

# Factory Output, Sales Up In August, Ending Eight Month's Slump

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (AP)—For the first time since last November the wheels in America's mills and factories are turning faster.

After eight steady months of falling output, the industrial pace has quickened in August, the Federal Reserve board says today.

Flanking this pleasant news are reports of increasing steel production, record auto output, reviving department store sales in New York city, and return of workers to refrigerator plants where a spurt in orders is boosting output.

The August revival should bring industrial production back to about the rate of June, the Federal Reserve board says. The sharp drop in July was chalked up largely to a postwar development the board hasn't yet taken into account when adjusting its index to seasonal factors—the spread of the vacation habit through industry.

Many factories were closed down part of the time in July for vacations. When the board set up its industrial production index, a number of years ago, it made allowance for many seasonal variations, but the vacation practice was so little observed before the war in heavy industry that it was not taken into consideration in the index.

Price cuts and hot weather brought homeowners into the appliance stores in sufficient quantity to cut refrigerator inventories, and

# Bared Bosom Here To Stay

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Aug. 31 (AP)—The bared bosom is here to stay, says designer Meredith Peterson, whose fall and winter collection of plunging necklines is evidence of her belief.

"I deliberately play up the bosom," says Miss Peterson. "And why not?" she asked. "It's woman's greatest appeal. Of course, every woman can't wear a plunging neckline but it's a great thing for those who can get away with it."

"All the plunges on my dresses are convertible. So, if the woman is modest, or just can't wear a dress cut so low, she can stitch the slit up to a more comfortable height."

Miss Peterson is currently exhibiting her collection in a series of daily showings at the House of Meredith. Besides her low cut gowns which can be seam-up, she has a dress called "button button" which may be buttoned up (or unbuttoned) at the wearer's discretion.

Glass coffee makers which require no stove or hot plate have been made possible by the development of a new electrically conductive coating for glass.

# Moore Park Attendance Showing Gain

Weekday attendance at Moore park is becoming more and more popular, according to Park Superintendent Bert Stott, though last week-end's visitors totalled almost 1000 persons on the scheduled lists.

The schedules take care only of those persons who attend pre-listed picnics and affairs at the picnic grounds, and does not take into consideration the thousands who enter the park for the sake of its recreational facilities.

Attendance was also noticeably heavy at the park tennis court, where Klamath's netmen stood off both Ashland and Redding Sunday.

According to Stott, the democratic picnic ran a little above its scheduled number Sunday, but most of the other picnics were running below average.

One of the latest household aids is a greaseless frying pan, requiring no fat whatever, yet not scorching or sticking to the foods cooked in it. It is lined with one of the silicones, those remarkable new compounds of silica and carbon now used for a host of purposes.

# Crackdown On 'Runaway Fathers' Asked By Solon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—A federal crackdown on "runaway fathers" has been proposed by Rep. Steed (D-Okla.).

Steed said many fathers are abandoning their children for the sole purpose of getting them on federal-state relief. In many cases, he added, the social security program actually is financing the break-up of homes.

Moreover, he told reporters, his own investigation has revealed "an ever-increasing number of cases of actual conspiracy between the father and mother to get their children on relief rolls."

But in the usual case, Steed said, the father tells his family he "is going away to hunt for work," and later "more often than not he is discovered in some far-off state living with another woman."

Therefore, the Oklahoman said, he is appealing to the house judiciary committee for an early hearing on legislation to make it a federal criminal offense for a parent

to desert a child and cross a state line.

"At least," he said, "we can see to it that those who are too sorry to support their own families can get put into jail while you and I support his family for him."

There now are 1,350,000 dependent children receiving an average of about \$28 each monthly under the social security public assistance program. This relief, financed through money-matching arrangements among federal, state and local governments, is costing almost a half-billion dollars a year.

The house ways and means committee, has taken one long step toward controlling abuse of this program.

The new social security bill the committee recently approved would make it mandatory for a welfare worker to report evidence of child desertion to the local prosecuting attorney.

At present, welfare case records are confidential and cannot be taken to the prosecuting attorneys.

# Foresters Lower 'Porky' Total

The porcupine census taker this year will find 107 of the spiked animals missing. They have been killed by members of the forest service in the Klamath district in order to preserve the trees, according to the forest service here.

The little rodents kill many trees by gnawing at them. The porcupine killing campaign for this year has been in progress since spring, and all of the forest service districts are after the damaging animals.

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