



M. H. GOLKAR (right), technical inspector of the Iranian State Railways, and H. H. Hannah, assistant district communications supervisor of the Southern Pacific Railroad at Eugene, inspect a carrier telephone unit at the Klamath Falls S.P. telegraph office. Golkar is on a one-year inspection and training tour to study signalling and communications systems of the United States prior to modernization of the Iranian system. He has toured the Southern, the Frisco, the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific railroads and several equipment manufacturers.

Oregon Business Expansion Reviewed By Bank Leader

Business leaders of Oregon at the turn of the century would doubtless have been amazed if they could have visualized the growth and expansion of business in the state in recent years, but today's businessmen have some surprising thoughts on what may be ahead for Oregon's economy.

The changes in the coming years may not be as striking as during the past nine decades the bank has been in business, the bank president said, but improvements that are certain to come will continue to make banking simpler for the customers.

To give some idea how the banking business will grow in years to come, Stephenson revealed some interesting material prepared by L. G. Prichard, head of the bank's research department, in a report on the estimated volume of banking in Oregon in the coming 25 years.

In 1930, when the census bureau predicts Oregon's population of 1.6 million will have expanded to 2.8 million, bank deposits in the state may reach \$3.3 billion as compared to \$1.5 billion last year, the bank president said.

With the growth of the population and a 90 per cent increase in employment, income of individuals is expected to rise from its present \$2.75 billion to approximately \$4.00 billion in 1955.

One of the most interesting predictions made in the report indicated Oregon's banking offices, which totaled 185 last year, would be expanded to approximately 260 in order to serve the growing population.

The growth in number of banking offices isn't expected to be proportionately as rapid as the growth of deposits since most of the existing banking offices will expand. However, Stephenson added, if bankers remain as aggressive in starting new banks as they

have in recent months, the forecast may be too low.

Despite the decentralization of banking and retail trade that has now begun in the metropolitan area, the financial core of the city is not going to "die on the vine," he said.

The research department's report indicated that as banking offices are established in the state in the coming quarter century, approximately a third of the new ones will be located in the Portland metropolitan area.

With customer service always in mind, Stephenson believes that as banking activity continues to expand in the years ahead, there will be widespread use of versatile electronic and mechanical devices which will process personal checks with great speed and efficiency.

In recent years First National has installed numerous electronic accounting, bookkeeping and sorting machines as they have been perfected by the manufacturers. The bank president foresees the day when a check will be processed in the bank without being touched by human hands, with the

new electronic "brains" sorting and posting invisibly marked or "sensed" checks.

"This will be quite a change from the old ledgers of the twenties that opened to the size of a bridge table, weighed over 30 pounds and had to be hand posted each day. In the old days when a customer wanted to check his balance, they dragged out the heavy book and showed it to him. There were no bank statements then, except in rare instances," the bank president recalled.

First National which is the oldest national bank west of the Rocky Mountains, received its charter in September, 1865. The bank has since grown to be the largest in the Pacific Northwest with 70 banking offices throughout Oregon and deposits of over \$800 million.

Mother Jailed For Son's Death

REDDING (UP)—A 20-year-old mother of two children was jailed today on manslaughter charges here after the death of a three-month-old son.

The mother was identified by undersheriff Rex Purzel as Mrs. Helen B. Cauten of Oak Run, about 30 miles east of Redding.

Iranian Railroad Official Inspects American Systems

By DICK HUBBELL

"The Southern Pacific certainly deserves to be called the 'Friendly Railroad,'" was the impression of M. H. Golkar, technical inspector in the signaling and communications department of the Iranian State Railways when he visited Klamath Falls recently.

Golkar is in the United States on a Point Four grant to inspect communications and signaling systems of American railroads. He has been in the United States since December, 1954, and plans to return to Iran early in 1956.

During his visit in Klamath Falls, he said that the American railroads are far more mechanized than the system in Iran. Equipment is better here, he said. One of the major purposes of his tour is to pick up the necessary information—or some of it—to aid in the modernization of the Iranian railways.

During his U.S. tour, the Iranian has studied signal and communications installations on the Southern, the Frisco, the Santa Fe and S.P. railroads and several equipment manufacturers.

After touring the Southwest, he was met at Dunsmuir by H. H. Hannah, assistant district communications supervisor of Eugene. The two have toured the southern part of the Shasta Division, and spent two days studying the centralized traffic control installation at Oakridge. They also plan to study the S.P. radio dispatching system used in this area.

In amplifying his statement that the S.P. deserves its "Friendly Railroad" tag, Golkar said that

"people are nice—real nice." "It wouldn't do to say that others aren't," he said, "but they are different. In this S.P. I deserve to be called 'friendly.'"

"My trip on the Southern Pacific offers an opportunity to inspect and secure information and pretty good ideas on signalling and communications. If we want to modernize our system, there is nothing to do but copy the S.P. signalling and communications methods word by word for my country."

"But," he added, "there is a condition. If we had as much money as the S.P. . . ."

He said that the Iranian State Railways, which run from the Persian Gulf through the capital of Tehran to the Caspian Sea, a distance of about 850 miles, is "the world's most sensational railroad."

It has more tunnels, more bridges, more grades per mile than any other major railway system.

He added that modernization plans call for the purchase of a fleet of diesel locomotives from the United States. The program, he explained, hinges on a \$13,000,000 loan from the Export-Import Bank.

The biggest single revenue producer of the system, during which he served as an instructor at the railways' technical school, editor of the weekly publication sent to the railways' more than 2,000 employees, assistant superintendent of communications and signalling, and an technical inspector.

He is a graduate of the Technical Engineering School in Tehran, where he took a degree in electro-mechanical engineering.

Unmarried, he says he has been "hooked" by a girl in Tehran,

and plans to become a bridegroom in the near future.

He said that after a window-shopping tour of Klamath Falls Tuesday evening, he was surprised that a city "this small could have such large stores."

He was especially pleased to find the Oriental rug shop of John Korenman. He said Korenman, a native of Armenia, should be named the unofficial consul of his country in Klamath Falls.

Hannah, who accompanied him on the tour of the city, said that Golkar was "quite an expert" at identifying the various types of rugs on display at the shop.

Golkar, who said he was more interested in the exchange of cultural, economic and religious ideas than in the strictly technical side of his tour, concluded that he has learned a lot in the United States, and added that, in some way, he will be sorry to leave this country for home.

Weed PTA Plan Rummage

WEED—Items of clothing rummage for donation to the annual Weed Parent Teacher rummage sale that will require cleaning, are acceptable, this week through September 30, by chairmen of the rummage collection and may also be left at the Weed Laundry for that purpose.

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The annual rummage sale is the specific money raising project of the PTA and with proceeds derived from the October 4-5 sale, items included on the \$374.10 PTA budget will be initiated during the year term.

Mrs. A. K. Martin is general chairman of the sale this year and is assisted in the collection by Mrs. Reed Dawson, Shasta Avenue; Mrs. Guido Cunial, Spring Lane; Mrs. Carolyn Carpin, Stringtown Avenue; Mrs. John Booth, North Highway 97; Mrs. Boyd Melrose, South Highway; Mrs. Bruce Ewer, Carrick Addition; Mrs. John Mantle, Davis Street; Mrs. John Tallierico, Clay Street; Mrs. Melvin Soletti, Angel Valley; Mrs. John McKowan, Camino Row Avenue; Mrs. John Jackson, Gilman Avenue and Mrs. Dave Johnson, Gilman Avenue.

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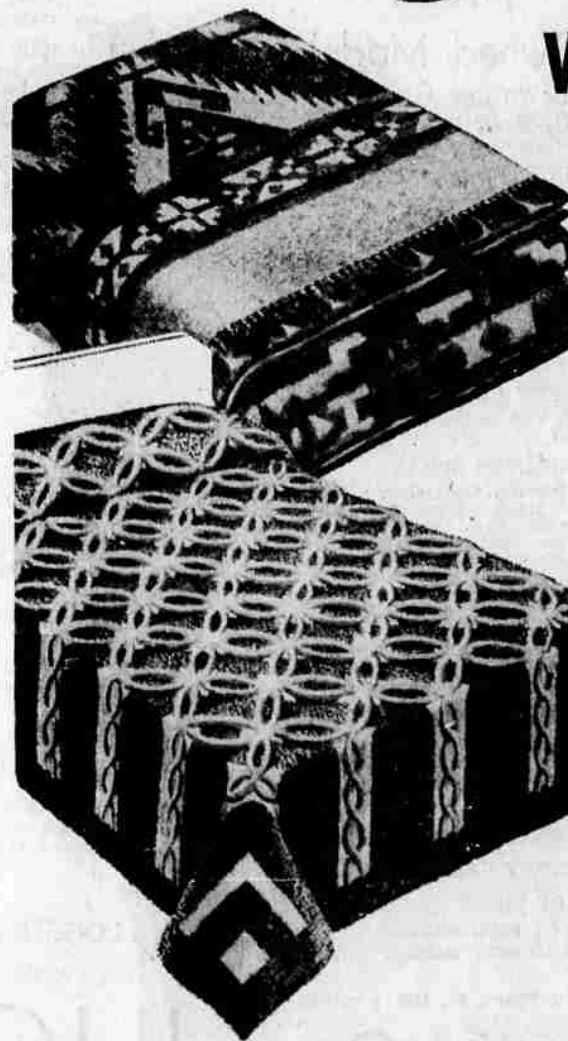
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