

July Employment Rises Except In Building Trade

"Employment in all industries except construction increased steadily during July," Guy Barker, manager of the local office of the state employment service reported in his monthly labor market bulletin.

"The current labor dispute has now taken three weeks out of the construction season and caused considerable loss of payrolls," Barker continues. "A contract has been let for the grading and paving of the west side bypass, but work will not get underway until settlement of the labor dispute. Installation of generators and completion of other work on the Keno dam is about finished and men are being released as their work is completed. Work on the airport housing project is proceeding without interruption. Many smaller housing projects and remodeling jobs are also under way in the area."

"Lumber and logging employment reached its seasonal peak during July, with employment estimated to be only slightly lower than in 1956 and 1957."

Plywood Company To Hold Price Line

NEW YORK (AP) — A hold-the-line price policy was announced Friday by United States Plywood Corp., the nation's largest plywood producer.

The company guaranteed its customers, "subject only to contingencies beyond our control," against any increase for the remainder of the year on carload mill prices for Douglas fir plywood, President S. W. Antoville said.

The prices are based on \$76 per thousand square feet for the basic 34-inch A grade and \$65 for the basic 316-inch unsanded sheathing grade.

"Retail trade and service employment increased steadily during July. Estimates show a slight increase over previous years."

"Agricultural employment increased during July as harvesting of a bumper crop proceeded. Transient labor added to the local labor supply has provided the necessary labor. A few selected workers are being sent to Medford as needed, to assist with the pear harvest. Mexican nationals will not be used there this year if other workers are available when needed."

"Unemployment in Klamath County has very likely reached its low point for the year with 570 workers still unemployed. This is about 3.2 per cent of our average covered employment. The continuing arrival of new workers tends to keep out number of unemployed a higher level than would otherwise be the case."

"The total number of employed workers at the end of the month was 570 at the end of July. It does not include the number laid off by the labor dispute."

"Out of the 558 workers registered for work at the local employment office, 274 are women. Many well qualified workers are still available in our active file," Barker concluded.

Homesteader Meet At Picnic

FORT ROCK — Sick Klerk of Fort Rock attended the recent picnic of the Klamath County Homesteaders Association held annually at Columbia Park in Portland.

Klerk, a homesteader, was the only representative from the Fort Rock community to attend. He reports that about 30 people attended.

Former Klerk saw included sons Mr. and Mrs. Holly Swingle, near Medford. Swingle hauled eight and passengers when they came to the area.

Others were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Olmstead of Eagle Creek; Guy J. J. of Portland, formerly of Silver Lake; Mr. and Mrs. George M. and Ralph Worster of H. River; Jack Holtman of Coquille; Forest Stratton, Klamath Falls, and his father, Roy Stratton of Bend; George Tiel, Mrs. Gerkin, children and grandchildren, and Bessie Maruski of Sweet Home. J. D. C. Thomas attended from Wenatchee, Washington.

A collection was taken to secure funds for the gathering of data for a history of the association. Wilbur Gubser of Wenatchee, association secretary, will compile and write the record.

"KEEP OFF THE GRASS" LONDON (UPI)—A notice posted near the legal section of London's Lincoln Inn Fields warns: "This ground is temporarily closed for the grass to be re-established after reinstatement."

KF-Medford Radio Link Opened By Phone Company

Klamath Falls entered a new telephone communication era Saturday, as Pacific Telephone placed in operation its \$1,300,000 Klamath Falls-Medford microwave radio relay system.

Appropriately, the new system was placed in service on the 80th anniversary of the start of telephone service in Oregon. It was on August 2, 1878, that the first telephone exchange in Oregon was established at Portland. Pacific Telephone Manager Thayne W.

Cole reported.

The company's new microwave system increases the number of circuits for long distance calls between Klamath Falls, Medford, Eugene, Portland and other points in the Northwest and California.

Calls originating in the Klamath Falls area traveling by cable to Haystack Mountain, also known as Hamaker Mountain, near Keno. From a relay station atop the mountain the calls are beamed through the air to another relay station at Chestnut Hill southeast of Ashland and on to the company's Mount Baldy relay site near Medford.

From Mount Baldy the calls continue by microwave relay to the company's central office at Medford and onto the coaxial cable that runs through California and Oregon to Portland.

Big Three Again Cut Auto Output

DETROIT (AP) — Auto industry figures show the month of July produced a drastic 38 per cent cutback in production for the Big Three — General Motors, Ford and Chrysler — compared with the same period last year. In contrast, American Motors reported July production of its small-size Ramblers increased 150 per cent.

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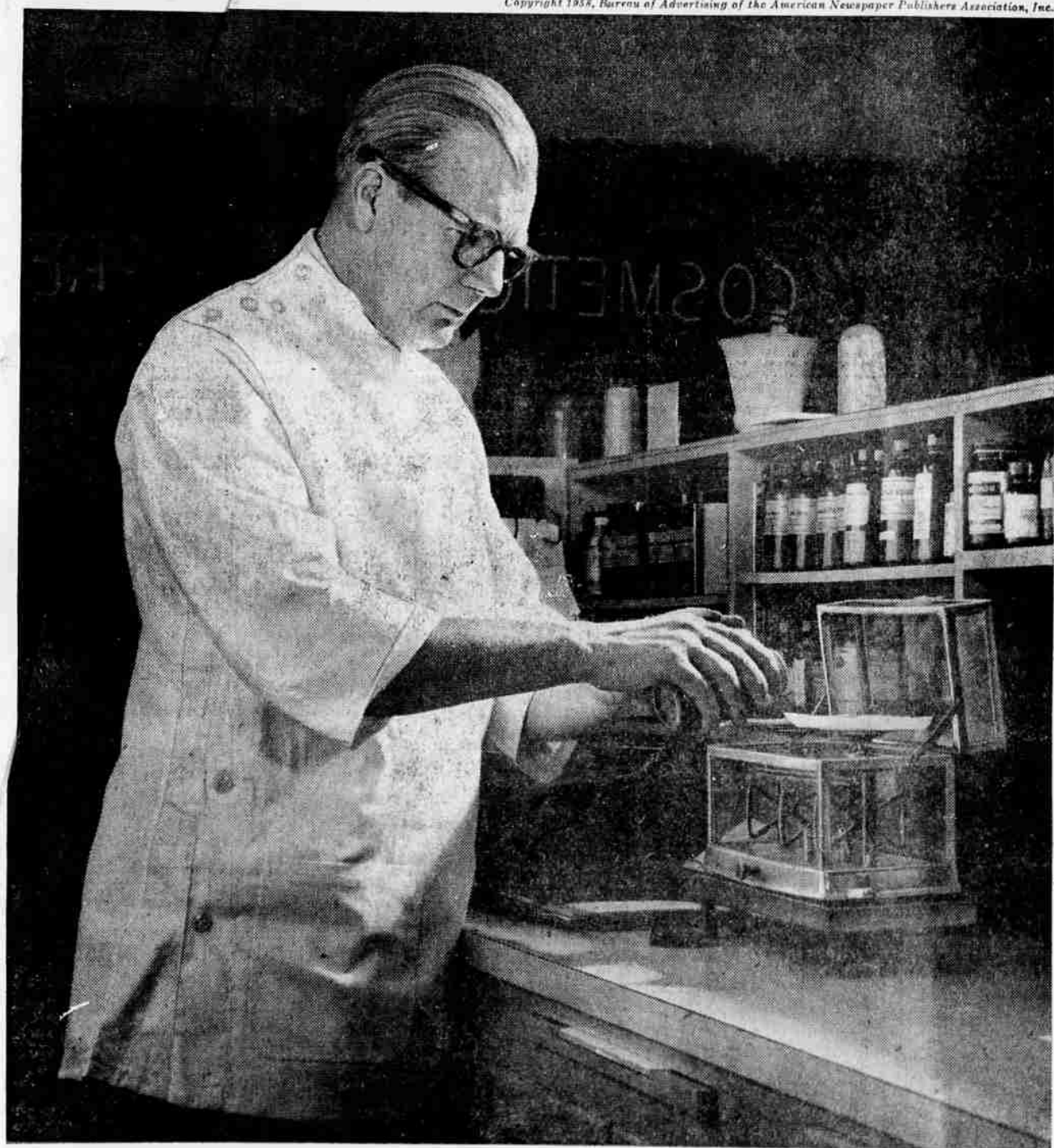
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Eventually, Cole said, the Klamath Falls-Medford microwave system will be tied in with the Portland-San Francisco system to carry calls through the air up and down the Pacific Coast.

Work on this latest addition to Pacific Telephone's microwave relay network in Oregon started a year ago. Albert Vik and Son, a Eugene construction firm, was general contractor for construction of buildings and antenna towers at three relay sites. Western Electric Company installed the electronic microwave radio relay equipment. Architects for the project were Irving G. Smith and George C. Kotchik of Portland.

The Klamath Falls-Medford system is the second one placed in service in Oregon by Pacific Telephone this year. In May Pendleton was joined with the Portland-Spokane system.

The company is also expanding its other relay systems in Oregon. Late this summer a second long distance telephone channel will be added to the Portland-Seaside system. At the same time the first telephone channel will be placed in service on the system now carrying television programs between San Francisco and Portland.

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