

# OTI Gunsmithing Class Now Tops In United States

# Car Manufacturers Worry Over Restrictions That May Cut National Output



CONSTANTINO SANDOVAL checks the fit of a barrel and stock.



A CHAMBER REAMING job occupies Earl Sweet (left), Drain, and James W. Crosswell, Camas, Wash.



HEAT TREATING — Forrest Hoover (left), Phoenix, Ariz., and Robert L. Cate, Geyserville, Calif., use a tempering furnace.

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DETROIT (AP) — Twelve million passenger cars were built in the past two years and another 5,000,000 will be needed this year.

At least that's the claim of many car builders, smarting under restrictions that promise to limit 1952 car output to not more than 4,000,000 units.

Some manufacturers claim replacement demand alone will absorb all passenger car output unless production quotas are substantially increased.

New car sales have lagged in recent weeks. Some sales managers have attributed the drop to the imminence of new models.

How much model change-overs have affected new car sales soon will be determined; most 1952 models, especially the large volume makes, have now been introduced with the new Ford appearance this week.

All industry experts don't agree another 5,000,000 new cars can be sold this year. Some say factory output would not reach that figure even if all materials restrictions suddenly were lifted.

As some experts view the industry's outlook a sharply intensified sales effort will be needed this year to sell 4,000,000 cars.

Yet sales executives say that there is an annual market for 5,000,000 new cars for many years ahead.

Analysts who watch sales very closely say the car buying public is becoming increasingly price conscious. Prices have gone up materially in the past year on most makes of cars and more increases currently are being applied or are being worked out.

Many motorists figure that as new car list prices go up so do the trade-in allowances on their one and two year old cars. But the pricing situation doesn't always work out that way, excepting in cases where dealers have more cars than orders on hand.

There are some such dealers in certain sections of the country, but there is little price discounting on new 1952 model cars. In most instances the price cuts are on 1951 models which dealers were unable to move before the new cars came in.

Latest surveys indicate used car sales are lagging pretty much the same as new car deliveries.

# Fantastic Salaries Told As AEC Men Start Probe Of Labor 'Pirating' Story

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — An Atomic Energy Commission hearing has uncovered that a wire splicer received \$775.50 a week for his specialized work on the AEC's Nevada Proving Grounds.

E. J. Maupin Jr., president of the Dodge Construction Co., of Fallon, Nev., testified at the final session Friday night that the splicer, T. Singleton, was employed 40 hours a week on regular time and 8 1/2 hours on an overtime basis.

He said Singleton was released from the Navy for the job at the AEC request, and that he was here only during the time his services were needed.

Maupin's firm has two projects under construction at the atom test site.

Other witnesses testified that high wages paid by Haddock Engineers, Ltd. almost paralyzed some of Las Vegas' industrial activities.

Joy Fippin, secretary of the Employers' Association of Southern Nevada, said Haddock was paying \$100 a day for roofers and that other workers got from \$500 to \$600 a week.

The hearing was called after the McNeil Construction Co., which lost a \$601,000 fixed fee contract for failure to complete its work on schedule, complained that Haddock "pirated" its labor.

Newsmen attending the hearing were permitted for the first time inside the heavily-walled control building at Yucca Flats, scene of the atomic tests last fall. The visit disclosed apparent preparedness for additional atom explosions which may be held early in the spring.

The newsmen were conveyed by uniformed security guards and were restricted only from the control room, containing a labyrinth of classified instruments. A new tower has been erected about 15 miles from the building where scientists last fall observed the explosions. The new tower appeared to be about 300 feet high.

Five miles north of the control point are a cluster of buildings believed to be new test installations built since the last detonation.

# Ship Owners File Appeal

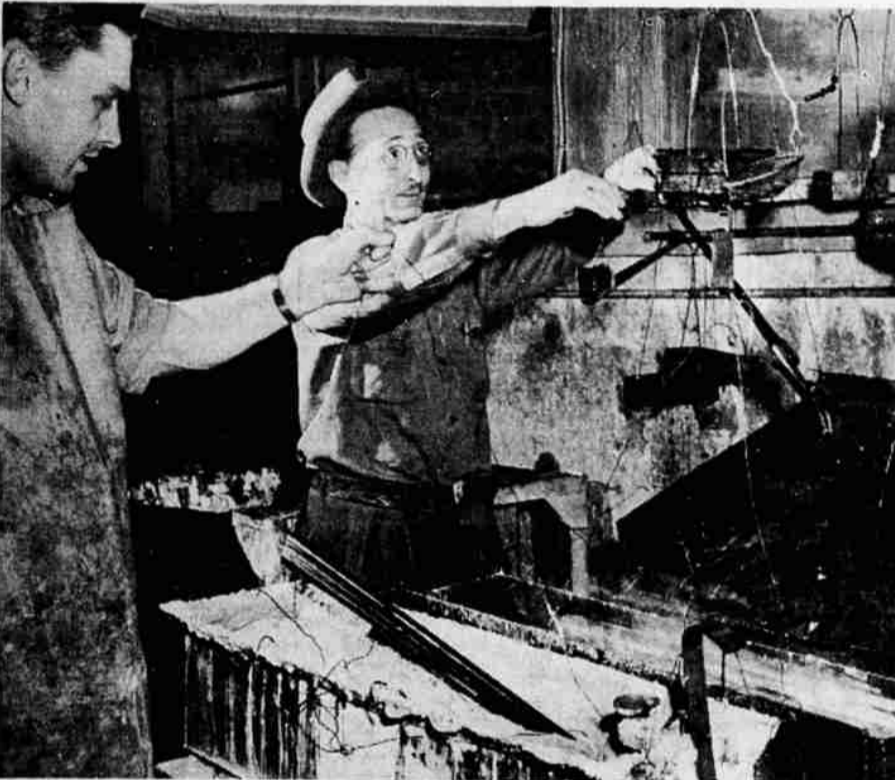
PORTLAND (AP) — The owners of the Danish motorship *Erria*, which burned at the mouth of the Columbia River with the loss of 11 lives last Dec. 20, asked Friday to be freed of liability in the disaster.

The firm, East Atlantic Co., Copenhagen, Denmark, also asked in a petition filed in Federal Court here that liability be limited to loss of life and property.

The petition said that "all 31 of the passengers aboard the *Erria* were roused and reached the boat deck."

Seven passengers already have filed property loss claims totaling \$12,286. Two death damage claims total \$38,800.

Serve a salad for a first course sometime. Celery stuffed with a mixture of cream and Roquefort cheese, cut into one- or two-inch lengths, and arranged on shredded lettuce in a good choice; drizzle the lettuce with a well-seasoned French dressing before adding the celery wedges.



BLUING — Finishing touch is applied to parts by Don Watchman (left), Silvertown, and Jim Yoder, Portland.



FINAL OK — Herbert Butler (center), Freewater, shows a finished product and wins smiling approval of instructors George Harper (left) and Walter Phillips (right).

By WALLACE MYERS

Robust young OTI not content with being one of the nation's fastest growing schools is also making quite a name for itself scholastically.

In the category of gunsmithing, for instance, Oregon Tech leads the entire country in enrollment and has a solid claim to having the finest course.

Seventy students now enrolled in OTI's gunsmithing course give the school the size championship hands down.

And as for quality of instruction, the U.S. Army's Ordnance Department appears to think OTI gunsmiths lead the nation. At least, the Ordnance Department's

qualifications for civilian armament artisans stipulate that they shall be OTI graduates or having an education "the equivalent thereof."

Touring the OTI gunsmithing department this week was an eye-opening experience for this reporter. I knew gun work was a highly specialized field requiring top-quality craftsmanship but I was amazed at the intricate layout of the multiple campus.

George Harper, one of the four gunsmithing instructors at OTI, showed me around and explained the gist of the course.

The OTI course requires a minimum of two years. And before a student may enroll, he must be

both a finished welder and machinist.

Once in the gunsmithing course, the student begins studying under four expert instructors. Besides Harper, there are Al Winkelman, Frank Alley and Walt Phillips, son of Ralph Phillips, widely-famed Klamath Falls gunsmith.

Harper, who formerly had a gun shop in Portland, heads the Harper Manufacturing Company here and holds patents on several gun parts and tools.

Harper, with justifiable pride in his profession, points out that many of our most important machine tools were invented and developed by gunsmiths. He talks of long-ago gunsmiths whose mechanical artistry led to great inventions . . .

Gunsmith Gottlieb Daimler, the German who made the world's first automobile, the Mercedes-Benz; and Eli Whitney, who paused in his gunsmithing to make the cotton gin.

Oregon Tech's fame in the field has spread rapidly. Students have come here from all over the nation and three neighboring states, Idaho, Washington and California, use the course in their rehabilitation program.

Although the OTI students are not permitted to do outside work (except free jobs for friends) the class does do all gun work for both the Oregon State Police and Game Commission.

One of the most interesting pieces of work turned out was a special rifle for the Game Commission. The Commission, long anxious to check on effects of seals on salmon, needed an extremely accurate and high-powered rifle.

The gun was to be used in picking off seals as they entered the mouth of the Rogue River. To properly do the job, so as not to injure the seals' digestive organs, a long-range gun with which the seals could be shot in the brain cavity

was needed. That meant the gun would have to be able to send a bullet over long stretches of water and into about a one-inch target.

The OTI gunsmiths went to work and came up with a .270 rifle that is a joy to behold.

It's a big gun, weighing some 15 pounds, but it has the accuracy of a fine target rifle. If such a gun were available on the market it would cost at least \$600, Instructor Harper says.

But coming from OTI, the gun cost the Game Commission only \$200 for materials. All labor was free.

OTI's gunsmith graduates aren't having any trouble finding work; they're grabbed up as soon as their instructors decide they're ready to go out on their own. Right now, there's a list of jobs ready and waiting for OTI graduates.

If you're interested in guns, you'll thoroughly enjoy seeing the OTI setup.

# Federal Gambling Tax Cuts Illegal Gaming In US By 90 Percent -- So Far

WASHINGTON (AP) — A revenue official says the new federal gambling tax has virtually halted illegal gambling in the United States but he added: "I don't know how long the honeymoon will last."

Eugene Coyle, the Revenue Bureau's expert on the gambling tax, said Thursday the new tax has choked off 90 per cent of the nation's estimated 20 billion dollar a year illegal gambling business.

Coyle said "most of the big time gamblers have closed shop" because they are afraid to reveal their illegal operations to police, the public and the press as the new law requires.

In another development, the Federal Communications Commission ordered a probe into how gamblers are using Western Union telegraph wires.

Western Union had proposed to put new regulations governing transmission of horse and dog racing news into effect midnight Thursday night, but the FCC ordered a postponement until May 3 to give it time to hold public hearings.

Regarding the federal gamblers tax, Coyle gave these figures:

A total of 8,913 gamblers over the nation bought tax stamps in December compared with 1,558 in November, the first month under the law. Most of these were petty dealers in states where punchboards are legal.

A breakdown of taxes and stamps shows that business in November was best in Ohio, where gamblers paid in 10 per cent of a take of \$383,020 . . . Louisiana was second with \$351,770, in total business and Illinois third with \$282,020.

As for gamblers registered, Wash-

ington State was first with \$70,109 collected for tax stamps. Illinois was second with \$61,063, Montana third with \$43,837, and Ohio fourth with \$26,672.

The high returns from Washington and Montana are partly accounted for by the fact that punchboards are permitted in those states.

## Freight Rate Progress Made

WASHINGTON (AP) — The long haul toward uniform freight rates throughout the nation is a step nearer the partial reality due next May 30.

On that date uniform rates go into effect east of the Rocky Mountains. The railroads began Friday filing with the Interstate Commerce Commission new class rates under which an item may be shipped anywhere in the area at a mileage rate that disregards geographic boundaries.

The rates will not apply west of the Rockies until further ICC proceedings.

Class rates normally apply to a single item, particularly manufactured goods.

To make a quick supper dish mix cooked elbow macaroni, flaked tuna fish, and grated onion, with a medium cream sauce. Pile into a casserole, top with buttered crumbs, and heat in a moderate oven.

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