

TODAY'S 2-MINUTE MYSTERY
THE CASE OF
THE UNKNOWN BLONDE

By Donald J. Sobel

"Pinky Kempton's story about a blonde in a plaid skirt and light gray sweater is pretty weak," said Inspector Winters. "But unless we break it, we'll never find the gang who tried to hold up the National City Bank yesterday."

"You're convinced Kempton is involved?" asked Haledjian.

"He's been used as a lookout before," replied the inspector. "About the time of the holdup, two police officers noticed him loitering on the corner half a block from the bank."

"The way it figures is this," continued the inspector. "When things suddenly went wrong in the bank, the three masked bandits sprinted for their car. They didn't have time to haul in Kempton, so they left him on the corner."

"We picked him up this morning for questioning. He says he was out walking and had stopped to watch a blonde whom nobody else on the block remembers seeing."

"This mysterious blonde, according to Kempton, was strolling on the opposite side of the street, looking over her left shoulder and primping herself in the reflection of the store windows."

"When she got to the Beford Shoe Store window, she stopped and slowly did an about face. Watching her window image, she adjusted her skirt zipper and smoothed her sweater at the waist. She opened her purse, but noticing Kempton staring at her, hastened down the street."

"As she turned the corner, Kempton says three masked men

dashed out of the bank and into a waiting sedan. He didn't get the license plate number, of course." Haledjian pursed his lips thoughtfully. "Kempton's story has one slight flaw, inspector. Confront him with it, and he may break down."

"What was the flaw?"



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Survey Shows Emphasis On Saving Today As Business Boom Fueled By More Money

WASHINGTON (AP) — What's fueling the business boom?

The Federal Reserve Board today supplied one answer.

Consumers entered 1959 better heeled financially — both in their holdings of liquid assets and in current income — than ever before in history.

The board issued its annual survey of consumer finances, based on sampling interviews across the country made by the Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan.

It showed that in spite of the recession, total personal income last year rose by eight billion dollars, or 2 per cent. Prices rose 3 per cent, so there was a slight loss in real income.

But Americans as a group reduced their load of auto installment debt in 1958, increased their savings and bank deposits by the biggest amount of any year since World War II, and enjoyed a sharp rise in the value of their stocks and bonds.

The emphasis on saving, said

the board, "brought liquid assets of consumers to a new peak in early 1959 despite the decline in their holdings of U.S. savings bonds."

About three-fourths of all families held some liquid assets — meaning checking and savings accounts in banks, shares in savings and loan associations or credit unions, and savings bonds — when the survey was made early this year.

About 40 per cent of all families had liquid assets of \$500 or more.

About 40 per cent of all families reported an increase in income from 1957 to 1958, while 22 per cent reported a decline. More than half of the farmers — 54 per cent — had income increases, and 44 per cent of self-employed businessmen reported increases.

Consumer spending on automobiles dropped sharply last year, but expenditures for home appliances and other durable goods increased somewhat.

By early 1959 slightly over 70 per cent of families reported automobile ownership, and 12 per cent of all families owned two or more cars compared with 10 per cent in early 1958.

Consumers favored lower-priced cars last year. As a result, there was a drop in sales of eight-cylinder domestic models and a doubling of sales of foreign makes.

There was a sharp decline in the total amount of auto installment credit extended, and the amount of auto installment debt outstanding declined over the year. This was more than offset by increases in other types of credit.

The board said that the recession caused more than 7½ million families to lose the income of their breadwinners for at least part of the year.



DAVID K. USTICK, right, of Klamath Falls recently received a commission as warrant officer at the Army's Presidio in San Francisco. Lt. Col. Ralph G. Belon, commander of the Army Communications Operations Agency at the base, made the award. Ustick, 25, is the son of Mrs. Freda K. Ustick, 2209 Applegate Street. He was graduated from Klamath Union High School in 1951.

Fresh And Well Dressed In Russia Is Word For Vice Prexy Nixon, Wife

SVERDLOVSK, U.S.S.R. (UPI) — The Richard Nixons are still managing to look fresh, well-dressed and pleasant in the interior of Russia despite little sleep and no quick laundry service.

Their schedule is gruelling — jet plane into a city, straight from the airport to factory tours, and running from banquet to ballet.

But Vice President Nixon's well-tailored suits, of grayish blue or brown for day and dark blue for night, look as neat as a magazine ad.

Mrs. Nixon also is a good advertisement for the United States as she steps from the airplane, usually in a printed silk dress, or a silk suit, a small hat and black bag and shoes.

At night she appears in a black cocktail suit or brightly colored dress, even though, as in Novosibirsk, she had only 20 minutes to change for the ballet.

"After touring 54 countries, I've learned to pack our clothes so they don't wrinkle," she explained.

"I always buy non-crushable clothes. I didn't even bring a travel iron with me. And at night I wash out my stockings and lingerie."

In addition to being treated to Russian hospitality, the Nixons are being almost smothered with another local custom — at least four meals a day.

The famous Russian caviar shows up on the menu at nearly every meal, including breakfast. The Nixons also have sampled beef stroganoff and fresh tomatoes and cucumbers, the most common fresh vegetables available in the Soviet Union.

California Nixon said he was

Tavern May Be Suspended

DORRIS—Woodie Wilson, owner of the 40 Club in Dorris, relieved recently of pinball payoff charges brought by the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department, was less fortunate in a round with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Wilson's liquor license will be suspended for 10 days effective September 1 unless further disciplinary action is taken. The edict came as a result of a hearing held recently in Yreka by the ABC.

Wilson was arrested February 2 on charges of paying off Siskiyou Sheriff's Deputy David Wingfield for a winning pinball score. Cotlar allegedly acted on the advice of District Attorney Albert H. Newton Jr. and the office of the state attorney general in making the arrest.

Wilson subsequently filed suit in Superior Court against Cotlar, Wingfield and Under Sheriff James Berrian, for \$25,000. The case is pending.

Wilson charged the men with forcibly booking him and with refusing to take him before a judge for an undue period of time, with forcibly detaining him from consulting his attorney, Harry Hammond of Yreka, and with needlessly taking him to Yreka for fingerprinting when facilities for the job existed in Dorris.

He also said the deputies threatened to beat him and strike him, causing him bodily harm, and he states he submitted peacefully to arrest.

The ABC made no mention of its charges against Wilson.

Nickel Pays Off Overdue Debt

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—A man walked into police headquarters Tuesday and handed the desk sergeant a nickel.

"What's this for?" the officer asked.

"I got a parking ticket but only had 95 cents to put in the collection box," the man replied. "I just couldn't rest easy until I paid the whole fine."

Police accepted the man's explanation, and tossed away the parking ticket.

On The Record

KLAMATH FALLS BIRTHS

BOYS

MOYE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Moyer July 28 in Klamath Valley Hospital a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 13 oz.

GIRLS

KOBSMAN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick W. Kosman July 27 in Klamath Valley Hospital a girl, weighing 8 lbs., 1/2 oz.

SCHMITZ—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmitz July 27 in Klamath Valley Hospital a girl, weighing 6 lbs., 14 oz.

1959 ROUNDUP Boys: 328 Girls: 263

MOUNT SHASTA BIRTHS

LYNCH—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Lynch, Yreka, a daughter on July 18.

MOORE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Moore, Edgewood, a daughter on July 20.

ELLINGTON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Ellington, Dunsmuir, a daughter on July 21.

CARLSON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robin B. Carlson, Mount Shasta, a daughter on July 22.

PALONI—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Amelia V. Paloni, Weed, a son on July 23.

Republicans, Democrats Feud Over Significance Of Hawaiian Victories

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unexpected victories in Hawaii's voting bouyed Republican hopes today that their party may be on the comeback trail.

Although Democrats disputed the interpretation, the GOP national chairman, Sen. Thruston B. Morton of Kentucky, said the results point to Republican victories elsewhere in 1960. His party elected a governor, lieutenant governor, a United States senator and a majority of state senators.

Morton said the results in Hawaii demonstrated that hard work, significant support from labor and the voters' response to "good government" will put the Republicans back in business in next year's presidential and congressional elections.

However, Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas emphasized that Democrats had taken two of the three seats at stake in Congress. These included one senator and the lone House member. Democrats also held on to control of the state House of Representatives.

Johnson said it was not surprising that the Republican appointive governor, William F. Quinn, had defeated Democrat John A. Burns, who has been Hawaii's nonvoting delegate in Congress.

Johnson said Quinn "had plenty

of time to build up his position" and should have won "in an area which, until recent years, has been overwhelmingly Republican anyway."

He promised a rousing welcome in Congress for Democrats Oren E. Long, elected to the Senate, and Daniel K. Inouye, who won the House seat.

Hiram L. Fong was the Republican elected to the Senate. He and Long will determine by drawings later the length of the terms they will serve.

Pointing out that Democrats have won every territorial election since 1954, Republicans said the balloting demonstrated a reversal in the trend that may mark the beginning of a GOP revival in state and congressional elections.

Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois called the election a party outcome for his party.

Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel of California, the assistant GOP leader said the results show "that the people of our newest state have faith in the determination of the Republican party to serve and promote the interests of all of our people, not just segments or factions."

Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-NY) said the returns show the Republicans definitely are "on the comeback trail."

Although the GOP lost the House seat, Rep. Richard M. Simpson (R-Pa), chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, said the election "shows a powerful resurgence of political sentiment for the Republican party—a trend which could well hit flood-tide by the time the 1960 election rolls around."

Frost Nips At Wagon Train

LA GRANDE, Ore. (AP) — Frost nipped the Oregon Centennial wagon train Wednesday.

"It was about 32 degrees at the North Powder campsite and there was actually frost on the ground," said Mrs. Tex Serpa, wife of the train's wagonmaster.

"We nearly froze to death but it felt wonderful after the heat of the last few days," she added.

The train pulled through La Grande Wednesday afternoon. The wagons are scheduled to reach Pendleton Saturday.



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