

47 to 29

Union out at Sacto Moulding

By Jane Braxton Little
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Sacramento Valley Moulding Company (SYM) in Crescent Mills returned to non-union status December 14 when workers voted 47 to 29 against union representation.

The employees had a choice to make. They made it, said Tom Yagerhofer, controller at the plant employing 80 workers in two shifts. Today ends an automatic seven-day waiting period during which the union can protest the election process.

The election followed a bargaining session in July between

management and Lumber Production and Industrial Workers Local 874 (LPIW). At issue were an employee pension plan, a wage increase, and health and welfare benefits.

The workers walked off their jobs July 29, returning five days later after the company and the union agreed to continue negotiations on the contract which ended May 1. An employee request for union decertification resulted in last week's election. SYM had been a union mill since 1980.

Yagerhofer said the company would institute a pension plan similar to the one proposed during

bargaining talks last summer, replacing the union pension plan with company contributions to employee IRA accounts.

"On paper, the IRA plan will be better for people 40 years old and less. Senior employees will get their pension out of the old union plan, and something from the new IRA plan as well," Yagerhofer said.

SYM will make no immediate changes in its wage scale, Yagerhofer added. The company had proposed an employer in-charge plan, awarding bonuses based on production, he said. A health and welfare plan com-

parable to the one proposed during bargaining talks will be invited, according to Yagerhofer.

LPIW representative Gerald Donkey promised another union election in one year. "It's a sad situation when so many people in the work force today either fail to recognize what's happening, or just flat don't care about their future well-being. Somewhere down the road they will realize they made a big mistake," Donkey said.

As the strike at SYM's neighbor, Louisiana Pacific, Con-

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County to try for bridge fund

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Plumas County will apply for \$50,000 to refurbish Shoo Fly Bridge if Acting County Counsel Susan Roff and Community Development Director Bill Buterworth can develop a proposal which meets both legal and financial requirements.

Improvements to the bridge built in 1889 would allow 24 workers to remain the same jobs they were forced to quit when the U.S. Forest Service closed Shoo Fly Bridge in October. Buterworth told the Plumas County Board of Supervisors December 13. Based on the economic benefits, he gave the county an excellent chance of being awarded community development block grant monies through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Feather River Travertine Quarries, a newly organized company, is in the process of reopening the mine operated until October by Moe Hanson and Jim McGrew. Feather River representative Bill McGraw told the Board December 13 that the mine contains reserves of 50,000 tons of travertine which could be worked for 50 years. Approximately 12 jobs would be generated by the travertine mine, and an additional 12 by place gold mines just downstream which also used Shoo Fly as their only access.

While the county must state ownership of Shoo Fly to apply for HUD grant funds, it has no available, according to Roff. The Board authorized Roff and Buterworth to resolve this "Catch 22" and directed Roff to investigate reacquisition of the bridge.

The original Shoo Fly Bridge was built in 1870 as part of a county road from Little Black Hawk Creek near Quincy to Indian

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EXCELLENT TURNOUT—A large crowd turned out last Friday afternoon and evening for the Chamber of Commerce's annual Wood Bond, where the mcg. punch and conversation were shared by members of the community.

Two ruled out in Keddie case

Two men who admitted to a rash of murders and were recently interviewed by more than 200 detectives in Sacramento have been ruled out as suspects in the Keddie Murder case.

The two men, Henry Lucas, 47, of Texas and Civil Tule, 36, of Jacksonville, Florida, were most likely not in the Keddie area at the time of the April 1981 murders, according to Sheriff's Sgt. Steve Wright.

Wright was one of more than 200 detectives who travelled to Sacramento to cross-check information from the much publicized duo in an effort to solve other murders. Detectives came from five states, with 180 California officers involved, Wright said.

Wright found evidence that the pair had travelled through the Feather River area in 1980, because he found references to Hwy. 70 and Sacramento. But they apparently left California in November of 1980 and did not return until May of 1981, Wright said, indicating they were not near Keddie at the time of the crimes.

The pair has also been indicted for an April 14, 1981, murder in Jacksonville, Florida. The Keddie murders happened in the early morning hours of April 12, 1981, and the pair did not fly in their travels, according to Wright. The fact that body markings on their victims and the scenarios of those killings were not consistent with the Keddie crimes convinced Wright even more that they were not involved in the local murders.

But the visit to Sacramento was a complete disaster for the Keddie murders investigation, Wright said. Names of other suspected mass murderers were found in the Sacramento evidence pool, along with other information, Wright said the names

and the new information will be checked thoroughly.

Three people, Glenn S. Sharp, 36, her son John, 15 and his friend, Dana Wingate, 17, of Quincy, were found bludgeoned and stabbed at the Sharp's Keddie home. Tim Sharp, 12, who was apparently in the home at the time of the crime, has never been found. Investigators said long ago that "he was most likely murdered as well."

Sheriff's office investigators and the Department of Justice have called the Keddie murder case one of the most frustrating they have ever come across. However, the investigation has remained open and continues to be active.

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Weather...
County Forecast
The National Weather Service in Red Bluff predicts a white Christmas with snow Friday and Saturday. Winds will be light and southerly. Highs in the 40's, lows in the 30's.

Compiled by Bob Ayres Jr.

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There has been 26.11 inches of precipitation in the Quincy area this year. Last year at this time, we had 21.84 inches. Snow data is six inches. The average annual precipitation rate is 64.4 inches.

Quincy gets new fire engine

A Christmas gift to the community—a sparkling new fire engine—was unveiled by Quincy Fire Protection District this week.

The gleaming white 1,450-gal. pumper-tanker was the major item in the four-year major improvement program approved by the voters in 1980. As a result of overseeing manager of Measure A-assessing each parcel of real estate \$17.50 per year with an additional charge of one cent per square foot on commercial

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JUST IN TIME—Residents in the Quincy Fire Protection district are getting one of the nicest Christmas presents of all—a new fire truck. Pictured above taking delivery of the new truck from Tony Rowlett (left) of Feather Fire Trucks is commissioner Dorothy Dunn and newly appointed captain of the truck, John Galton. The chassis was purchased locally from Country Motors. The truck has a 1,450-gallon capacity and carries 1,200 ft. of 1 1/2 inch hose with two five lines, 2-bourier lines, and its own generator. Another feature is the Santa Rosa fog nozzle (insert) which can be operated from inside the cab as demonstrated.

The Sun...

December 21	7:20-4:40
December 22	7:21-4:40
December 23	7:21-4:40
December 24	7:22-4:50
December 25	7:22-4:51
December 27	7:23-4:52

Lakes...

Elev. Area Ft.	
Bucks	5,138 72,947
Almanor	4,807 60,629

Smile...
At this time of year it's nice to think that God is like Hallmark Cards. He cares enough to send the "Very Best!"