DENVER, Colo., July 4 -- O. P. Dittman, 460 Franklin Street, will retire as assistant auditor of The Great Western Sugar Company September 1, after 46 years of continuous service interrupted only by military duty in the Marine corps in World War I.

Mr. Dittman was born in Denver, attended schools in Como, Colo., and after graduating from Barnes School of Commerce, took special business courses at Denver University.

He entered Great Western service in 1916 at Lovell, Wyo.; was cashier at Johnstown, Colo., and Lyman, Nebr., and has had executive duties in the accounting department in Denver since 1927.

An ardent sportsman, Mr. Dittman played with the Denver Bears for a brief period in 1910. He was one of the playing organizers of semi-pro baseball in the North Platte Valley of Nebraska and has been active in the Old Timers organization in Denver. In 1959 he piloted the Great Western youngsters to the city championship and to runners-up in the state competition.

Mr. Dittman is past president of the Denver chapter of the National Office Management Association and a member of the National Association of Accountants and Park Hill Masonic Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Dittman will leave Denver soon to take a "perimeter trip" around the United States and will visit their daughter, Shirley, wife of Dr. Russell Kurtz, Seattle; and their sons, David Dittman, an engineer with North American Aviation Co., Los Angeles, and Stephen Dittman, with Babcock Electronics Co., Costa Mesa, Calif.

The Dittmans have purchased a home at Seal Beach, near Long Beach, Calif.

R. A. Witmer of Denver will succeed Mr. Dittman as assistant Auditor of Great Western.
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 1 -- Cecil W. Doherty, widely known executive of The Great Western Sugar Company, is retiring today after 43 years of service with the company. He will continue, however, as a member of the board of directors.

Frank A. Kemp, president, said: "Mr. Doherty's broad knowledge of all phases of the sugar industry is unique. In these days of specialization, such talents are becoming increasingly rare."

Mr. Doherty, who has been secretary of Great Western and its various subsidiaries for some years, is now at Lake Worth, Florida with Mrs. Doherty. They will return in April to their Denver home, 11531 West 26th Avenue.

Mr. Doherty was born on a farm at Iowa Falls, Iowa, and, as a youngster, learned the Corn Belt economy, helping his father farm extensive acreages in Iowa, and after 1901, near Tracy, Minnesota. He majored in chemistry, University of Minnesota, class of 1913, and was soon assigned by one of the regents to do research work on copper for an Arizona company.

He came to Great Western at Sterling, Colo., as a chemist in 1913; was chief chemist at Brush in 1914, and in 1917 came to Denver where he spent 11 years building up a department consolidating statistical control of all the company's functions. In 1928 he went to Montana as manager of the Billings factory and district superintendent. He returned to Denver in 1936 to take charge of local properties and insurance and to work closely with the management in labor relations and legislative activities. He became assistant secretary in 1938, secretary in 1950, and has been a director since 1954.

Mr. Doherty married Miss Grace Powner at Northfield, Minn., in 1914.