder will be compiled by the vocational school promotional committee of the chamber of commerce to advertise the Oregon Vocational school. The pamphlet will be four by nine inches and will fit into a regular business envelope. In charge of gathering information for the folder will be Charles Stark, head of the chamber of commerce, and Malcolm Epley, The Herald and News managing editor.

Stark indicated that some 10,000 booklets will be printed. They will not be subject to approval by the state board of higher education, but will be simply a publication of the chamber aimed at including material concerning the school which will interest prospective students.

Power Company To Reorganize

PORTLAND, Aug. 8 (AP)—The reorganization of the Portland Electric Power company, pending eight years, apparently neared final stages today.

Estes Studecor, handling the vote count for the federal court, said bonds of \$8,185,500 were voted for the plan and \$3,518,700 against. He added that prior preference and first preferred stockholders also approved the plan.

In the plan the PEPCO holding company would cease to exist and its only operating asset, Portland General Electric company, would continue under an enlarged board of directors.

Studecor's report next will go to Federal Judge James A. Fee for approval.

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Dust Devil Cause Of Freak Wreck

A midget twister caused a freak highway accident yesterday near Madras which took the life of Mrs. Birdie Gynn, mother of Mrs. George Elliott and his 12-year-old daughter, Jean.

Elliott and his daughter were taken to a hospital in Redmond. The midget twister—known in the Madras country as a "dust devil"—danced onto the highway and shifted a load of wooden construction forms on a truck. The timbers jolted over the edge of the truck and rammed into the windshield of the Elliott car, which was passing.

One timber struck Mrs. Gynn full in the face, almost severing her head.

Elliott, his daughter and Mrs. Gynn were en route to Puyallup, Wash., Mrs. Gynn's home, to attend funeral services for J. R. Gynn, who died in Merrill Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gynn had come to visit the Elliotts in Merrill several weeks ago, and while there Mr. Gynn suffered a stroke and had been ill for some time before he died. The body was sent back to Puyallup for burial and Elliott was driving Mrs. Gynn back for the funeral.

Elliott has been principal at Merrill high school and only recently was named principal of the Henley schools.

Assailant Held For Assault

SALEM, Aug. 8 (AP)—Held on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, Fremont R. Stevenson, Salem, is in the city jail here awaiting word from the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, as to the success or failure of brain surgery on John Snyder, whom he allegedly shot in an altercation Thursday night in the downtown business-apartment block where they are fellow residents.

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Cook Funeral Service Held

YREKA, Aug. 8—Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 p. m. from Noble's Funeral chapel in Mount Shasta for Robert K. Cook, 11-year-old Mount Shasta boy who drowned in Abram's lake near Mt. Shasta, on Monday afternoon.

Coroner Lloyd B. Nobel stated that the boy, who had been swimming, apparently fell from a diving board. His body was recovered from the water about eight minutes later. Efforts to revive him with a resuscitator failed.

The child is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Cook of Mount Shasta, and two brothers. His father is a former member of the police department in both Mount Shasta and Weed.

Robert was a native of Washington, and came to Siskiyou county at the age of six months, living in Weed and Mount Shasta until his death.

Cities Hang Onto Housing Projects

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 8 (AP)—Housing authorities of the Portland, Ore.-Vancouver, Wash., area laid plans today to hold on to existing projects as long as the housing shortage continues.

The aim, announced at a meeting here last night, is to forestall such legislation as the Cain-Russell bill in the last congress. It would have compelled sale of war housing by 1949.

Officials of the tri-county housing authority association authorized appointment of committees to prepare a long-range program for disposition of the war housing. They hoped to have it ready in time for a congressional committee hearing scheduled here September 14-15.

There are usually about 3000 volumes in the library of a battleship.

Forest Fire Helps Moose

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Aug. 8 (AP)—Last month's fierce Kenai peninsula forest fire, which ravaged some 250,000 acres of spruce and other forest lands, was described by two U. S. fish and wildlife service refuge workers today as "definitely beneficial to the area's game—particularly moose."

The two men, Richard Griffith and John Ball, both of Chicago, said that an all-day inspection of the region from the air and on land showed little evidence of wildlife

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