

Year-End Slowdown Shows Up In Most Businesses; Xmas Shoppers Aid Some

By WALTER BEEDE JR.
NEW YORK (AP) — The usual year-end slowdown was very much in evidence this week in most lines of business.
One major exception was retail trade. Panned by Christmas shopping, retail volume gained over the previous week. But the rise was considered disappointing.
In most areas, Dun & Bradstreet said, the increase in retail sales was "not up to seasonal expectations."
Steel production ebbed to its lowest point in 16 months.
Auto output, which had turned sharply higher in the previous

4-H Leaders Honored By Rotary Club

An achievement banquet honoring over 100 4-H Club leaders was held at the Willard Hotel Friday night by the Klamath Falls Rotary Club.
Earl Kent was program chairman for the event and Bob Ellington, Rotary president, presented the welcoming address.
Presentation of leaders pins were made by Bill Huggins, local manager of the U. S. National 4-H Club. Oldest leader in point of service was Rex High, Olene, who has been actively engaged in 4-H work for the past 17 years.
Principal speaker for the evening was F. E. Price, dean and director, OSG extension service, who presented the group with an interesting talk on the agricultural outlook for the Klamath Basin.
Commending leaders on their untiring efforts, Dean Price said, "The hours you 4-H leaders have put in can only be rewarded by your interest in youth—we cannot honor you enough, it's the voluntary, non-paid leaders who make these programs possible."
In commenting on the agricultural outlook, Price contended that consumer spending, supply and demand are expected to hold fairly level in 1954. Foreign demand is down about one third and undoubtedly government spending will continue as an important factor.
The big problem facing the Klamath Basin, Price feels, is what to do with diverted acres taken out of production under the wheat, cotton and other farm commodities under the support and acreage adjustment program.
Another program facing the entire country is what to do with enormously increased production. The increase in beef cattle has been stopped this year for the first time in years, with more beef being consumed per capita than ever before. The beef market should strengthen somewhat next year, Price concluded.

Bloodmobile Due Monday

Blood is the magic gift for life. There is no substitute for it or for its derivatives. It can come only from human donors. It is rated as the best medicine that can be given in certain illnesses.
The story of blood is fascinating, even fantastic, and has only been partially unfolded.
Old superstitions exist and many persons yet today believe that blood given by a man or woman of one race or color, passes on the giver's characteristics to the recipient. That is impossible. Nor will blood from a grouch make anyone any gayer nor change the course of ambitions.
Giving blood is simple and harmless to a healthy adult. No money is paid to a donor by the Red Cross. The only payment is the satisfaction of helping others and America. The reward of a blood donor is a little red pin, a cup of coffee and some cookies prepared by volunteers.
Blood donor hours for Klamath County this month, Dec. 14-15 are 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, the first day at OTI and 7 to 9 p.m. the same evening at the armory. Tuesday, hours will be from 12 to 5:30 p.m. at the armory.

Rotary Club To Sponsor Dance

The Rotary Club has set the date for their annual Christmas dance held each year for college students and local servicemen to come on leave.
The dance will be held in the Pine Grove room at the Willard Hotel Wednesday, Dec. 23, beginning at 9 p.m. Music will be furnished by the Elmo Haugh Trio.
There is no charge for this dance according to Bob Chilcote who is in charge of arrangements.

CONFAB

HONOLULU (AP) — Representatives of the United States, Australia and New Zealand ended a five-day secret conference on Pacific naval defenses yesterday. There was no announcement on details.

week, showed a decline of 15 per cent.

Stock prices drifted lower. Freight carloadings and paper-board production held below the levels of a year ago. There were further cuts in the price of steel scrap, gasoline and home heating oil.

Not all the indicators pointed downward, however. Heavy construction contract awards registered a steep advance; money in circulation set a new record for the second week in a row.

Signs continued to multiply that manufacturers in some key lines were deliberately marking time until 1954 so they could come back with a production roar in the first quarter.

The drop in auto output resulted partly from model changeover operations at Ford. There was increasing evidence that the industry was dragging its feet in order to give dealers a chance to clean out unsold stocks of 1953 models.

Chrysler and Dodge, cutting back production of 1954 cars, laid off 3,850 workers; Nash, which has also been marking 1954 for some time, announced an eight-day shutdown of its auto assembly lines starting Dec. 21. The reason, said Nash, was to "keep in step with the current market."

There were conflicting views on the volume of unsold cars in dealers' hands. It was broadly hinted, however, that once the 1953 clearing problem had been solved, a rip-roaring production race would be on in earnest.

Retailers still have hopes of beating last year's record Christmas volume. Total retail sales for the first 11 months this year (including automobiles and food) were five per cent ahead of 1952.

Department store sales in the week ending Dec. 5 were three per cent lower than in the same week last year. For the seven-day period ended Dec. 9, a majority of merchants polled by Dun & Bradstreet reported gains over 1952 but a "substantial number" said they failed to equal the volume of a year ago.

The Commerce Department said unemployment in November rose to 1,428,000 — an increase of 300,000 since Oct. 31. The rise, said Secretary Sinclair Weeks, confirmed "other evidences of a slight easing in various sectors of the economy," but the employment situation as a whole "continues favorable." Total unemployment last month, he pointed out, was still as low as in any peacetime November on record.

Doctors Open Phone Service

The physicians of Klamath County are operating a 24-hour telephone exchange at Klamath Valley Hospital (phone 2-3592) to facilitate receiving calls from patients after doctor's regular office hours.
In emergency cases, the operator will call the physician of your choice; otherwise a physician from the emergency panel will be called. Every effort will be made to locate a physician as quickly as possible. The public can help a great deal by limiting calls strictly to real emergencies and by giving accurate information to the operator.

Medical care in general can be improved if everyone will select a family physician in advance of medical needs; never residents are particularly urged to do this.

Historian Takes Life

BERLIN (AP) — The anti-Communist Free Jurists League of West Berlin said Saturday a noted German history professor committed suicide by throwing himself in front of a train because of Communist pressure on his writings.

He was identified as Dr. Karl Griewank, 53, professor at the University of Jena in the Soviet Zone.

The Jurists League said the East Zone Socialist Unity party (SED) had roughed increasing pressure recently on the historian. For some time, the league said, Griewank had been working on an account of the big battle of Leipzig of 1813 in which the Prussians and the Russians joined to defeat Napoleon.

The Jurists League, which has excellent East Zone connections, said the SED wanted Griewank to depict the battle as a Russian victory. Shortly before his work was to be published, the league said, Griewank was asked to change important sections to conform to the "spirit of Communist history."

"As he saw no other way out, he threw himself in front of an express train," the Jurists report said.

Abortion Case Rehearing Asked

SALEM (AP) — John B. McCourt, Multnomah County district attorney, Friday filed a petition for rehearing in the Dr. George H. Buck abortion case with the State Supreme Court.

McCourt asked the court to reconsider a decision it reached last month when it reversed the 1951 conviction of the Portland physician on a charge of manslaughter by abortion.



ALTAMONT JUNIOR HIGH MIXED CHORUS... was featured on the Klamath Falls Zulema Nile Club luncheon entertainment program, Dec. 2. Under the direction of Violette Moore, music instructor (she also teaches 7th and 8th grade literature) — the group has made many appearances. Their

popularity has grown to the extent that the Christmas program in the Altamont gym is scheduled for two nights, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 17-18, at 8 p.m. Other years so many fans attended that the gym was filled to overflowing.
—Photo by Kettler

Highway Bid Figures Low

PORTLAND (AP) — Most of the bids submitted by contractors at Friday's Oregon Highway Commission meeting were considerably below estimates made by state engineers.

All low bids submitted were approved and referred to the department's engineer for later award, with the exception of the one for a lighting project at the Bonneville Interchange on the Columbia River Highway. The low bid on this project was rejected as too high.

The commission also heard a delegation from Clatsop County urge that the Astoria-Megler ferry, Merle R. Chessman be kept in continuous operation, a smaller ferry now is used in winter months when there is less traffic. Ben Chandler, commission chairman, told the delegation he didn't think state funds should be used to subsidize Clatsop County merchants.

J. L. Curtis, safety director of the Oregon Timber Transport Operators Association, asked that regulations be changed to permit hauling on state highways after 8 p.m.

Tribe Studies Celilo Loss

TOPPENISH (AP) — The Yakima Tribal Council has called a three-day meeting starting Dec. 21 to discuss indemnity for the loss of their Celilo Falls fishing grounds and whether to allow liquor on the Yakima reservation.
The Council contends the Yakima held the bulk of the fishing rights at Celilo Falls, ancient Indian fishing ground on the Columbia River which will be covered by the water backed up from the Dalles Dam, now being constructed.

Although a number of other tribes which also fished at Celilo have reached settlements with the Army Engineers for several million dollars each for the loss of their fishing rights, the Yakimas have not been able to reach agreement with the engineers.
A recent federal law which provides local option for the sale of liquor on Indian reservations will also be up for discussion. Either the tribe or its council can authorize the sale of liquor on the reservation.

Off The Streets Request Granted

CHICAGO (AP) — James A. Griffith, 34, pleaded to Federal Judge Michael L. Igoe Friday: "Get me off the street because the temptation to steal checks is too great."

"I'll do that," the judge told Griffith and sentenced him to two years in prison.
Griffith surrendered to postal inspectors and admitted he stole a \$60 government check from a mail box.

He told them: "Because this is Christmas time and many people will be receiving checks they need, I want to get off the streets so I won't cause unhappiness for others."

Inspectors said he had served two prison terms for stealing checks from the mails.

HENLEY HORNET BUZZES

By RUTH ROENICKE

Something new at Henley this year is the Dramatics Club of 33 members, headed by Mr. Anderson. Practicing is now underway for two plays, to be presented in January.

Basketball is at the top of Henley's activity list for the next month. The evenings of Dec. 4 and 5 really showed up Henley's school spirit! The "A" team beat Bonanza and Tulalake; while the "B" team beat Bonanza and lost to Tulalake.

Duke Art, clay sculptor, presented the student body with the third national assembly for 1953-54. Duke Art claims to be the fastest clay sculptor, which he proved to everyone in the assembly. The program was very good and full of many laughs, in response to Duke Art's jokes.

The Henley PTA sponsored a pollock dinner, served by the men. A regular business meeting and movie on soil chemistry followed.
A skating party was given by the freshmen class last Wednesday evening, at Skateland. Everyone remarked about the good time, even with all the spills and thrills! Elaine Kendall and Francis Roberts were chosen queen and king, by the parents who were present.

RELIEF

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — A French airplane flew over two of the Communist-led Vietminh Rebels' strongholds Saturday, dropping Christmas packages containing food and medicine for French Union prisoners of war. The French Union command has announced that about 3,000 of their troops are held by the Red rebels, who have failed to answer appeals for permission to deliver badly needed supplies to the captives.

TV Face Finally Quits Screen In One Big "Poof"

BLUE POINT, N. Y. (AP) — Ah, face, it's good to know you—and to know you have disappeared from that television screen.

The face that looked out of Jerry Travers' TV set for two days, with the set turned off or on, was identified by NBC as that of Frances Lane, a singer on one of its shows.

Then "poof"—as Mrs. Travers described it—Miss Lane's face on the screen turned into a ball shortly after lunchtime Friday and finally faded away.

TV experts who at first said "it can't happen" had other explanations:
Could be an explosion of electrons turned the image of a face into the fluorescent lining of the picture tube.
Could be the image just burned itself off.

At any rate, the Travers and their three small children are happy and their TV screen no longer stands shame-faced to the wall.

NBC has invited Mrs. Travers and her family to come face-to-face with the face (of Miss Lane) on Monday.

TOO MUCH

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's politicians decided Saturday that Japanese eat too much rice.
They opened a campaign to wean the people from their staff of life.
All parties in the lower house of parliament agreed to encourage Japanese to eat wheat.
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Dulles In Paris Today

PARIS (AP) — U. S. Secretary of State Dulles arrived in Paris Saturday for a meeting of the NATO council of ministers and expressed the hope that the Soviet Union would abandon its "dilatory, delaying tactics."

"We hope that they (the Russians) will participate in the Big Four foreign ministers' meeting at Berlin on Jan. 4, a meeting of the foreign ministers that we have been trying to get," Dulles said.

Dulles also told newsmen the U. S. government is sincerely hopeful the Soviets will accept President Eisenhower's proposals for peaceful international use of atomic energy.

Before leaving Washington Friday night, however, the secretary of state said that, meanwhile, it was essential for the free world to "maintain the power to defend against and strike back against any aggressor."

"It is largely through NATO," he added, "that we gain that power. In the common interest."

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Thomasina Mix, daughter of the late movie cowboy Tom Mix, and Army Maj. John Allen Andre were married last night by Municipal Judge Henry H. Draeger.

Vet's Mailbag

Prompted by the approaching Christmas season — with its demands for extra money for the usual Yule reasons—many veterans attending schools or colleges under the Korean GI Bill have inquired of Veterans Administration if there is any bar to the amounts of money they may receive for working at part-time jobs; and if it must be reported to VA.
VA's answer is that veterans in this category may earn as much as they can, provided it does not interfere with their class work—and that it doesn't have to be reported to VA.

One qualifying reminder from VA, however, is that this applies only to those taking GI Bill training at school or college. There is a "ceiling" that applies to Korean veterans who are taking on-the-job training regarding reporting earnings. But even this ceiling — \$310 per month—puts no limit on how much a veteran may earn.
VA reminds that when an on-the-job trainee under the Korean GI Bill receives more than \$310 per month from all sources—wages and government allowance, the law requires VA to scale down its allowance to bring the total within that amount. This ceiling applies to all on-the-job trainees, regardless of the rate of GI allowance they are receiving. If a veteran, however, should earn more than \$310 in salary, he would receive no allowance.

Here's how it works: For a trainee with no dependents, the beginning of GI Bill allowance is \$75 per month. With one dependent, it's \$85. With more than one dependent, it's \$105 per month. Under the law this allowance is reduced at intervals of every four months, as the veteran's training progresses and his earning ability increases.

This VA reminds, applies only to on-the-job training. It does not apply to Korean veterans who are training at school or college.

Floor Finisher Suffers Burns

PORTLAND (AP) — Malcomb Bercholtz, a floor finisher, suffered serious burns Friday in an explosion at a house where he was working.

A gas wall heater started automatically and ignited fumes from a finishing fluid Bercholtz was using, a spokesman for the contractor said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower suggested yesterday that Americans give Christmas presents to victims of the fire that destroyed more than 5,000 homes in Pusan, Korea.

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