



20 YEARS AS THE OLDSMOBILE DEALER in Klamath Falls was observed recently by Dick B. Miller Sr., left, when he signed his annual contract with C. W. Schultz, Oldsmobile zone manager for the Portland zone. Miller has also passed his 20th year as the Cadillac dealer for this area. The new Cadillacs are now on display in his showroom at Seventh and Klamath and the 1956 Oldsmobile will be on display November 3. Miller's sons Dick Jr. and Melvin are associated with him in the dealerships.

U. S. Industry Jubilantly Records New Record Highs

By WALTER BREEDE Jr.
NEW YORK (AP)—The big guns of U. S. industry toted up their third quarter profits this week—and the score was never better. Old records were swept aside like dead leaves in autumn. Net income of big General Motors was the highest for any third quarter in the country's history; profits for the first nine months nudged the billion-dollar mark after provision of well over one billion for income taxes. Standard Oil Co. (N.J.), biggest of the world's petroleum giants, reported nine months' net of \$32 millions, up nearly 20 per cent from a year ago. The nation's No. 1 and No. 2 steelmakers, United States Steel Corp. and Bethlehem Steel, jubilantly announced new

nine-month highs in profits, sales and production. Behind many of the fat profits reported by industry this week lay the U. S. public's insatiable demand for faster, shiner and more powerful autos. Besides lifting GM's profits to unprecedented heights, booming production of cars was a major factor in the record-smashing performance of the steel industry. Record number of cars on the road contributed materially to the earnings of the oil companies. Wages paid the millions employed by the auto industry and its many suppliers this year have given a substantial boost to retail trade. This week, as all of the big auto-makers plunged full tilt into production of 1956 models, Detroit's major role as a mainstay of prosperity became increasingly clear. Steelmakers—pressed to the limit to supply their biggest customer, the auto industry—once again scheduled their operations at more than 98 per cent of capacity. Steel output the week before, with the mills straining at 98.9 per cent of capacity, had been forced to a never-before-attained total of 2,386,000 tons. Industry leaders professed to see no hint of a letdown. Declared Bethlehem chairman Eugene Grace: "We're definitely oversold through the first 1956 quarter now. . . . I feel we're assured of full operations through the first six months next year."



TWO OF THE KEY MEN in Company C, 311th Military Police Battalion, Klamath Falls Army Reserve Unit now engaged in a recruiting campaign, are Lt. John Turner (left) and Sfc. Glen G. LaMeris. Turner, a sporting goods salesman at Montgomery Ward, is supply and training officer for the company. Unmarried, he served in Korea during the recent war. LaMeris, a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, holds down the crucial first sergeant's post in the reserve company. He is an appliance serviceman for Merit's Appliance Store on South Sixth Street.

Cascade OES Presents Skit

At a stated meeting of Cascade Crest Chapter No. 159 OES, Clifton, October 19, Ethel Mathis, worthy matron and Layton Hoback, worthy patron presided. Escorted to the east and introduced were Leitha Murphy, member of the jurisprudence committee of the Grand Chapter; Rena Oldham, grand representative of New York in Oregon. A group of 1955 worthy matrons and patrons were also escorted and introduced: Jack Rhodes, worthy patron of Aloha Chapter; Thelma Pink, worthy matron of Manzanita Chapter and Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn Wilde, worthy matron and patron of Prosperity Chapter, Malin. Sadie Page reported that a Thanksgiving card party will be held in the Masonic Hall, November 12, 1955. Pinochle, bridge and canasta will be played. Committees will be appointed at the next meeting. Worthy patron, Layton Hoback called upon Guss Page, worshipful master of Clifton Lodge No. 127 AF&AM and several first-time visitors of the chapter including Mrs. Catherine Brown of Cherokee Chapter, Canton, Georgia, visiting her daughter, Hazel Deffenbacher. Martina Powell, associate matron of Aloha Chapter, Klamath Falls, presented the chapter with a gift from the Aloha Social Club which was a man's tuxedo from a rummage sale to be used for special programs. After the meeting a large group enjoyed an evening of friendship and entertainment in the gaily decorated hall. Program chairmen,

FCA Lists Mortgages

Farm owners were obtaining farm mortgages averaging \$1,100 larger in the first six months of 1955 compared with the first half of 1954, according to estimates on farm mortgage recordings compiled by the Farm Credit Administration. The average size mortgage recorded this year by all lenders was \$7,650 compared with \$5,990 last year, T. A. Maxwell, deputy governor and director of Land Bank Service, Farm Credit Administration, announced. Along with the increased size of loan, farm owners obtained the largest number of farm mortgage loans since 1951 and the largest amount of loans since these estimates were started in 1934. The amount, \$1.3 billion, compared with \$1.1 billion in the first half of 1954. Commercial banks accounted for the largest proportion of the \$1.3 billion of any lender—24 per cent; individuals provided 23 per cent; insurance companies, 22 per cent; the 12 federal land banks, 20 per cent; and miscellaneous lenders 11 per cent. Among the lenders, the land banks had the largest increase in the amount of their loans which were up 60 per cent from the first half of 1954. Recordings of insurance companies increased 34 per cent; commercial banks, 22 per cent; individuals 18 per cent; and miscellaneous lenders, 17 per cent. The average size of loans recorded varied by lenders from \$5,000 to \$14,500. Loans of insurance companies averaged largest—\$14,500. Loans made by the land banks averaged \$7,350; individuals, \$6,620; miscellaneous lenders, \$6,620; and commercial banks \$5,020.

Stevenson, Knowland Square Off

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Democrat Adlai Stevenson and Republican Sen. Knowland of California divided squarely Saturday on the sharpest issue yet of the 1956 presidential campaign—farm price supports. Knowland, the Senate Republican leader, said at Washington: "I do not believe that at the present time the country supports going back to the old fixed parity program." Stevenson, the 1952 Democratic presidential nominee, said in a speech at Duluth, Minn.: "We must return to the 90 per cent support which the Republicans fought so well in 1952 until they decided it was time for a change—after the election." Also contributing to the question of what to do about farm prices was a visit by Secretary of Agriculture Benson to President Eisenhower in Denver. Benson has repeatedly stated that the Republicans inherited the farm problem from the Democrats, a problem of falling prices and growing surpluses. On that point, Stevenson said: "Let's just say to our Republican friends that whatever they inherited from us, we're ready to take back—next year." Earlier in the day, Stevenson talked with former President Truman who was in Chicago on a visit. Truman told reporters he had "advised" Stevenson to announce his candidacy and that if the national convention names him, "I would support him." However, Truman said "I never told anybody that I would support anybody" for the nomination. Reminded that he had pointed to Gov. Averell Harriman of New York as a good candidate, Truman said "I would have pointed to him (Stevenson) as well as I did to Harriman." Truman also said that "if it hadn't been for me," Stevenson would not have gotten the 1952 nomination. Another possible Democratic candidate, Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.), spoke at Muskegon, Mich. Kefauver said a "segment of right-wing" Republicans was "scheming to get President Eisenhower out of office before his term expires." Specifically, he accused columnist David Lawrence of putting out a "feeler"—"sadtistic," Kefauver called it—carrying the suggestion that Eisenhower resign next January instead of serving out the term due to end a year later. In Washington, Lawrence replied that he had merely referred to the possibility of a resignation. He said he had told Kefauver, but that the senator ignored this in his speech, that he does not expect Eisenhower to resign, but rather to run again and be reelected.

Oregon Milk Costs Stable

Efficient management and high producing cows are keeping Oregon Grade A milk production costs about the same per hundredweight as for factory milk costs on farms surveyed by Oregon State College. Feed costs were not included in the study designed to focus on such items as building and equipment investments, labor requirements and other production costs normally presumed to vary widely between Grade A and factory milk farms. D. Curtis Mumford, OSC agricultural economist, studied 23 Grade A farms in the Willamette Valley and Tillamook County and 31 factory milk farms in Tillamook County. Findings are reported in an OSC experiment station bulletin, "Quality Milk—Does It Cost More To Produce?" Copies can be obtained from local county extension offices or the OSC bulletin clerk. Grade A dairymen generally had higher investments in cows, equipment, buildings and labor than did factory dairymen. Grade A building values were double those of buildings owned by factory milk producers. Even though costs per cow on Grade A farms were greater, Mumford says higher producing cows and better "dairymen" kept production costs per hundredweight of milk close to those of factory farms. Although high quality milk was generally related to high quality buildings, the study showed exceptions. Dairymen on some factory milk farms were selling milk that was actually of Grade A quality on the basis of bacteria count. The bulletin gives detailed reports of production costs, description of farms studied, seasonal milk flow and a section on how the research was conducted.

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Damages Awarded

PORTLAND (AP)—Mrs. Thular B. Hammons of Grants Pass, Friday was awarded \$12,870 damages in her suit against Multnomah County Sheriff Terry D. Schunk and Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland. She accused Schunk of failure to serve a summons within the prescribed 60 days which resulted in the dismissal of her personal injury suit against Paul T. Buggs of Portland. Her suit against Buggs, filed in January, 1954, after a traffic accident at Grants Pass, was dismissed by the Josephine County circuit court on the ground it was outlived by the statute of limitations for such cases.

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DEATH

OXHEY, England (AP)—Sir Arthur Du Cros, 84, founder of the Dunlop Rubber Co., died Saturday. Sir Arthur, with his father, was a pioneer of the pneumatic tire industry. He used them on his bicycle first in a race at Queen's College, Belfast, 66 years ago.

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