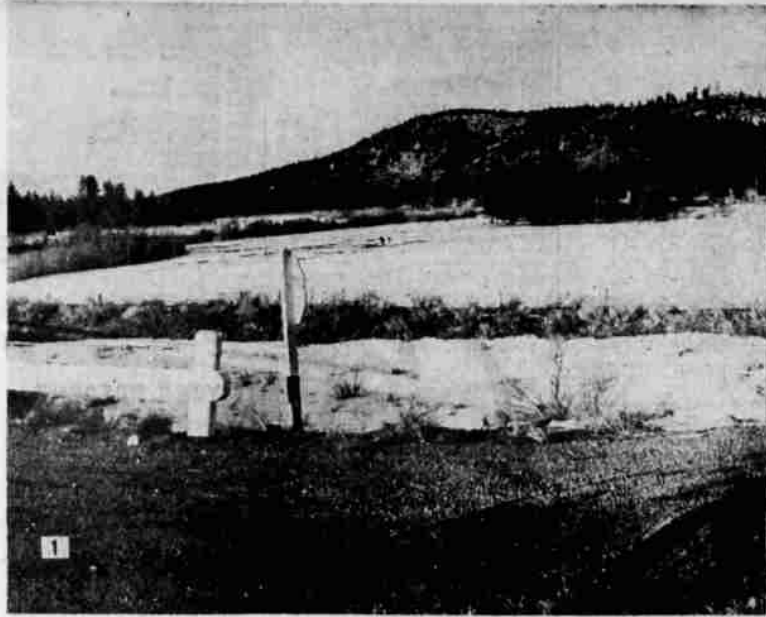




THE NEW JOHNS-MANVILLE SOFTBOARD PLANT will be situated along U.S. Highway 97 at the Williamson River bridge location some 28 miles north of Klamath Falls. These pictures show the general area recently purchased by the firm. Picture (1) shows the river bank area, (2) the clearing off the side of the highway behind the present buildings of the Pines Cafe and (3) shows the track area which runs through the site.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Foreign aid project:
The U.S. government has just proposed buying 10,000 tons of Burmese rice to help meet an emergency food shortage in East Pakistan.

Proceeds from the sale of the rice would be used by the Burmese to hire American technicians to direct various Burmese government projects.

It's a fine gesture, of course. If there are hungry people in East Pakistan, they ought to be fed and since we are the best-off nation on earth it's up to us, according to all the rules, to do the feeding.

But I can't help feeling it would be better for all concerned if instead of going clear around the world to buy rice in Burma to feed East Pakistan's hungry people we just GAVE the food to the hungry Pakistani out of our own surplus supplies, which are becoming so huge that they threaten to destroy our agricultural economy.

Our biggest agricultural problem is to get rid of these surpluses—which arose because our politicians lacked the necessary courage to change our agricultural support policy when the basic conditions that were responsible for the policy changed. As long as they hang over the markets like a dark thundercloud, our agricultural economy will remain unsound—regardless of what we may do in the way of soil banks and such.

We can't burn these surpluses. We can't throw 'em in the rivers and the lakes and the seas. People just won't stand for DESTROYING food. It we start dumping them on the market at whatever price they will bring, we will upset the agricultural economies of all the nations with whom we are allied—which will make their people plenty mad and thus cause even more unpopularity throughout the world than we already dis-enjoy.

But we can give our burdensome surpluses of food away to starving people. Ever since the world began, feeding the hungry has been the RIGHT thing to do. We'd be better off to give it away than to let it lie and rot in expensive storage warehouses.

In New York, scores of Chase Manhattan Bank clerks are continuing their search through the vaults for a MILLION DOLLAR U.S. treasury note that has been lost or mislaid since last Wednesday.

I know just how they feel. I lost my keys a while back, and until I found 'em the world was an upset place.

And—
In London—
Two tons of pentothal—an anaesthetic that is sometimes used as a truth drug—is being shipped from England to a purchaser in Prague, the capital of communist Czechoslovakia.

Hopeful thought:
Maybe somebody in Prague is planning to mix the whole two tons of the stuff in the commies' vodka, thus causing them to come clean and TELL THE TRUTH.

Engle Asks Grab Limit
WASHINGTON (UP)—Rep. Clair Engle (D-Calif.) said today he will sponsor legislation to set a limit of 5000 acres on tracts of public land that federal departments can take over without congressional action.

Engle pointed out that an agency at present can take over tracts of any size. Huge so-called "withdrawals" have been made recently in his congressional district to the detriment of grazing, mining and other uses, he said.

Engle is chairman of the House Interior Committee which has been looking into military withdrawals of public land in California, Nevada, New Mexico and other Western states. He said he plans to introduce two other bills to change the withdrawal procedure.

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A CHARRED HULK was all that remained Monday of Mallory's Shopping Center, Lakeview-Merrill Junction, after flames fanned by strong wind gutted the sprawling frame building. The conflagration at its height is pictured above. Suburban and OTI firemen battled four hours to control the flames. Damage was set at approximately \$150,000.

Oregon Supreme Court May Hear Anderson Appeal

A hearing on an appeal of James Quinton Anderson, Klamath Reservation rancher, from his conviction for the murder of Richard David Miller, 25-year-old show horse breeder, may be heard by Oregon Supreme Court within the next few weeks, the Associated Press reported Monday from Salem.

Special Prosecutor Charles E. Raymond, Portland, filed the state's brief in the case Monday with the high tribunal.

200 Visit Park Over Sunday

Sixty-eight cars brought 200 visitors to Crater Lake National Park Sunday. Maximum temperature was 22; minimum 2 and it was 12 degrees at 8 a.m. today.

Highway 63 is open but icy in spots. The road from Annie Springs to the rim is open for the first time in more than three weeks. Skiing is good to excellent.



GIRL SCOUT WEEK, which began Sunday, was properly ushered in by girls in the photograph above at Mt. Laki Community church, and the more than two and a half million Girl Scouts over the nation, by attendance at services of worship in the churches of their choice. Illustrating the primary tenet of the Girl Scout promise, "On my honor I will try to do my duty to God and my country," the girls above, of senior troop 37, along with two little sisters, are, left to right: Fay Brannon, Georgia Flowers, Charlene Gray, Jerine Smith, Margie Flowers at the bell rope (Brownie Scout), Donna Flowers (Intermediate Scout), Susan McPherson, Karen Ralston, Jeanie Hill and Reta Carr.

Fire Razes Market At Merrill Y

Fire fanned by a strong wind swept through Mallory's Shopping Center at the Lakeview-Merrill highway junction early Sunday morning destroying seven business establishments with damage estimated at approximately \$150,000.

The flames, believed to have started in faulty wiring in a refrigeration system, were discovered by passersby shortly before 5 a.m.

Suburban and Oregon Technical Institute firemen battled the flames for more than four hours.

After the fire had been extinguished, the rambling wooden structure housing a grocery store, meat market, cafe, bakery, cold storage plant, tavern and barber shop had been reduced to charred rubble.

All of the businesses were under the management of Harold Mallory, except the tavern. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Bishop Named WTC Manager

John B. Bishop has been named branch manager of the Klamath Falls branch of Western Union Telegraph Company to succeed David S. Troy who died March 3.

Troy had been branch manager since January, 1955. He was previously executive assistant to Western Union Sales Company's manager of division operations at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Bishop has been with the company 27 years. He has been assistant sales manager, sales manager, and assistant branch manager at Klamath Falls.

Charles H. Ingram, vice president and general manager of WTC, announced the appointment of Bishop.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair and warmer through Tuesday. Low tonight 23-25, high Tuesday 42-47.

Low last night 14
High yesterday 30
Precip. last 24 hours .0
Since Oct. 1 17.87
Same period last year 4.37
Normal for period 8.75

Hitchcock To Stay In Race Against McKay In Primary

PORTLAND (AP)—A former Oregon state legislator, Philip Hitchcock, said Monday he will stay in the U.S. Senate nomination race against Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay.

One of Hitchcock's campaign managers said the issue was simply whether to allow the Republican National Committee to dictate selection of an Oregon candidate. Hitchcock said he remains loyal to President Eisenhower, who Friday gave McKay a pat on the back.

McKay flew to Oregon Friday in a surprise, 11th hour strategy move, and filed for the Republican nomination for the seat held by Democratic Sen. Wayne Morse. He said the Republican National Committee urged him to do it.

Hitchcock already was in the Republican primary race for the nomination, and so were three others. One of those others, Portland attorney L. M. A. Foose, promptly pulled out when McKay filed. Hitchcock first had no comment on the McKay filing, then said he'd have to think over the weekend whether to withdraw, too, in a party harmony move.

Johns-Manville To Build Softboard Plant In Area

NEW YORK—Plans for Johns-Manville to construct a large insulating board plant near Klamath Falls were announced here today by A. R. Fisher, president of the company.

The plant will be located where U.S. Highway 97 crosses the Williamson River, according to Fisher. Initially more than 250 persons will be employed, with a payroll of about one million dollars a year. There is provision in the construction plans for future expansion.

About 50,000 cords of lodgepole or jackpine will be utilized annually, he said. This is one of the first major commercial uses developed for this type of timber.

Employment provided by logging operations will be additional to the 250 employed at the plant.

"Our decision to locate near Klamath Falls," Mr. Fisher said, "was due in large part to the fine cooperation given our engineers in their preliminary studies by many local, state and federal individuals and agencies."

Among those mentioned particularly by Mr. Fisher were the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, its officers and directors, and a large number of private individuals throughout the Klamath Basin who gave help to his company in working out its plans for adequate raw material supplies and a site.

President Fisher also expressed thanks for the assistance given by members of the Oregon Development Commission, including J. W. Smith of Portland, chairman; Robert McCoy of Portland, executive director; and Glen L. Jackson of Medford. In addition he said, members of many other state and federal agencies were most helpful.

Fisher and a number of other Johns-Manville executives visited the proposed plant site Sunday, February 26. Among the group were George S. Smith, vice president and director of engineering; A. K. Higbee, vice president and production manager of the company's building products division, which will operate the new plant. Others included Howard W. Allen, vice president and director of public relations; and Frank Gilchrist of the public relations department.

The new insulating board plant will cover an operating floor space of approximately 275,000 square feet.

Farmer Proves Match For Bull

SEYMOUR, Conn. (UP)—Harry Healey, 86, proved Sunday he's more than a match for a young bull.

A bull ran out of the barn on Healey's farm and headed for the open fields. Healey chased after the animal. Then the bull did an about face and went after Healey. The bull and the farmer tangled. But Healey finally got hold of the nose ring and led the bull back into the barn.

feet. The plant will contain the most modern equipment of its type and will provide the safest and most healthful working conditions.

It is planned to start construction of the plant within the very near future and it is hoped that production of insulating board will begin by the summer of 1957.

The lodgepole pine which will be the principal ingredient of the in-

Among the insulating board products to be manufactured in the new plant will be natural finish building board, decorative ceiling panels and wall plank, insulating board sheathing, acoustical panels and roof insulation, including a new roof deck product which provides roof planking, roof insulation and inside finish in one operation.

Johns-Manville currently has 23 plants and three mines in the United States and Canada. This will be the company's fourth insulating board plant, others being at Jarratt, Va., and Natchez, Miss., with one under construction at North Bay, Ontario.

Insulating board products are among the more than 400 lines of building materials, insulations and allied industrial products manufactured by this 88-year-old company.

Last year Johns-Manville sales totaled 255 million dollars, making 1955 the biggest year in the company's history.

President Fisher has also announced plans for construction of a new Transite asbestos-cement pipe plant near Stockton, Calif.

This plant and the new insulating board plant will bring to six the number of plants the company operates on the West Coast.

Those now in operation are at Pittsburg, Calif., where a wide variety of building materials are manufactured; Lompoc, Calif., where diatomite is quarried and processed into many kinds of filter aids, fillers and insulations; Watsonville, Calif., where Transite asbestos-cement pipe, industrial insulations and mineral wool are manufactured; and Los Angeles, where the company makes asphalt roofing products.

The two new plants are part of a continuing program of expansion and improvement on which Johns-Manville has spent more than 100 million dollars since the end of World War II.

Earlier this month the company announced that it had signed an option on a large gypsum deposit near Las Vegas, Nev., and was considering entering the gypsum business.



THE VIRGINIA CITY and its owners, Mr. T-Bone Towser and Lucius Beebe, right, and Charles Clegg, left, publisher and editor respectively of the Territorial Enterprise in Virginia City, stopped in Klamath Falls for 30 minutes this morning, arriving with Southern Pacific's train 19. They are finishing a 10,000-mile tour of the United States. Also aboard the private car is Katherine Hillyer, a member of the staff of their newspaper.