Business Structures Boom Building During July

Gain Of $31,390 Made Within City Over Month of June

Despite a drop in the number of building permits issued, total outlay for building projects in the city during July showed an increase of $31,390.50 over June, it was made known in the monthly building report issued Saturday by Building Inspector Harold Franey.

During July 36 permits were okayed by the city council, whereas the total during the previous month was 55. Total outlay during July was $87,293.50, as compared with $55,903 during June.

GAIN OF $31,390

July's total broken down shows an expenditure of $30,093 for residential structures and repairs, $44,400.50 for business structures and repairs, and $12,800 for churches.

Businesses Show Gain

Several large business projects accounted for the rise, which came during the latter part of the month on the heels of a Fourth of July slump. Some of the larger ones were an addition to Fluhrer's bakery, a new structure for the Men's Hand laundry, a new building to house the Klamath Rescue mission, and a remodeling job to the Medical Dental building.

The comparison with totals for July, 1939, however, which was one of the biggest building months in Klamath Falls in years, shows a decided drop. In that month 34 permits were issued, two less than during the same month this year, but the grand figure was $163,130. This figure was swelled by $29,300 worth of new residences and $121,000 worth of new business structures.

Residences Drop

During the month just past new business buildings accounted for $39,000 of the total, and new churches for $12,800. The total for new residences, compared with the previous month, dropped from $34,900 during June to $21,950 during July.

Inspector Franey was deluged with most of the July applications during the middle of the month, only three being received during the week just closed: Auto wrecking building on South Sixth street at the viaduct, $1000, Arthur Lundgren; remodel residence at 2011 Eberlein street, $800, J. S. Gurtle; remodel residence at 437 Grant street, $45, E. H. Lawrence.

July totals:

	No. Permits	Cost
New residences	[illegible]	[illegible]
Remodel residences	[illegible]	[illegible]
New business	[illegible]	[illegible]
Remodel business	[illegible]	[illegible]
Garages	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duplex	[illegible]	[illegible]
Churches	[illegible]	[illegible]
	36	$87,293.50

Tips From Garden Notebook

By A Klamath Gardener

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Right now is a very good time to get an early start on your spring garden work. Sounds like rushing the seasons, doesn't it? But some preliminary planning and work now will advance your garden a whole year by spring. And there are quite a lot of things that can be moved now, and get a good start before the winter sets in.

How about a hardy border to hide a group of out buildings or an unsightly strip of fence? It really is a lot more satisfying to have some flowers that are as thrifty as weeds rather than the weeds themselves. Here is something that is quite satisfactory.

This works very well for a large space that you can't put in too much time taking care of. If it is a strip of fence, plant one of the hardy quick growing vines to climb upon it. That will give a bank of green all summer. About two feet in front of this plant hollyhocks, either young plants or seed. Another two foot space, then plant a row of the hardy Michaelmas daisy. Then in front of this a row of iris, all colors.

All of these cannot be planted right now, but the ground can be prepared. It doesn't necessarily need a lot of fancy preparation either. Fertilize or not as you wish, but do not get much of it along the edge where the iris are to grow. When the ground is ready set out the iris first, which can be moved now. As hollyhock seed is about to ripen, anyone who grows them will be glad to give you all you want. Plant them about an inch deep in the row two feet from the fence. That is about all that you can do right now, except to see that the strip is watered a time or two. Then this fall or early spring the vines can be planted along the fence, and late in the fall, after they have stopped blooming and the foliage died down the daisies can be set out, or they can wait until early spring.

This can be arranged with different kinds of flowers, but for something that is fool proof and weather proof and more or less drouth proof this particular group can't be beat. All spring the iris will bloom and in the summer the hollyhocks and in the fall after the frost has ruined everything else the hardy daisy will provide a bank of blossoms.

PORTLAND BUILDING HITS 11-YEAR PEAK

PORTLAND, Aug. 3 (AP) — Portland's residential construction this month surpassed all July records since 1929, a building division survey revealed today.

House permits totaled 96 valued at $537,550 compared with only 77 permits for July a year ago. The city building inspector issued a total of 445 permits valued at $810,660 against valuation of $595,875 for the corresponding month a year ago. Residence permits so far this year reached 837, an advance from the 566 in 1939.

July bank clearings reached $167,807,015 against $129,989,419 for the same month a year ago. For the first seven months clearings mounted to $1,040,858,310 compared with $886,325,953 for the first seven months of 1939.

The month's foreign trade showed about $300,000 gain over June but failed to measure up to July, 1939. July export values were estimated at $1,689,000 compared with $1,383,262 in June and $1,914,051 a year ago. Customs collections gained about $3000 compared with June but dropped a like amount from July a year ago.

July foreign lumber exports by water were valued at $249,768, wheat $381,870, flour $184,773. In each case the figures are higher than last month but less than 1939.

Cape Cod Shingle

This week's example from the "Western Living Homes" series is the "Minidoka" design. It was created to provide a small home that would fit harmoniously into the forest setting of the Pacific northwest.

The exterior design is an adaptation of the Cape Cod type of treatment. Wood shingles are specified for the sidewalls as well as the roof. For a forest background, brown stain is recommended for the walls, with moss-green roof and trim. Gray stains and white trim will blend beautifully with a background of hills of silver sage—making a perfect "little gray home in the west."

The interior design, together with structural and equipment specifications, carries out 1940 economy principles to the utmost. Living and dining space is efficiently arranged. Conditional estimates of local cost may be obtained from retail lumber dealers.

"Prospective home builders who are attracted by the Minidoka design should keep a few important facts in mind in regard to wood shingles," says C. Bell, chairman of Western Homes foundation. "Not so long ago shingles were just shingles. Now, in 1940, they are separated into three separate grades for ordinary use. Each grade is carefully selected, inspected and certified. Architects, material dealers and contractors generally recommend use of the best grade for weather exposure, as the most economical in the long run. For insulation and added structural strength to walls, "double-coursing" is advised. This is simply applying a lower grade of shingles in one course on the wall sheathing, and then applying a second course of the best grade of shingles over the first, for exposure to the weather. With the value of insulation being so widely recognized, double-coursing is becoming popular among builders who specify single sidewalls.

"Double-coursing should be taken into consideration by those who decide to build the Minidoka. Another seemingly small but important factor is the kind of shingle nails used. Common nails that rust or corrode will form the first point of deterioration in the shingle roof or sidewall. Only the types of shingle nails recommended by building experts should be used in the roof and sidewalls of the Minidoka. Zinc-coated nails are most often specified."

Information and service on the Minidoka may be obtained through retail lumber dealers or from Western Homes foundation, 917 Lloyd building, Seattle, Wash.

WEATHER

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Fair tonight and Sunday, but fog on coast night and morning; slightly cooler in delta regions Sunday afternoon; moderate northwest wind off coast.

WASHINGTON AND OREGON—Fair tonight and Sunday; warmer in extreme east portion tonight; moderate northerly wind off coast, and gentle northerly wind over inland waters of Washington.

Outlook for far western states for period August 5 to August 10, inclusive: Fair weather except fogs on coast and scattered thunderstorms over northern mountain districts middle of week; cooler in Pacific Northwest by middle of week.

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OREGON HOME BUILDING HITS NEW RECORDS

Indications of a continued increase in home building activity in Oregon are given in the new records for number and amount of applications for home mortgage insurance under title II of the national housing act being established this year, State FHA Director Folger Johnson announced today.

During the first half of this year, Johnson said, the record total of 1566 applications amounting to $6,012,586 was received in the Portland office. This is a gain of 23.6 per cent in number and 33.5 per cent in amount over the previous record for a similar period established in the first half of last year.

During June, 301 applications amounting to $1,115,900 were received, Johnson said. This was slightly less than the record monthly total of 312 applications amounting to $1,140,800 received in May, but was much larger than last year's record monthly total of 256 applications amounting to $928,000.

"But the extent of the increase in home construction in Oregon is indicated in the applications for new homes to be constructed under FHA inspection," Mr. Johnson said. "Of all the applications received in the first half of 1940, 1073 amounting to $4,340,286 were for homes to be constructed under FHA inspection. This is a gain of 100 per cent in number and 95 per cent in amount of homes to be built over the first half of 1939."

Property improvement loans reported for insurance under title I of the act to the Portland office by lending institutions during June numbered 632 and amounted to $249,845, Johnson said. This compares with 592 loans amounting to $235,056 reported in May. During the first half of this year, 3023 loans amounting to 1,265,738 were reported for insurance, compared with 3217 loans amounting to $1,420,486 reported during the first half of last year. The cumulative total since August, 1934, is 37,189 loans amounting to $13,986,553.

Lumber Dealers and Mortgage Lenders Will Meet August 10

Announcement was made today by Folger Johnson, state director of the FHA, of a combined meeting for the Klamath Falls retail lumber dealers and mortgage lenders of this city, for an FHA-dealer mortgage clinic to be held in the clubroom of the public library, at 2 p. m., Saturday, August 10.

This meeting is somewhat similar to a series of mortgage clinics conducted in the various cities of Montana under the sponsorship of the Montana Retail Lumbermen's association in cooperation with the federal housing administration.

Alfred D. Collier, president, Swan Lake Moulding company of Klamath Falls, will act as chairman of the meeting. "This meeting is strictly educational and is being conducted by the federal housing administration in an effort to disseminate among the various dealers and financial institutions, general information on the operations of the government's insured mortgage plan," Collier declared.

The chairman also announced that representing the federal housing administration from Portland will be Walter E. Hutchinson, executive assistant and Joseph A. Nance, senior field representative.

FINDER'S LOSER

PITTSBURGH, (AP)—As head of the Pittsburgh Railway company's lost and found department, William Barbin has returned countless lost articles.

Will someone please reciprocate?

He lost two $20 bills yesterday.

TOBACCO COMPANY NOW IN NEW HOME

Just completed and occupied is the new home of the Pioneer Tobacco company, at Seventh and Willow streets. Bob Thompson, head of the concern, gave the contract for the construction job to Larson brothers.

The building was carefully designed for occupancy by the wholesale tobacco and candy firm.

The bright front room features long cases where samples of candy bars may be viewed by customers. A door from this room leads to the manager's office, which also fronts on Seventh street.

In the rear is a large store room, with space for storage of trucks which come in from the Willow street side. Here also is a large vault, equipped with humidor, for storage of tobaccos, cigars and cigarettes.