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Mrs. Hap Lewis is more than happy to report that the response to the "feeler" printed in a recent addition of the Pilot concerning a community Little Theatre group was gratifying.

Further plans are being formulated regarding a suitable meeting place and the availability of an auditorium.

Anyone with knowledge, interest, and or enthusiasm in a project of this kind is asked to contact Mrs. Lewis by phone at Brookings 4493. There is plenty for you to do even if you feel a lack of histrionic ability.

The group hopes to study good plays, production methods, makeup, experimental theatre, and just generally have a good time while endeavoring to contribute a small effort to community enterprise.

TIMBER OPERATORS TO MEET
The Curry County Timber Operators plan to hold their first regular fall meeting on Sept. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nix and daughter, Kay, moved here from Grants Pass last week. They are residing at the Sunset Motel, Unit 12. Kay is attending 7th grade, and Mr. Nix is working for the Musser Logging Co.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nix and family on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gardwood and daughters Yvonne and Donna of Shedd, Oregon.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I see where they are talking of building a new post office for Harbor.

That will be swell, as I think we have the best post office and help right here in Harbor.

So go ahead and build us a new building, but please leave it on the same site it's been on for so many years.

It sure is handy.

Mrs. Andrew Jackson
Box 72, Harbor

ATTORNEY DEATH REPORTED

D.A. Gordon Weller of Del Norte County died last week in San Francisco. C.A. Degnan was appointed to succeed him.

THE BUSINESS SCENE

New heights being reached by specific businesses are no longer observed with a feeling of excitement. We are getting used to all-time records. One reason for this blase attitude is the fact that the amount of gain in one year over the previous year is usually small. Happily this is also true of the degree of decline from year-earlier levels among less fortunate industries.

A good over-all reflection of the business scene is the Federal Reserve index of industrial production. July activity in the nation's manufacturing and mining industries was reported to have been 144% of the 1947-1948 average levels.

The revised June industrial production index was also 144%.

Significantly, business activity continues to exceed the 1956 average, as reflected by a 143% index for last year. Even if business dips back to the spring lows this fall (which seems unlikely) 1957 should set a new record.

Weak spots and strong spots are both present, but steel production is edging up week by week as auto manufacturers begin to order materials for production of the 1958 models.

Housing starts are hovering just below the one-million (annual rate) mark, and appliance sales do not seem to be getting any worse. Department store sales apparently set a new record in July. Inventory reductions are not sapping the strength of the economy to any great degree.

Guarded optimism over fourth-quarter prospects still seem to be a well-founded attitude. Although a sideways economy might prevail, as it has for some months, the longer such stability prevails the less likely a precipitous economic decline becomes. When individual industry problems can be worked out in an atmosphere of general prosperity solutions are more readily developed.

Non-ferrous metals continue to be ranked among the "weak" industries. Copper prices were again reduced recently to the lowest levels in three years. Copper and brass mills expect a resurgence of orders when new auto production builds up in coming weeks. The effect of a pickup in demand upon copper prices is impossible to assess however. Supplies are still over plentiful.

Other non-ferrous metals may be facing a brighter future. President Eisenhower recently asserted that he would support an increase in import tariffs on lead and zinc to aid the depressed domestic mining industry. A belief that prices of lead and zinc may have "bottomed out" pervades the markets. Buying has taken an encouraging tone in recent weeks.

Aluminum producers heralded the news that the average 1958 car will contain 25% more aluminum than 1957 models. Stainless steel which has not displayed its usual growth this year, is also expected to gain ground on other metals in the new cars.

The business scene is reviewed weekly by the Research Department of J. Henry Helser and Co., Investment Managers, with offices in principal West Coast cities.

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