

Right-Of-Way Clearing Reported Near Completion

By MYRTLE WINER
 FORT KLAMATH — Nearing completion is work of clearing a right of way and building a four-mile main access road to a tract of timber west of Fort Klamath, acquired this year by the Ellingson Lumber Company of Klamath Falls from the U.S. Forest Service.

Logging contractor James W. Fisher, Klamath Falls, undertook the six-weeks' road building project in November. Affiliated with him are his two brothers, Carl and Thomas. The former has been in charge of the local road building contract, of which the Fisher brothers' cousin, Clyde Maupin, is crew foreman. Providing present mild weather conditions continue, the road should be finished by mid-December, Maupin stated last week.

The Ellingson tract comprises some eight million feet of pine and fir marketable timber, and William Raymond, Klamath Falls logging contractor, has been engaged to cut the trees and haul

the logs to the Ellingson mill at Klamath Falls. He has been doing this for the past three weeks, and logs from the right of way clearing are being transported to the mill by William Wampler, Chiloquin logging contractor. Logging will soon be halted by deep snow, and will be resumed in the coming spring, when weather and road conditions permit.

Caterpillars and other heavy equipment were moved last month to the road building site from Woodleaf, California, where the Fishers recently completed a logging contract.

At present they have two woods operations under way near Redding in Northern California: one at Rainbow Lake, located 20 miles northwest of Redding, managed until recently by Harry (Sonny) McAllister. Last week Carl Fisher was called from the Fort Klamath road building project to superintend the Rainbow Lake logging, as McAllister had received a severe accidental neck injury. Clyde Maupin was left here in charge in Fisher's absence.

The second logging contract is at Minersville, 20 miles southeast of Redding, where Thomas Fisher is superintendent. Logging at both sites is being done for the U.S. Plywood Company of Redding. The Fisher business office is also located at Redding.

The Fisher brothers and some of their crew members are no strangers in Fort Klamath and neighborhood, as they had engaged in considerable logging in the vicinity several years ago. Their last contract was completed in 1956 in the Seven Mile district west of Fort Klamath.

In addition to Carl Fisher and Clyde Maupin, other members of the crew coming to Fort Klamath from California for the road building contract include C. Valencourt, M. H. Handy and Ben Patton. Among other employees are two well known former local residents, C. L. Chuck Moore, Chiloquin, and Lawrence Kendall, Agency Lake district. Ober Brown of Fort Klamath is also employed on the project.

Couple Fetes Anniversary

FAIRVIEW, Utah (AP) — Peter and Celestia Peterson celebrate their 80th wedding anniversary Thursday. Townspeople plan a testimonial dinner tonight in their honor.

They were wed in St. George, Utah, Dec. 11, 1878. He's now 88 and she's 97.

Both are hard of hearing, so they'll listen to the tributes tonight over a radio loudspeaker in their home.

Harold H. Jenson, historian for the Old Folks Central Committee of Salt Lake City, says his research shows the Petersons have been married longer than any other couple in the country. They hold a record, too, for the largest number of living descendants—283.

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Proposed Columbia Firm Termed Magician, Monster

SEATTLE (AP) — Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore) heard the proposed Columbia River Development Corp. characterized, in effect, as a monster or magician at a subcommittee hearing here Tuesday.

A parade of witnesses for and against the bill appeared at the hearing, the second in a series being conducted by the senator as a one-man subcommittee on flood control of the Senate Public Works Committee.

Ralph Ethier of White Swan, president of the Benton County Rural Electric Corp., was an ardent supporter of the measure.

"Half of Yakima Valley would be dark now if it weren't for Grand Coulee Dam and the Bonneville Power Administration," he said.

However, Cecil C. Clark of Wapato, president of the Washington State Reclamation Assn., charged the proposal on the grounds that freedom of restraint on the five-member corporation board and its manager could lead to "one-man rule and dictatorship."

Agreement in principle was expressed by Dean Barline, director of utilities for the City of Tacoma. But Barline criticized two provisions in the contemplated bill.

He said the section giving the corporation power to condemn utilities could be misused.

He also objected to the provision giving the corporation manager permission to allocate power to chosen areas under the board's jurisdiction. This would be a reversal of the present Bonneville Power Administration regulation which grants public utility corporations first call on power.

Others who opposed the plan included Donald H. Thompson of Port Orchard, representing the South Kitsap Chamber of Commerce; Galen Wiley, executive secretary of the Washington State Farm Bureau; C. David Gordon, Olympia, managing director of the Assn. of Washington Industries, and Dean H. Eastman, Seattle Chamber of Commerce president.

Earl Coe, director of the State Department of Conservation, testified he was appearing for Gov. Albert D. Rosellini and that the state was in strong support of the measure.

Others favoring the bill included a representative of Luke S. Graham, chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee and a former superintendent of Seattle City Light.

The hearing moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Wednesday.

Public Assistance Program Costs More, Serves More

Klamath County's public assistance program for this year is serving more people and costing more money than it did last year. Statistics for the first 11 months of the year, released by the County Welfare Board and Mrs. Julia Brown, welfare administrator, show:

Applications for assistance up 22 per cent over 1957; general assistance up 32 per cent; aid to dependent children up 42 per cent, and public assistance and child care expenses up nine per cent.

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foster care for which the county pays a board rate. Applications from potential foster parents pending at the end of November, the county had 19.

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Another Side Of Beck Told

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Another facet of the many-sided Dave Beck was introduced into the record Tuesday when government attorneys called a former widow to the stand to tell how Beck cancelled a \$1,882 debt she owed him.

Mrs. Frances Hart, since remarried, told a federal court jury she and her husband, Al Greer, purchased the former Teamster Union head's home for \$18,000. Greer was a union official and a good friend of Beck's, she said.

The purchase was made when Beck moved into the luxurious home he now occupies on the shores of Lake Washington.

When her husband died, Mrs. Hart testified, she continued to make the payments on her home but soon received a letter from Beck cancelling the debt.

Mrs. Hart said Beck wrote that it gave him great satisfaction to be able to cancel the balance of the payments.

Also on the stand Tuesday was Hayden Mills, operator of the Northwest Securities Investment Co., a firm devoted to financing cars.

He said Beck, a man often pictured as having the Midas touch, lost \$44,000 in the firm when it was liquidated.

A portion of the loss was recovered, Mills said, when the company rented space from Beck which he in turn had leased.

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