



MINE OWNER KEITH HODSON shows visitors the latest drift he is sinking in his Rainbow Ridge opal mine. Hodson will show you the mine but does not sell the privilege of working it. Visitors can however, purchase the right to prospect on the surface of the mine property.



LARGER OPALS than can usually be found on the surface are secured by digging down for them. This method, incidentally, is usually favored by the men while the women content themselves with surface hunts. Shown here are two Enumclaw, Washington, rockhounds, W. E. Brown (in hole) and L. S. Vanderbrook. The two heard about the mine from friends and promptly made the long trip to look it over.

Safety Drive In Lumber Industry Paying Off Now

"We are trying to make the lumber industry the safest place in Oregon to work," O. M. Anderson, Medford, told a gathering of Klamath, Lake, Jackson, Josephine and Douglas County lumber executives Friday at a safety meeting at the Willard Hotel, Klamath Falls.

Last year's 23 per cent decrease from 1956 in the list of time-loss injuries is being bettered so far this year, Anderson reported. First quarter statistics show 27.63 time-loss injuries per one million man hours of employment, as against 45.46 for 1957 and 58.86 in 1956. The statistics cover 20 pine lumber operations in the five counties. Total employment in the 20 last year was 5,455,757 man hours.

"Our district ranked fifth last year among the 12 operating districts of the Western Pine Association," Anderson said, "but we are shooting for one of the top spots this year. Western Pine launched an industry-wide acci-

dent-prevention program last year, and it's bringing fine results everywhere. This not only is a humanitarian step, but also helps cut insurance costs which are based on actual experience ratings."

J. R. Grady, Portland, Western Pine Association safety director, told the group that three mills in the five-county district with 99,000 man hours of work had no injury accidents at all in 1957, and the same was true for one planing mill and three factories representing 358,000 man hours of work. This year, first quarter operations brought 31 injury accidents, a sharp decrease from the same period in 1957, he said.

Anderson, executive of Timber Products Company at Medford, is one of four men on the district safety committee. The others are B. I. Parent, Gulf Red Cedar Company, Medford; Virgil Mastelotto, American Forest Products Corporation, Lakeview, and Frank Gilchrist, Gilchrist Timber Company, Gilchrist.



SHEARING SHEEP at Fort Rock was a sight unfamiliar to the many valley residents who stopped by to watch the operation. Top fleeces from sheep run by Jess Miles weighed 13 pounds. Shown here at work is Jim Harding, a junior at Oregon State College. Lambs from 'Miles' flock sold last Monday at top Portland prices and averaged 105 pounds.

Dairy Milestone Is Predicted

Dairy marketing experts predict in Washington that the dairy industry will pass a historic milestone sometime this year. . . . Deliveries from bulk milk tanks will forge ahead of the amount of milk being delivered in cans in markets operating under federal marketing orders.

The forecast is based on a survey made by USDA's dairy division in 67 major milk markets. This shows that in 1957, 47 per cent of the milk in those markets came from farms using bulk equipment, a 14 per cent shift during the year.

In two markets covered by the survey, southeastern Florida, Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, Iowa, all the milk receipts came from bulk tanks.

Jersey Cow Sets Mark

Standard Dreaming June, a registered Jersey cow owned by D. A. Messenger, Shady Acres Farm, Astoria, Oregon, has proved to her stable mates and owners that she has loads of cowpower.

The American Jersey Cattle Club, Columbus, Ohio, recently gave her a Cowpower Index Number of 17.1, which means the milk she produced in 305 days during her recent lactation exceeded her bodyweight 17.1 times. Breed officials say this is a meritorious record.

Standard Dreaming June was tested on both Herd Improvement Registry and Register of Merit systems of testing during her recent lactation. Her register of merit record was carried to 365 days and totaled 16,388 pounds of milk with 1,053 pounds of fat.

The cow was milked twice daily and began the record at the age of 8 years and 6 months. She was bred by the late M. N. Tibbles, Salem, Oregon, who was named a master breeder by The American Jersey Cattle Club in 1951.

Farmer Experiments With Bison Ranch

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (UPI)—Buffalo are grazing on the hills of northern Michigan for the first time in almost 150 years.

The three bison at the Gerald Oleson farm have been put in with Oleson's herd of cattle. Oleson said he bought the animals for a breeding experiment.

"If the experiment is unsatisfactory, I'll give them to the first worthy organization that can make use of them," he said.

Fort Rock Lambs Moved

FORT ROCK — A load of locally raised lambs, the first to be shipped from here in over 25 years, went to Portland last week. Included in the shipment were 27 head from the Jess Miles ranch which averaged 105 pounds and brought top price for the week.

Miles, who will have other shipments ready to go later in the summer, feels that sheep offer the greatest opportunity for a profitable livestock operation for irrigated ranches in this locality. He anticipates a large growth in sheep numbers here.

At shearing time top fleeces weighed 13 pounds. Shearing was done by Jim Harding of Corvallis, a junior in general science at Oregon State College.

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PIPE COLLECTION
PONCA CITY, Okla. (AP) — Raymond Brierly, 60-year-old lumber company sales manager, has collected more than 500 pipes — and he smokes them all. The collection is in his home. And, Brierly pipes with pride, he still has the first pipe he used when he started smoking at 15.

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