

Civil Service Employees Mark Anniversary



FEDERAL AGENT—Above, Fred Stabler, one of seven persons employed by the Medford office of the bureau of internal revenue, goes over an income tax problem with a Medford citizen. The 650 federal employees in Jackson county are nearly all under civil service. The annual payroll is approximately \$3,593,909, which compares significantly with the pear industry's average annual payroll of \$4,000,000.



CHECK RECORDS—Going over the records of a new applicant for social security payments, above, are W. V. Nusbaum, left, manager of the Social Security office in Medford, and Field Representative Kenneth L. Farner. The service is one of 33 listed in the Medford telephone directory, which almost without exception, hire employees under civil service. The 75th anniversary of the civil service act will be observed this week.



GUIDE AIRCRAFT—Information vital to the safety of aircraft flying up and down the coast is relayed to pilots by Airways Operation Specialists Norman Harrington, left, and Eugene Mars, who help man the tower at Medford airport. Both men are employed by the civil aeronautics authority under civil service. Landing instructions to 26,523 aircraft were given by the Medford station during 1957 and 1,823 instrument approaches were guided in.

Allowable Cut Said Withheld in Decade Of Timber Demand

(Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles concerning a comprehensive study by the Industrial Forestry association of the importance of federal timber holdings to Jackson county's economy.)

"The forest service and bureau of land management have a moral and legal obligation to sell government timber, at a fair price for the sustenance of dependent communities," W. D. Hagenstein, executive vice president of Industrial Forestry association, said today.

Hagenstein was commenting on a comprehensive study recently completed by the association on the importance of federal timber in Jackson county's economy.

Hagenstein said the report shows the federal government has withheld realistic allowable cuts from the market during the last decade of active timber demand, which has had the effect of raising sharply timber costs to lumber and plywood operators and helped price forest products out of the nation's building materials markets.

Hagenstein was quick to emphasize that failure to sell realistic allowable cuts was not the fault of individual government employees but because of cumbersome procedures under which they must function.

He pointed out that to put the Rogue River National forest and the O and C lands under better management so they could play their rightful

place in the county's economy would require:

1. Completion of current forest inventories in the next two years;
2. Recalculation of allowable cuts from new inventories;
3. Extension of timber access roads;
4. Concentration on timber management activities as the No. 1 job;
5. Sale each year of the full allowable cut.

Hagenstein said that the Industrial Forestry association, whose members employ more than 63,000 people in western Oregon and Washington, had worked hard to help the federal agencies sell a realistic allowable timber cut for many years. He said the association staff had urged Congress many times to approve adequate timber access roads. It had also urged Congress to appropriate enough funds for up-to-date forest inventories and adequate personnel to market the full allowable cut. It had urged the Northwest congressional delegations to concentrate on the problems of federal forestry to help assure a continued economy in hundreds of communities which depend on an orderly harvest of government timber.

"Failure to get our federal forests under top management in the shortest possible time," Hagenstein said, "will result in less business in our communities and the grim spectre of increasing unemployment."

Act Was Result of Assassination of James Garfield

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If the federal government moved out of Jackson county (as some taxpayers are wont to wish) and took its 650 employees along, it is a good guess that most of the rest of the residents would follow shortly.

Not only would almost half the terrain in the county be included, but innumerable daily services now taken for granted would disappear. So would over half the general county revenues and 45 per cent of the commercial forests on which much of our economy is based.

There would be no mail in the box, no forecast of the weather, no money in the bank. Great changes would appear in our highways, our farm program, crops research and irrigation, military defenses, flood warnings, loans to home owners, and in Medford's water supply.

Works Asked by Americans

For with the hundreds of civil service workers, who observe the 75th anniversary of the civil service act this week, come works and benefits demanded by Americans over the years through their representatives or by direct vote.

The 650 federal employees in Jackson county, of which the great majority are under civil service, represent almost five per cent of the estimated total number employed. Their annual payroll of approximately \$3,593,909 compares significantly with the pear industry's average annual payroll of more than \$4,000,000.

In addition, capital investment of the United States government in this section of Oregon totals more than \$300,000,000, including the vast forests of the O&C and Rogue River national forest, the Veterans Administration domiciliary at Camp White, and equipment of Civil Aeronautics authority and weather bureau.

The added boost to local economy brought about by operational expenses and business from employees' families is hardly possible to estimate. Operational expenditures estimated by Medford district office of the bureau of land management alone, excluding payroll, totaled \$273,638.96 for 1957.

The bureau of reclamation's Talent project to enlarge irrigation facilities totals approximately \$6,600,000 for the fiscal year ending July, 1958. Other projects

Other projects and services already complete or in progress have been financed in total or in part by the federal government.

In such ways federal employees touch every county resident every day. Government officials throughout the U.S. are concentrating efforts during the week of Jan. 15 to "develop awareness and appreciation of the people who compose the federal service, the important work they perform, and the satisfying career opportunities it offers," the civil service commission reports.

Signed into law Jan. 16, 1883, the civil service act was a climax to public sentiment for civil service reform which grew from the assassination of President James Garfield by a disgruntled citizen in a patronage dispute.

Thirty-Three Agencies

Thirty-three agencies with federal employees are listed in Medford's directory. With few exceptions, they are protected by the civil service act. They were hired following competitive examinations which assure that candidates are qualified for the jobs to be filled.

The veterans administration domiciliary at Camp White leads local agencies in number of employees with 210, plus 870 members residing at the station.

Valued at more than \$6,500,000, the domiciliary operated at a cost of \$1,667,879.17 for the last fiscal year. Food, most of which is purchased locally, totaled \$243,701.25.

Employees there work under an incentive awards program common to many civil service agencies. The Camp White domiciliary's operating cost is one of the lowest among such installations in the country.

Most Active Agency

One of the most active and best known federal agencies in the valley at present is the bureau of reclamation, which employs 80 workers from the Camp White office and seven in Medford. The annual payroll is over \$320,000.

Under the U.S. department of interior, the bureau is internationally famous as an engineering agency in developing natural resources for irrigation, hydroelectric power plants, flood control and recreational benefits.

Employees increased here during the past year when work began on the Talent project to enlarge and extend irrigation facilities and provide supplemental irrigation water to 10,030 acres in short supply and to 5,300 acres of dry land. The project, headed by J. A. Callan, construction engineer, is expected to be 35 per cent complete next July 1.

Post Office Department

Approximately 120 civil servants are employed by the post office department in Jackson county, providing many services besides that of

gathering and distributing mail.

Sixty-nine work under Postmaster Moore Hamilton in the Medford and Central Point post offices, 21 in Ashland under Parker Hess, and about 30 in the outlying offices.

The post office is a collector of customs; it sells duck stamps, documentary stamps, U.S. savings stamps; issues money orders (requiring two full-time employees); and registers aliens each January as required by law.

Care of the federal timber lands is another important government responsibility locally. About half of the commercial national forests in Jackson county are administered by the Medford district forestry office of the bureau of land management.

Concentrate on Timber

Headed by District Forestry Ross A. Youngblood, the bureau's 57 employees concentrate on O and C timber and land valued at \$155,000,000 in Jackson county, plus capital improvements such as roads, reforestation and blister rust control.

Revenues from the O and C lands, which resulted from complex federal legislation involving the state and the old Oregon and California railroad, made up over half the general county revenues in 1955-56.

Working closely with the lumber industry, BLM feels that management of public land must be intensified and refined to achieve what the public wants in wood, minerals, grass use, recreation and as aesthetic assets.

Operates Out of Income

It is one of the few agencies that operates out of income, a policy established by law requiring that BLM operate from whatever proportion of 25 per cent of total income that Congress chooses to appropriate.

Permanency of wood harvest is assured on the lands through a sustained timber cutting basis. A \$1,000,000 reforestation program was launched this year, and BLM also is working with other agencies and individuals in recreational development of the Howard Prairie project.

In the Rogue River National Forest are the rest of the federal commercial forests in the county. Forty-five permanent civil service employees care for the 394,327 acres. They include Supervisor Carroll Brown, four district rangers, 12 rangers managing timber and related resources, eight engineers and aides, 13 timber and fire control aides, and eight other office personnel.

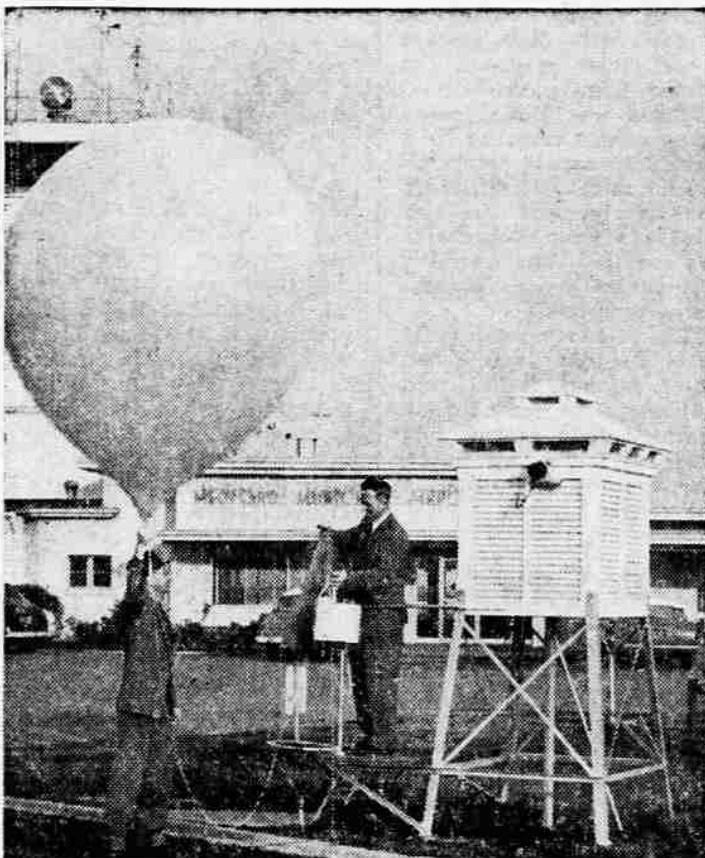
Lookouts, Fire Guards

About 120 lookouts, fire guards, timber scalers and laborers work during the summers, resulting in a total annual payroll in Jackson county of about \$300,000. More than that amount also is spent for materials and equipment.

Recreational use of the forests, which is encouraged by the service, is a leading asset, along with livestock grazing.

Water for the cities of Medford and Ashland come from the Rogue forest, as does that for irrigating 53,000 acres in the valley. Protection of watersheds through skillful management is one of the chief responsibilities of the forest service.

A third agency which cares



WEATHERMEN—Above, Bob Church, head of Medford's U.S. weather bureau station, holds one of the radiosonde balloons released at 3:30 p.m. daily at the Medford airport, while Meteorologist Stan Lacy checks the box of instruments that will send back signals indicating upper air temperature, humidity and wind information. The Medford weather bureau employs 11 meteorologists, under civil service, to keep a 24-hour watch on the weather.



PLOTS DAM SITE—Above, C. A. Tingle, supervisor engineering aide of the Medford field office of the bureau of reclamation, is shown above plotting elevation contours on a map of a southern Oregon dam site. Money spent by the federal government here for improvement of irrigation and power facilities is of great benefit to this area. Last fiscal year the bureau of reclamation spent \$6,600,000 on the Talent project alone and the payroll for its 87 workers totaled more than \$320,000.

for the timbered areas of southern Oregon is the National park service. It employs 33 regular service personnel and about 100 more for special summer work.

It is charged with preserving and conserving "certain outstanding examples of natural or native America, along with areas of great scientific, scenic or historic values," according to Superintendent Tom Williams.

The Medford office, with an average annual payroll of \$250,000, maintains Crater Lake National park, all of which lies in Klamath county, and Oregon Caves National monument in Josephine county.

A well-known and often censured agency, (especially in the Rogue valley's hard-to-predict climate) is the U.S. weather bureau. The hard-working 11-man staff of meteorologists keep a 24-hour watch on the weather.

Unpublicized Duties

Their unpublicized duties include a constant observation program for airplane landings and takeoffs at the Medford airport, weather map preparation for national and international use, solar energy and radio activity measurements, observations for the International Geophysical Year, flood warnings and fruit frost forecasts.

In its "upper air" program, the bureau releases two radiosonde balloons daily at 3:30 a.m. and p.m., sounding the upper air for temperature, pressure, humidity and wind information. Two smaller balloons are released at 9:30 a.m. and p.m.

Weather forecasts direct from the bureau are made on local radio stations five times daily.

Airport Activity

Most of the activity at the Medford airport depends on the 23 civil service employees in the four offices of the civil aeronautics authority.

Aided by equipment valued at more than \$750,000, the CAA provides for communications, direction finding, weather information, ship movement reports and instrument landings.

Landing instructions were issued 26,523 times during 1957 and 1,283 instrument approaches were guided by the CAA.

An emergency power generator is part of CAA equipment and is automatically in operation the instant normal power is shut off.

Open House Slated At Vets Domiciliary

The 75th anniversary of the civil service will be observed with open house at the Camp White Veterans Administration Domiciliary Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week.

Visitors at the Domiciliary will be conducted on tours of the facility and will be advised by department heads as to operations and maintenance.

Manager E. K. Ricker and Assistant Manager Harold Jaffrey will welcome visitors at the domiciliary.

is offered by the research farms in the county under the management of Superintendent Harold White, an Oregon State college employee.

Federal funds bolster the state budget for operating the three farms, including one for agronomy at Talent and two for horticultural research at Talent on Kings highway.

One federal employee, Dr. Roland C. Blake, serves locally. The other state employees receive federal assistance through federal funds to the state.

Although not under civil service, members of the armed forces contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to the county's economy each year.

Sixteen members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force are stationed here as recruiters or with reserve units. In addition almost 100 men receive pay while serving part time with the reserve.

Ground Observer Corps

The ground observer corps, under the Air Force, has a local program under the direction of Master Sgt. Clifford C. Poulson.

Some of the federal funds reach the county through the National Guard which has over 250 men in training in the two Medford companies and two Ashland batteries.

Separate from the armed forces, but also under the defense department, is the selective service, which has two civil service personnel in its county office. They register all men born after Aug. 30, 1922, plus recording former veterans for the stand-by reserve.

Veterans have further contact with Uncle Sam through the veterans administration local office. Its services include explaining benefits possible for veterans and assisting applicants.

Geological Survey

The geological survey, surface water division, employees four civil servants to study surface water run off in southern Oregon.

The federal housing administration maintains a Medford office to appraise property preceding local requests to FHA from local lending institutions.

Federal law enforcement agencies are represented here only by the federal bureau of investigation, although each executive branch of the government has its own investigating agency.

Two FBI agents are headquartered here, under the department of justice, to "investigate violation of federal laws and also to investigate matters in which the U.S. is a party of interest." Most of their work, however, concerns crime and security.

Housekeeping Agency

The comparatively new housekeeping agency for the federal government is the general services administration, which has 10 civil service

Retrial Set For Klamath Patrolman

Klamath Falls — Cir-cuit Judge David R. Vandenberg said Saturday a retrial will be set in the case of Klamath Falls city patrolman John Wilson, 26, who is accused of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Judge Vandenberg Thursday ordered a mistrial in the case when he learned that Wilson's attorney, Ben J. Goddard, had died of a heart attack. A new attorney will be appointed and time granted for him to familiarize himself with the case, Judge Vandenberg said.

Wilson is accused of beating Clyde Cloud, 52, when the man was picked up by police and allegedly ordered to get out of town.

Plywood Workers Laid Off Friday

Portland — Between 300 and 400 plywood workers were laid off Friday afternoon at the Ply-Lock plant of the Simpson Logging Co. at the firm's St. Johns plant here. Another 275 employees at the company's Albany plant were affected also, according to a company spokesman.

Einer Pat Reiten, personnel manager for Simpson here blamed the curtailment of operations on "a lack of work orders." He said the Ply-Lock operation ordinarily employs 450 employees. The Friday layoff was one of a series during the last five months. Reiten said, the the largest so far.

He said the layoff was temporary, but would continue "until orders pick up."

Deserters Rounded Up In Series Of Raids

Copenhagen, Denmark — Danish police "flying squads" rounded up eight U.S. Army deserters in a series of raids on bars and restaurants here Friday night, it was announced Saturday.

The raids were made with the knowledge and cooperation of the U.S. Embassy and service officials, police said.

workers here headed by Superintendent Glenn Herdman. They care for the maintenance of the post office and federal buildings, each housing nine agencies.

Many other non-federal government units, such as the extension service, welfare department, employment service and school lunch program are bolstered with monies from the national treasury.

Internal Revenue

Taxes pay for the innumerable services and Uncle Sam has the bureau of internal revenue's seven employees in Medford to help collect.

Despite what many taxpayers think, income taxes do not pay for them all. Of the entire federal budget, individual income taxes have been less than 50 per cent of the federal income. Corporation income and excise taxes and customs and other receipts make up the rest.

When considering the great amount of the budget which goes toward U.S. military and security programs, the important services provided by most of Jackson county's federal offices cost comparatively little to the average taxpayer. —And maybe that will make it easier when April 15 comes round again.

National Guard News

By MARGARET BEHNKE

Tuesday, Jan. 7, the trophies purchased by Company A were awarded winners of the rifle matches recently concluded.

At last formation, after the regular drill, Company Commander 1st Lt. Donald Ivie presented a trophy to second platoon. The team won the series of matches. The trophy was accepted by platoon sergeant M/Sgt. Jack Burns.

First Lieutenant Ivie also presented M/Sgt. Burns the trophy for being the high scoring individual in the company. After accepting the personal trophy M/Sgt. Burns announced that he wished to award it to the man in the company who showed the most improvement in firing during the matches.

He said he believed that it was more appropriate to award the trophy to a younger man in the company without as much experience, and that he hoped it would help promote interest and competition in future matches.

The men gave M/Sgt. Burns a round of applause that showed their approval of his gesture in giving up his trophy, and in his choice of Cpl. Charles Brown to receive it.

1st Lt. Jack Phillips, who has been in charge of the company matches, announced that Sunday, Jan. 12, the battalion matches will begin at the Medford Armory. Company A and Headquarters Company C of Grants Pass will compete with the other half of the match being held at the same time in Cottage Grove. The final matches will be held in the Medford Armory Jan. 26.

Headquarters Company has promoted Pvt. Fred C. Corbin from Pvt. E1 to Pvt. E2. Pvt. Corbin will leave Jan. 11 to begin six months active duty training at Ft. Ord, Calif.

Erwin Stockford, a student at Medford High school, has enlisted for three years in Headquarters Company.

At the drill Jan. 5 the men in Headquarters Company attended class in various phases of training including "Field Fortifications," instructed by Sfc Daun Chaney, and Pfc. Bill Bowling; "Telephone Switchboard," instructed by SP3 Raymond Hilton, assisted by Pfc. Anthony B. Miskische; "Coding and Decoding," under Pfc. Frank Artmire and Pfc. Kenneth R. Jacks; "Combat Intelligence," instructed by Pfc. James Benson and Pfc. Derwin Large; and "Theory of Combustion Engines," instructed by Sgt. James Heberling. This class was supplemented by a film.

The films used by the National Guard are furnished by the Sixth Army and cover every possible phase of training. They are used as often as possible in classes at the Armory.

Members of the winning rifle team from the second platoon include M/Sgt. Burns, Pvt. David A. Dahl, Pvt. Robert L. Thomas, Pfc. Donald D. Goyette, Sfc. Harold H. Vessey, Sgt. George C. Halberton, Pvt. John L. Shama, Pvt. Perry H. Sneed, and 1st Lt. Jack C. Phillips.



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