

State May Have To Build New \$3 Million Railroad

SACRAMENTO (AP)—California may have to build a new \$3 million railroad to replace one the state appraises at \$37,620.

The beneficiary would be the Georgia-Pacific Corp., which owns the Feather River Pine Mills Inc., which in turn owns an 18-mile railroad running from its mill at Feather Falls nearly to Oroville.

The state passed a \$1.75 billion water plan in November. It calls for an Oroville Dam that would flood in the Feather River railroad.

State law calls for the government to replace any railroad it takes or destroys. It does not call for the replacement to be equal in worth but "equal in usefulness."

The present railroad runs up grades so steep that old, geared locomotives are used. In 1957 a state consultant said it was so badly run down that the company either would have to go into expensive rehabilitation by 1962 or abandon the line and turn to truck hauling.

"The rail is worn out, the road bed has deteriorated, and the last will have to be replaced. New motive power also will have to be secured," said the report.

William Merrifield, state auditor general, said it will cost at least \$3 million to relocate the railroad because of the Oroville Reservoir. He said that even if the company would accept a highway and trucks, instead of a new railroad, the cost would be about as much.

Merrifield quoted consultant H. G. Butler as saying in 1957:

"It seems to me to be utterly ridiculous to contemplate the payment of nearly \$4 million for a railroad that is physically worn out, is obsolete as a method of transportation either as a common carrier or a plant facility of the mill, and which would most assuredly be discarded in the next four or five years regardless of the Feather River project."

Merrifield said, however, that he saw no way out under present California law.

Returns To Job

McCLOUD — Richard Gibson, junior forester with McCloud Ranger District, returned to his position Dec. 1 after two years of military duty. Most of his tour of duty was spent in Germany.

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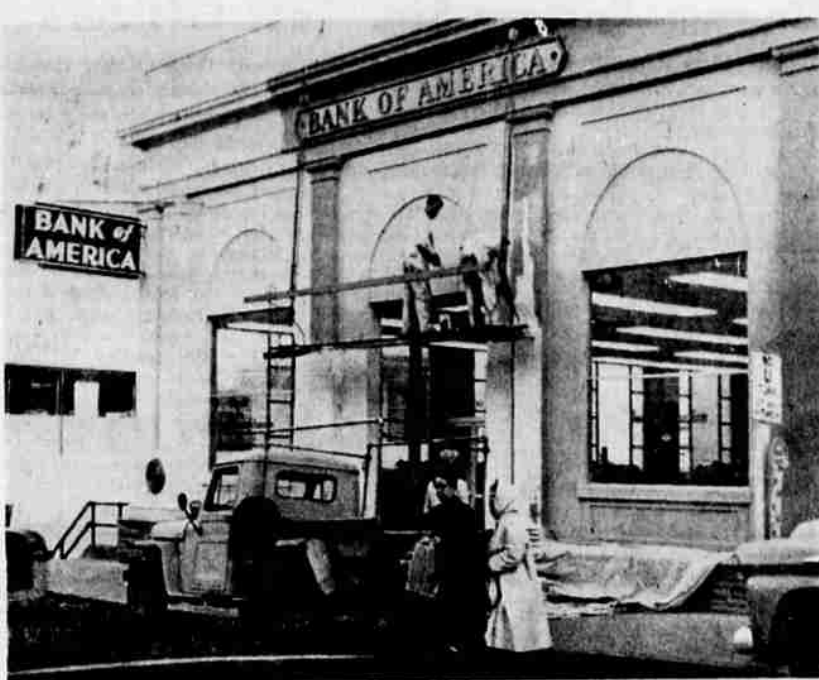
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1,800 File For Jobless Payments

YREKA—According to a report from George Van Buskirk, manager of the Yreka office of the California Department of Employment, more than 1,800 persons filed for unemployment claims during November, and an estimated \$90,900 was paid out.

Van Buskirk stated he believes this set a record for November in his office.

Van Buskirk explained the estimate is based on an average of \$50 per weekly claim. He said there were 670 initial claims filed this November as compared to 332 initial claims in November of 1959.

Van Buskirk said of the 1,800 claims filed some may be by

persons who collected more than once during the month. In November last year the total amount paid out was \$30,050.

Van Buskirk said that this is unusual for the month and that it is usually December or January before claims begin increasing, because of shutdowns following winter storms.

This year, he said, the shutdowns occurred before the stormy season set in.

Van Buskirk also explained that unemployment insurance checks have a maximum duration of 26 weeks. He stated however, that he expects employment to pick up during the second quarter of 1961.

Van Buskirk reports that his office placed 101 men on jobs during November, 1960, as compared to last year's November figure—81. He said many placements this year were for forest fire crews and could not be considered permanent employment.

The figures given by Van Buskirk were only for Northern Siskiyou County, but he noted that the unemployment trend extends into the remainder of the county.

Councilmen Mull Funds

TULELAKE — City councilmen discussed street improvements during a meeting recently.

Councilmen have decided to use funds for engineering, accumulated at the rate of \$1,000 per year for five years, for city street markers.

Councilmen said state Division of Highways personnel will be consulted before signs are placed on the state highway. The signs will comply with state regulations. They will contain figures denoting the city's population and elevation.

Councilmen also voted to place \$20,000 surplus city funds in savings to draw interest.

Paul Christy and George Myers spoke to the group about Horseradish Association, a new local business.

Christy showed samples of a special gift package of horseradish products being manufactured by the company for national distribution.

A survey is being readied by the city engineer to be presented at the January meeting, outlining the projected underground drainage system.

Big Delegation Attends Meet

McCLOUD—A large delegation of sportsmen and club representatives attended a meeting of the newly-organized Northern California Wildlife Federation at Redding Dec. 4.

Among guests attending were Walter Shannon, California Department of Fish and Game director; James Stokes, regional director; Henry Clineschmidt, Fish and Game Commission member, and Mrs. Pauline Davis, second district assemblywoman.

Paul Foster and William Singleton, Yreka; Frank Mel, Mount Shasta, and Ray Kite, McCloud, were Siskiyou County delegates who attended the meeting.

McCloud Scouts Attend Party

McCLOUD — The seventh and eighth grade McCloud Girl Scouts and their leader, Mrs. June O'Brien, spent Friday and Saturday at the scout hall. The time was spent singing, playing records and cooking meals.

Scouts attending were Leslie Cooley, Janey Murphy, Melody Schumacher, Lynn Myers, Mary Fordice, Billie Hamb, Sybil Muma, Christy Hamb and Virginia Price.

Sherman (Roadblock) Jones, rookie with the San Francisco Giants, won all 10 decisions as a relief pitcher with Tacoma in the Pacific Coast League last season.

Christmas Decorating Contest Set

MONTAGUE — Artistic talent and Montague Rotary Club, and Christmas spirit of residents of Montague and Shasta Valley areas are being challenged this year with invitation to enter the first Christmas decoration contest ever held in this vicinity. The contest is sponsored by Shasta Valley Garden Club of Montague. Cash donations from one firm received.

Conferences Are Continuing

DUNSMUIR — Conferences on personnel relations were resumed Monday and Tuesday in Dunsmuir by Southern Pacific officials and supervisors of Shasta Division.

The meetings which started last week were conducted by Hobson Ferguson, psychologist and specialist in public relations for the Southern Pacific Company. Ferguson met with about 20 supervisors in Dunsmuir on Monday and Tuesday of last week and on Wednesday and Thursday held similar meetings in Klamath Falls.

Better employee understanding is the objective of the meetings with stress placed on supervisory techniques and case study.

Pittsburgh World Series star Bill Mazeroski is passing up the banquet circuit this winter to hunt and concentrate on completion of a new home at Greensburg, Pa.

To Sell Business

PORTLAND (AP)—The Columbia Paper Co. of Portland plans to sell its wholesale lumber business at Salem so it can expand its paper business there.

D. C. Ellsworth, an executive of Columbia, said another firm has been negotiating for purchase of the lumber and millwork operation. He said the transaction would involve about \$1 million. Ellsworth said the firm wants to retain the buildings for use by the company.

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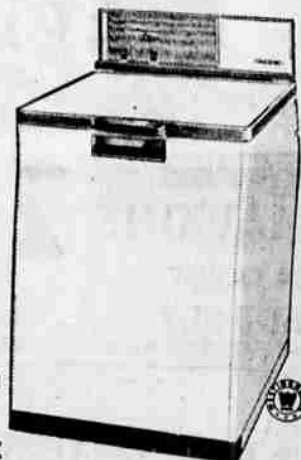
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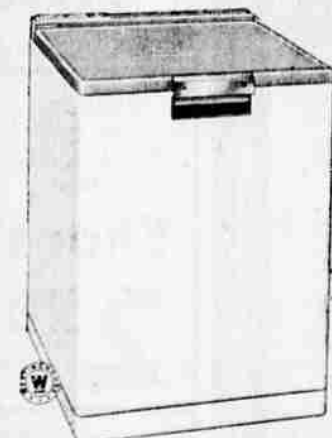
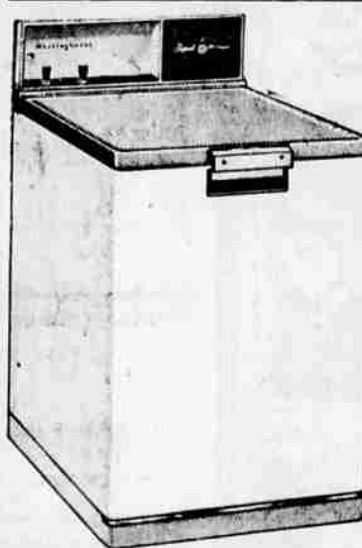
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