

Assembly Plant Makes The Move From the Dairy Barn to "Super Plant"

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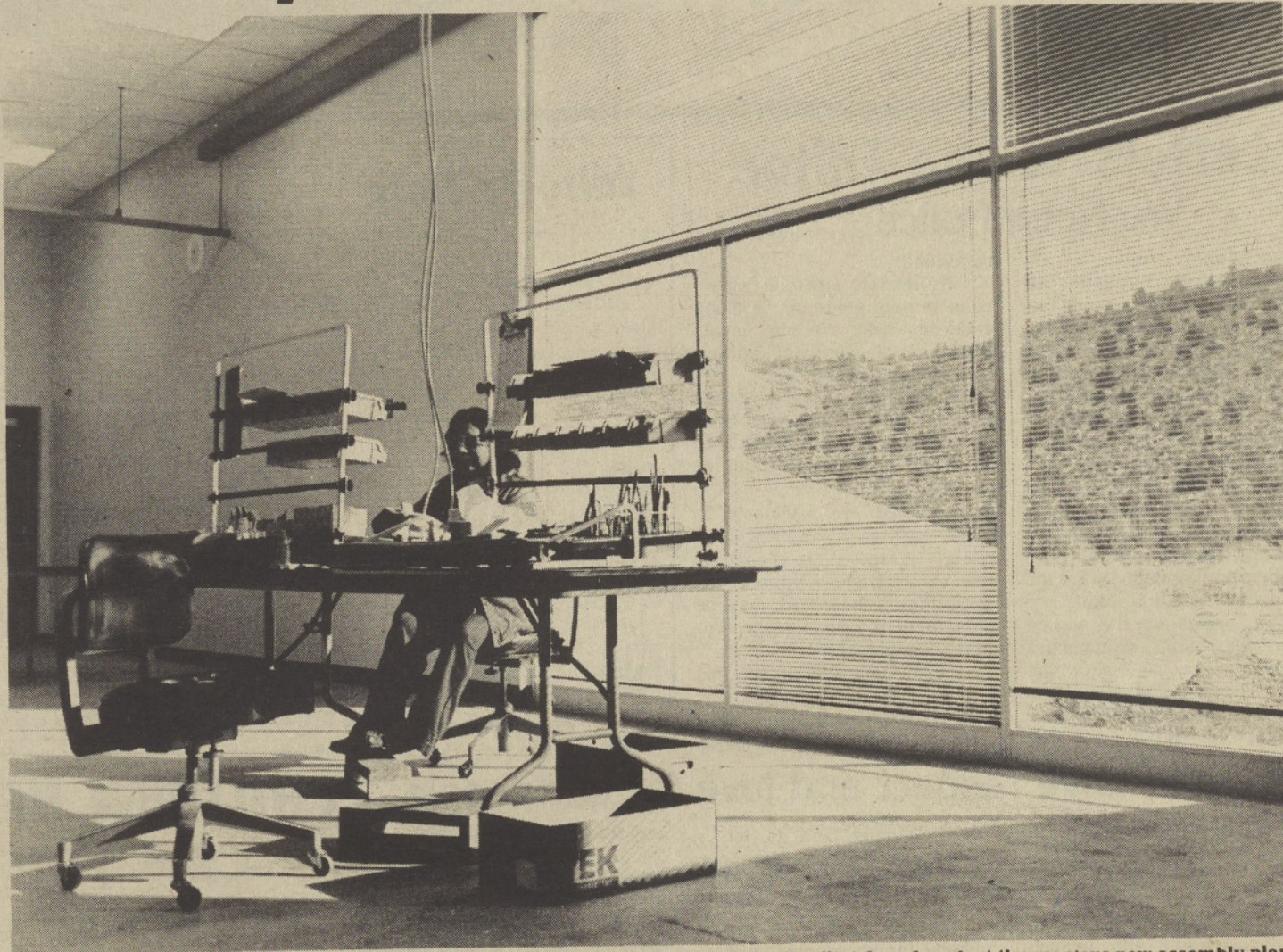
After spending nearly ten years in a dusty and drafty barn, the fourteen Warm Springs Sub-Assembly plant employees have finally moved into the new Industrial Park located on the Kah-Nee-Ta Road.

The 6,000 square foot building solves all safety problems that existed in the old facility. Proper ventilation is provided by a big exhaust system and the building is all metal so nothing will burn. Also, there is a special first aid room as well as a shower and fountain for cleansing the eyes or skin in case an employee comes into contact with chemicals or other foreign matter.

The \$227,000 facility has a lunchroom and complete kitchen, with plans for comfortable furniture, reading materials, vending machines and also a patio for fair weather enjoyment. Children of employees may come and wait for their mothers or grandmothers but they will be restricted to this area and not be allowed in the production room.

Assembly plant manager Everett Miller is very proud of his new quarters. His office is completely enclosed in glass so he can see who's coming and going and can also communicate with the workers via an intercom system in case he has to remind the ladies to work more than they chat. Miller alone has access to stored parts and tools used in the component assembly, and he will be stressing worker accountability in the new plant.

The production area of the plant is spacious and well lit, with Venetian blinds to cut the hot, direct sunlight. The tables each have two work areas and each employee will have bins right in front of her, all labeled and lined up in order of assembly.



SUN BATH - Edith Kalama basked in the sun on her first day of work at the spacious new assembly plant. Fourteen employees have set up their work tables in space that may one day be occupied by 150. **FIRST TENANTS** - The assembly plant (building to left) was the first enterprise to move into the new industrial park, soon to be joined by the vehicle pool (building to right). Space may be available in the park for independent contractors, too. Spilyay Tymoo Photos by CDS

Miller dreams of a future work force of 150 with a cook on hand to prepare meals for the employees. With the ample space now available, Miller may fulfill a longtime wish - to convert to assembly line production.

Doing more work with greater efficiency should enable the assembly plant to increase profit by taking on a greater number and variety of projects, said Miller.

Thompson pleads not guilty, body held

Roscoe Thompson, Jr. pleaded not guilty to charges of second degree murder at an arraignment before U.S. Magistrate George Juba in Portland December 14. Thompson is being held in connection with the death of Wilbert Herbie Switzer, whose remains were found on the reservation November 29.

Thompson's trial was set for the week of January 29, 1979.

Positive identification of Switzer's remains was made by the Oregon State Medical Examiners Office December 6, according to the FBI. Dental records showed that the remains in fact belonged to the 29-year old man missing since June.

Examiner Dr. Larry Lewman was unable to determine the cause of death. Defense attorneys for Thompson requested that the remains be held for a second opinion, thus postponing funeral plans indefinitely.

Attorney Stuart Teicher commented, "It is unfortunate that the spiritual problem is being adversely affected," pointing to delays in finding someone qualified to offer a second opinion.

The distraught family of the deceased appealed to Judge Edward Leavy on December 14 for release of the remains. According to the family, the judge ordered that the remains be released by Tuesday, December 19 whether or not the second opinion has been obtained.

Bonus Should Be Reported By SSI Recipients

Any enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes who receive supplemental security income (SSI) payments are reminded to report changes in their income, said John Fullerton, Social Security representative in Central Oregon.

This report should include any bonus payments such as the one scheduled for December 15th. Fullerton continued.

If reports of income by SSI recipients are not made timely, persons could receive more payment than they are entitled to. This would mean the money would have to be paid back later - usually when it is harder to do so.

There is a toll-free number that can be called to report any changes to Social Security, Fullerton said. Just dial 1-800-452-1654.



Bills "Electrify" Customers

No doubt, you were one of the unfortunate ones who were "shocked" by a higher-than-usual electric bill this month. P.P. & L. office manager Jim Welch says there is an explanation.

The month of November was 23 percent colder than October and 37 percent colder than November '77. Usage was up to compensate for that cold stretch. Also, it gets darker earlier, thus lights come on an hour or so earlier. In addition, November is the month that the kilowatt rate changes from its summer to winter price. The difference is only two-hundredths of a cent.

One way to find out the cost of electricity per day is to divide

your total bill by number of days in the billing period. That daily rate, if weather conditions are similar from month to month, should not vary greatly.

Figuring out that daily rate helps to console the mind as well as the pocket book. Also, if you are really concerned, read the energy conservation hints included in your monthly bill.

Scouts Forming Troop

Every Tuesday after school four "tenderfoot" cub scouts gather at the home of Shirley Hileman on the campus to make crafts and enjoy each other's company.

They are looking for more eight and nine-year old boys to join them so they can order

uniforms and books and begin working for their badges.

Parents are also needed to assist in troop activities, said Mrs. Hileman. Anyone interested in participating can drop by the Hileman home (number 14) any Tuesday, or check at the Community Center where the meetings might be transferred.