

December 14, 1959
BUILDING PERMITS
City of Klamath Falls

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2,500	remodel bus.	Fred G. Brown	Lot 12, Blk 42 Buena Vista
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500	repair roof	KUMS	
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TOTAL VALUATION: \$7,982.00

Mines, Mills, Factories Record Only Slight Gains

WASHINGTON (AP)—Still suffering from after-effects of the steel strike, the nation's mines, mills and factories made only slight production gains last month.

The index of industrial produc-

tion rose only one point to a rate 48 per cent above the 1947-49 average, although the strikers went back to work under a Taft-Hartley Act injunction early in November.

The index was issued Tuesday by the Federal Reserve Board.

No gain at all would have been registered except for the fact that the board revised downward its October estimate of industrial output by one point.

While steel mill operations rose from 14 per cent of capacity in October to 60 per cent in November, the resumption of deliveries after the 116-day strike came too late to prevent some auto assembly plant slowdowns and shut-downs last month.

By mid-December, the board said, steel mills were running at 96 per cent capacity and auto production was rising rapidly.

The producers of neither durable goods nor soft goods showed gains in November, but the output of minerals rose steeply as activity was resumed at coal and iron ore mines which had been idle throughout the strike. The board summarized national business conditions as follows:

"Industrial production and employment in November began to recover from the steel strike low, although shortages of steel curtailed output in some lines and reduced deliveries of autos to consumers.

Concert Held For Children Blind, Deaf

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Some of them laughed though they couldn't see. Others sang though they couldn't hear.

It happened at a one-of-a-kind Christmas concert here Tuesday given for the fifth year in a row by Mrs. Jovett Shouse, vice president of the National Symphony Orchestra Assn.

As a "Christmas present to myself" Mrs. Shouse puts on the annual concert for some 2,600 deaf, blind, crippled or otherwise handicapped youngsters from the capital area.

Some came into the Catholic University gymnasium in wheelchairs, some carried canes tapping the floor ahead of them, some managed to maneuver with only a friendly adult on either side for moral support. So many came some had to sit on the floor.

After the music began, the youngsters acted like kids the world over. "Pop Goes The Weasel" got more handclapping than did Handel and the clash of cymbals in "Carmen" drew squeals.

When it came time for everyone to join in singing Christmas carols, one pig-tailed girl strained to read the words on her production. She couldn't—despite three cataract operations so far—but she sang with a shy smile anyway.

Also singing was a group of teen-age boys wearing the khaki outfit of a training center for delinquents.

When National Symphony conductor Howard Mitchell introduced the orchestra's instruments, one youngster leaned over to steady a palsied friend who wanted to see the bassoon.

Mitchell began by explaining that at a concert "everyone must be absolutely quiet so everyone can hear."

The tiny little boy in the back couldn't be blamed for violating the rule and crying all the way through the concert.

He could hear all right but he couldn't see what was causing all the noise.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



JOEY'S WORRIED, HE'S 'FRAID THEY'RE GONNA CHEW THE BUTTONS OFF HER VEST!

Decision By John L. Lewis Averts Possible Struggle

WASHINGTON (UPI)—John L. Lewis decided to step down now as president of the United Mine Workers to head off a possible power struggle over his eventual successor in the union leadership.

This was the explanation that associates gave today for the 79-year-old labor leader's surprise announcement Tuesday that he is resigning as UMW chief early next year.

They also said departure from office would not silence the "thundering voice of the captain of a mighty host," as Lewis once described his role in behalf of the miners.

These friends said Lewis certainly would continue as a non-paid trustee of the UMW's welfare fund. They also expect him to testify before congressional committees on coal industry problems.

Lewis was said to be seeking "to insure an orderly transition" in the UMW leadership by lining up his successor well in advance of the union's presidential election next December.

UMW Vice President Thomas Kennedy, 72, automatically steps into the top job when Lewis bows out. Kennedy was expected to run for a full four-year term as president.

But all eyes within the union will be focused on the man selected to fill Kennedy's vice presidential spot. That choice may be made far ahead of election time to build up the man who eventually will succeed to the presidency.

In his letter of resignation, Lewis praised Kennedy to the skies.

John Owens, secretary-treasurer of the 500,000-member union, is 69 and his colleagues believe

that he is not interested in moving up the ladder.

This leaves two men prominently in the leadership picture—W. A. (Tony) Boyle, about 50, an assistant to Lewis who came out of the Montana district of the UMW, and Michael F. Widman, director of market research and a former CIO organizer in auto plants.

Although the race has just started, these two are considered to have the inside track to succeed Kennedy eventually as president. Both have been working on high priority tasks for Lewis in recent years.



JOHN A. DUGGAN, an airman, son of Mrs. Thelma I. Duggan of 5035 Summers Lane, recently completed the initial phase of basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He will attend an aircraft and missile maintenance school at Amarillo. He was graduated from Klamath Union High School.

Ex-Actor Freed In Dope Case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—One-time child actor Bobby Driscoll, 22, has been freed of a charge of possession of paraphernalia for the use of narcotics.

A judge acquitted him Monday after a sheriff's deputy testified he was unable to say definitely that a paper sack containing a hypodermic needle and a syringe fell from Driscoll's hands.

10 Guildsmen Back On Job

PORTLAND (AP)—The number of Portland Newspaper Guild members back on the job at the struck Oregonian and Oregon Journal across picket lines was reported at 10 today.

Eight returned Monday and another Tuesday, despite a 117-23 vote by the guild last week to continue observing picket lines placed around the two newspapers by stereotypers who walked out Nov. 10. The 10th guildsman returned soon after the walkout started.

The return of the reporters and photographers was the first break in the union front since the strike started. The newspapers have published a combined edition at The Oregonian plant with non-union and supervisory employees since the dispute started.

The state Wage and Hour Commission yesterday ruled a labor strike is adequate reason to require women to work more than the 44 hours a week specified by law.

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Army Major Lifts Ban On Newsmen

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Maj. Donald N. Yates, who ordered newsmen barred from missile launchings because of a news service story, lifted the ban Tuesday.

The commander of the missile test center said his action—in effect 24 hours—was based on a misunderstanding.

Rescinding of the ban by Yates came after a strongly worded telegram from Lyle Wilson, vice president of United Press International in Washington, denying Yates' charges that a UPI story Saturday violated an agreement not to pinpoint the date of a future space probe.

Wilson said the story was based on information from independent sources in Washington, not on briefings at the test center.

The story, carrying a Washington dateline, told of plans to send a rocket to the vicinity of the planet Venus and into orbit around the sun. It said the firing would be Tuesday.

After the story appeared, the launching was postponed for technical reasons.

The Air Force officials told reporters Monday at his weekly news briefing that the news service

had violated an agreement not to release the launching date.

As a result, Yates said, for the time being he would not brief reporters on future military launchings nor allow them to cover such launchings from the press site here.

Scientific launchings by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration were not affected by the ban, and no military rockets were fired while it was in effect.

Wilson's telegram to Yates said the UPI would accept reasonable regulations of news coverage at the test center but "we will not for a moment submit to nor permit long to endure your interference in news coverage here in Washington."

"It may surprise you to learn," Wilson said, "that you have no monopoly on information with respect to missile plans at Cape Canaveral. The newspapers and magazines usually know in some detail what your plans are and they are published regularly for the information of the public, which, after all, is an interested party. The public pays the bills."

Wilson said much of the material in the Washington story came from the UPI's own library of

information collected for future use, and the rest was from independent sources "and in no way related to any agreement you had with newsmen in your area."

"We resent your implication that we violated an agreement," Wilson said. "We did not do so. Under the circumstances, we expect you to lift the ban."

Yates wired Wilson in reply that he planned to reinstate press coverage of the military firings immediately and regretted "the current misunderstanding."

Charles Warren, chief of the Mutual Broadcasting System's news bureau in Washington, also had protested to Yates. He said the charges against UPI were "demonstrably unfounded." Warren said Mutual had broadcast the report two days prior to the UPI report.

PROVE THEIR POINT
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PORTLAND (AP)—Toll gates on the Interstate Bridge across the Columbia River that links Portland and Vancouver, Wash., will go into operation Jan. 4.

The charge will be 15 cents a trip for commuters, 20 cents a passenger car, 45 cents for truck and bus commuter vehicles and 60 cents for one-way buses or large trucks.

The money will be used to repay \$14,500,000 in revenue bonds issued by the Washington Toll Bridge Authority. The authority issued \$9,500,000 in bonds for the new span and \$5,000,000 to remodel a parallel span built in 1917.

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