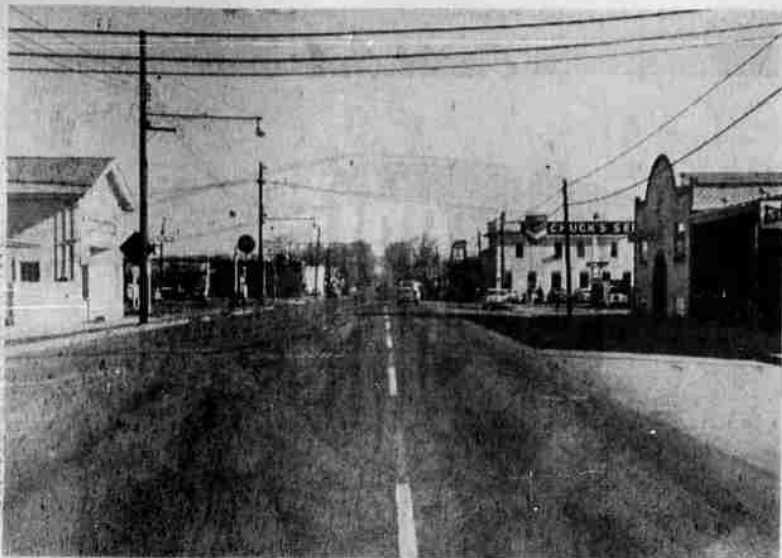




MERRILL'S Front Street, also Oregon State Highway 39, is wide and curbed. Approximately four miles of the highway including approaches were widened, curves were reduced and other improvements made in recent years at a cost of \$285,000. Paving and curbing within the city was completed for \$28,000.



RESIDENTIAL STREET in Merrill is one of several where some 30 new homes have been built. Yards are landscaped, many of the streets are paved and all are surfaced.



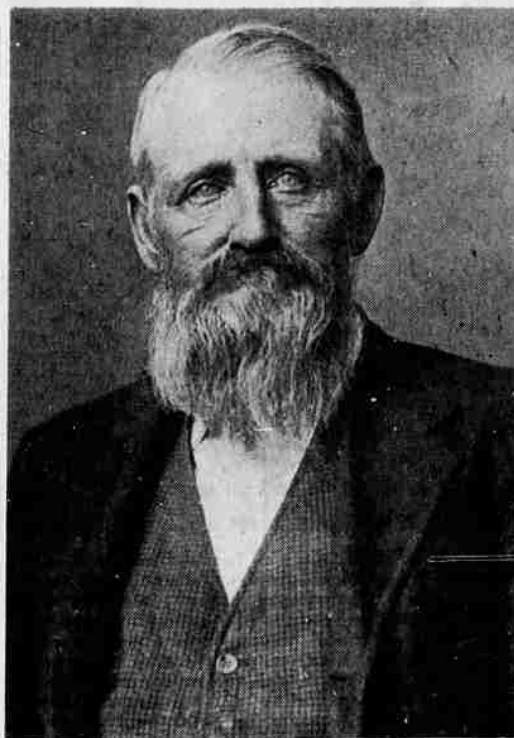
CARGILL INC. grain buyers have centrally located headquarters at Merrill for operations that extend to all parts of the Klamath Basin, Northern California, Alturas and Lakeview. Basin and state inspection is made of all shipments that leave the plant. Heavy shipments of hay sold to buyers up and down the Pacific Coast are weighed over Cargill's 60-foot scale, only one of its size in the area. Louis Stewart is plant manager and mayor of the city.

It has been estimated that eight million American families own one or more pet birds.



THE TREE-STUDD SMALL CITY of Merrill built along winding Lost River has a colorful history dating back to before the era of irrigation. It centers a productive agricultural community that has been developed from a one-time cow country to its present status of diversified crop lands. Merrill sponsors the annual Klamath Basin Potato Festival, now sponsored by the Merrill Lions Club, begun 25 years ago to mark another season's harvest. The festival draws thousands of visitors to the

annual parade, free barbecue, hundreds to the harvest ball, the annual harvest banquet and to view prize winning potatoes from the Klamath Basin and elsewhere. Two railroads and five trucking firms operate out of Merrill. Farm flocks of sheep are on the increase and cattle feeding operations are becoming a major industry. This aerial picture was taken in 1956 by the Floyd Studio.

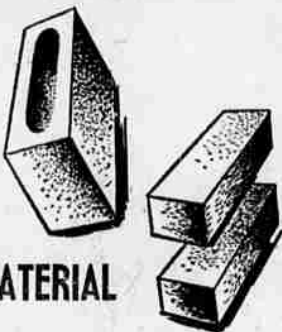


NATHAN MERRILL, above, "laid out" the townsite of Merrill, after the little town of Gale was moved and re-named for the Merrill brothers, Charles who came from Willows, Calif., and Nathan who came later. Charles bought the land where the present town is located and donated the land, also gave many acres of land in the Lava Beds, now a national monument, to the government. He was an ardent explorer and discovered many caves in the lava; one, Merrill Cave, is named for Charles. His son, Guy C. Merrill, lives in Klamath Falls.

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Looking down the wide main street of Merrill, center of the Basin's rich agricultural region.

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A Salute to Progress from MERRILL... Center of the Great Klamath Basin!

The town of Merrill was originally laid out by Nathan S. Merrill about 1890; the exact records of the date have been lost. The post office of Gale was moved intact across country from its original location to the new townsite and Merrill began to grow.

Merrill is located in the center of thousands of acres of the most productive agricultural land in Oregon. Hay and grain are important crops but the area is best known as one of the greatest potato producing areas in the numerous potato growing sections of the United States, and potatoes from here are shipped to markets all over the U.S., not to mention the certified seed potatoes produced in the region.

Good schools and churches, active clubs and organizations make Merrill a good place to live, and Merrill citizens back school sports and community activities with a "lets-get-together" spirit that gets things done!

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One of Merrill's outstanding community activities is the annual Klamath Basin Potato Festival scheduled for harvest time each year. With the help of the other adjacent towns, the Potato Festival, which was started in 1934, has become a big, gala celebration with parades, a barbecue, exhibits, dances and athletic events, and visitors from all over Southern Oregon and Northern California attend.



New Merrill elementary school, thoroughly modern, and a credit to any community!



Last year's Potato Festival Queen, Donna Lee Micka, and her court on the gorgeous float, created by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Geaney and their committee, in the annual Potato Festival parade.