

CHAMBER COMMENTS

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Work began this week on the long-awaited survey of hospital facilities and needs of the Klamath Basin by Stanford Research Institute. Dr. Keith Duke, SRI economist, arrived in Klamath Falls Tuesday and, after arranging for the needed local help, began the preliminary task of gathering statistics. Mark S. Blumberg, M.D., who made the original survey proposal, is expected in town this weekend to begin his phase of the research.

J-M Sales, Earnings Set Record

Johns-Manville sales and earnings set new high records in 1959. A. R. Fisher, chairman, announced today in issuing the audited figures for the year.

Net earnings in 1959 were \$31,616,000 or \$3.74 per share of common stock on an average of 8,451,462 shares outstanding. In 1958 earnings were \$23,374,000 or \$2.83 per share on an average of 8,255,117 shares.

Sales were \$377,562,000 in 1959, compares with \$331,743,000 in 1958.

"These records," Mr. Fisher states, "were achieved despite the adverse effects of long strikes at two of our plants and the general slowing down of the national economy caused by the prolonged strike in the steel industry."

"Our fiber glass business grew rapidly during 1959 and contributed substantially to earnings and sales."

"We continued our program of diversification and expansion with the acquisition of a Perlite business."

Before taxes of all kinds Johns-Manville earnings in 1959 were \$62,754,000, which was \$14,684,000 more than in 1958.

Dividends paid in 1959 totaled \$16,685,000 or \$2 per share, compared with \$14,345,000 or \$2 per share in 1958.

All taxes in 1959 amounted to \$31,138,000, of which \$21,830,000 were levied on United States and Canadian income. In 1958 taxes were \$24,696,000, including \$18,850,000 levied on income.

The payroll, including employee benefits, in 1959 was \$150,417,000, compared with \$135,704,000 in 1958. Wage increases in United States and Canadian plants and mines during 1959 averaged 6.8 cents per hour, or 3.8 per cent.

Depreciation and depletion in 1959 were \$16,783,000, an increase of \$1,002,000 as compared to 1958.

Expenditures for additions to and improvements and replacements of Johns-Manville properties amounted to \$17,083,000 in 1959, compared with \$12,514,000 in 1958.

It is anticipated that capital expenditures in 1960 will amount to approximately \$5 million dollars. The printed annual report to stockholders will be available about February 11.

Area Ranchhand Chessmans Out; Fires Attorneys

A ranchhand charged with two first degree murders strongly urged in circuit court Friday that his two court-appointed attorneys be replaced.

Michael Joseph, a small man with a bristling mustache, announced in a torrent of words disagreement with his attorneys on trial defense procedure.

The appointed attorneys, Richard C. Beesley and P. K. Puckett, confirmed in more courtly fashion they and Joseph had been unable to reach procedural agreement.

Joseph's trial was to have begun Monday morning.

Faced with this development in a tense hearing, Judge David R. Vandenberg acceded to Joseph's—and the attorneys' request—that they be relieved of court appointment. The judge now must appoint two other attorneys to represent the 52-year-old defendant.

The judge also moved the trial date back to March 14, at 10 a.m. Joseph is accused of shooting Okey Eugene Richards, 34, and Harry Deman, 56, on the Lang ranch near Chiloquin September 20.

U.N. Observations

Editor's Note: This is another in the series of articles on the United Nations submitted by the U.S. study class of the Women's Society of First Methodist Church with Mrs. Fred Kelsay as chairman.

In our previous articles we have tried to show that, in spite of obstacles and weaknesses, the United Nations has justified its existence by making real progress in carrying out the purposes for which it was formed.

One of the U.N.'s latest endeavors is to ameliorate the pitiful and dangerous condition of the multitude of people who may be called refugees, that is persons who have fled racial, religious, or political persecution, many of them expelled from their countries by war and have lost their citizenship, and are unable to return to their homes because of enemy occupation.

The U.S. aroused by the magnitude of this problem, on July 1, 1959, adopted a program known as World Refugee Year. Secretary Dag Hammarskjold has cited estimates that, since World War II, 40 million men, women, and children have become refugees, and that in 1959 fifteen million are still without permanent homes. Of this number two million qualify for U.N. aid. The World Refugee Year, however, is planned to help all refugees, whatever their status.

World Refugee Year was inspired by four Britons who launched the idea in a British political magazine. The idea caught on in Britain and that government agreed to sponsor the plan in the United Nations. The resolution calling for a "further world-wide effort to help resolve the world refugee problem" was enthusiastically approved and was passed by a vote of 59 to nine.

Fifty two nations, 70 nongovernmental agencies, and individuals around the world are joining in an intensive drive to help these homeless refugees. Each of the participating countries is planning its own program, and some have already given definite pledges of money, homes, relief supplies, transportation, and other forms of aid.

Objectives of the WRY program has included finding countries that would admit refugees and grant them citizenship; placing them in jobs or training them to become self-supporting; promoting adoption of refugee orphans; and providing better food and medical care for those who remained homeless. When the drive was inaugurated Secretary Hammarskjold said: "The World Refugee Year cannot solve all refugee problems, but during the next 12 months this special effort can help a large number of refugees to reach a much longed-for goal—to cease being a refugee—and can relieve the distress of others."

The existence of this horde of homeless people, living of necessity a restricted, subnormal life, cannot but be a menace to the safety of the world and a threat to peace. Therefore this effort of the U.N. is one more move to eliminate the cause of war and "create a climate for peace."

Basin Briefs

Ella Edwards, Quartz Valley, won the Betty Crocker award in home economics at Etna High School. Only one of these awards are given to a school each year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Montgomery, Greenview, returned January 20 from San Jose where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Ian B. Hunter and family, and from San Leandro, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Davis.

Mrs. Gail Thompson returned to her home in Oro Fino January 24 from Visalia where she had been visiting her daughter and son-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Burr, Greenview, enjoyed a visit from their son, Paul, over the weekend.

Clifford Hammer, Greenview, was taken to the Siskiyou County General Hospital at Yreka January 28.

VAGRANT THOUGHT

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) — Words can have different meanings depending on whether they're used by land or by sea. At a luncheon honoring officers of the U.S.S. Macon, the ship's skipper, Capt. Joseph C. Wylie Jr., spoke of the importance of tramp steamer trade to the Great Lakes ports. Mayor Frank A. Sedita thereupon mentioned his many years as a city judge and said he never expected to see the day when "we'd advocate attracting tramps to the city of Buffalo."

ALPHONSE AND GASTON NORWICH, Conn. (UPI)—Dinner was delayed two hours for 150 guests because each of the event's co-chairmen thought the other was arranging for the food.

Caryl's Bid For Freedom Rejected By District Judge

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Caryl Chessman's last-ditch efforts to escape San Quentin's gas chamber Feb. 19—his eighth date with death—go now before the U.S. 9th Court of Appeals.

Aide Named By Hatfield

PORTLAND (AP) — The appointment of Ira C. Keller to head a committee to assist the state Department of Planning and Development draw new industries to Oregon was announced Thursday.

The appointment of Keller, president of Western Kraft Corp. of Portland and Albany, was announced by Gerald Frank of Salem at a meeting here of the governor's Advisory Committee on Planning and Development, which Frank heads.

Others named are E. C. Sammons, U. S. National Bank president; Paul B. McKee, Pacific Power & Light Co. president; Robert B. Pamplin, Georgia-Pacific Corp.; and Glenn L. Jackson, California-Oregon Power Co. vice president.

Frank also reported 19 prominent Oregon businessmen will accompany Hatfield East March 21-25 for luncheons at New York, Boston and Chicago to sell mid-western and eastern industrialists on locating industry in Oregon.

Egg Producers Plan Group

Plans for organizing a new statewide Association of Independent Egg Producers-Distributors will be made at a meeting Tuesday at Roseburg, followed by a second meeting at Corvallis on February 5.

Ivan C. Hoyer, former public relations and news director for Oregon's centennial wagon train, will outline the structure and the benefits of the association to eggmen attending each of the meetings.

Charles Fisher, state agricultural extension agent from Corvallis, will moderate both meetings.

Andrew Carnegie, steel magnate and philanthropist, established nearly 3,000 libraries.

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