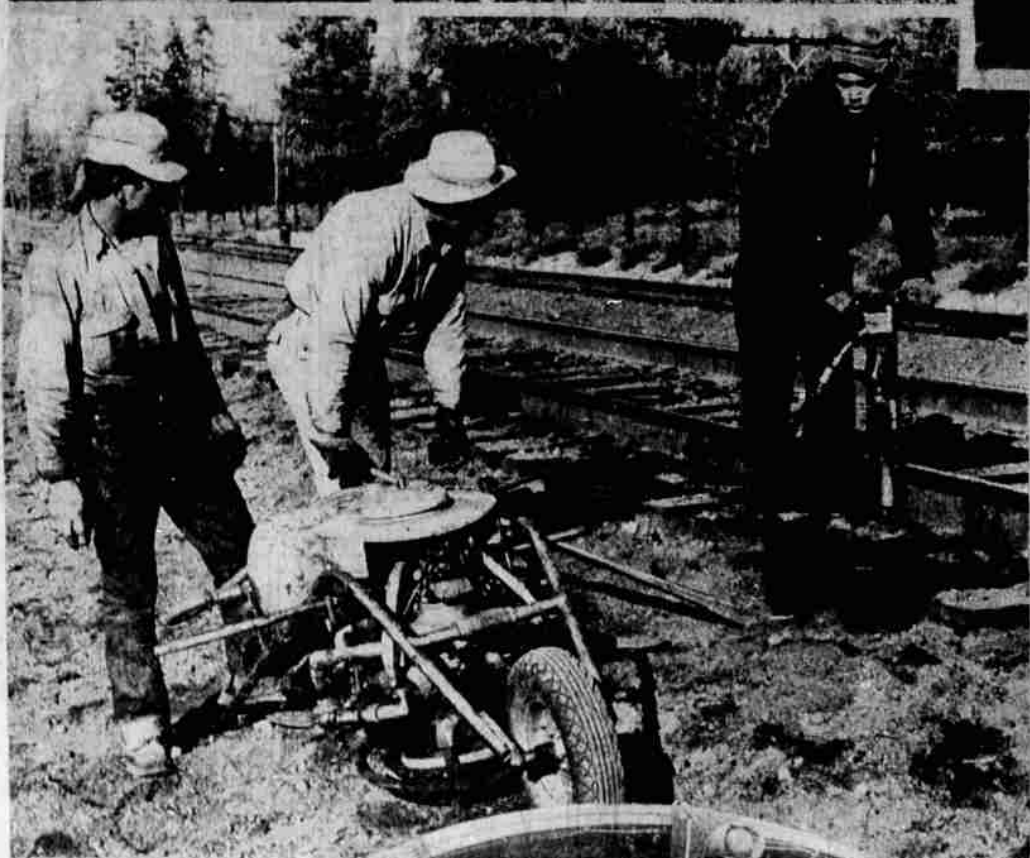
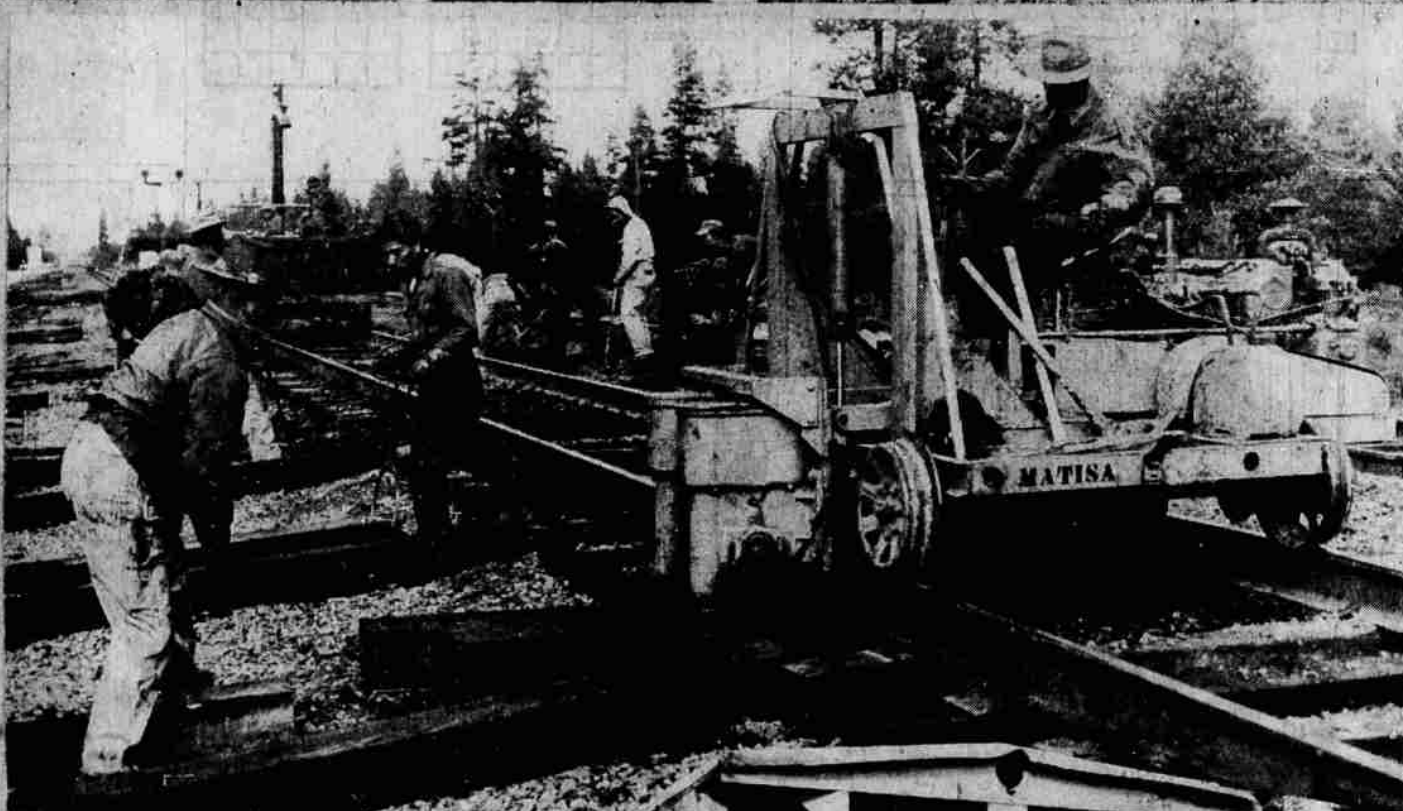
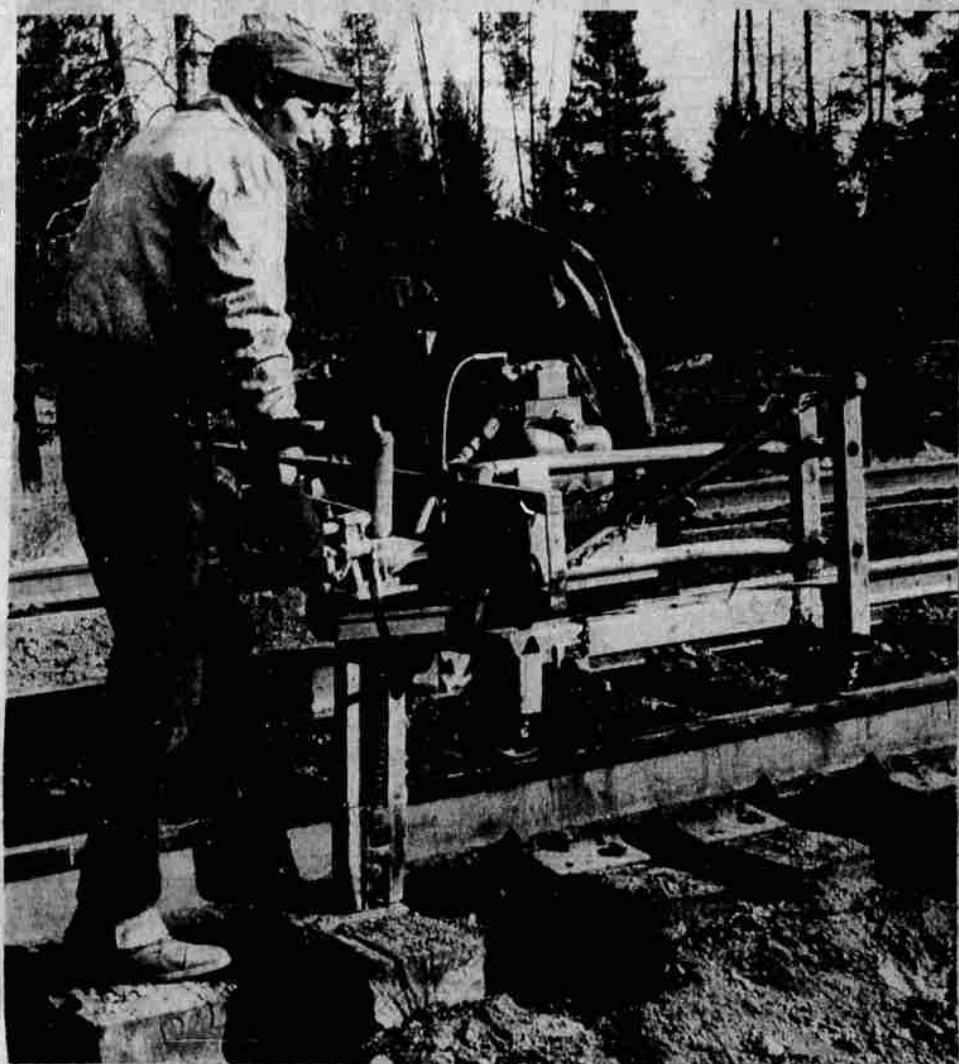
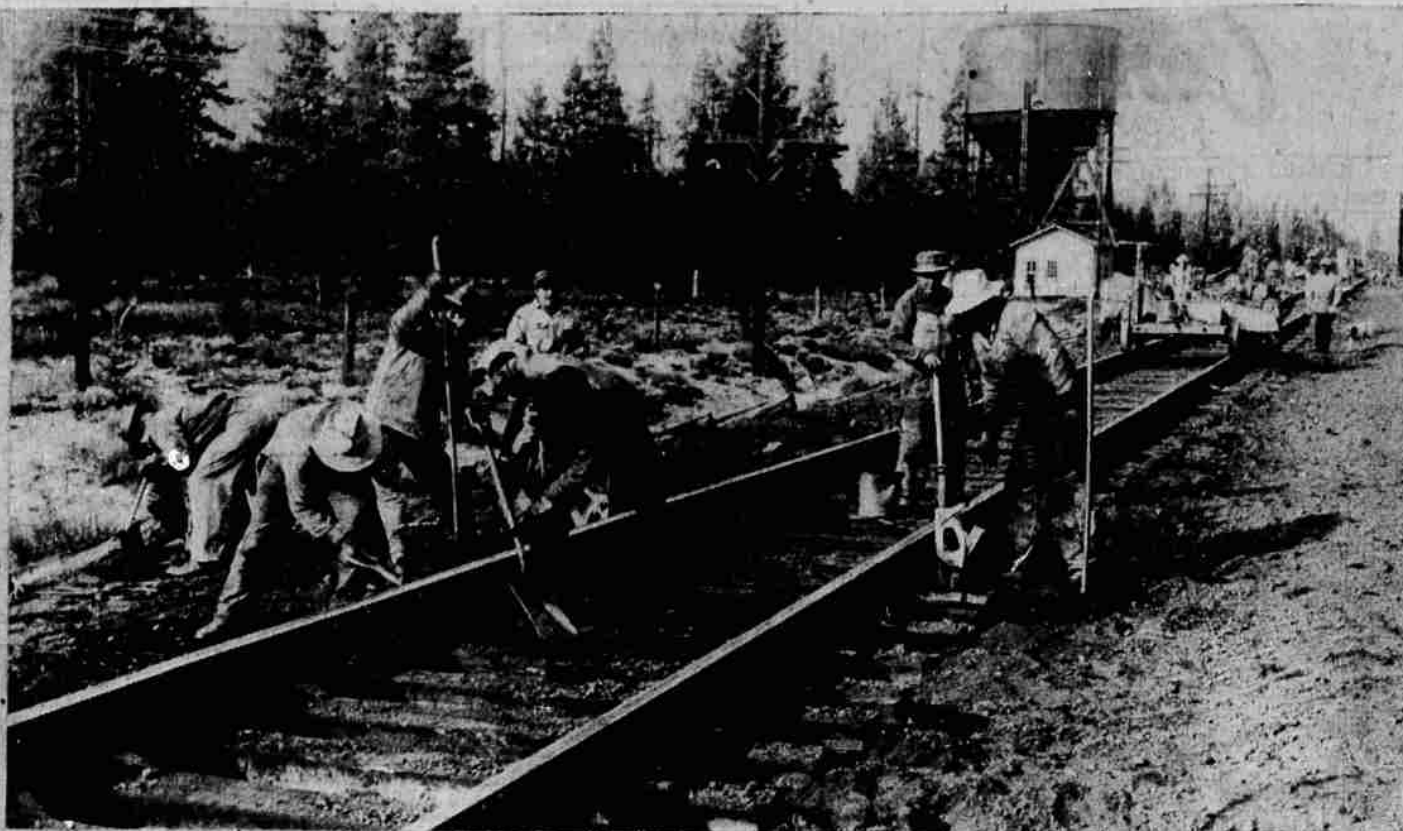


SP "Gandy Dancers" Work Lightened By Machines

PICK SHOVEL EXPERTS who with back-breaking effort laid ribbons of steel from coast to coast and border to border would be amazed to see the new inventions which have made "gandy dancing" on the railroad pretty much of a breeze. Herald and News Photographer Don Kettler spent a day near Chemult with a Southern Pacific track crew and returned with this page of pictures. The only workers on railroad track-laying projects these days are cleanup crews that follow the machines. Such a crew is shown at upper right. Under left pictures a spike-pulling device. Below the cleanup crew pictures, a machine that pulls ties from under the rails and replaces them with new ones is shown operating. The two pictures just below illustrate (left) a spike-driving machine and a device that removes old ballast from between ties. In bottom pictures (right) a track alignment machine is at work; (left) a ballast tamper smooths out the right of way. The Southern Pacific is spending one million dollars to place rock ballast on its mainline between Chemult and Klamath Falls. One-third of the work is completed. Operations have been suspended during the winter months.



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