



THE COUNTY LIBRARY, built in 1954, also houses the county museum, Red Cross officers and other facilities. School youngsters and scholars find it especially of value.



A SUPERB RECORD COLLECTION is available to patrons of the city library. Records, many of them for children, are added periodically, some by donation.



SCIENCE BOOKS FOR YOUTH poured into the city library last summer when demand for them warranted. These school youngsters keeping mentally alert during vacation were Diana Wales, Clifford Moore and Ann Lindley, left to right.

Circulation Shows Rise At Library

The county library's desk circulation is running at 150 per cent of the 1958 level, and that is about as good an indication of progress as the library could possibly show.

A library's purpose is not only to offer reading material but to encourage people to read. The county library goes about this in a number of ways.

Its bookmobile program carries the books to literally dozens of stations throughout the county. Branch libraries are set up in nearly every community. Permanent book stations are increasing in number.

Recently, stations were established at Bly, Fort Klamath, Chemult, Sprague River, Crater Lake, Mt. Laki, Crescent Lake, Modoc Point and the Odessa Frontier area.

The reference section is exceptionally well developed for the library's size, and so are the children's book section and magazine files.

The library has the distinction of containing the only complete set of bound local newspaper files in the county that go back to the turn of the century.

Periodicals are saved, and some lines are complete back to issues 20 years of age and more.

Mrs. Betty Cote, librarian, says tentative plans are to enlarge the children's section and bring it from the second to the main floor and to add more new stations to the branch service.

A new library branch was dedicated in Chiloquin Feb. 11. The branch occupies an old fire hall that has been refurbished.

Headquarters are housed in a sparkling, airy building built in 1954 in Klamath Falls. The library has 70,000 volumes.

City Offers 27,488 Books To Patrons

The city library will continue to offer the best service possible for its budget during 1961, says Mrs. Addie May Nixon, librarian.

No big new projects are foreseen there, but services offered already are substantial.

Some of them are rather unusual and perhaps little known because of it. The library has both a ceiling projector that casts an image of a book's page on a ceiling and a "talking book" for the blind.

The projector was donated a few years ago by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority's city council. The library owns a total of 61 books for adults and children.

Those who are hospitalized for long periods are especially appreciative of it, says Mrs. Nixon. They may keep the projector as long as they need it, she says, if no one asks for it.

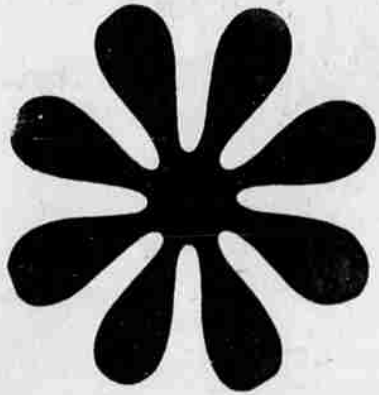
The "talking book" is a special record player acquired through a government program for the blind. Records for it are available by order from a Multnomah County record bank. The blind may check out the machine.

The city library has an excellent collection of records for music lovers and a well-stocked children's section and periodical rack. It has a total of 27,488 volumes—a constant collection.

List Of Librarians
Five librarians have served the county library system since 1927 when the court appointed a library board.

Such a board was appointed 14 years after the library had been built. Mrs. William Ganong, then Mildred Olson, was the first official librarian. She was followed by Margaret Nye, Mary McComb and Evelyn Cooper. Betty Cote is current librarian.

Prior to 1927, a number of women, whose names have not been recorded by historians, handled book distribution.

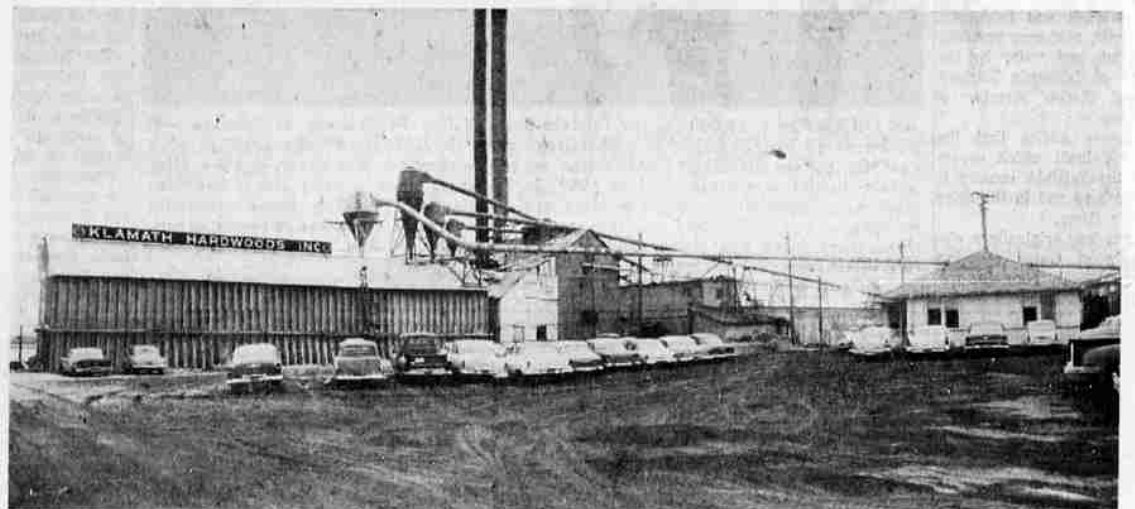


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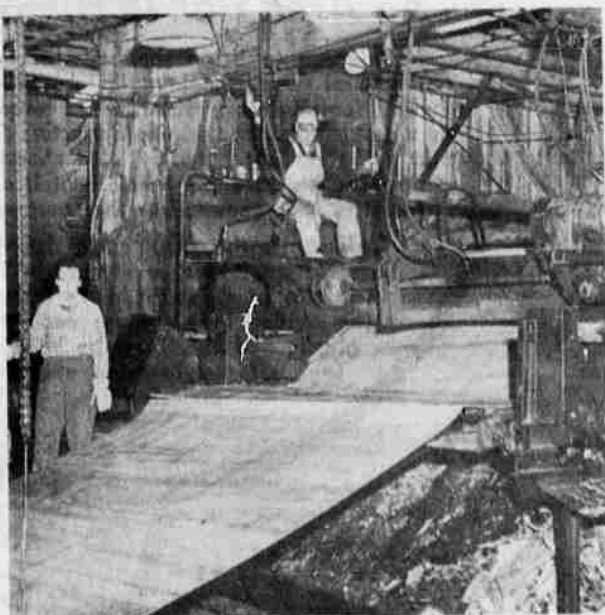
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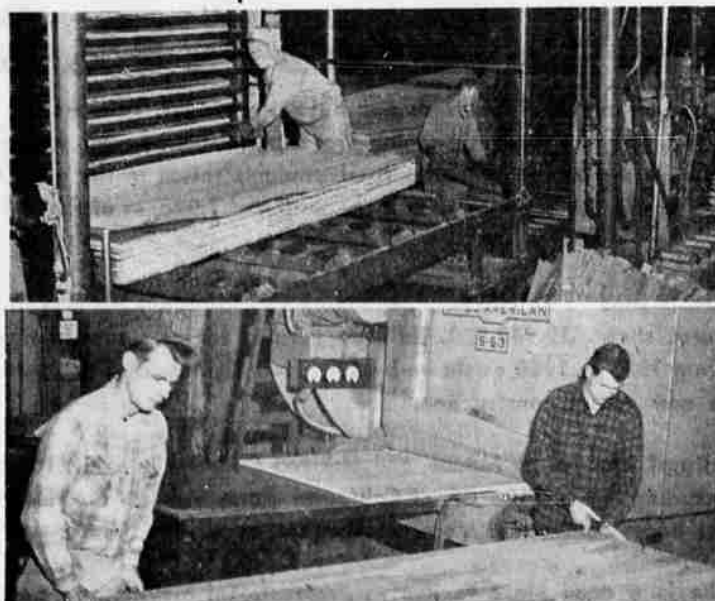
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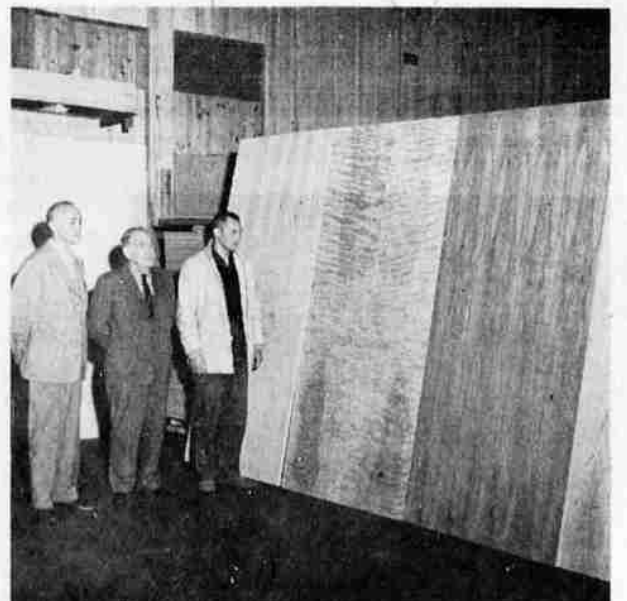
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A view of Charles Samuelson and Otis Hickey loading the hot press where the plys get the "big squeeze."
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