



DOC'S GRIPPERS TAKE HOLD—Dr. F. D. Stalford, 76, an enterprising dentist of Walters, Okla., shows the ice grippers that he invented to give pedestrians a steady footing on icy sidewalks. Stalford said orders are coming in from all over the country and he has turned an empty storeroom into a gripper assembly plant.

Autobiographies Feature Talks At Toastmasters

A varied program, including two autobiographies, was offered members of the Roseburg Toastmasters club Tuesday night at their regular dinner meeting at Hotel Umpqua.

In addition to the biographical sketches, speakers discussed vocabulary improvement and changes in laws affecting the Public Utilities commission.

Bob Bergis, Roseburg resident since August, 1949, told the group he lived in a small town across Lake Washington from Seattle, and had early memories of trips via the lake ferry to visit the big city. In 1932, Bergis said his family moved to Portland, then to Oswego where his parents owned a farm, raising filberts and holly.

His college career began at Oregon State college in 1941. By way of the Navy reserve program, he continued his education at the Montana School of Mines, before entering active duty. He was discharged from the service and returned to the Montana school to complete his education. There followed in succession, employment in Alaska and in the

Rocky Mountain states, and six months ago, Bergis came to Roseburg to enter the logging supply business.

Walt Barker, who also gave a life sketch, said his boyhood was spent in Portland, where he received schooling and worked at various jobs before entering a small junior college in Iowa. He, too, continued his education under a Navy reserve program, at Iowa university. Following preliminary training in this country, the ship to which he was assigned was sent to North Africa and later to the South Pacific.

Following his discharge in 1946, Barker returned to college, taught school one year, a period he terms "a disastrous experience," then took more schooling in Chicago, specializing in social work. He is presently employed at the Roseburg Veterans hospital.

Chided For Word Limit
Bob Harvie told his fellow Toastmasters, "We are using but a small fraction of the vocabulary with which we are equipped—a condition for which we are to blame and one which we must remedy ourselves."

Citing the findings of English language specialists, Harvie said the average American is known to have a vocabulary of more than 11,000 words, but uses only about 2,000. Further tests indicated that 91 percent of us use only 100 words in our spoken vocabularies.

A remedy, which he especially urged Toastmasters to apply, is to estimate individual vocabularies through the use of the dictionary. A simple method, he said, is to note the number of words known, on one page for each letter in the alphabet. Divide the total by 26 to find the average per page then multiply by the number of pages in the dictionary. The results, Harvie said, are "amazing."

The next step is to apply more of those words we know in every day usage, he concluded.

Norman Toelle, an employee of the Roseburg office of the Public Utilities commission, discussed some of the legal changes made since 1948 which have affected that state agency, emphasizing the motor division. He discussed the various methods by which the PUC is able to determine the honesty of truckers and carriers who must file their mileage records in order to obtain PUC licenses. He said this job of checking up on drivers is difficult, but declared, "Thank

Court Gives Nod To Eight PUDs To Buy Utility

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 26.—(P)—Public utility districts in eight Washington counties were freed today, barring appeal to the state supreme court, to go ahead with the projected \$100,000,000 purchase of Puget Sound Power & Light company facilities.

The purchase was given a green light by superior court Judge John M. Wilson in upholding constitutionality of a 1949 law permitting districts to join together for the purpose of acquiring power properties.

The law had been challenged by a group of Olympia firms and individuals in an effort to prevent the Thurston county P.U.D. from joining in the purchase.

Whether the ruling will be appealed was not known, but spokes-

heavens, most of them are honest."

The speakers were introduced by Bill Benecke, toastmaster for the evening. Chief Evaluator was Charles Slabaugh and his critics were Tom Coates, S. L. DeLapp, Bob Allen, Keith Williams and Will Raglan.

In charge of table topics was Dr. B. B. Gilpin, who asked each of those present to speak on the pros and cons of creating a Douglas county planning commission. Guest of the club was Sig Wolf.

ERROR CORRECTED

Information supplied the News-Review concerning Pvt. Charles D. Haddow, which appeared in the Jan. 20 issue, was in error concerning the names of his parents. The item should have read, "Pvt. Haddow is the son of Mrs. Frances M. Brown, 2002 Mulhol-land drive."

meh for the Washington Public Utility Commissioner's association said in Seattle that they were proceeding on the assumption that it would.

Indirectly involved in the court's decision also is the Washington Water Power company. Former U. S. Sen. Clarence C. Dill, attorney for Eastern Washington P.U.D.s, disclosed last month that plans for purchasing the company's properties are under consideration.

The challenge to the power law's constitutionality, rejected by Judge Wilson, was based on the contention that it improperly dealt with more than one subject. Actually, as approved by the 1949 legislature, the law represented a compromise merger of three proposals which singly failed to gather sufficient support for passage.

In addition to permitting districts to join forces to acquire an electric system, the law also creates the State Power commission and provides for payments by P.U.D.s to school districts in lieu of taxes.

Canadian Court Ponders Wound On Outlaw Horse

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 25.—(P)—County Judge C. J. Lennox pondered today the question of whether Rimrock, an outlaw horse, was raked by a spur or bitten on the neck.

And thereon rests, rodeo men believe, the fate of bronco busting contests in western Canada.

Rimrock, an 11-year old drap-pled gelding, appeared as a witness today in an appeal from a police court case here last May. At that time Herman Linder, a Cardston, Alta., promoter, was fined \$100 for unnecessary abuse to a horse.

The charges alleged the animal had been raked on the lower part of the neck with spurs. The use of buck straps also was quoted as an abuse of the horse.

Rimrock, an 11-year-old dap-of-Wilbur, Wash., said the wound on the neck was from a bite. It had merely been reopened accidentally during the rodeo.

Judge Lennox visited the bronco at a suburban stable. The horse's testimony naturally was mute. They said they fear the

conviction, if allowed to stand, will set a precedent for other charges under "humane society goading."

Some top cowhands are expected to testify in the case.

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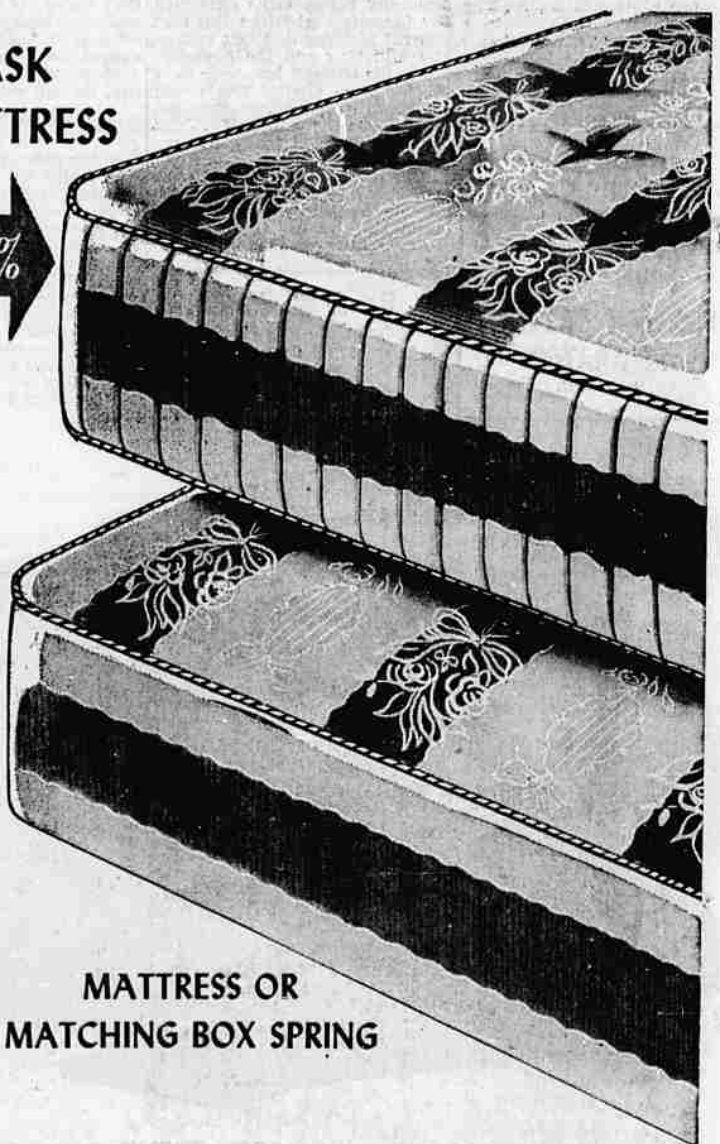
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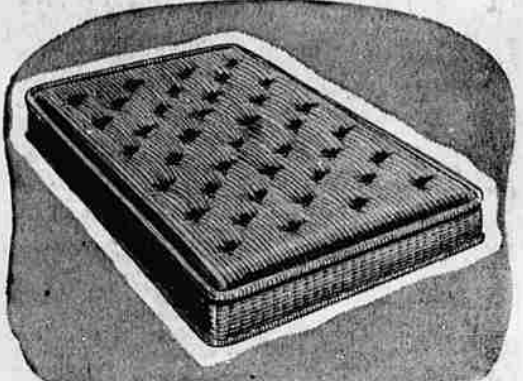
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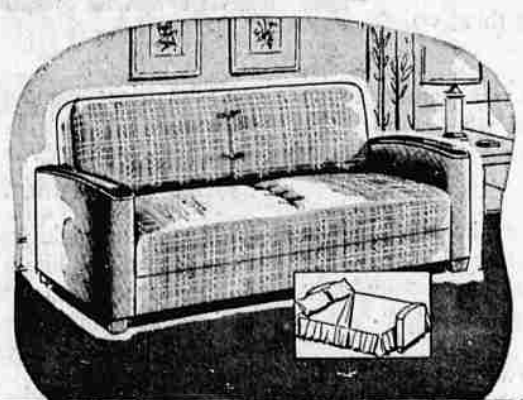
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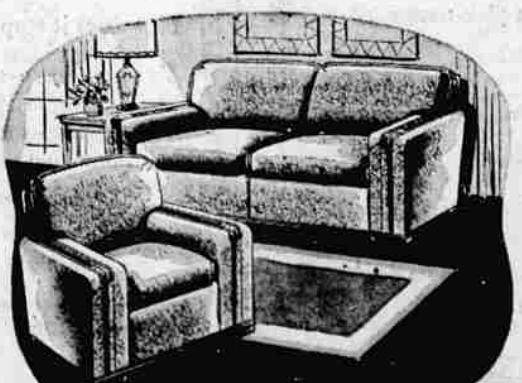
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