

Half-Year's Building Shows Substantial Gain

\$458,637 Value of Permits in Klamath In 6-Months Period

With the first six months of 1940 brought to a close the last day of June, figures in the building field were highly gratifying according to Harold Franey, city building inspector, who reported an increase of 150 permits over the first six months of 1939.

In actual dollars and cents the increase was \$142,512.

During the first six months of 1939 there were 151 permits issued totaling \$316,125. For the same period in 1940, 301 permits were issued totaling \$458,637.

Fifty-five permits were issued in June, just one more than was issued in May, 1940 when the building inspector okayed 54 building permits in the city limits. Total figures for the past month were given at \$55,903, as against \$118,342 in June, 1939. This was a decrease of \$62,439 for the past month, June, 1939, was the biggest building month of that year.

Following are figures compiled by Franey: new residences, 10, \$34,000; residences remodeled, 31, \$6,934; new business houses, 1, \$2,000; business houses remodeled, 7, \$442; garages, 5, \$640; new duplex, 1, \$7,000. There were 16 signs authorized totaling \$362, and one gasoline tank, \$600, not included in the above figures.

Heavy building continued outside the city limits although there were no figures available. Biggest job now under construction is the new movie house for

WRESTLING STAR OPENS BARBECUE

Ernie Piluso, well known to Klamath Falls wrestling fans, will step into a new field this weekend with the opening of his Southern Bar-B-Q, drive-in sandwich shop and fountain on Oregon avenue, just off Upham street. Piluso has moved to Klamath Falls to make his home, and will operate the new Bar-B-Q himself. The new drive-in was constructed by W. D. Miller, and includes all modern features, a brick barbecue spit, and complete fountain service, Piluso says.

U. S. OWNS 80 PER CENT OF WORLD'S GOLD SUPPLY

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP)—Gold in vaults of the United States treasury amounted to more than \$20,000,000,000 today—about 80 percent of all the monetary gold in the world. Gold has been coming here by warship and tramp steamer, and nearly every other carrier capable of holding the heavy metal since the European war began.

In the past month alone, \$805,016,891 came in, including \$241,575,998 sold by the French government while the Germans were marching on Paris, and carried across the Atlantic on the United States cruiser Vincennes.

Over the last year, the gain in gold aggregated \$3,879,275,522, building the treasury's gold holdings to \$20,014,825,842 on July 2, the last day for which figures are available.

ASTORIA MAN DIES IN FIGHT

ASTORIA, July 6 (AP)—The death during a fist fight on July 4 of Ward Burnett drew the attention today of Dr. Joseph Beeman of the state police crime laboratory.

Sheriff Paul Kearney said one suspect was held pending the investigation.

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Redwood Theatres Incorporated, by George M. Mann of San Francisco. Completion of the job, which is now going along smoothly, should be some time in October.

Just when the suburban theatre, to be located at South Sixth and Washburn Way, will be under construction, was not made known by the builders. Several large jobs were in the offing, according to Franey, which should make the building season of summer, 1940, an excellent one for employment as well as consumption of building materials.

OPENING HELD FOR NEW GAS STATION

Formal opening of the new Standard station at the corner of Oregon avenue and Upham street took place Saturday with presentation of favors to visitors and the attendance of Standard officials.

The new station is managed by R. H. Elrod, formerly with Standard Stations, Inc. in The Dalles. Gardenias were given to women attending the opening day, and kids sported paper hats.

E. B. Thompson, division manager of Standard Stations, Inc., was here for the opening from Portland, and M. F. Barry, southern Oregon area superintendent, assisted. W. A. House, local branch manager of Standard Oil company, and Earl Chinn, local standard representative, were present.

ICE CREAM MEN GIVE PICNIC FUND TO RED CROSS

PORTLAND, July 6 (AP)—The Portland local of the Dairy and Ice Cream Drivers and Helpers union figured the Red Cross war relief fund needed the \$300 worse than the members needed a picnic.

So the union turned over its picnic fund to the Red Cross yesterday and cancelled the picnic.

What we had in mind was that people would like to pay for the extraordinary armament program.—Treasury Secretary Morgenthau.



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New Business Corner



Shown above are two new business buildings recently completed by W. D. Miller. In the foreground is a new Standard Oil station, and in the background is the Southern Bar-B-Q, which will be operated by Ernie Piluso. Both enterprises will be open for business this weekend. The development is at the corner of Oregon avenue and Upham street.

License Necessary to Sell Real Estate in This State

Many people do not realize that a license is necessary to sell real estate, according to H. C. Dale, president of the Klamath realty board and has been selling property for their friends without understanding that they were committing an unlawful act, punishable by heavy fine and imprisonment.

In a recent letter to Dale, Claud H. Murphy, state real estate commissioner, said that unlicensed real estate operators are being prosecuted in Baker and Multnomah counties.

Murphy stated that Oregon has had a real estate license law since 1919 and that there are now 34 states that have similar laws. Under the Oregon real estate law, which is known as Chapter 380, Oregon Laws, 1939, it is unlawful for an unlicensed person, for a commission or other valuable consideration, to sell, exchange, purchase, rent or lease or negotiate the sale, exchange, purchase, rental or leasing of, or offer or attempt or agree to negotiate the sale, exchange, purchase, rental or leasing of, or list or offer or attempt or agree to list, or appraise, or auction, any real estate or the improvements thereon, or buy, or offer to buy, sell, or offer to sell or otherwise deal in options on real estate or the improvements thereon, or collect or offer or attempt or agree to collect rentals for the use of real estate, or to advertise or hold himself, itself or themselves out as engaged in the selling, exchanging, pur-

chasing, renting or leasing of real estate, or assist in procuring prospects or in the negotiation or closing of any transaction which is calculated to result in the sale, exchange, leasing or the renting of real estate.

In view of the number of violations of the above section of the law suits are being filed against such offenders. Murphy states that the penalty for such violations shall for the first violation be punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, and for a second violation a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1000 or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed two years or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

FLEETING FAME

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Glenn Cunningham of Omaha isn't the famous track star, but these were some of the things that happened to him on a two weeks' convention trip: When he registered at hotels, a quick, buzzing whisper was noticed among the staff.

At one hotel where he had no advance reservation the staff practically disrupted service to give him accommodations. And customs officials at the Canadian border, when presented with his identifications, said "Why we don't need any further identification from you. Everybody knows you."

CRATER LAKE ROAD TO CLOSE MONDAY

E. P. Leavitt, superintendent, Crater Lake national park, announces that during the period from 8 a. m. Monday, July 8, to 8 a. m. Sunday, July 14, the south entrance road between the south boundary of the park and the Annie Spring checking station will be closed to traffic. Road oiling makes it necessary to close this road.

During the period that the road is closed, northbound traffic from The Dalles-California highway, U. S. No. 97, desiring to enter the park will be routed by way of the Sand Creek entrance, state highway No. 232, which leaves highway 97 near Sand Creek 11 miles north of the Fort Klamath junction.

UNIDENTIFIED SPIRITS

HOMER, Neb. (AP)—A liquor store operator here was dumbfounded by Nebraska's recent flood. When the water receded all the labels had been washed off the bottles.

Tips From Garden Notebook

By A Klamath Gardener

It seems that we Klamath gardeners just get over worrying about sudden frost, when we have to start combatting the dryness and heat and work practically day and night keeping keep it growing, and the flowers coming along so that they will give up the wealth of bloom that we expect and hope for.

Water, and plenty of it is essential at this time, and the sandier the ground the more water it takes. In spite of hoeing and mulching we still have to fight that tendency the looser soil has to dry out. A good soaking of the ground less frequently will be much more satisfactory than constant light sprinklings.

Some of us find ourselves still setting out plants of the later maturing crops. Lots of water must be available and the best way to get it to the young plants is by the row and running water method. They should be soaked well almost every day if the ground has any tendency to dry quickly.

Tender plants must of course be given some shade from the heat, although there are some that can stand the move all right if they are given plenty of water. Asters that have been raised in a cold frame out of doors and are quite hardy will stand a lot of heat even if not shaded if they are given plenty of water and kept well watered for several days until they become established in the new location. They will wilt during the day and the larger leaves will dry up, but they will grow never-the-less.

I wonder, how many gardeners, like myself, find themselves making a lot of gardening resolutions along about now. It begins to get hot rather early in the day and the less hardy gardener finds himself getting up a little earlier to get that hoeing and weeding done.

We find that some of the new stuff we are trying out doesn't work well in this climate, and again some of it does very well. One of the resolutions that I've made countless times and never got around to do, until this year, was to keep a garden notebook. Most of us think, "Oh, I'll remember that simple little trick."

only to discover later that it has entirely slipped away from us. Well, this year a dime was invested in a notebook, and when ever a new idea pops up, it is hastily scribbled in that notebook. It is also at hand when that new garden magazine is being looked over or a book on gardening being read. Practical ideas are jotted down.

Maybe some stormy winter when the book is full of good ideas I will work out some sort of filing system so that I won't have to look over the whole thing in order to find a certain item.

A garden scrap-book will join the notebook, so that items of interest can be clipped from magazines or papers before they are thrown away and pictures of clever flower arrangements for the house as well as landscaping ideas will be pasted into it.

ART CENTER SALE RAISES MONEY

The receipts, \$20.50, from the third rummage sale for the benefit of the Art Center funds, makes a total of \$61.27 raised during the three sales, according to a report from the Art Center office in the building of the First Federal Savings and Loan association.

Appreciation is expressed to the following committee for the third sale: Mrs. Will Wood, Mrs. Dwight Gilchrist and Mrs. J. K. Reno. The executive board of the Art Center association thanks all those who contributed in any way for their assistance in the success of these sales.

HEALTH GROUP VIEWS PROBLEMS

A special meeting of the executive board of the Klamath County Public Health association was called Saturday afternoon by R. Paul Roberts, the new president of the association. The meeting was held at the county health department to select committees and discuss several problems confronting the association that needed immediate decision.

VETERAN LOGGER DIES IN CRASH

OREGON CITY, July 6 (AP)—Harold R. Irish, 57, of Silverton, long-time Silver Falls Timber company logging superintendent, died in an automobile collision on the Molalla-Woodburn highway last night.

Deputy Coroner Arnold Bierman said cars driven by Irish and Lynn B. Wooley, 40, Valsetz, crashed head-on, the Irish vehicle rolling over several times. Mrs. Irish and their daughter escaped with slight hurts. Wooley, his wife, son, nephew and another passenger were uninjured.

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