

## State Handles Police Role

The Oregon State Police will celebrate its 20th birthday this August and the Klamath Falls office of the state police has grown with the rest of the department.

When the governor formed the state police on Aug. 1, 1931, a Klamath Falls office was set up with a six-man staff under Sgt. Roscoe David. The office has grown to its present strength of 26 men and indications are that more men will be required in the future to handle increasing business.

Traffic always has been the major area of law enforcement for the Oregon State Police. But, unlike other state police organizations, the Oregon officers also have jurisdiction to investigate all types of crime in the state. In addition to the traffic divisions, the Oregon State Police have divisions to handle fish and game violations and general crime. The department also maintains an identification and investigation bureau in Salem and a unique Crime Detection Laboratory on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene.

The Klamath Falls State Police Office is commanded by Sgt. Bruce Lattin, a veteran of 19 years in the organization. He came to Klamath Falls six years ago to replace Lt. Earl Tichenor, who is now second in command of the Medford District. Capt. Paul Morgan heads the Medford District.

Lattin's assistant in the local office is Cpl. Larry Bergmann. Because of a heavy work load, the local office hired seven new men last year. The rookie officers were required to complete a three-week training course and six-month probationary period.

Adequate highway traffic control is becoming increasingly difficult for the state police to maintain. The completion of new free-



STATE POLICE SGT. BRUCE LATTIN, right, has had charge of the Klamath Falls office of the state police for six years. He heads a 26-man contingent that enforces traffic laws and all other types of violations in Klamath County. The local office has grown from six men in 1931 to 26 today. The other two officers in the above picture are Patrolman Bill Avileno, center, a former Klamath Falls officer, and Patrolman Avon Mayfield, left.



THE NEW MERRILL Elementary School building completed in 1950 has 271 students in seven grades, an increase of 70 over the past five years. Of these about 30 in the seventh grade were transferred this year from the high school. William Kurtz, principal, has announced that use of rooms will be increased next year from nine to 11 and 11 teachers instead of nine will be employed. Two new rooms were added to the building in 1959.

## Merrill Looking Toward Future

MERRILL — "We're Looking Forward to the Future" might well be the slogan of the citizens of Merrill, who in the past decade have witnessed one of the most progressive eras in the history of the town and who today anticipate no slowdown in progress in the next few years.

Merrill has long since passed the half century mark since its beginning. Today, surrounded by livestock and diversified crop ranches, it holds an enviable record among small towns of the Klamath Basin.

Financially Merrill "is in the pink." Assessed valuation in 1959-1960 was \$325,483.94. Bonded indebtedness at that time was \$26,000 and today, the city has on hand \$12,173.91 for bond retirement. The tax levy since 1952 has dropped from 32.2 mills to 26.2 mills per assessed tax dollars.

Over 60 per cent of the streets are paved and city officials this week announced that as money is available the remainder of the streets will be completed with gutters and drains, probably within the next four or five years.

Merrill's principal street which is also State Highway 39 has had new lighting installed. The thoroughfare through town and the two trucks, city and rural, each with a 500-gallon-a-minute pump. River bridge west to the Malin-Tulelake Junction to the east equipment and Civil Defense tie-in with two way radio.

One of the Basin's largest dairies, owned and operated by Lawrence Geraghty, is located at Merrill, and potato buyers sort and ship many carloads and truckloads of potatoes from this terminal. Coulson and Reiben, potato brokers, specializing in both potato seed stock and commercial grades, have recently opened a new office.

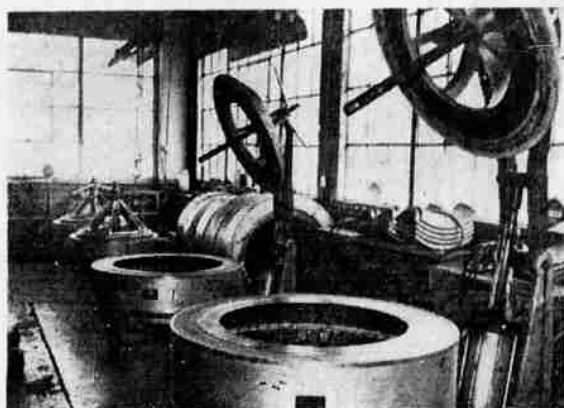
The city's schools, including the new elementary school built in 1950, are modern and spacious. Worship services are held in four churches.

The late George Offield was mayor of Merrill for many years. Those in the last 10 years have been the late Dr. Frank E. Trolman, the present Klamath County judge, Robert R. Walker, and Louis Stewart who now serves with Councilmen Louis Geraghty, street commissioner; Ben Murphy, sanitation; Orville Eifert, sewer and water; Bob Woods, police and building commissioner; Otis Thompson has been recorder since 1950. Dal Reed is city marshal; Forest Winter is city judge; Henry Perkins, city attorney, and A. K. Felt, fire chief.

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