

CHAMBER COMMENTS

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The significance of the forest products industry to the state of Oregon and the course which lies ahead for the various segments of the industry were ably set forth last week at an all-day economic seminar held in Eugene.

The seminar, on the topic, "Where Is Oregon Going In The Wood Products Industry?" was sponsored by the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security, the University of Oregon, the Oregon Department of Employment and the Oregon Department of Planning and Development. The speakers included some of the top

men in the forest products industry as well as representatives of the sponsoring agencies.

Professor Richard C. Smith of the University of Missouri pointed out that 53 per cent of all industrial employment in the state of Oregon is in the forest products industry, an industry which he said is undergoing rapid, sometimes painful adjustments. Total employment in wood products is on a slight decline, Professor Smith said, with the great losses in sawmills and planing mills being pretty well offset by marked increases in plywood, paper and allied products employment.

The expansion in the production of plywood and in paper and allied products in Oregon in recent years is nothing short of startling. The number of plywood plants in Oregon has increased 700 per cent in the last 15 years. At the same time, plywood production has shot up 1,100 per cent! Oregon's first paper mill, which opened in 1867 in Oregon City, produced three-quarters of a ton a day. The state's several mills now produce over three thousand tons a day!

The future for both plywood and paper products in Oregon are excellent, according to industry spokesmen. R. H. Noyes Jr., general sales manager for Boise-Cascade Corporation, told his seminar audience that Oregon "has a tremendous future in this expanding industry," but that expansion in the industry is not likely until the 1970s when consumption of paper products will have risen enough to create a significant new demand.

Arthur H. Jones, director of Market Research and Economics for the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, displayed a healthy optimism over the future for plywood, based on the industry's intent to constantly adapt their product to the needs of the market.

What about the lumber industry? Paul F. Ehinger of the Edward Hines Lumber Company was emphatic in his statement that "the lumber industry is not dying, it is just changing," unfortunately with a late start. Again stressing the need for adapting to the requirements of the market place, Ehinger felt there was good reason for optimism in looking to the future.

With the dollar value of wood products in Oregon in excess of \$30 million annually, it is good to hear such a firm note of optimism struck by men in the industry who know what they are talking about.

Submerged Car Yields Body

EUGENE (UPI)—The body of a man was found in a car which plunged through a bridge railing into the lake behind Dexter Dam east of here Thursday night.

State police tentatively identified the victim as Jack Warren, about 30, Portland, a civilian employee of Army Engineers.

Skin divers recovered the body Friday.



A YEAR IN OFFICE — Members and officers of the newly organized auxiliary to the Klamath Basin Sheep Producers Association, have decided on Klamath Basin Bell-Ewes as a name for the group. At a meeting May 2 these officers were named to guide the infant organization through the first year: left to right, Mrs. Jack O'Connor, Merrill, treasurer; Mrs. Jerry McCarty, Bonanza, co-chairman; Mrs. Leonard Will, Tulake, secretary; Mrs. Bryant Williams, Klamath Falls, secretary, and Mrs. Jerry Ahern, chairman.

Basin Bell-Ewes Hear Women's Role Stressed

The importance of an auxiliary to the Klamath Basin Sheep Producers Association was emphasized by Bryant Williams, manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Klamath Falls, and by Ray Petersen, Klamath County Agent, Extension Service, when they spoke at a luncheon meeting of the Klamath Basin Bell-Ewes.

The May 2 meeting was in the Party Room of the Pelican Cafe. Williams mentioned coming dates of importance when women of the newly organized group will assist, including a lamb barbecue for Kiwanis and Rotarians of Klamath Falls in a local park in July; the annual lamb barbecue in Malin and with promotion of lamb in markets by the Sheep Producers Association. The auxiliary will serve food at Lamb Day at the fairgrounds May 8.

A representative from the National Sheep Producers Council headquartered in Denver will be here for the service club barbecue.

Petersen predicted an increase in livestock production, cattle, sheep and hogs, in the Klamath Basin to offset the lower production of grains and potatoes.

Mrs. Harold Williams, Bonanza, wife of a member of the National Sheep Producers Council will chairwoman the "Make It Yourself With Wool" program this year and announced that the contest is now open.

Mrs. John Scovell, Lakeview, is co-chairman of this project.

Mrs. Blanche Hatchett, Poe Valley, will serve as lamb promotion chairman.

Mrs. R. C. Burleigh, Merrill, Mrs. Leonard Will, Tulake, and Inez Delamater will assist with the sewing contest.

Man Hunted In Stabbing

VANCOUVER, Wash. (UPI)—Police were seeking a man with a gray suitcase for questioning in the death Thursday of Mrs. Lila M. Brasmer, 57. She was found stabbed to death in her home north of here.

Police said the woman had been stabbed several times with a paring knife and her assailant had ripped the clothing from her body. The knife was found in the room.

An all points bulletin was issued for the man described as 25 to 30 years old, about six feet tall, 160 pounds with a florid face.

Police said such a man was observed by neighbors of the victim walking along railroad tracks near the Brasmer home.

Harassment Laid To IWA

WASHINGTON (UPI)—National Labor Relations Board trial examiner Martin S. Bennett has recommended that the International Woodworkers of America, local 3-3, "cease and desist," harassment of employees of Wirebound Box Co. in Portland.

His findings were filed here Thursday.

Bennett heard testimony in the case of the struck paper company plant in January and February. He found for the company which had charged unfair labor practices by union workers in a labor dispute.

The harassment occurred on the picket line at the Survivors Island plant against nonunion employees Sept. 24, 1962. The company closed down June 11 when struck by the IWA.

Bennett found there was evidence of blocked entry, broken tail pipes, broken windshield wipers, a broken car window, thrown coffee, spitting, broken radio antennas and other aggressive conduct including picketing with a horse.

Tanker Crashes Bomber In Mid-Air

ASHTON, Idaho (UPI)—An aerial search started at dawn Saturday for an Air Force B-47 bomber lost Friday night in a collision with a tanker over the wild and rugged Idaho-Wyoming border.

The Air Force at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, said the bomber apparently went down about 20 miles northeast of here. This would position the crash scene in the Idaho portion of Yellowstone National Park.

The KC135 tanker sustained wing damage but managed to limp to the Mountain Home base for a safe landing.

A sighting of the missing B-47 had not been made. Its position was estimated by members of the tanker crew. Four crewmen were aboard the bomber.

The Air Force said the collision occurred about 6:45 p.m. as the aircraft engaged in an aerial refueling drill. The pilot of the

tanker radioed a Federal Aviation Agency tower that the B-47 had gone into a "flat spin" and disappeared into a cloud bank.

Idaho and Wyoming law enforcement personnel were attempting to make their way to the scene. Sheriff's deputies at St. Anthony, Idaho, said the Forest Service roads in the vicinity were snow clogged and snowcats probably would have to be used.

An Air Force rescue unit was alerted at Mountain Home, and the Air Force said it would be dispatched as soon as a sighting was made.

There was no indication what caused the crash. The Air Force

said an investigation was underway. The FAA said the collision occurred between 24,000 and 29,000 feet. The bomber was assigned to the Mountain Home Base, the KC135 to Larsen AFB, Wash.

Bomber crew members were identified as Capt. Frank G. Zumba, 32, the pilot; Capt. Bruce A. Chapman, 33, the co-pilot; 1st Lt. Lorin B. Matthews, 30; and the crew chief, S-Sgt. Lawrence E. Harrison, 35.

The tanker was assigned to Larsen AFB, Wash. The B-47 was assigned to Mountain Home AFB. None of the tanker crew was injured.

Officials at Larsen AFB said the KC135 was piloted by Capt. G.F. Frazier, 34, Winfield, W. Va.

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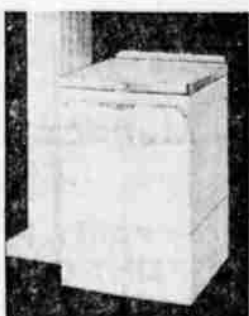
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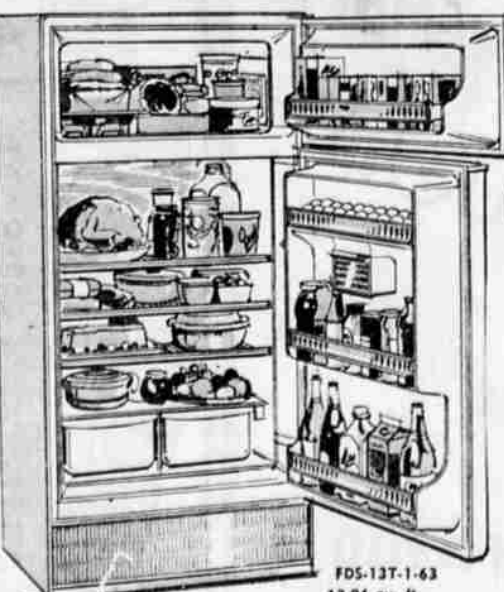
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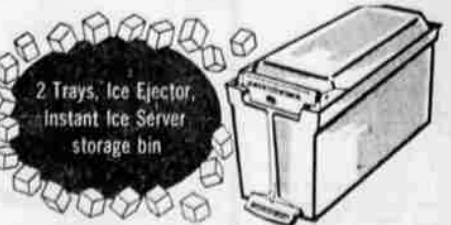
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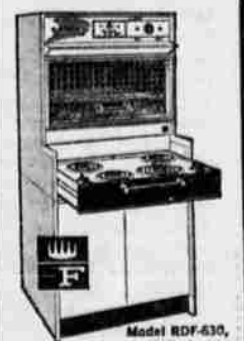
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