

VALLEY CITIES REFLECTING BUSINESS RECOVERY

PACKING PLANT FIGURES BOOST STAYTON HOPES

Stayton—Merchants today conclude one of the best twelve month business years in the past decade, taking advantage of a rejuvenated market and definitely moving out of the depression years. The business recovery in the Stayton district during 1936 was widespread, covering every branch of the industry affecting the welfare of the community. The trend, from the outset, was upward, with practically every succeeding month eclipsing the mark established during the preceding month by a comfortable margin.

STRIKE HURTS TRADE
The only adverse reaction noted in business in this community during the past year has been the effect of the maritime strike on the Christmas trade. Many of the merchants were unable to obtain shipments contracted for several months earlier, which left their stock at a low ebb. There also was an adverse psychological effect on the buying public, merchants reported.

With the exception of the turkey growers, who took a beating in the market this season, producers of this territory enjoyed the best market of the past several years. The strawberry price was slightly better than last year, gooseberries and beans strangled an increased price and the prune growers who sold to the local cannery received the highest price paid in many seasons.

CANNERY PACK HEAVIEST
The pack at the cannery this year was the largest since the organization of the unit, according to the report today of George Smith, manager. The sales for 1936 total \$380,000.

The records of the company show a pack of 5,150,014 pounds of fruits and vegetables a total of 183,000 cases and 1700 barrels of cold pack. The payroll for the year was \$38,118 with 275 persons employed during the peak of the season.

More than a quarter million dollars was expended by the Stayton Cannery company during the past year for canning supplies, which gives an indication of the successful season. Of this amount \$130,000 was paid to growers in this immediate district for fruits and vegetables. The other costs include \$87,000 for cans, \$24,000 for sugar, \$16,000 for cases, \$10,000 for labels and \$5,000 for barrels. This is an aggregate outlay of \$272,000.

Again at the cannery the maritime strike was felt as it eliminated at least two months of the buying season because of the inability to ship the goods.

BUILDING HITS PEAK
The building industry seemed to new heights in this territory when more than \$100,000 in new construction was contracted. One of the startling features of this market was that with but few exceptions the buyers did not take advantage of the Federal Housing administration plan but financed their own projects.

The Stayton district was established as a home center during the year when it is estimated that \$60,000 or three-fifths of the entire construction outlay was expended for residential projects. Many of these contracts were for remodeling and alterations but a large amount also was expended for new homes. Farmers constructed an unusual number of out buildings during the past year. Grant Murphy of the Murphy-Gardner Lumber company reported. Hog pens, chicken coops and barns were contracted for in large numbers, he reported.

REALTY DEALS BOOM
The real estate market showed one of the greatest comebacks when property valued at more than \$40,000 was sold. This is a remarkable revival considering the fact the bulk of the sales were for residential property and small acreage. George H. Bell, real estate and insurance broker for this territory, reported. The demand for small acreage has been so brisk that the supply has been exhausted, he said. The Paris-Woolen Mills, operating at a capacity basis for the past several months, reported one of the best years since its organization. Shipment of robes and blankets to eastern and mid-western markets has kept the big industry moving at rapid pace.

The automobile business hits a new high peak in Stayton during

Plant Output Boosted Cooperative Creamery Patrons Are Informed

Mt. Angel—Approximately 1500 patrons of the Mt. Angel Cooperative Creamery attended the annual banquet given Thursday in St. Mary's school. R. J. Berning, president of the local creamery, opened the meeting and welcomed the patrons. He pointed out that this has been the largest and most successful year of the creamery's history, having manufactured about 1,800,000 pounds of butter and increased in value about \$130,000 over 1935.

Rufus Holman, state treasurer and also a patron and member of the creamery, was also present. In speaking of the functions of the state he said that some of the state's outstanding bonds are non-recallable which seriously handicaps the financial structure of the state. He stated that twice during the present year the cash balance of the various departments of state amounted to over \$14,000,000 and yet could not be used to pay some of the state's debt thereby limiting interest.

Clyde Smith, president of the Farmers' Union Cooperative Creamery of Sheridan, stated that they owe their existence to the knowledge they gained from the Mt. Angel creamery. They have been in existence for about six years and have manufactured three-quarters of a million pounds of butter.

Roy A. Ward of Portland, manager of the Pacific Wool Growers' Cooperative, pointed out the seriousness of the reciprocal tariff agreement of some of the foreign countries as it affects the dairy interests, stating that in the past year nearly 20,000,000 pounds of butter were imported and around 15,000,000 pounds of skim milk powder. A neat profit was shown in history, butter milk powder. Another serious detriment to the dairy industry at the present time is the manufacture of oleomargarine, this year being the largest make in the history of the industry.

S. T. White of Salem, director of agriculture, compared the creamery to a hive of bees in their success by doing for all and working together. He invited the dairymen and farmers to consult with him on any matters pertaining to agriculture, stating that his department was willing to assist in any way in bettering their condition. A short musical program was also presented and included two violin selections by Anna Mae Schiedler accompanied by Miss Louise Oswald; several vocal solos by Miss Clara Keber accompanied by Miss Ursula Keber, and several selections by P. Zambella of Hillsboro, who sang and danced.

The business men of Mt. Angel waited on tables as has been their custom in the past years. The menu consisted of 1800 pounds of meat made into pork sausage, seven sacks of potatoes, 200 loaves of bread, 100 gallons of Mt. Angel ice cream, 50 gallons of sauerkraut, 125 pounds of beans, 70 gallons of cream for coffee, 100 pounds of Rose Valley butter, and 70 gallons of fresh frozen strawberries.

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NEW PLACES OPENED
Of the new places opened during the year are a printing shop, a general dry goods store, a beauty shop, two light lunch and liquor places, a shingle depot, a radio repair shop and a number of service stations. The town's greatest need is reasonably priced homes for rent or sale, calling for a building program of homes.

Honor Mrs. Yoeman On 68th Birthday
Stayton—Mrs. M. W. Yoeman was honored Monday afternoon on her 68th birthday anniversary when a group of friends surprised her at the home of Mrs. Earl Yeoman. A handkerchief showed was a feature of the afternoon. The hostess was assisted during the tea hour by Miss Nadine Yoeman.

Those bidden to honor Mrs. Yoeman were: Mrs. Hattie Smith, Mrs. Ross Hughes, Mrs. Mike Wendt, Mrs. G. Glover, Mrs. A. Davis, Mrs. Bertha Waters, Mrs. Minnie Hawthorn, Mrs. Sarah Smith, Mrs. Ralph Yoeman, Miss Nadine Yoeman and Mrs. Earl Yeoman.

SILVERTON HAS NEW HOME NEED SURVEY STATES

Silverton—In contacting the business places of town, concerning their 1936 summary of operations, the general reply is that of a satisfied proprietor. All told of a gradual gain over 1935, and a sane approach to times that they considered completely back to normal. The gains ran from an even 10 per cent to a double or even treble over the previous year.

The big fire of the early part of the year 1935 would influence a favorable comparative value to the past year. This event has proved to be rather a benefit to the town in way of better housing facilities for business places. The most evident result of improvements rising from the fire is the local theatre, the increase of business of which is comfortably satisfactory.

JEWELERS MAKE LEAST
The lowest gain was made in the watch repair and jewelry stores which held their own and came out some ahead of previously. The greatest force ahead was reported from the eat places and the real estate dealers as well as a noticeable increase in taking out insurance policies both on property and personal.

The drug stores suggested a sane, pay-for, useful buying during the holidays with an estimated 10 per cent increase. The figures of one restaurant showed double the business of last year and all others were satisfied to stay in Silverton. All grocery, furniture, hardware and dry goods stores showed a reasonable increase. A neat profit was shown in need stores, plumbing, auto repairs and sales, shoe shops, leather workers and service stations.

ASSETS ARE LISTED
The principal assets to Silverton, industrially, the Silver Falls Timber company, Eastman Brothers, the creamery, the Walin cannery, the broom handle factory and smaller concerns, all have offered longer and better working hours to their employees.

The schools are full to overflowing. The census of 1440 young people is above that of any previous year and the registration in the junior and senior high schools is past all records with the number twice that for comfortable accommodations.

Only two business places have sought other territory, the Hasselstab Music store, and the Past Time parlors of which Frank Joerg is proprietor. Some changes of locations in town have been made with remodeling and improving of places evidenced.

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MOVE FROM GATES
Gates—Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Bevier have moved from their Gates home where they had resided for many years, to the Fox Valley section. They recently purchased the Clyde Dressler property there.

Glittering Object Is Real Nugget

Lebanon—Sometimes that which glitters is really gold. Such was the discovery of Mrs. W. C. DePew of Lebanon, who was offered only 15 cents for a real gold nugget worth around \$10. The lump of gold was given Mr. and Mrs. DePew by a relative who found it in the Blue Mountains in eastern Oregon. They never knew its value, and were not sure it was real gold. A transient gold buyer said it was "a lump of lead with thin gold covering, and worth 15c." His eagerness to purchase it as such caused the owner to become suspicious. When subjected to examination by J. Jordan, local jeweler, the lump was pronounced a nugget of pure gold.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY HEARS ABOUT AFRICA

Jefferson—The Missionary society of the Christian church met in the church parlors Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Hugh Bilyeu and Mrs. Lee Wells hostesses.

Preceding the program an executive meeting was held, presided at by Mrs. Charles Hart, president of the society. Mrs. Hart also led the devotionals. Mrs. Leta Thomas was program leader, the lesson topic being "Africa, the Mighty Continent." Mrs. Sallie Tandy and Mrs. Ernest Powell gave readings on the subject. At the tea hour refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Members present were Mrs. Charles Hart, Mrs. Marvin Hutchings, Mrs. Sallie Tandy, Mrs. S. A. Pease, Mrs. Leta Thomas, Mrs. Ernest Powell and the hostesses, Mrs. Hugh Bilyeu and Mrs. Lee Wells. Guests were Mrs. Albert Arnold, Virginia Pease, Beverly Wells and Donna June Powell.

FOREIGN WAR VETS GIVE ANNUAL FEED

Silverton—The Veterans of Foreign Wars post and auxiliary gave their annual turkey supper Wednesday night at the armory club rooms with more than 100 present, a program and informal social time were held following the supper.

The program included: Musical selections by the Whitlock sisters and Herigstad triplets, talk by Arthur Dahl, piano solo, Howard Chandler, Barbara Jean Palmer; reading, Lester Standard; group singing led by Elmer Johnson.

The committee on arrangements included Mrs. L. Standard, Mrs. S. McPike, Mrs. J. Meek, Mrs. L. Devericks, Mrs. E. Grant, Scott McPike, Mrs. D. Service, Lester Standard, Lester Whitlock.

Digging Machine Starts Upon Line

Stayton—First of the trench work through the streets of Stayton, on the Stayton-Salem pipeline project, was started here Wednesday shortly after the arrival of the giant digging machine. The trench is being dug to accommodate the large concrete pipe. According to estimates of officials in charge of the project 1500 feet of trench will be dug daily by the machine with the crews laying the pipe with about the same speed.

WATCH PARTIES ATTRACT CROWD OF CHURCH FOLK

Lebanon—Lebanon's church folk, and friends, made merry at two big watch parties New Year's eve. One party was held at the Methodist church and one at the Church of Christ. Special services were held for the older people, who spent the evening in relating stories of early days in Oregon. Many fine experiences of old-time watch parties were told.

GOES AFTER SPEEDERS
Lebanon—S. Hardy, local night police, has been making a drive on speeders in the business district. It has become a habit for drivers to exceed speed limits especially at night, and several arrests were made this week for reckless driving. One, an Albany youth, was forced to stop quickly, skidded crosswise on a dry pavement for around fifty feet and bounced up on the sidewalk on two wheels. No one was injured. He was arrested on a reckless driving charge. Much of the fast moving traffic has occurred late at night and past midnight. Officer Hardy says a vigorous campaign will be made to prevent possible collisions in the future.

ILLNESS LACKING
Lebanon—All schools in Lebanon will re-open Monday after a ten-day vacation. At present all teachers have signified they will be on hand, and there is little illness among the pupils. According to health reports Lebanon school children have enjoyed comparative freedom from the usual ailments that affect children during the winter season.

MAY PEDDLE PLATES
Lebanon—Elton Evans decided Wednesday to journey to Salem to purchase license plates for his car. When he expressed his intention he was swamped with requests from others, all of whom had failed to send for plates. "This gives me an idea," said Evans. "I'm going in the business, and for a small fee bring them back by the truck load." He will make it a business next year if the secretary of state will permit.

HILLS GET SNOW
Lebanon—The cold weather of the last few days has brought some snow to the hills above Lebanon, especially close to Foster and Cascadia. A few flakes fell in Lebanon, but none at all a few miles out on the highway. A few water pipes were frozen Thursday morning.

DR. MAYER HOME
Lebanon—Dr. Jack Mayer has returned to his home at Lakeview after spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mayer.

Salem Man Manages Dallas Credit Unit
Dallas—Ray McKay of Salem has assumed the duties of manager of the Dallas office of Credit Bureau, Inc.

McKay is a graduate from the Willamette university law school having been admitted to the Oregon bar in September of this year. The credit office for a short time past had been in charge of the Salem manager who spent a part of his time here.

DAWSON HOUSES SOLD
Silverton—The two Dawson houses on Webb street were sold the first of the week through the Home-seekers' Agency to Adrian Bauge who plans to remodel the buildings to rent.

Three Card Table Evening Enjoyed

Mt. Angel—Three tables of cards were in play Wednesday evening when Mrs. N. G. Mickel entertained the members of her bridge club at her home here. High score honors in cards were won by Mrs. A. A. Klinger and Mrs. G. D. Elmer received the second prize. Following the card playing a luncheon was served by the hostess who was assisted by Mrs. Paul Schwab.

Those bidden were Mrs. G. D. Elmer, Mrs. Frank Meidl, Mrs. A. A. Klinger, Mrs. Frank Aman, Mrs. J. T. Bauman, Mrs. R. O. Appleby, Mrs. Henry Saffield, Mrs. Leo Barr, Mrs. John Elmer, Mrs. M. J. Dardis, Mrs. L. A. LeDoux and Mrs. Joseph Berni.

Gates Children 'Whoop'er Up' During Holiday

Gates—The youngsters of school chose an opportune time to enjoy a siege of the whooping cough. All the primary and intermediate pupils who had not had the contagion began to show evidence during the last days of school previous to the two weeks' holiday with a number of adults following suit either in reality or sympathy.

The teachers are hoping for a cessation by January 4 when school work will be resumed.

GATES BAZAAR HUGE SUCCESS

Gates—Results of the annual bazaar of the Gates Improvement club were a financial success with more than \$85 cleared from the sale of articles and lunches.

Mrs. Len Young was in charge of the foods, Mrs. A. E. Carey of the apron booth, Mrs. F. W. Jones of tea towels and holders, Mrs. Roy Taylor, fancy work; Mrs. Charles McKee, country store; Mrs. Glenn Hennessey, stuffed toys; Mrs. Paul Ratzburg, candy and popcorn, and Mrs. Russell Lake, fish pond. Mrs. Elmer Asche was general chairman of plans.

Awards were made to Mrs. Fred Rittner, George Stafford, Mrs. Glenn Hennessey and Orville Hayward.

Program selections included a piano duet by Mrs. Albert Millap and Phyllis Scott; yodeling solo, Harry Kelsier; Irish tap dance by high school girls with Mrs. Donald Schythe accompanying; skit, Beatrice Behrman and Florence Johnson; piano solo, Virginia Davis; violin solo, Mrs. Schythe accompanied by Virginia Davis, and a piano solo by Louise Grafe.

SEEK DESERT CURIOS
Lebanon—Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cornier will soon leave to spend a vacation in the south, and perhaps some time in Arizona, where he likes to hunt desert curios, of which he has collected quite a number from previous trips.

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