

Shortage Of Cars Closes Down Mills

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—Lumber industry spokesmen reported today the shortage of railroad cars in the Far West has forced an estimated 195 small sawmills and plants to close in Western Oregon and Northern California, but railroad officials questioned the figure.

H. T. Titus, secretary of the Pacific Lumber Remanufacturers' Association, said the mills have a combined daily lumber output of 4,000,000 feet. He added that railroads believe the situation will become worse before it improves.

H. V. Simpson, executive vice-president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, said Titus' figure was a "good estimate," but Frank P. Nelson, Southern Pacific traffic manager here, called it a "gross exaggeration."

Small Mills Out
Simpson said only small mills were affected and that large mills, because of greater storage space, were not yet threatened.

Nelson said he is "certain there are no more than 15 or 20 mills down on our lines and they're mostly small."

Last week the Southern Pacific freight agent at Eugene said 13 small mills in that area had shut down.

Hugh Gillis, traffic manager for the Western Pine association, said there had been no report of closures of pine mills. He said that since crops mature first in the southwest, served by the Southern Pacific, the heavy demand for box cars to move the fall harvest hits that line first. He said more northerly lines would feel the pinch later.

Titus said Washington mills had been affected little because rail lines there had been able to supply 80 to 90 per cent of the demand for cars.

Retail Trade Gains Slow

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13 (AP)—Total retail trade increased from May to June in only four out of 36 Pacific Coast cities covered by a department of commerce report. The favored cities were Santa Barbara, with an increase of 6 per cent; Santa Monica, 3 per cent, and Glendale, Calif., and Yakima, Wash., with 1 per cent each.

Declines ranging from 1 per cent to 12 per cent were reported in other cities.

Both Fresno, Calif., and Spokane, Wash., reported declines of 12 per cent.

All the cities except Bremerton, Wash., however, showed increases for the first half of 1947 compared with the like period of 1946. Retail trade in Bremerton declined 3 per cent for the period. Increases in the other cities ranged as high as 42 per cent in Alhambra and Glendale, Calif.

Hop Pickers Still "Not Stranded"

PORTLAND, Aug. 13 (AP)—The Walter Fitzsimmons family thinks it will do all right once it gets its 18 hands to the hop yards.

The family, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimmons and their seven children, has been spending the last several days in one of the park blocks, although going to a hotel for shelter at night.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons said they were at a Vancouver, Wash., farm briefly—but the employer there said he didn't know there were seven children when he hired the father, and didn't have room for them.

Although their daily home has been the park blocks, Fitzsimmons said, "We're not stranded."

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Film Pair Pose With Family Of Boys



Actress Gale Storm and her actor husband, Lee Bonnell, pose for a family picture in Hollywood with their family of boys. The actress holds the newest arrival, 11-day-old Paul William, who doesn't seem interested in having his first picture taken. Center is Phillip Lee, 4, and at right, Peter, 15 months. —AP wirephoto.

Police Hold Bike Auction

Thirteen confiscated bicycles, which have been held at the city hall by police for misdemeanors on the part of their owners and which have not been claimed after notice was given, were auctioned off on the city hall steps yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police Orville Hamilton.

Bidding was spirited but good-natured, as bikes were sold for prices ranging from \$1.50 for one venerable machine to \$15.25 for another ancient but repairable vehicle.

City police may confiscate the machine of any traffic violator for certain periods of time, varying in relation to the seriousness of the offense and if, after the required confiscation period has been served, the bikes are not retrieved, notices are sent to the owners, after which the bikes not claimed are auctioned off.

Blueback Salmon Said Increasing

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—Blue back salmon are increasing in the Columbia river after a sharp decline during the past decade, state fish commission biologists reported today.

Chief Biologist Don McKernan reported 500,000 pounds of blue backs were caught below Bonneville and 175,000 passed over the fish ladders in June and July. Silver-side salmon are also increasing, he said.

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The reign of Queen-For-A-Day Edna Matteson in the Klamath basin ended this week, following 10 days of varied entertainment.

Queen Edna, accompanied by her husband, Jim Matteson, and former Queen Guy Williamson, arrived in Medford by plane Saturday, August 2. The group from Southern California was flown to Klamath Falls by Phil Hitchcock, local business man, where the visit was met by representatives of the chamber of commerce, Klamath Sheriff's posse and the Klamath Saddle club.

Following dinner and a radio broadcast over station KPJI, the party proceeded to Lake of the Woods where a reception was held in their honor, and Sunday afternoon a pack ride along the Skyline trail was started, which ended Friday at Crater Lake.

John Ebinger, Klamath Falls lawyer, took the party by car up to the Columbia river for another

night of camping out with breakfast at Timberline lodge, and the Bend chamber of commerce, radio station KBND and other concerns entertained them with dinner dancing, radio and theatre parties and a fishing trip before returning them to Klamath Falls Tuesday.

Ebinger took them to Medford where they will board a plane for home today.

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