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End of the year business note

The new compact automobile

They are reported to have had

some unexpected effects on business

For example:

Their manufacture requires less

steel, less rubber and less of

other materials than the bigger

cars that have been popular during

the past decade. To that extent,

they are hard on the producers

of steel, rubber and the other

materials that enter into the

manufacture of cars.

They use less gasoline than the

bigger cars and so, to that extent,

they are hard on the gasoline

industry.

But—

The economists tell us the savings

in operating cost, capital cost,

etc., STAY IN THE POCKETS

of the purchasers of the compacts.

These savings can be used to

buy OTHER THINGS. Thus they

are good for their owners. They

are good for the producers of the

things whose purchase and ownership

Weather table with columns for Klamath Falls and vicinity, High yesterday, Low last night, Precip. last 24 hours, Since Oct. 1, Same period last year.

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Weather table with columns for Northern California, Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area.



GOLD TIE BARS, models of Great Northern Railway's first locomotive, the William Crooks, and letters of congratulation from GN President J. M. Budd are displayed here by three GN employes honored this month for 25 years of service with the company.

Copco, PP&L Merger Plan Is Announced In Medford

PORTLAND (AP)—The merger of Pacific Power and Light Co. with California-Oregon Power Co. appeared a virtual certainty today.

Governor Approves Plans For Department Revamp

SALEM (AP) — Gov. Mark O. Hatfield today approved the reorganization proposals for the Department of Agriculture submitted by director James Short.



Which is to say: The tourists who visited Oregon this year paid in Oregon gasoline taxes about TEN TIMES as much as the advertising cost and in addition they left 170 million dollars in NEW MONEY in our state.

Negro Wounded While Sleeping

SOMERVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — An evicted Negro sharecropper, asleep in a tent in this racially tense county's "tent city," was wounded early today by a shot from a passing car, Negro leaders said.

Flash Fire Fatal to 12 Canadians

LACOLLE, Que. (UPI) — A flash fire, sparked by an explosion in an overheated stove, razed an isolated farmhouse on the Quebec-Vermont border today, killing 12 persons.

Marjorie Vosburg and 11 of her children were trapped in their wooden home by the fire. Her husband, Abel, and one other child escaped unharmed.

Police said the oil burner in the house apparently exploded at 2:30 a.m. When firemen arrived 40 minutes later "the whole thing was over," police said.

Police identified the dead children as Doris, 19; Ray, 17; Robert, 15; Phyllis, 13; Catherine, 10; Audrey, 9; Beverly, 7; Robert, 4; Caroline, 3; Leo, 1, and Dwayne, 6 months.

The father and surviving child managed to grope their way through flames and smoke into the yard which was covered with nearly a foot of snow.

They were bundled up in warm clothing and taken across country in 10-above-zero weather to their nearest neighbor's home.

Bodies of the victims were taken to Clarenceville, Que., about five miles away.

Vosburg was unemployed. Last summer he worked at a cannery here and then had done brush cutting on roads.

Besides Allan, there were three other surviving children not living at home.

Hatfield Names Hal F. Coe To Fill Vacant Judge Post



A NEW DISTRICT JUDGE, Hal F. Coe, 29, was appointed by Gov. Mark Hatfield Thursday morning. Here, Coe is shown at his desk in the Klamath Falls law office he shares with Attorney Glenn D. Ramirez. The new judge has been a trial lawyer since his admission to the bar two years ago. He has accepted the position immediately and will be sworn in Jan. 9.

Hal F. Coe, a young attorney who came to Klamath Falls in May of this year, was notified by Gov. Mark Hatfield this morning of his appointment as Klamath County district judge.

The appointment will run until the next general election in November, 1962. It was made necessary by the untimely death of Judge D. E. Van Vactor on Dec. 14.

Coe, 29, learned of his appointment via a telephone call from the governor. He accepted the position immediately "with great pleasure."

"The office of district judge demands honesty and fairness and I will administer the law as I see it with impartiality and justice for all citizens of Klamath County," Coe said.

The new judge will receive written confirmation of his appointment within a few days and will take an oath of office on Jan. 9. As district judge, he will be responsible for handling a tremendous docket of misdemeanors and traffic cases and will also conduct preliminary hearings in felony cases.

Coe and Robert B. Kerr, 33, were recommended jointly to the governor by the Klamath County Bar Association last week. A poll of 45 local attorneys resulted in 19 votes for each man. Both men at that time indicated that they were interested in the position and would accept it if it were offered to them. Coe is a Democrat and Kerr a Republican.

After graduating from Northwestern College of Law in Portland in 1958, Coe worked as a trial lawyer with the Posey and Wilson law firm in Portland. While in law school, he was a law clerk for two years for Circuit Judge Martin Hawkins in Portland. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Oregon State College in Corvallis.

At the age of 29, Coe will be one of the youngest district judges in the state. He has, however, been a trial lawyer for two years. Since May, he has been in partnership with Glenn D. Ramirez. Their law office is located at 432 Main Street.

"I have always been interested in a judicial career," Coe said. "By accepting the district judge position, I will be giving up a good practice. But I welcome the opportunity to serve."

The district judge is elected for a four-year term. Judge Van Vactor, before his death, had served for eight years and was due for reelection in 1962. The position pays \$10,000 a year. Coe was born in Burns but has

spent the majority of his adult life in Portland. He and his wife, Betty, and three children live at 1120 California Avenue. One of the new judge's favorite recreations is skiing.

NASA Chief Quits Post

WASHINGTON (UPI)—T. Keith Glennan, chief of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, submitted his resignation today and said the United States is again "pre-eminent in the conduct of research and development."

Glennan's resignation is effective Jan. 20, the date President-elect John F. Kennedy enters office. Glennan will return to the presidency of the Case Institute of Technology at Cleveland.

In a letter accepting the resignation, President Eisenhower said that NASA in its 27 months of existence had "compiled a record of achievement of which every American can be justly proud."

"Because of the organization and program you have helped to create, Americans can look forward to a remarkable future in space exploration," the President wrote Glennan.

He added: "It is hard to realize yet inexorably true—that the near future will hold such wonders as the orbital flight of an astronaut, the landing of instruments on the moon, the launching of the giant Saturn, and the reconnaissance of Mars and Venus by unmanned vehicles."

Glennan submitted to the President an 11-page summary of NASA accomplishments since its creation Oct. 1, 1958.

Glennan said that his agency had set up an organization capable of handling science and technology for space exploration and exploiting space technology and vehicles for beneficial use.

Royal Pair Heads Home To Trouble

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola flew home today from their honeymoon today as 15,000 demonstrating strikers surged through Brussels, smashing windows and overturning automobiles.

The king and his Spanish-born bride of 14 days interrupted their stay near Seville because of the Socialist's strike against the government's austerity program.

Officials of the Socialist-led General Workers Federation had criticized the king for remaining in Spain during the crisis.

Near the heart of the capital, demonstrators stoned a movie theater advertising newsreels of the sovereign's wedding on Dec. 15.

The demonstrators stayed clear of Brussels' neutral zone, where police riot squads were ready to break up any effort to enter. The Brussels Palace, Parliament buildings, government offices and ministries are located in the zone.

Nixon Assistant Takes Back Job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Herbert G. Klein, Vice President Richard M. Nixon's press secretary during the election campaign, will go back to his old job as editor of the San Diego Union.

"My basic decision has been to stay in the newspaper business," Klein said Wednesday, "and with this in mind I believe that the growing Copley organization, which has 15 newspapers, continues to offer me the best opportunity to follow through on many of the basic principles in which I believe."

Stanley Buchalski, plant manager of the newspaper, said Klein's departure would be a loss to the paper.

Explosions Rip Petroleum Firm

BAYONNE, N.J. (UPI) — A series of explosions raged through a petroleum company in this major U.S. oil distribution center Wednesday night and early today, injuring at least eight persons and forcing 300 from their homes.

Police and fire officials said the blaze at the Sun Gas Products Co. apparently started when an empty dump truck backed into a four-foot-high propane gas cylinder. The cylinder burst afire and touched off a series of eight explosions.

The truck theory grimly paralleled a viewpoint that the costly fire aboard the aircraft carrier Constellation last week at the Brooklyn Navy Yard was started when a fork lift truck struck a tank of diesel oil.

Flames from the explosions climbed 500 to 1,000 feet into the night sky, and cast an orange glow on the Statue of Liberty, about three miles away in New York Bay.

About 1,000 firemen, disaster and rescue workers were sent to fight the blaze, which destroyed the plant as well as 150 to 200 four-foot-high propane cylinders. The fire was declared under control about two hours after the first explosion, but burned for several more hours.

The 300 persons who fled their nearby homes were allowed to return early today, but officials planned to inspect every building to make sure none was in danger of collapsing. They said most of the damage appeared to be glass breakage.

Stanley Buchalski, plant manager of Chester, N.Y., was critically burned when flames consumed the one-story office building where he had been resting when the blaze started.

The other injured were all in good or satisfactory condition.

Mine Blast Kills Pair

KINGWOOD, W. Va. (AP)—A mine explosion that sounded like a "great gust of wind" brought tragedy Wednesday upon the nearby community of Newburg.

Truman Burke and James Tarleton, both about 24 and residents of Newburg, were trapped deep within the Sanford Phillips coal mine when a gas explosion brought down tons of slate to block their route to freedom.

Rescuers from this area as well as from Morgantown found their bodies shortly before last midnight.

Federal and state mine inspectors planned to enter the mine today to investigate.

The mine, operated by Sanford Phillips, is located about 13 miles southwest of here. It had been idle for several days because of the holidays, but employees entered Wednesday to bring out some loose coal.

Every time the driver came to a trestle he pulled all four wheels up on the cross-ties and bumped across, the engineer said.

Ku Klux Klan Leader Quits Racial Battle

OLDSMAR, Fla. (AP) — Bill Hendrix, grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan's Southern-Northern knights for several years, is quitting the Klan because "I see no way to stop racial integration and it looks to me like the best thing to do is to accept it."

He told The Associated Press Wednesday night, "I cannot agree to go outside the law to maintain segregation."

The general contractor, twice an unsuccessful candidate for governor on a platform of segregation, said he would not "agree to such things as bombings and burning schools."

"But that's what the Klan is going to have to turn to unless it agrees to go along with the laws," he said.

Shooting Times table for Oregon and California with columns for date and time.

City Stork Derby Offers Gifts To First Baby Of The New Year

The first baby to be born in Klamath Falls hospitals in the upcoming new year of 1961 will be the recipient of a host of gifts from the Herald and News Stork Derby promotion.

When the New Year begins at midnight, Dec. 31, the contest will start and the watch will begin to select the newest arrival.

The gifts for the youngsters and his parents will range from a month's supply of milk to a box of 50 congratulatory cigars for the baby's father.

Payless Drug will be offering the box of cigars and the Klamath Basin Grade A Milk Producers a month's supply of milk.

Other gifts for the newest arrival include a case of 48 cans of Gerber's Strained Baby Food from the Market Basket; a \$5 gift certificate for the parents to select baby wear at Bonazaar; an engraved baby cup from Beach's Jewelers; a Mickey Mouse feeding set from Wood's Drug.

Klamath Theaters will give the parents two free tickets to either the Tower or the Esquire plus \$3 cash for baby-sitting fees.

Big Y will present a deluxe diaper bag; Miller's a \$5 gift certificate in their children's department; a sterling silver baby cup from Rickys; a pair of Little Yankee shoes from the House of Shoes; a baby blanket from the Fashion Villa, and three weeks free diaper service for "in town" baby, or three dozen gauze diapers for "out of town" baby from Cherub Diaper Service.

The stage is set and the New Year fast arriving, whether the sound of the stork can yet be heard will have to be awaited.

When the hour of midnight strikes on Saturday, Dec. 31, the Stork Derby begins.

Daring Young Man Beats Freight, But Not The Law

DECATUR, Ga. (AP)—A daring young man who drove his car five miles down a railroad track, over trestles and a bridge right in front of a fast freight train, will spend the next six months safely in jail.

"I'll be swan if I know why we didn't run over him or why he didn't run off a trestle or something," marveled train engineer J. B. Broom.

Police who rushed to the scene and arrested Theron Luther George Jr., 18, also had words of praise for the young daredevil's skill in negotiating the track and trestles in the early morning darkness without a mishap, with Broom's train whistling impatiently behind.

But DeKalb County Judge Oscar Mitchell was not so impressed. "When I asked him what was his excuse he just said he was guilty and didn't have an excuse," the judge commented in passing sentence Wednesday.

Broom said he first spotted the car sailing along the Seaboard Air Line tracks ahead of him at 4 a.m. Tuesday, its left wheels running on the cross-ties between the tracks and its right wheels on the dirt right-of-way.

Every time the driver came to a trestle he pulled all four wheels up on the cross-ties and bumped across, the engineer said.

"If we'd come on that guy anywhere else along there we'd have overrun him sure."

"We happened to see him on a straight stretch, but after that we lost sight of him because of all the curves and hills and I didn't make more than seven or eight miles an hour because I was afraid I'd overrun him," Broom said.

Broom said every time his train went over a trestle he looked down, expecting to see the wreckage of the car on the highway below.

"We crossed three trestles in all and he wasn't down there under any of them."

Creeping along in the darkness so as not to smash into the rear of the car, Broom said after crossing an overpass "we saw him standing there right in the middle of the tracks and laughing at us and waving his hands. So I laughed about that time, too, and got out to see what had happened."

Solved!

Another Herald and News reader has solved a problem through the Want Ads.

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It took six days to get results for this car advertiser, but a two-line ad six days is only \$4.00—and there's a 50c discount for cash payment. Use the Want Ads for your own needs. A want ad writer will be glad to help you word your ad. Just telephone TU 4-8111 or drop in at 1301 Espinasse.