

### Building Permits Top May Total

Building permits issued in the city of Eugene during June were almost \$200,000 over the month of May, but they failed to top this year's record month of March.

Permits for new structures and repairs during June totaled \$748,955. In May, they totaled only \$552,093, but the March permits totaled over a million dollars.

The city building department last month issued a total of 145 permits, including 60 for new buildings and 85 for repairs to existing structures. Last month's permits more than doubled those of June, 1947, when the total was only \$373,180.

Broken down, the figures of the past month show the following permits and their total value: two duplexes at \$20,000; 41 new residences at \$335,600; nine garages at \$4100; five commercial buildings at \$121,000; two schools at \$187,900; one apartment for \$25,000; 70 residential repairs at \$36,535; and 15 commercial repairs at \$18,820.

### Fighting Mick Battles Cops

CHICAGO—(AP)—Dennis Ahern, 29, a fighting Irishman from county Mayo, was placed in a straight-jacket Thursday after fighting off five squads of police for almost a half hour.

Ahern, an Irish immigrant, stopped here Tuesday night en route to visit relatives at Merrill, Ore. Three negroes robbed and beat him. Police found him staggering along a street, bleeding profusely.

He was taken to a hospital, where doctors said he had a fractured skull. He was on the operating table when he came out from under the influence of the anesthetic and began swinging wildly at doctors, nurses and police.

He knocked one policeman down and fled from the hospital. Five squads of patrolmen finally subdued him. Apparently delirious, he was taken to the county hospital for observation.

### Boeing Plant Seeks Employes for Seattle

Boeing Airplane Co. in Seattle has immediate openings for nearly 7000 skilled and semi-skilled aircraft workers.

Boeing is famous for its B-17 Flying Fortresses and B-29 Superfortresses of World War II. It has a backlog of more than \$300,000,000 in orders for military and commercial airplanes including the new B-50 Superfortress and airline Stratocruiser.

The company said that although the independent Aero Mechanics' Union is on strike at Boeing's Seattle plants, federal district court has found the strike unlawful and held that the union has lost its collective bargaining rights.

Since the strike, more than 3100 new and former Boeing employes have been placed on the job. The company announced this week that it needs a permanent work force of 14,000 persons.

### Experienced Policemen to Go On Shifts with Newer Officers

Eugene police officers Thursday began a new system of rotating shifts under a program designed to mix the experienced men with those of less experience.

Police Chief Keith Jones revealed the plan Wednesday during a speech at Lions Club luncheon. Local officers previously began their careers on the midnight and swing shifts, while those with seniority and experienced in police work took the more favorable day shift.

Jones noted, however, that major crimes generally occur between the hours of midnight and daylight, and that more experienced men are needed to handle the cases.

"The economic trend here is sound at the present time, and we have had little hard crime," he said, adding however that there had been five unsuccessful safe attempts during the past 60 days.

The officers will rotate shifts every three months.

Jones told Lions Club members that the police department is "working very hard" on training program and that it now is trying to get a pistol and rifle range.

One 36-hour course which every new officer must complete teaches fingerprinting techniques, while another course teaches traffic information, investigation of break and enters, report writing and similar phases of police work.

The local police force totals 29 men. "The day of the big dumb cop is passed; we must be professionally trained men," said Jones in telling of the training programs.

### Bonus Plan On Ballot

PORTLAND, (AP)—The \$500 veterans bonus issue appeared assured of a spot on the November ballot Thursday.

Roland C. Bartlett, democratic nominee for congressman and member of Yank Legion, said petitions to get the issue on the ballot were sent Wednesday to the state capitol. He said the petitions bore 30,142 signatures. Only 18,969 valid signatures are required.

Funds are to be raised by a bond issue under the bonus plan. It would give \$15 a month to Oregon veterans for domestic service and \$25 a month to those with overseas service. It was supported by Yank Legion.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars convention recently opposed the plan supported by the World War II veterans organization.

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