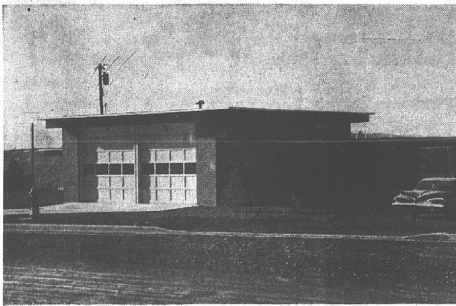




**NEW FIRE STATION** — This new fire department substation near Oregon Technical Institute is the latest step in a program of fire fighting improvements in Klamath Falls. The new station protects OTI, the Intercommunity Hospital and the nearby residential area.

## City Officials Take Four Steps To Upgrade Fire-Fighting System

By DAN WALTERS

Klamath Falls city officials have taken four giant steps in a two-pronged program of upgrading the city's firefighting system.

The four steps involve construction of two new fire substations, completion of a fireman training facility and beginning of plans for the installation of a new fire alarm system.

The program of improvements has two purposes: —Improved protection of life and property; and

—Lowering of the city's fire rating to produce lower insurance premiums.

The program of fire department improvements began two years ago with the drawing of plans for a new fire substation at Mitchell and Shasta Way.

And the program continued with further plans for another substation near the new Oregon Tech-Intercommunity Hospital complex. Architect Robert Ford designed both stations.

Meanwhile, a fire training facility was constructed near the South Sixth Street overpass.

Bill Duncan was the contractor for the first substation and Piminger and Watkins built the second. Broterhouse Construction raised the training facility, which is composed of a tower and several fire pits.

The whole program is costing the city more than \$100,000.

The new substations extend the fire department's effective range and shorten the time it takes to get to a fire.

The proposed new alarm system would comprise 50 alarm boxes.

Each box would contain an emergency telephone connected to a central switchboard in the main fire station.

Northwest Bell Telephone will install and maintain the new system, and the city will pay a monthly service fee.

It is planned that the emergency phones can be used for reporting emergency situations other than fires.

The 50 phones will be concentrated in the downtown business district, with some distribution to the business areas of South Sixth and East Main streets.

In addition, there will be an emergency phone at each

school, including Oregon Tech Hospital.

All of these steps are designed with the Fire Rating Bureau in mind.

In fact, suggestions of the rating bureau are being sought in planning for fire department expansion.

City officials expect that with the four steps, Klamath Falls' rating will be dropped from "5" to "4."

Such a drop would mean a 10-15 per cent decrease in fire insurance premiums, which are based on a city's rating.

### Building Remodeled

The building at 125 North Eighth Street received a complete new face-lifting during 1964.

Formerly the home of Ida's Tailor Shop, the structure was torn apart and remodeled for occupancy by Klamath Falls attorney J. Anthony Giacomini.

Large plateglass windows have been installed with a new brick front. The floor area contains 1,400 square feet and rooms are paneled in cherry and white oak. Construction work included steel ceiling beams and walls that are soundproof and fireproof.

The legal offices are also air conditioned.

Mrs. Avis McConnell owns the building where they are located. Morrison, Howard and Starbuck were architects for the remodeling.

Giacomini, a native of Merrill, graduated from Stanford School of Law in 1956. Associates in his new quarters are Stanley C. Jones Jr., and Joel Reeder of Medford.

**OIL BY BLAST** — MIDLAND, Texas (UPI) — Small electrical explosions which cause the earth to reverberate are revolutionizing oil explorations. Using electrohydraulic equipment developed by General Electric's Advanced Technology Laboratories, Globe Exploration Company of Midland has perfected a system which records the reverberations and translates them into meaningful definitions of underground conditions.

## KF Creamery Finishes Modernizing Program

Klamath Falls Creamery largest and finest Grade "A" dairies in the country are located in the Klamath Basin area.

Throughout the year new machinery was added in almost all departments of the creamery complex.

The program was culminated in January with the addition of a complete new milk carton filling machine.

The new machine was a development of the Excello Corporation of Detroit, Mich., and is considered the very latest in this type of equipment.

Rod Murray, plant manager, pointed out that some of the

**COMPUTER M.D.**

**NEW YORK (UPI)** — What does a thinking machine do when it gets sick? It takes its own pulse and writes a prescription. Thomas A. Wood, president of Decision Systems, Inc., a computer programming company of Teaneck, N. J., explains it this way:

"When a computer gets up, we feed it a diagnostic program, and out comes an answer like, 'I have a transistor loose in my arithmetic unit.'"

## Area Notes Good Year

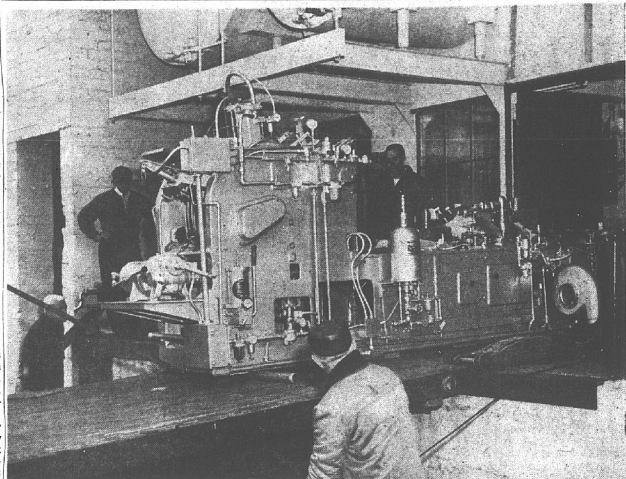
The second best business year in the history of Klamath Falls was reported for 1964, according to George Callison, manager of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce.

Bank earnings for the year totaled \$394,086.231, second only to 1959 when bank debits hit a peak of \$403,111,000. Following the latter year, bank debits dropped for three consecutive years and then turned sharply upward in 1963. The most recent total is \$13.5 million above the previous year.

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**MODERNIZING COMPLETED** — Installation of this most modern milk carton filling machine has capped a year-long modernization program at the Klamath Falls Creamery which cost in excess of \$100,000. Shown here moving in this latest piece of equipment in late January are, from left, G. C. Guphill, Rod Murray and Jerry Shallcross, far right. In foreground is Sam Olson.

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**S&H REDEMPTION CENTER—Avalon & Shasta Way**



**PROUD OF RECORD** — A safety record of more than a half-million manhours was a proud achievement of the company's Klamath employees. Sam Ritchey, left, Pacific district manager, and Bill Callahan of State Industrial Accident Commission display state Award of Merit. Front row, seated, Mayor Robert Veatch, right, and Howard Arnett, Bend area PPL official.