

# Business News

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Alan and Leona Baker, owners of Bakers Landscape Nursery, 2616 So. 6th St., are moving to their new location at 6200 So. 6th St. . . they have been at their present location for the last seven years . . . a new 1415 square foot home, 20x32-foot garden shop, storage shed and 65x120-foot shade lath house are in the present building program with a 35x300-foot off-street driveway and ample off-street parking area . . . building contractors are Perry & Day, 4650 Laverne St. . . plans by Grant Perry, son of Frank Perry of the building firm . . . with the additional space at the new location, plans are to develop more and better acclimated trees and shrubs suitable for use in the Klamath Basin, Baker says . . . in addition to the nursery and garden shop operations, the Bakers will continue to offer complete landscape service, insect spraying, pruning and tree removals . . . the Bakers will be doing business from the new location after Jan. 1, 1960.

Ed Isensee and his son, Don, have just returned from a four-day school in management training held at Joliet, Ill., at the American Institute of Laundering, providing new methods, practices and products were discussed and tested. . . John Diedericks, director, Armour Research Foundation, economics research department, spoke on research and diversification and new developments. In the professional laundries . . . the Isensees are owners of Cascade Laundry & Cleaners in Klamath Falls.

The Blue Bell Potato Chip Co. of Portland has been purchased by Sunshine Biscuits, Inc., according to Carl A. Dobler, general manager of Blue Bell . . . all Blue Bell policies and key personnel will remain. . . Dobler, general manager for the last 13 years, continues in his position . . . his staff includes Tom Ray, general sales manager; E. F. Bouscher, production manager; William Case, Washington manager; Charles Cox, Albert Newman and Larry Rowe, district sales managers, and Jack MacFarlane, director of distributor sales . . . the firm makes a wide variety of potato chips and snack items which are sold through Oregon, Washington, the Idaho panhandle and western Montana.

Bureau of Land Management Director Edward Wozney has announced that all BLM field offices will suspend action on all land transactions where appraisals are involved for 60 days from Dec. 10 . . . the action came following a request for the stop order from Rep. John E. Moss of the House Government Operations Committee.

The mobile home and travel trailer industry in the 11 Western states reached dollar volume sales of \$250 million for 1959, according to the Trailer Coach Assn., which represents the manufacturers, dealers and suppliers . . . total population of residents who live in "homes on wheels" in the West soared to 1,150,000.

Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Oregon is one of 18 educational leaders elected to the editorial advisory board of Overview, the new magazine for educational administrators, which makes its debut in January . . . the magazine will incorporate two Buttenheim publications, The School Executive and Educational Business.

The Oil Heat Institute of Oregon has announced that the Portland office of McCann-Erickson has been named to handle the Institute's future advertising and promotion. . . R. Andy Brown is account executive.

Ford Motor Co. paid an extra

dividend of 60 cents in addition to its regular quarterly 60-cent dividend on Dec. 19 to stockholders of record at the close of business on Nov. 10 . . . this makes a total of \$2.80 per share paid by Ford during 1959.

New president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce is Thomas W. Deitzel, chairman of the board of Portland General Electric Co. . . Deitzel was elected as the 69th chamber president by the chamber's board of directors earlier this month, succeeds John M. Fulton, Crown Zellerbach executive who now becomes chairman of the chamber's board of directors . . . a native of Chickasha, Okla., Deitzel lived most of his early life in Klamath Falls and later studied civil engineering at Oregon State College . . . for 17 years he was with California Oregon Power Co., including six years as assistant to the vice president and general manager . . . he is married and has one son, Paul C. Deitzel of Portland and one daughter, Mrs. Harry Mangon of Walla Walla and five grandchildren.

Dr. Harry Friedrichs of Klamath Falls recently returned from the Northwest Congress of Optometry, a three-day conference at the Multnomah Hotel at Portland . . . more than 400 optometrists and educators attended from Oregon, Montana, California, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia . . . emphasis was placed on the dynamics of complete visual care, including the developmental care of the pre-school age child and the lens application and visual training of the adult.

Architects all over Oregon will be invited to enter a competition to lead to selection of an architect for Eugene's proposed new city hall which will be built at a cost up to \$1.5 million . . . architects will be invited to submit sketches of basic design proposals in the first stage of the competition . . . from these entries, a jury of five members, including at least three architects, will select five finalists . . . cost of the competition, including nominal payments to the finalists and fees to the jury and competition director, will run about one per cent of the total cost of the bid call, probably \$10,000 to \$15,000 . . . this will be the first time an open competition method has been used to select an architect for a public building in Lane County.

Ray D. Blair, district manager of the Klamath Falls office of California-Western States Life Insurance Co., 9th & Main streets, attended his firm's annual managers conference at San Mateo, Cal. . . the local insurance executive joined 75 managers from California Western Life agencies throughout the West for four days of business sessions, starting Dec. 13 . . . the conference was devoted chiefly to the firm's agency development and sales plans for 1960, its 50th year.

Donald M. Thomas, executive secretary of Oregon Dairy Products Commission, field representative Dick Armony, and Bob Bissell, account executive with Cole & Weber, ad agency for the commission, were here from Portland last week exploring possibilities for a pilot advertising and promotion campaign in cooperation with members of Klamath Basin Grade A Milk Producers, the

commission to finance most of the program . . . the local milk producers were the first producers in the nation to organize for promotion and advertising purposes and have conducted a successful program for nearly 10 years.

Oral auction bids will be received by the forest supervisor at the office of the district ranger, Klamath Falls, beginning at 10:30 a.m., Jan. 18, for all merchantable timber marked for cutting on an area embracing 110 acres in the Rogue River National Forest, within Sections 13 and 14, T. 33 S., R. 6 E., W.M. . . estimated volumes are 1,000 M board feet of ponderosa, 2,100 M board feet of white fir and other species . . . minimum acceptable bid per M board feet is \$41.45 for ponderosa and \$19.20 for white fir and other species.

The outlook for most industries in 1960 runs from good to boom . . . sales gains are expected for the electronics, electrical construction, petroleum, food, coal, automobile and auto parts exports, instrumentation and control, textiles, chemical and construction industries . . . a year-end round-up of business and predictions of next year's conditions, conducted by publications of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., shows the manufacturing industry expects a mild boom, while electric power companies are looking ahead to a big boom year.

Light construction in the 13 Western States was up 20 per cent last month over November, 1958. . . Oregon doubled its November, 1958, total building permit figures, producing \$20 million for November, 1959.

## Aurora Man Mishap Victim

THE DALLES, Ore. (AP)—Robert Verne Wietterhall, 29, of Aurora was fatally injured Thursday when the big road scraper he was driving went out of control. He died later in a Portland hospital. State Police Officer Kenneth L. Green said the big piece of construction equipment went out of control off the left bank of the highway and onto a railroad track. Wietterhall was thrown out and run over, Green said. The accident was on Highway 30 some 13 miles east of The Dalles near Celilo. Wietterhall is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wietterhall of Aurora, and two children, a brother and a sister. He was divorced.

## Postal Clerks Aid Customers

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—Postal clerks in Worcester are adding their bit to the Christmas spirit of giving. Persons mailing cards to Mexico and Canada apparently don't realize that four-cent stamps are required rather than the customary three-cent stamps. The National Federation of Postal Clerks, with the blessing of their superiors, agreed "it would not be in the proper Christmas spirit to forward mail bearing a 'one-cent postage due stamp.'" So they are adding the needed stamps.

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## Michigan Passes Bill For Revenue

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—A revenue plan which would pump 87 million dollars into Michigan's debt-ridden treasury was passed Thursday night by the State Senate and sent to the House. The measure, pushed through by the Senate's Republican majority, drew immediate, if somewhat reluctant, support from Democratic Gov. G. Mennen Williams who told newsmen "having something is better than having nothing." One part of the proposal would liquidate the state's veterans trust fund, worth about 40 million dollars, as a source of quick income. Another 34 million dollars would be raised from new or higher taxes on liquor and beer, tobacco, telegraph and telephone bills. The remaining 13 million dollars would come from a one-mill boost to the four-mill corporation franchise tax.

Passage by the House, where membership is divided 55-55 between Republicans and Democrats, would end an 11-month legislative wrangle over ways of replenishing the state's depleted treasury. The Legislature has been sitting in extended session since the Michigan Supreme Court last October ruled that a one-cent use-tax passed last August violated the state constitution.

Williams has been opposed to any tax plan that would yield less than the 100 million dollars he says is necessary to put Michigan back on its financial feet. He said, however, that the new package was acceptable as a compromise to end the long dispute.

## California Blast; 4 Die, 2 Hurt

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Four men were killed and two injured after deadly fumes exploded and caught fire in a tunnel excavation for a waterline Thursday night. Some kind of deadly gas spread through the tunnel and killed three of the workmen. A fourth died today of burns from the explosions. One other workman was critically burned by the blasts and another was overcome by fumes.

**PARLIAMENT RECESSES**  
LONDON (UPI)—Parliament recessed Thursday for the Christmas holidays. It will meet again Jan. 26.

## County Agent Reviews Potato Production Here

By WALT JENDRZEJEWSKI  
The following is a review of potato production and movement statistics with comparisons to last season.

USDA's final crop report for the year estimates late potato production at 165,160,000 hundred weight. This compares to an estimate of 163,854,000 hundred weight in November and a production of 182,936,000 hundred weight in 1958. Estimated production of 66,338,000 hundred weight in the West compares to 66,800,000 last month and 73,363,000 hundred weight last year. Late production in all Western states except California is estimated below last year. California late production estimated at 3,252,000 hundred weight compares to 4,375,000 last month and 4,760,000 last year.

## State Official To Save Money

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—Here is a state official who is more interested in saving public money than he is in status. Charles A. Kilvert, Rhode Island director of administration, said Thursday night he will turn in his expensive car for one in the low price field to save the state money. "I just don't see any sense in assigning expensive cars to directors," he said. "Low priced cars can get us around just as well and a lot cheaper."

## TO TRY SANTA BLASPHEMERS

PONTIAC, Mich. (UPI)—Two construction workers will be tried Jan. 5 on charges of calling Santa Claus a dirty name. Herbert Holdworth and James C. Dunn were arrested after 7-year-old Kenny Green told his mother he heard them saying bad things about Santa. The men pleaded innocent to charges of using obscene language.

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Oregon at 6,210,000 compares to 6,075,000 last month and seven million last year. Washington at 4,400,000 compares to 5,500,000 last month and 5,280,000 last year.

The Central States at 40,349,000 compare to 40,958,000 last month and 43,783,000 last year. Eastern states at 58,433,000 compare to 58,266,000 last month and 65,788,000 last year. Canada's crop was estimated in November at 35,290,000 hundred weight compared to 40,301,000 a year ago. Canadian storage holdings on November 1 were estimated at 16,739,863 car total of which nearly 2,000 cars were seed potatoes. Late crop production in the U.S.

Idaho production estimated at 38,000,000 compares to 38,760,000 last month and 41,580,000 last year. Idaho expects to process a higher percentage of the crop than last year.

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