

BIDIN' THEIR TIME
 BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI)—Border Patrol officers here arrested Elmer Thompson, 50, when he reentered this country from Canada, where he fled after jumping bond more than 16 years ago in a gold smuggling case.

ON THE BEAM
 BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) — Two detective sergeants made a quick arrest after spotting a truck carrying a pair of boxes plainly labeled "City of Buffalo, Police Department." Two stolen radios were recovered.

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THREE OF THESE women, left to right, seated, Mrs. Vaclav (Agnes) Drazil; Mrs. Felix (Maria) Kunz, and Mrs. Joe (Antonia) Smidl, were original colonists. At rear, left to right, Mrs. Ray Van Meter, (Krupka family); Mrs. Tony Victorin, (Brothnek family); Mrs. George Brothnek, (Jelinek family); Mrs. Ivan Petrsek, (Zumr family), and Mrs. Frank Victorin, (Kotera family), are daughters of original families.

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Jobs To Be Available Soon For Older Position Seekers

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Men and women over 45 . . . or 55 . . . or 60 . . . take heart. Jobs for "over 45's" are going to be easier to come by in the early 1960's.

A determined man of 60 in reasonable health next year will have about the same chance of eventually getting a job as will a 35 or 40-year-old. But it may take him twice as long to land a position. And he likely will have to put considerably more effort and finesse into the task.

These are the joint opinions of specialists assigned to the "over 45" problem at the U.S. Department of Labor.

In the last 12 months, the U.S. Employment Service has been doing well in placing men and women 45 and over. That success held up even in the middle of the recession. The service recently has—about half the men and women over 45 who apply for work.

Why the growing availability of jobs for middle aged and older men and women?

For one thing, there's an increasing shortage of 25 to 44-year-olds. In the 10 years from 1955 to 1965, the number of 25 to 44-year-olds will slide by 600,000.

In the same 10 years, the total number of employed is expected to rise by 14 million. That's about 13 1/2 million jobs that must be filled by the under 25's and men and women 45 and older.

Then too, industry, education and business — growing more technical—face a growing scarcity of technically-trained and experienced men. They will be less and less able to afford to bypass skilled workers, regardless of age.

Labor Department experts give these examples:

—One Western college now takes only "retired" professors aged 60 and over. It's making a reputation with an all-star group that's the envy of many another campus.

—A Texas sales firm now refuses to employ anyone under 45. It has found "more mature" men make the best salesmen.

—A manufacturing concern has set up a branch plant in Florida to attract retired brains back into business. The oldsters insisted on living in Florida, only wanted to work a few hours a day. So the company set up the new plant, agreed to the short work week.

—A Philadelphia employment agency specializes in furnishing short-term consultants, aged 45 and over. A company, needing a tax consultant, say for a few weeks or a month, takes on one of these skilled older workers. The agency, deluged with orders, is expanding rapidly through the East.

Meanwhile, 1,800 U.S. Employ-

ment Service offices through the U.S. are in the midst of a big fight against employer prejudice against older workers.

Says one Labor Department official:

"A man will send in a request for 10 clerks. He'll require they be under 40. When that happens we get on the phone, or send someone around, find out why they must be under 40.

"We'll often find it's just an idea in the employer's mind, and that his interest in other qualifications is greater than his interest in age. But it's slow work."

Job surveys are helping the Department of Labor and the Employment Service in this drive. They show that in some work older men and women are considerably better than youngsters. Says one counselor:

"They're more reliable, more considered in their judgments. They're more accurate in detailed work. They don't shift jobs so often.

"Even in factories, work output doesn't go down rapidly until the 70s. We're finding that many older workers produce more than many younger workers. So we're telling the employers to judge a man for himself, not by his age."

These counselors see signs that employers are beginning to do just that.

EXPANSION PLANS

NEW YORK (UPI)—The domestic oil industry plans to spend approximately 60 billion dollars in the next decade to find and develop new oil and gas reserves, industry spokesmen predict. They estimated that between 600,000 and 700,000 new wells will be drilled in the next 10 years as the industry steps up its efforts to keep pace with the rising demand for energy.

GUNNING FOR BUSINESS

NEW YORK (UPI) — American rifle and revolver manufacturers had a bad year in 1958 with sales off 25 to 40 per cent as surplus military arms from the U.S., Italy, Germany and England flooded the market at cut-rate prices. However, this year gunmakers plan to introduce a variety of eye-catching new products including one rifle made partly of solid nylon and another weighing only four pounds.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

MONTPELIER, Vt. (UPI)—The Vermont Supreme Court's budget for fiscal 1960-61 was cut \$350 after it was discovered the court was purchasing its stationery from a Philadelphia printing firm at a higher price than Vermont companies charged.