

## State Higher Education Board Confirms Action By Special Committee

PORTLAND, Sept. 14.—(P)—Oregon's State Board of Higher Education put an "approved" stamp today on yesterday's committee recommendations and decided to issue a small quarterly news publication.

The approvals were on locating the proposed Oregon State college football stadium on the campus; joint use by Portland city schools and the extension service of the Lincoln high school building through the 1950-51 school year when a new high school is to be built; and on accepting bids for the University of Oregon's million-dollar heating plant. On the last, the board changed the date, however, to Nov. 10 to avoid conflict with educational meetings on the earlier planned October date.

**Plan Publication**

The new publication will be designed principally for staff members with many alumni also expected to get it. It will be eight pages, have a circulation of 10,000, and cost about \$1500 a year. It will summarize news of the institutions.

Among other things done today the board:

Arranged for an architect to study structural defects in Church hall at Southern Oregon College of Education which prevent full use of the building.

Designated the entire campus of University of Oregon Medical school as a part of Sam Jackson park, to prevent future confusion in names.

Approved use of marine biology camp facilities on Coos Bay for emergency use by Charleston school district pending completion of a new building.

Confirmed action of executive

committee in letting a contract for electrical distribution system at Oregon College of Education to Mill Electric Co., of Salem at \$22,780.

Approved contracts for the extension service to cooperate with community college programs in Bend and Klamath Falls under provisions of the Dunn bill passed by the last legislature.

The board accepted gifts totaling \$35,632 of which \$22,869 was designated for use at Oregon State college, \$17,066 for the University of Oregon and \$15,700 for the University of Oregon Medical school in Portland. Among them was \$1,000 from the Atomic Energy commission to continue a biology research project at the university.

The board approved 30 appointments, three leaves of absence, two promotions, and one transfer, and accepted six resignations in personnel actions.

### Cab Driver Gets Last Laugh Over Holdup Men

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—(P)—Cab driver Roscoe Spooner, 26, had the last laugh on two alleged holdup men.

Spooner told police the pair robbed him of \$8 and made him drive to a lonely spot where they forced him from the car.

But while the two were starting the cab's motor, he climbed into the trunk.

Ten minutes later they abandoned the cab. Spooner clambered out, called a policeman and pointed out the pair. They were held on suspicion of armed robbery.

## Ex-GI's Hopes To Bring His Fiancee Better

NEW ORLEANS.—(P)—Edward Reisbeck, 27, the ex-GI from Portland, Ore., who has been trying to get his German fiancee into this country, was all smiles.

He was sure his bride-to-be would get into the U. S. before the Sept. 21 deadline on admittance of war brides to this country.

Reisbeck beamed as he explained Fraulein Hilda Eisner and their two-year old child, Beatrice Marianne, to arrive in Halifax on the SS Aquitania Sept. 19. A train is to speed them across the U. S. border before the deadline.

The combat veteran, who served with the third army in Germany, said that if they did not beat the deadline it might take years to get them in under an immigration quota.

Reisbeck said Fraulein Eisner and the daughter would come here, where they will be married and he will see the child for the first time.

Previously Reisbeck said that he had been married in Germany. After his mother in Portland told newsmen otherwise, Reisbeck explained, "I thought it best just to say I was married. You see the point, don't you. You don't think it will cause any trouble, do you?"

Reisbeck added he already had gone through troubles enough. Months ago he had reservations for Hilda and the baby, but when he checked, the company said it could not bring them over for months.

When he came to New Orleans steamship companies told him the same story. Newspaper stories of his plight changed matters. Transportation was arranged and Reisbeck got a job. All that remains now is the long journey through England and Canada.

"Oh yes," said Reisbeck, "Do you know a minister?"

Ground-swells usually occur along shallow coasts and often in fair weather.

The Moslem University at Al-Azhar, in Cairo, Egypt, was established in 970 A.D.

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OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams

## Average American Income And Spending Never Seems To Fit, Reports Analyst

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK.—(P)—You are always being told what you—the average American citizen—own, owe, make, spend and save. And, some how, it never seems to fit your own case very well.

For instance, there are federal reserve board figures to show that Americans as a whole own more "liquid assets" than ever before—some \$132 billion worth, compared with \$45 billion before the war. But at the same time you are told that "the average spending unit," a family, had only \$300 put away in liquid assets in 1948, whereas the year before it had \$350, and in 1946 had \$400.

Liquid assets are savings you can turn into cash easily when you need it, such as demand and time deposits in banks, Savings & Loan shares and United States government securities.

**Very Confusing**

The growth in total liquid assets and drop in average holdings becomes the more confusing when you are told that last year three million families used up their savings, but the same year as many or more started net eggs for the first time. If all adds up to the suspicion that maybe there isn't any average American.

If you are one of the three million to have spent your liquid savings, you may have used them up when the cost of living was rising. But you may have put them into a home or other real estate or into starting a business. That scarcely makes you a spend-thrift. It does make you below average when it comes to compiling statistics.

**Gain In Savings**

There are 350 mutual savings banks in the United States. Their total deposits are just under \$19 billion, up from 10 1/3 billion just ten years ago. There are more than 19 million depositors now, a gain of 35 million in 10 years. During the first seven months of this year, while every one was talking about the slump, deposits rose \$388 million. The number of depositors increased to 339,000 this year.

At midyear Americans had \$31 billion in postal savings and \$56 billion in government savings bonds, more than ever before.

Or look at life insurance, not counted as a "liquid asset." In the first seven months of this year Americans bought policies with face value of \$13 billion (although the premiums they paid in did not total that much, of course.) This was \$172 million more than purchased in the same period last year. Their total holdings at the start of this year were 70 per cent above that they held in 1940.

**Stocks Attract**

In the first six months of this year American individuals, banks and insurance companies paid an average of \$53 million each month for new issues of corporate common stocks, \$33 million for preferred stocks, and \$432 million for corporate bonds and notes. The National Industrial Conference board says you have to go back to 1929 to find any monthly average like it—a monthly total of \$5384 million for corporate securities.

Individuals' time deposits in banks totalled \$32 billion at the start of this year, compared with \$24 billion ten years ago, the federal reserve board reports. Demand deposits topped \$29 billion, against a little more than \$7 billion ten years ago.

The department of commerce puts total personal income last year at \$206 billion. That is the total paid out in wages, salaries, net income of unincorporated business, dividends, interest, rents and benefits from social insurance and veterans' pensions.

The monthly peak was reached in December. Since then it has retreated, and the latest figures, for July, show personal income at an annual rate of just under \$210 billion, a drop of \$4.8 billion from July, 1948.

The department averages the 1948 total out at \$1,410 a person, a gain of 7 per cent over the previous year.

Chances are there were few persons who made exactly \$1,410. But if you are one of these rare individuals, that makes you the average American. How did you manage on that?

### Elkton

By PHYLLIS A. SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bergstrom and daughter, Christine, of Ashland were visitors Labor day at the Robert M. Smith's.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kesler and daughter, Pamela, of San Francisco, Calif., are visiting this week at Charles Smith's.

Mrs. Alfred B. Haines, who is seriously ill, is being flown to her former home at Pittsburg, Pa. Thelma Nordstrom who has been visiting in Spokane, Wash., returned home Labor day.

The Cecil Beal family enjoyed a trip to Port Angeles, Wash., over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan also visited with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Page, at Port Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Binder enjoyed a trip to Crescent City, Calif., over the weekend. They visited the Totem Pole park and saw the giant Redwood trees.

Naomi Hixson left for Canyonville Saturday where she will finish her last year in Bible school.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Brittain of Sutherlin were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Newland recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cowbrough spent the weekend at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Myers have returned from a couple weeks' vacation at Elgin, Ore.

District Superintendent L. Raynor Smith of Eugene will preside at the first quarterly conference of the Methodist church, Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The Umpqua sub-District of the Methodist church will meet Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Roseburg Methodist church. The officers of the Elkton church will attend this meeting.

Larry Thomas of Beckley and Thomas Gravel works tipped over his truck on the Kellogg road just south of the Smith bridge, Tuesday. He climbed the bank to avoid hitting a car that was hogging the road. Neither Thomas or the truck were hurt.

The Elkton schools opened Tuesday, Sept. 6. One hundred forty-six students enrolled in the grade school. Fifty-two students enrolled in the Elkton High school; 18 freshmen, 13 sophomores, 13 juniors and 8 seniors.

Mrs. Maude McClay is visiting at Oliver Haines'.

Martin Suloff is pouring the foundation for their new home they are building on the Joe Hudson place south of Elkton.

**SECRETARY IN WEST**

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Sept. 13.—(P)—Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer, in the west on a fact-finding trip left here Monday en route to Seattle and Portland. Sawyer will stop first at Los Angeles and San Francisco. From the northwest, he will continue to Salt Lake City and Denver.

Oysters were a delicacy as far back as the time of the ancient Romans.

## Doctor Denounces Social Medicine

SEATTLE.—(P)—Socialized medicine was described by the president of the American Medical Association as a part of "the plan of those who would convert our free America into a Marxist state."

But in an address to the State Medical association convention here Dr. Ernest E. Irons of Chicago said the national organization did not object to voluntary prepaid medical insurance.

He asserted political leaders "are led to believe the demand for sweeping medicosocial changes comes from the mass of the people."

"The real source of this manufactured demand," Dr. Irons said, "is the group of bureaucratic officials in Washington who would be the only ones benefited."

Some 1,200 delegates also heard Dr. H. E. Nichols, state president, criticize the new state welfare law, initiative 172, as "a vicious measure which has been foisted upon the public."

He asserted the aged vote as to how much they are going to get, "but put nothing in the pot themselves."

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## County Assessors Name Astoria For Next Meet

McMINNVILLE.—(P)—The county assessors of Oregon will hold their 1950 convention in Astoria with M. J. Cosovich, Astoria, as president.

The officials elected Charles A. Myers, Medford, vice-president, and D. W. Davis, Pendleton, secretary-treasurer at the close of their annual convention here last week.

Arthur Selander, Salem, chief appraiser of the state tax commission, was made an honorary life member in recognition of his 22 years of service with the state commission.

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