



APPRENTICE PAINTERS Dennis Staley, top left, and Gerald Pacey, lower right, and their instructor, Henry L. Tayson, prepare to paint the Camp Fire Girls headquarters here. Meeting with them is Mrs. Naomi French, council executive.

CF Office Gets Paint

The Camp Fire Girls' Klamath Area Council office in the Mel-hase Building is getting a complete new coat of paint free of charge by painter apprentice trainees.

They are Dennis Staley and Gerald Pacey, who are working under supervision of Henry L. Tayson. The paint job is a Christmas gift, the men say.

The apprenticeship program is new in Klamath Falls, and this class is the first organized here. It was formed early last month. Apprentices must receive 144 class hours of training per year for three years under the nationwide training program.

In Oregon, the program is sponsored by the state Vocational Training Department. The state defined new minimum standards for painter apprenticeship in September.

The state pays for half the cost of training, and the trainee for the other half. The men are employed locally by painting contractors in the interim.

Locally, the program is under jurisdiction of the Klamath Union High School apprenticeship training program. Jack LaGrande is coordinator for all local vocational apprenticeship training.

David Bergmann Finishes 'Boot'

David L. Bergmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Bergmann of 4787 Onyx Drive, graduated from recruit training Nov. 18 at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.

The graduation exercises, marking the end of nine weeks of "boot camp," included a full dress parade and review before military officials and civilian dignitaries.

In nine weeks of instruction, the "raw recruit" is developed into a Navy Bluejacket, ready for duty with the fleet.

Chiloquin Man Is Fined \$105

Failure to buy a deer tag for \$1.10 cost a Chiloquin man \$105 in district court Monday.

Jack Ulam, 43, was fined \$105 by Acting Judge Richard J. Burke of Portland for illegal possession of deer meat. Ulam was arrested by state police last Wednesday with an untanned deer carcass in the back of his truck.

In another action Monday in district court, Charles F. Seeling, 38, North Plains, Ore., was fined \$10 for transporting Christmas trees without a bill of sale.

New Passport More Colorful, Less Expensive

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Americans traveling abroad soon will be carrying a new, more colorful, less expensive, easier to clean, harder to counterfeit passport.

The new passports will be issued starting Jan. 1. Holders of existing passports will not have to get new ones until their present documents expire.

The State Department announced Monday that the new passport will have a plastic cover "impervious to almost all liquids, humidity, heat, cold, sunlight, and snuggly hands." It will be colored "horizon blue" instead of the current dull, sickly green.

Passports issued to diplomats will be black. Maroon passports will be issued to non-diplomatic U.S. officials.

The ink on the green passport had a tendency to run in damp climates, sometimes coming off on clothing. The corners got dog-eared. All that is supposed to be eliminated with the new passport, which is the result of 18 months of research. The department estimated the new passport would cost \$59,000 less each year to make.

Officials said the new passport would be harder for spies to counterfeit. This is partly because of an imprinted eagle, which appears sometimes frontwards and sometimes in reverse on different pages.

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WP Petitions Against SP Purchase

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The Western Pacific Railroad laid down a barrage of petitions Tuesday in the formal opening of its battle to prevent acquisition of WP by the Southern Pacific.

Formal declarations of opposition to Southern Pacific were spelled out in petitions filed by mail Monday with the Interstate Commerce Commission, which will have to approve any acquisition. Western Pacific supported a proposal of the Santa Fe railroad to secure control of WP.

Western Pacific said that Southern Pacific was buying up stock in the open market in preparation for a possible proxy fight. F. B. Whitman, WP president, said SP might influence investors sympathetic to its cause to purchase stock.

"Two of our shareholders have had offers for large quantities at prices substantially over the market," he said.

In a complaint filed with the ICC, Whitman asked for an order forcing SP to desist from further purchase of stock and to desist from encouraging outsiders sympathetic to SP's cause to buy WP stock.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The case of the popping pods went down in police books Tuesday as wisteria hysteria.

Frightened citizens telephoned police that guns were being fired in a residential area. Officers approached with caution and took cover when they heard the firing.

One officer, hiding beneath a wisteria tree, discovered that the shots were really cold wisteria pods popping open as the air became warmer.

JOLLY TIME POPS SO TENDER



Southern Pacific was also accused in the complaint of "illegal and harmful actions" in buying 10 per cent of WP's stock before announcing its acquisition plan. Under the law, Whitman said, a railroad is permitted to buy stock in another only for investment purposes and not in an attempt to acquire control.

In another petition, WP asked the ICC to order SP President Donald J. Kussell to appear at a deposition hearing Dec. 14 to answer questions about fluctuations in WP's stock.

The petition asked that Russell be required to answer questions about SP plans for elimination of track and other facilities in the event it gains control of WP.

Starbird Heads Pacific Corps

WASHINGTON (AP)—Maj. Gen. Alfred D. Starbird will be named new North Pacific Division engineer in Portland for the Corps of Army Engineers, Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D-Wash., said Tuesday.

Magnuson said an official announcement is being prepared by the corps here.

Gen. Starbird will succeed Brig. Gen. Allen F. Clark Jr., who intends to retire soon after the

first of the year, the senator said. Gen. Starbird, 48, has been director of military applications for the Atomic Energy Commission since 1955 with headquarters in Washington. As area engineer for the corps at Pierre, S.D., after World War II he supervised construction of the Oahe Dam in South Dakota.

He is married and has three children.

Employers Expect Drop In Nation's Employment

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Labor Department said today a survey shows most employers expect a net decrease in job levels by mid-January.

The survey shows the increase of unemployment in the autumn months is expected to continue on into the winter. Christmas season hiring may slow the downward job trend temporarily.

Officials have indicated that the idle total for November, to be announced later this week, probably reached four million, highest figure for the month in two decades. They expect the total to climb to more than five million by January.

The survey made by the Labor Department's Employment Security Bureau is a regular one covering 150 major production and employment centers. The November figures show nine more such areas were added to the critical list, those having over 6 per cent unemployment.

This showed the number of such areas to 51 as compared with a total of 32 in November 1959 and 33 in November 1958, during the recession.

The new job data are sure to receive attention from the 11-member committee named by President-elect John F. Kennedy Sunday to map a program of aid to areas of chronic unemployment. Sen. Paul H. Douglas, D-Ill., chairman, called its first meeting today.

The gloomy job picture painted by the Employment Security Bu-

reau said "more than nine-tenths of the surveyed areas expected a new decrease in job levels between mid-November and mid-January, with seasonal construction layoffs and post-holiday drops in trade and government (Christmas-season post office workers) accounting for a major share of the decline."

The customary employment pickup did not materialize in some areas this fall and dropped below expectations in others, it was stated.

The nine new areas of substantial labor surplus are Bridgeport and Waterbury, Conn.; South Bend, Fort Wayne and Gary-Hammond-East Chicago, Ind.; Spokane, Wash.; Hamilton-Middletown, Ohio; Steubenville, Ohio; Weirton, W. Va.; and San Bernardino-Riverside, Ontario, Calif.

Cutbacks in steel, aircraft, aluminum, and other durable goods manufacturing were mainly responsible, the bureau said.

In addition, four areas were shifted from the 6-9 per cent unemployment category to the 9-12 per cent group, as follows: Muskegon-Muskegon Heights, Mich.; Atlantic City, N. J.; and Pittsburgh and Erie, Pa. Johnstown,

Pa., was moved from the 9-12 per cent group to one of 12 per cent or more.

Five areas were moved from the category having less than 3 per cent unemployment to that having a 3-6 per cent idle rate: Sacramento, Calif.; Macon, Ga.; Des Moines, Iowa; Oklahoma City Okla., and Lancaster, Pa.

Eight smaller areas were posted as having substantial labor surplus of over 6 per cent, while one smaller center, Rocky Mount, N. C., was removed. This list now totals 123 compared with 112 a year earlier.

The eight newly designated smaller labor surplus areas are Eureka and Ukiah, Calif.; Pugh-

lo, Colo.; Ashtabula-Conneaut and Kent-Ravenna, Ohio; Bristol-Johnson City-Kingsport, Tenn.-Va.; Provo, Utah, and New Martinsville, W. Va.

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