

Personal Income Rises to New High; 7% State Gain Tops National Average

Oregon's accelerated rate of economic growth was reflected in an above-average gain in personal income in the state for 1959.

Personal income in Oregon reached a record high of \$3,800 million in 1959, an increase of seven percent over the \$3,556 million total income received by residents of the state in 1958, according to a preliminary estimate by the Office of Business Economics, U. S. Department of Commerce, and released by the Portland field office.

Oregon's seven percent increase compared to a national average gain over 1958 of six percent. The better-than-average 1959 gain in Oregon stemmed mainly from manufacturing and agriculture.

On a per capita basis, income in Oregon last year was \$2,150, a gain of seven percent over the 1958 average of \$2,006 and compared to \$2,140 for the nation. This marks the first time since 1953 that per capita income in the state surpassed the national figure.

U. S. per capita income in 1950 was \$1,491, while in Oregon the figure was \$1,602 for that year.

Factory payrolls in Oregon moved ahead at an appreciably faster rate than in the nation, with the largest increase occurring in the key lumber industry. In addition, the state's agricultural income in 1959 was little changed from the previous year, and Oregon did not feel the dampening effect that the decline in farm income exerted on the overall income flow nationally.

Developments in lumber manufacturing have special significance for the Oregon economy, for this industry alone accounts for more than half of all factory payrolls in the state, the Commerce department pointed out.

Nationally, payrolls in the lumber industry have lagged behind general income expansion in the postwar period, increasing little since 1951. And, although Oregon has maintained its share of this industry, the heavy weight which this type of manufacturing has in the state's industrial structure has limited Oregon's increase in factory payrolls and in personal income.

BERTRAMS RETURN HOME FROM EXTENDED TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram and Lucille returned June 9 from a 4000-mile vacation trip. They spent three weeks away from home and report having a wonderful trip and visit.

They attended the Ladies' International Bowling tourney in Denver where Mrs. Bertram was a participant and while in Kansas City saw the Chicago White Sox and KC Athletics play. In Independence, Mo., they toured the Truman library.

They visited Bertram's parents at Colome, S.D., and saw his 12 brothers and sister and also many friends there. Enroute home, they came through the Bad Lands and Black Hills where they saw Mt. Rushmore. In Billings, Mont., the Bertrams visited cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jamieson and toured Yellowstone National park before returning home.

DANFORDS RETURN HOME FROM THREE-WEEK TRIP

Dr. and Mrs. K. A. Danford and children returned Sunday from a three-week vacation. Dr. Danford attended a medical meeting at Mayo clinic in Rochester.

They visited friends and relatives in Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota, and also toured Glacier and Waterton national parks in Canada.

Atagi Youths Receive Citizenship Papers At Courthouse Rites

OWYHEE—Mrs. Asako Atagi filed petition for naturalization papers for her three children. Ruy, Rudy and Meriko, at the courthouse in Vale on May 5, 1959. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Skinner accompanied the Atagis to Vale as character witnesses. Mrs. Atagi and her children came here from Japan approximately eight years ago. The children attend Adrian schools. Ruy was graduated from Adrian Union high this spring. The children have been active in 4-H, scout and school activities.

On June 10 of this year the Atagi children were among 13 to attend a naturalization ceremony held at the Vale courthouse. There were people from Spain, Germany, Poland and Japan attending the ceremony. Each new citizen received an American flag from the Elks lodge of Ontario.

Sen. Anthony Yturri spoke on the rights and duties of the American citizen.

HAIRDRESSERS UNIT HOLDS MOORE HOTEL WORKSHOP

Members of the VON hairdressers unit held a workshop June 12 at Moore hotel. Margery Hart and Mabel Smit of Portland, members of Oregon state styling body, gave instructions in new hair styles, cap bob and tress trims.

Hairdressers from throughout the valley were there and attending from Nyssa were Cordy Valdez and Lillian Dunn.

Margery Hart will represent Oregon at the National Hairdressers convention.

MRS. FRED NORMAN, SON ARRIVE TO SPEND SUMMER

Mrs. Fred Norman and son, Scott of Tempe, Ariz., arrived in Boise Monday where they were met by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Moeller of the Arcadia community. Norman is spending the summer in Greeley, Colo., where he is studying dramatics at the Little Theatre of the Rockies at Colorado State Teachers college.

Snake River Gem Club Holds Meeting

The Snake River Gem club held its regular meeting Thursday at Dead Ox Flats hall, which will be the official meeting place for the next year.

Mrs. Bertha Coates, vice president, presided at the meeting with Mrs. Harry Billups serving as secretary.

After the business meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stubblefield of

SUNDAY DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Sage were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram and Lucille.

Weiser showed color slides taken on their trip down Hell Creek canyon. This is a creek that empties into Hell's canyon and is a very rugged descent.

Mrs. Mary McClure of Nampa and Mrs. Lela Fry served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

R. FORBESS GRADUATES FROM CALIFORNIA COLLEGE

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Forbes returned Sunday from Pasadena, Calif., where they attended graduation exercises at California Institute of Technology. Their son, Ronald, received his masters of science degree in electrical engineering.

Dennis Forbes, a student at University of Oregon, joined his parents in California and also attended the services.

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