

Acme Hardware To Celebrate Tenth Anniversary Here

A month-long sale to open tomorrow will mark the 10th anniversary of the Acme Hardware store, Rene and Tony Manno have announced.

They will offer numerous free gifts as long as the supply lasts to those who attend the opening of the sale. Women will be presented household wax; men will receive steering wheel covers and children accompanied by their parents will be given balloons.

The store was founded March 7, 1945, at 134 West Main st., by the same owners. The present store was established at 3 West Sixth st., Oct. 17, 1947. A Central Point branch was opened March 1, 1953.

Prizes also will be awarded weekly during the sale. The customer need not buy to participate, the owners said.

The weekly prizes will be awarded each Saturday through April 2, and include an electric blanket, an electric percolator, a china set, an infra-red broiler, and an all-steel bodied wheelbarrow.

The owners also pointed out that a budget plan has recently been established at the store.

Young Woman Driver Grateful To Policeman

Red Bank, N. J. — (U.P.) — A young woman driver wrote the Garden State Parkway's state police headquarters here to thank the trooper who helped when the car got a flat tire on the highway.

"I have no idea what his name is," she wrote, "but he was dark, young and very handsome."

A spokesman said the description was not much help in locating the man because it applied to "most New Jersey troopers."



10TH ANNIVERSARY—Acme Hardware store, shown below, this week begins a month-long celebration of the 10th anniversary of its founding by Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Manno. A sale at the store will begin tomorrow and will last for a month, featuring special prices, gifts for

those attending, and the weekly presentation of prizes. The Mannos operate a branch store in Central Point. The former location, 134 West Main st., is shown above. Manno, the founder, is shown in the inset photo.



Automation, New U.S. Industry Technique, May Bring Changes

Editor's Note—"Automation" is a word so new it is not in any dictionary. But the production technique it describes is destined to affect every man, woman and child in America. This is the first in a series of three dispatches on automation and its role in the U.S. economy.

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Detroit—(U.P.)—A new production technique called automation is sweeping American industry. This much is certain. But what automation holds for the future is not so certain.

News of a new "automation factory" means big headlines in Detroit newspapers. In this city whose life is bound so closely to the manufacturing industry, the man-on-the-street probably knows more about automation than in any other city.

But while Detroit has found it easy to grasp what automation is, there are not many people here or elsewhere who agree on what automation will mean, what it will bring.

Labor Aware
Automation has already caused wildcat strikes idling thousands. It could bring long, bitter strikes idling millions.

Automation is a factor in CIO—United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther's attempt to win an unprecedented guaranteed annual wage for the auto industry this spring.

Automation will bring radical changes in thousands of job classifications. The factory laborer of today will be the skilled technician of tomorrow.

Automation might make the 30 hour week as common as the 40-hour week is today.

And while many see this as

the introduction of an era of living standards higher than any known before, others fear it will create mass unemployment and bring a depression that would make the early 1930s seem "pleasant" by comparison.

What Is Automation?

What is automation? The word is easier to illustrate than to define.

Once a person used to lift a telephone receiver and give a number to an operator. She plugged in wires to connect the right parties. Now, a person lifts the receiver and dials a number. Electric relays make the proper connection. That's automation.

Take an assembly line. A part needing two holes bored in it moves down a conveyor belt. In most factories today, a man would lift the part from the belt, feed it into a boring machine and then replace it on the belt. A second man would be standing nearby to repeat the operation for the second hole.

Now, in automation the part would automatically be fed from the conveyor to the first boring machine, move automatically to the second machine and then proceed down the conveyor. No hands would touch it. One worker might be standing by watching controls to see the job is done properly.

G. Pass Man Buys Portland Building

Portland — (U.P.) — A pair of real estate transactions totaling \$1,150,000 were completed here yesterday.

The nine-story Eastern Outfitting building in Portland was purchased by a Grants Pass lumberman, Ben Dierks, from John P. Haviland and associates.

Haviland, in turn, announced he had purchased the 59-unit Wilcox apartments in Portland. Sale price of the Eastern building was approximately \$650,000. Haviland paid approximately \$500,000 for the garden-court type apartments.

Plans call for the 25-year-old Eastern building to be converted into a modern medical science center with two stories added.

Oil Well 'Torpedo' Blast Fatal To Three

San Angelo, Tex. — (U.P.) — A nitroglycerin "torpedo" being readied at an oil well exploded yesterday, blowing three men to bits and seriously injuring two others.

The blast was believed touched off by one of the men attempting to attach a line to a nitroglycerin shot to lower it into the oil well.

The "shot" was reported equivalent to about 18 sticks of dynamite. Parts of the bodies of the victims were blown 300 yards.

The men killed were identified as C. R. Boyd and Raymond Earl Ridley, both of Snyder, Tex. and V. B. Floyd of Wichita Falls and Electra.

Convicted Slayer Gets Time Extension

Portland — (U.P.) — Convicted wife-slayer George F. Sack of Portland has been given another month to prepare a bill of exceptions in the appeal of his murder conviction to the State Supreme court.

Sack was to have died in the gas chamber Dec. 10, for the slaying of his wife, Goldie, but the appeal caused indefinite postponement of the execution.

John P. Hannon, Sack's attorney, now has until March 31 to prepare this bill. He also received two earlier extensions.

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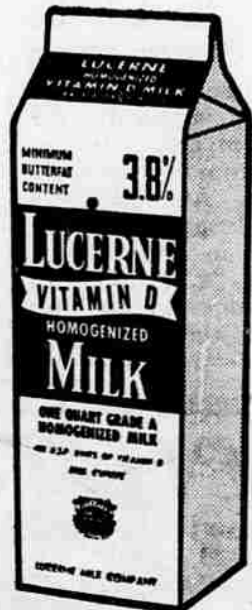
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