

# Sawmill Starts Work In Oakridge

OAKRIDGE, Ore., April 6—Starting the machinery at the new Pope and Talbot sawmill and logging operations here today, George A. Pope Jr., president of the pioneer west coast organization which was founded in San Francisco in 1849, dedicated the latest lumber enterprise of the firm to the service of the nation. It was an eventful day for this busy community in Central Oregon, which has doubled in size since construction work on the mill began just about a year ago.

Timber holdings of the company here, 45 miles southeast of Eugene, in the Cascade region, Willamette national forest, consist of 32,000 acres of virgin Douglas fir and contain about one billion feet of timber. The mill site is at the edge of the town and is ample for expansion in the program to completely utilize forest resources. Of the 21-mile main logging road about six miles have now been completed.

**175 Man Crew**  
The latest sawmill to join the Northwest producing ranks has a cutting capacity of 200,000 feet of lumber in an eight-hour day and will employ about 150 men, with 175 more working in the forest. The new mill very closely follows the design of the company's St. Helens sawmill, near Portland, and was completely constructed by Pope and Talbot, largely prefabricated in the St. Helens plant.

In addition to Mr. Pope, officers of the company attending the ceremony today were Fred C. Talbot, first vice president; Charles L. Wheeler, executive vice president; William Huddellmann, vice president and general manager; Cyrus T. Walker and Kenneth Pope, vice presidents; and H. T. Dupont, assistant secretary. The mayor and city council of Oakridge were among the guests for the occasion. Mr. Pope and Mr. Talbot are grandsons of the original founders, now the third generation actively in charge of the organization.

## Perkins Sentence To Be Appealed

OLYMPIA, April 6 (AP)—Attorneys for Bruce Perkins said today they will appeal his murder conviction to the state supreme court.

The 22-year-old Omak youth was convicted last month of killing Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jessup in their home here last December. The jury ordered the death penalty.

Superior Judge D. F. Wright yesterday denied Perkins' motion for a new trial and set Thursday as the date of sentencing.

## Oregon Congressman In Chair



Congressman Lowell Stockman of the second Oregon district did a turn presiding in the national house of representatives the other day. Here he is, wielding the gavel.

## Animal Query Puzzles Group

SEATTLE, April 6 (AP)—Seattle councilmen scratched their collective heads today over how to answer this query from the Animal Allies, Inc., a Hollywood organization:

"Is your city doing anything to restrict breeding of dogs and cats? If so, how is it done?"

Miss Sally H. Moody, president of Animal Allies, wrote further:

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## Presence Of Soviet Ships Explained

HONOLULU, April 6 (AP)—Why five Russian vessels happened to be in port here when an atomic task force reportedly passed through was explained today. The agent for the Russian ships said they had been detained until port charges were settled.

Writing in the Honolulu Advertiser last week, Military Reporter Buck Buchwach said the Soviet flotilla "witnessed the secret arrival of an atomic task force bound for Eniwetok" and was "within easy biocular distance" when the task force left Pearl Harbor for the Eniwetok testing grounds.

Buchwach said the atomic task force arrived March 6 and departed March 8.

The army and navy commands had nothing to say about Buchwach's story.

Robert J. Pfeiffer of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Co., agent

for the Soviet ships, gave this explanation of their delay here:

"They lacked sufficient money or credit to pay port charges, hence were not permitted to leave March 2 and 4 as they had planned. The Amtorg Trading Co., New York, finally supplied additional credit."

Four Russian sailing vessels, the Siturman, Venera, Meduza and Crevetka, were permitted to leave March 7. Their Soviet escort ship, the motorship Dnestr, was allowed to depart March 11.

### DIES

TACOMA, April 6 (AP)—Joseph E. Karpach, Pierce county undersheriff and veteran law enforcement officer, died last night.

A former constable and deputy U. S. marshal, Karpach was instrumental in obtaining a confession from Jake Bird, convicted negro slayer, to the deaths of more than a score of persons.

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## Deschutes Has Plenty Water

BEND, April 6 (AP)—Water supplies are favorable for Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson county irrigation districts this summer, the Central Oregon water conference reports.

W. T. Frost, Medford, director of the water forecast sessions for the

state, said storage in reservoirs is near capacity, soil moisture is good and snow depth and moisture in the watershed is very favorable.

He said there may be adequate supplies to allow holdover water for the 1949 season.

The new Wickiup reservoir has 150,000 acre feet stored; capacity is 180,000 and is expected at that level in a few weeks. The Crescent lake basin for the Tumalo district has 50,000 acre feet. The Ochoco reservoir near Prineville holds 30,000 acre

feet and is expected to be at capacity shortly.

Frost said the upper Deschutes snow depth ranges up to 137 inches with 52 inches of water.

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