

Brisk Fall Upturn Seen By Nation's Businessmen

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's economy emerged battered but unbowed this week from its toughest spring season in 10 years. From now on, many businessmen felt, the going should be smoother.

Odds are against any surging pickup in the next two months. For basic industries like automobiles and steel, summer is normally a slack season.

But hopes ride high for a brisk upturn by fall. Like a giant awakening from a long slumber, the construction industry flexed its muscles this week. A sharp rise in construction contract awards signaled a burst of activity in the months ahead.

Retailers, pinched less by the recession than most other business groups, were also betting on recovery by autumn. The National Retail Merchant Assn. polled

its member stores on their 1958 prospects and came up with these results: Sixty-three per cent expect their sales and profits to match or surpass 1957.

M. J. Rathbone, president of Standard Oil Co. (N.J.), told stockholders of the world's largest oil company: "Nothing in the longer term outlook has diminished our confidence in an expanding picture for our industry."

Thomas J. Watson Jr., president of International Business Machines Corp., dedicated a brand new manufacturing center at San Jose, Calif. IBM, he said, is "making plans on the assumption that the economy will turn up, but we don't know when."

President Eisenhower said the downward force of the recession is largely spent.

"There is ground to believe," he said, "that the worst of our problems are behind us."

But prospects of a broad tax cut flew out of the window.

From several important quarters this week came pronouncements that inflation — the decline in your dollar's buying power — is still a major threat.

Steel consumers started to worry about another round of steel price boosts. William C. Stok, president of American Can Co., said any hike in tinplate prices by the steel mills will be passed on to tin can buyers at once. Said Stok: "We can't absorb any part of such an increase."

Steel production this week hit its fastest pace since January. Mills paid overtime wages to keep their furnaces going on Memorial Day.

The lagging oil industry showed new signs of life. State officials in oil-rich Oklahoma said demand for crude is picking up.

Along automobile Row this week, dealers said new car sales are finally on the upswing. Buyers in the second 10 days of May signed up for shiny new chrome-bedecked models at the rate of 14,875 cars a day.

But sales for the not-so-merry month of May are still expected to trail last year by about 30 per cent.

Briefly over the business scene: The Associated Press 60-stock average hit a new 1958 high this week. A federal grand jury indicted 29 oil companies on price-fixing charges. The companies said: "Innocent." New orders for machine tools dipped in April after a rise in March. Farm prices remained unchanged between mid-April and mid-May, halting a rise that started last October. Allied Stores Corp. reported a net loss of \$122,688 for the first quarter of its 1958 fiscal year. Americans burned up nearly 57 1/2 billion gallons of gasoline last year, an all-time record.

Train Kills Man On Hike

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — One mentally retarded youth died and a camp counselor suffered serious injury Friday night when an unexpected train roared out of the darkness and trapped a group of hikers on a trestle.

David O'Daniel, 25, Corsicana, Tex., was killed when he panicked and bolted from a secure spot between the railroad ties as the train thundered overhead.

John Harrison, 20, Austin student at the University of Texas and counselor and Boy Scout master at the Marbridge Ranch for Exceptional Boys, had an arm severely mangled as he attempted to pull the 6-foot-3 O'Daniel to safety.

Harrison herded all but O'Daniel off the railroad bridge when the train was heard approaching. When he saw that O'Daniel — described as "severely retarded and highly excitable" — would not get off the trestle in time he threw O'Daniel between the ties and lay down beside him so the train could pass overhead.

"They had no way of knowing the train was coming," Mrs. J.E. Bridges, wife of the operator of the ranch, said. "That train was running six or eight hours late."

Lisbon Police Stage Raid

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Police raided the headquarters of Gen. Humberto Delgado, opposition presidential candidate, Friday night and seized published material, it was announced Saturday.

An announcement by Delgado's headquarters said inspectors of the I.P.D.S. (International Police for the Defense of the State) carried out the raid and seized material they called illegal.

The material was stored for sale to Delgado's supporters in order to collect funds for the campaign.

Police later returned some material which they did not find offensive or capable of inciting the people to revolt, the announcement said. A spokesman said Delgado strongly protested the raid.

Dr. Arlindo Vicente of the Democratic opposition, withdrew from the elections Friday and urged his supporters to vote for Delgado June 8.

Delgado predicted that if the Council of State barred him at its Saturday meeting civil war will result. The council is controlled by Premier Antonio Salazar, whom Delgado has threatened to remove if elected.

Meany Seeks Ban On Magazine Ads

WASHINGTON (UPI) — AFL-CIO President George Meany has ordered state and local labor bodies to bar certain advertisements from union publications.

He moved in the wake of charges that some union ad soliciting amounted to "shakedown" of employers.

Meany singled out as unethical unsigned ads, often from a "friend of labor," and ads paid for by non-union employers.

"Obviously," Meany said in his directive, "advertisements from non-union employers do not belong in a labor publication and it is just as clear that a legitimate 'friend of labor' would want his signature on an advertisement he placed."

The AFL-CIO chief said unions were getting bad publicity because of questionable activities by ad solicitors for union publications.

CAR FIRE

The city fire department alarm roared at 5:12 a.m. Saturday and the crew rolled into 223 North Fourth Street where a car was reported afire in a parking lot. They report that a 1950 Ford owned by Tom O'Connor was badly burned in the interior from a fire that might have started from a cigarette. The auto contained considerable personal possessions of O'Connor's which were damaged.

NEW DEAN NAMED

NEW YORK (UPI) — Prof. John G. Palfrey has been named dean of Columbia College at Columbia University it was announced Friday. Dr. Grayson Kirk, Columbia president, said Palfrey, a professor of law, will succeed retiring Dean Lawrence H. Chamberlain July 1. Columbia College is the undergraduate liberal arts college for men at the university.

Housewife Free On Bond

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A 20-year-old housewife was free on \$10,000 bond Saturday after pleading innocent to charges of robbing two savings and loan association offices at gunpoint.

Mrs. Charles Anderson Jr. remained calm at her arraignment Thursday, maintaining the stoic composure she had displayed most of the time since her arrest by the FBI. When she was freed, however, she fainted in her husband's arms.

Mrs. Anderson, described as a model wife and mother, was arrested at her home Thursday. Employees of the City Federal Savings and Loan Assn. and Jefferson Federal Savings and Loan Assn. identified her as the tall attractive blond who robbed their branches of \$2,000.

"I have always led a Christian life, and I am trying to raise my family in a proper manner," Mrs. Anderson told newsmen.

Mrs. Anderson is the mother of an 8-year-old son and a 15-month-old daughter and is expecting another child.

Anderson, manager for an insurance company, said he and his wife had no debts except a small department store bill and a monthly house note.

"My wife can't bear to see children hurt," he said. "I can't imagine her robbing a bank at gunpoint."

The two offices Mrs. Anderson is accused of robbing are both across the street from police headquarters in suburban Homewood.

Man Unimpressed By Huge Odds

TACOMA (AP) — An Associated Press story Friday said the U.S. Bureau of Statistics had determined that the odds against three members of a family being born on the same day were 28 million to one.

The story went on to tell of a Cincinnati family which celebrated three birthdays Thursday. John E. Herron of Tacoma, read the story and wasn't impressed.

His family, he said, also celebrates three birthdays on March 19: Rosanne is 8, Michael and Damon are 6. The boys, it is true, are twins, he added, but the Bureau of Statistics didn't say anything about twins not counting.

The Herrons also have two other children, born March 31 and April 1.

"Five birthday cakes in 13 days," Herron commented. "I gets a little hectic around here."



A BETTER JOB of maintenance will be possible with this new pumping system which will pump dried air into the telephone cables to spot possible leaks. For Pacific Telephone it represents "a stitch in time saves nine." Daily checks are made on pressure in the cables, and a loss of pressure sends repairmen on a search for a leak that could cause loss of service.

PT&T Pumps Air Into Local Aerial, Underground Lines

Remember the old saying, "A stitch in time saves nine?" Well, Pacific Telephone has modernized it and applied it to its cable maintenance program here in Klamath Falls.

In its new form, the old saying might read something like this: "A cable leak repaired before the rain saves pain"—the pain from loss of service and costly emergency repairs.

To put this modernized bit of philosophy into practice, here in Klamath Falls, according to Dick Bailey, manager, the company is pumping dehydrated air into its local aerial and underground cables.

An air compressor pumps dried air into the cables at the central office at a rate of 600 cubic feet per day and at a pressure of nine pounds per square inch. Under a constant flow of pressure from the compressor, the air will escape through any holes or cracks in the cable sheathing.

Cable damage is caused by extreme changes in temperature; crystallization of the cable sheath over a period of time; electrolysis in underground cables; bullets, shotgun pellets or rocks hitting the cable; bugs or squirrels boring or biting into the cable.

The air escaping through the holes or cracks prevents moisture from seeping into the cable. Once each day, meters are read at the central office to check the amount of pressure in the cables. If any loss of pressure is noted, cable repairmen then make spot pressure readings along the cable to detect the approximate location of the leak.

Then a soapy liquid is sprayed on the cable. The escaping air blows the liquid into a bubbly froth, and the hole or crack in the cable is pinpointed.

The advantages of this new cable maintenance system started here recently, according to Bailey, are:

1. Damage to cables is found before loss of service, and the damage is repaired during normal working hours instead of on an emergency basis.

2. The customer gets better service and the company has lower maintenance bills.

Some 45 miles of aerial and underground cable in Klamath Falls have been put under pressure already, and more are to be pressurized under a progressive maintenance schedule.

In some of the smaller communities in Oregon, Bailey said, non-explosive, odorless nitrogen gas is being used to pressurize cables. For these communities, for the present at least, the use of nitrogen gas has been found less expensive.

"But whether it's dry air or nitrogen gas that's keeping the rain out of our cables," Bailey said, "the fact remains that with this new system of local cable maintenance we are able to do a better job for our customers at less cost to ourselves."

Portland Pair Escape Harm

A Portland couple escaped serious injury when their car and trailer were wrecked on Highway 97, two and one-half miles south of Modoc Point about 2 a.m. on Saturday.

Operator of the vehicle was June Anne Huffman, 32, accompanied by her husband, Albert D. Huffman, 34. Their home is at 837 SE Yamhill Street, Portland.

According to state police, they were northbound, pulling a trailer and the trailer went out of control on the wet, slick highway, throwing the car out of control. The car went over the bank and landed in a rock pile and passing motorists brought the Huffmans back to Klamath Falls where they spent the rest of the night at a hotel. They told the investigating officers they were uninjured.

Man Cited In Auto Collision

Raymond Francis Mulkey, 665 Spring Street, was cited by Oregon State Police for failure to yield right-of-way following a collision Saturday about 12:10 a.m. on Washburn Way and Sutton Road.

Mulkey was driving south on Washburn Way and his car struck the right front end of a vehicle operated by A.I.C. Marvin Andrews, Kingsley Field, which was traveling east on Sutton Road. Andrews' passenger was another airman, Enos Hubbert Barry, also of Kingsley Field, who was treated for a cut hand.

Mrs. Bobbie Joyce Palmer, 5645 Altamont Drive, and her daughter, Cynthia Lou Palmer, 2 1/2 years old, were passengers in Mulkey's car. They were taken to Klamath Valley Hospital where the child was treated for cuts about the head and released. Mrs. Palmer was being treated on Saturday for cuts and bruises, state police said.

Skim Milk Being Dumped

SPOKANE (AP) — Skim milk is being poured into sewers of a number of Inland Empire communities as a result of a seasonal surplus of milk in the area. Alexander Swantz, market administrator for the Spokane milk shed, said Saturday.

"We do not have estimates of the exact weight or gallonage of the milk surplus," he said, "but it is the largest in the past two years."

He said several of the smaller dairies, particularly in the Coeur d'Alene area, can't accumulate sufficient amounts of skim milk to warrant shipment to a new powered milk plant at Ellensburg, Wash., and they are dumping it.

He said the current surplus results from a decrease in consumption, particularly in the communities hit by industrial layoffs, and a peak production period for cows.

Processors are extracting butterfat from the fluid milk and dumping the skim, using the fat to make ice cream and butter, he said.

Six Killed In Headon

MOUNT VERNON, N.Y. (AP) — Six persons—including a driver who had been warned about speeding shortly before — were killed early Saturday in a headon collision of two automobiles.

The other five perished in flaming wreckage of the second car. The collision occurred when the other car veered across the dividing line, officers said.

The driver given the warning was identified as Llewellyn C. Byrd, 30-year-old Negro of Greenwich, Conn. Before the crash he had picked up three hitchhikers. They were critically injured.

The others killed were in a car with New Jersey license plates. After a check police tentatively identified them as:

Mrs. and Mrs. Vincent Muccia, and their 12-year-old daughter, Barbara, of Ridgefield, N. J.; Muccia's father, Nicholas, 70, and Antoinette De Biase, 12, of Ridgefield.

Police at Greenwich said an officer there halted Byrd about 4:20 a.m. and warned him for speeding but permitted him to proceed without giving him a ticket. The crash occurred about an hour later 15 miles southwest of Greenwich.

Liquor Possession Jails KF Youths

City police apprehended two youths early Saturday morning when their automobile bogged down on a lawn at 341 Hillside.

Elmer Morhead, 329 Hillside, notified police at 1:25 a.m. Saturday that an automobile was stuck on the lawn at that address and was tearing up the lawn in an attempt to get out.

Answering the call, city police arrested Andrew Lee Jones, 19, 1406 Etna, and charged him with being drunk and a minor in possession of intoxicating beverages. They also filed a minor in possession charge against his companion, Jerry Breazeale, 18, Route 1, Box 926B.

The two youths reported that they backed up in order to turn around, and became stuck.

CITY BRIEFS

Installation — Honored queen elect Barbara Moore extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend a public installation of officers of Klamath Bethel No. 61, International Order of Job's Daughters, Monday, June 2, 7:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Building.

Practice — for installation of Klamath Bethel No. 61, officers and choir will be held Monday, June 2, at 10 a.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple.

Pomona — Klamath County Pomona Grange will exemplify the fifth degree Tuesday, June 3, at 8 p.m. at the Midland Grange Hall. Jackson County Pomona degree team will put on the work and all members who care to take this degree are urged to be present. A no-host dessert potluck will be served.

Date Set — The Klamath Lutheran Ladies Aid has set the date of its annual bazaar and buffet luncheon for Saturday, December 6. This date has been set in an attempt to avoid conflicting dates with other organizations holding bazaars. Chairmen and committees have been appointed.

Square Dance — There will be a square dance by the Merry Mixers at the South Sixth Street Community Hall on Tuesday, June 3, at 8 p.m. Buzz Brown of San Diego will call. All square dancers invited.

Meeting — Past Nobles Grand Club will meet on Tuesday, June 3, at 12:30 p.m. for potluck at the home of Mrs. Charles Drew, Merrill Hill Road.

Church School — Methodist vacation church school will begin Monday, June 2, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. for 4 year olds through the sixth grade. Dr. McNeil will teach the life and teachings of Jesus each day 9 to 10 a.m. to the junior department.

Square Dancers Plan Convention

EUGENE (AP) — The 1958 Oregon square dance convention-festival is scheduled July 18-20 in nearby Springfield.

Leigh Randall, of Eugene, convention chairman, said pre-registration is necessary to plan facilities for the event. Blanks may be obtained by writing Randall at 345 Harlow Road, Eugene.

The three-day convention will include dances, workshops, meetings and parties. A chicken dinner will be served Saturday night by the Oregon State Broiler Assn.

AWS TREASURER — Melba Snow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Snow, Lakeview, has been elected treasurer of the Associated Women Students at Southern Oregon College for the year 1958-1959.



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