



CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED to M.Sgt. Archie C. Haworth, right, by Col. Jack W. Williams, Kingsley Field commander, on his recent appointment as the first non-commissioned officer in the Air Force to be appointed an Air Force contracting officer. It authorizes M.Sgt. Haworth to sign contracts and obligate money up to \$2,500. The order came directly from Floyd Grover, director of procurement for the Air Defense Command at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado. Haworth has served over 15 years in the Air Force and is presently assigned to the Base Procurement Office at Kingsley Field.

—Photo by M.Sgt. Charles Bennett

Assessment To Be Lower

SALEM — Utility properties throughout Oregon will be assessed this year at a generally lower ratio than in 1958, according to **Dem Ellis**, chairman of the State Tax Commission, which is responsible for the assessment of utilities.

Ellis announced the commission's assigned ratios today following the group's 30-day session as the State Board of Equalization.

The general reduction in the ratios, which are applied to true cash value to determine assessed value of the utility properties, follows the trend established in 1951 to bring utility property assess-

ments into line with locally assessed property.

Last year's assigned ratios were established uniformly 17 per cent above the ratios posted by each county assessor. This year, in line with a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives in 1957, the level of assigned ratios was 112 per cent of the assessors' posted ratio. Reflected in the reduction was the adjustment in the "normal conditions factor" from 90 per cent to 100 per cent early this year.

Multnomah County's assigned ratio showed the greatest change over the 1958 ratio of 117 per cent.

The reduction to 50 per cent was brought about mainly by the lowering of the county's posted ratio from 100 per cent in 1958 to 45 per cent in 1959. Crook County showed the only increase in as-

signed ratio this year—28 per cent compared with 23 per cent—all others either remaining the same or showing a slight decline, depending on local assessment practices.

Posted ratios, as well as the ratio study conducted each year by the commission's Valuation Division, were thoroughly analyzed by the tax commissioners during their session as the State Board of Equalization. The ratios posted by the county assessors and approved by the county boards of equalization were accepted after study indicated no changes were necessary.

The posted ratio for 1959 for Klamath County was 20, and the assigned ratio was 22.

White pelicans are one of the largest American birds and may have a wingspread of nine feet.

SCOUT NEWS

FORT KLAMATH—Cub Scouts of Pack 34 left last Sunday for a week at Camp Makualla on the eastern shore of Lake Crescent. They will participate in the annual Modoc Area Council encamp-

ment for scouts and leaders. Boys from Pack 34 making the trip were Wayne Scott, David Van Wormer, Kim Kizer, Roger Nicholson, Douglas Brattain and Wimer of Fort Klamath.

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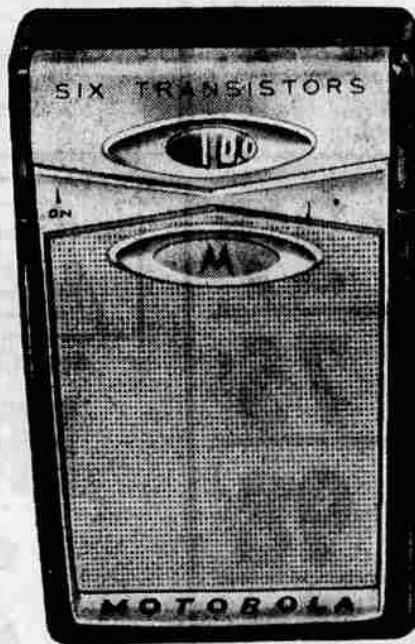
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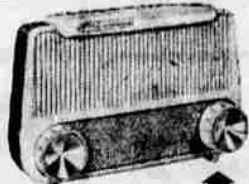


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