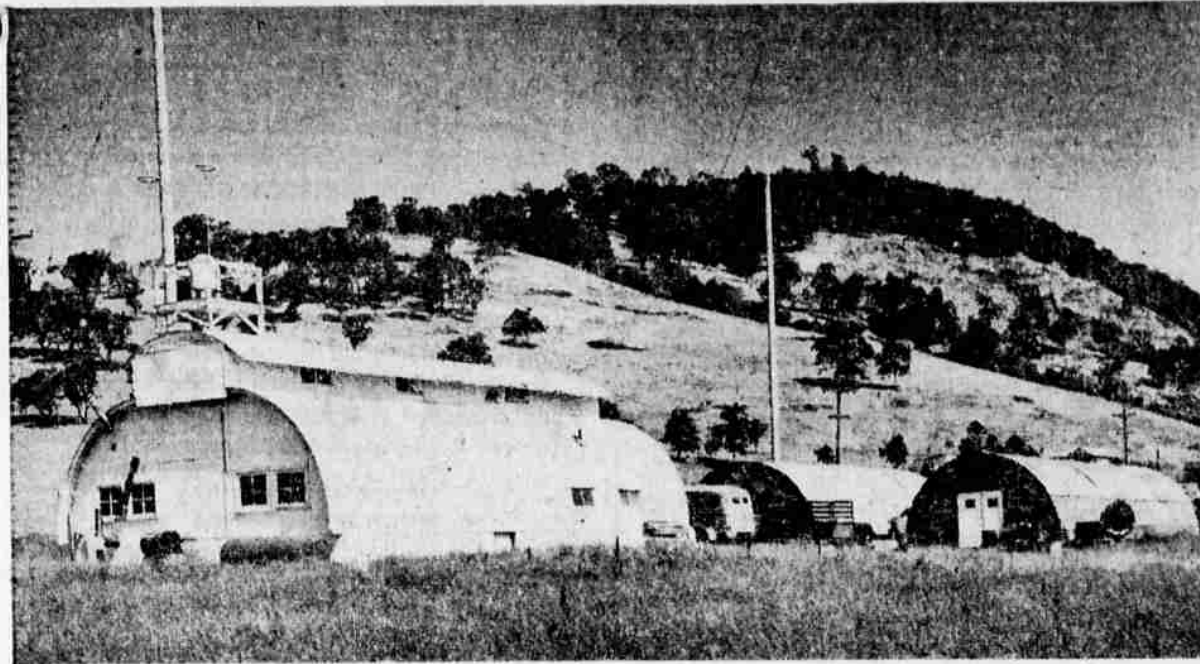


THE NEW HOME of the Roseburg Naval Reserve unit is shown above. Formerly the Old Soldiers Home on the Veterans Administration grounds, it was recently acquired from the VA. The reserve unit will convert the home into a big recreation hall, carpenter shop, class rooms, radar

rooms and electronics shop. The present reserve unit consists of one organized electronics company with 50 men and five officers and a volunteer composite unit. Roy C. Brown, former football coach here, is commanding officer of the electronics outfit.



QUONSET HUTS at the Fairgrounds, which has been the home of the Naval Reserve unit in Roseburg since 1947, will be abandoned now that the new building on VA property has been acquired. Comdr. Walter S. Mallory Jr. is commanding officer of the composite unit here and senior

Naval Reserve officer in the county. Later this summer another electronics company will be organized with Hal Shults of Myrtle Creek as commanding officer. The new home of the unit was formerly the Old Soldiers Home and once served as the county home for old folks.

In 1915 an earthquake caused a Nevada mountain to grow 30 feet, says the National Geographic Society.

In birds the chest is not separated from the abdomen and breathing is carried on by the abdominal muscles.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Umpqua Savings and Loan Association will be held at 147 North Jackson Street, Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, June 25th, 1952, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. for the election of directors and for the transaction of such general business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Nevada Battles Cricket Invasion

RENO, Nev. — The fight against the Mormon cricket infestation in Nevada was intensified Friday.

But experts said the strange migration of the insects probably meant they would appear soon in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming.

Chattering metallically, the horde advanced slowly on the historic silver-mining and ranching town of Austin, 150 miles east of Reno.

A truckload of 20 tons of poison bait was expected to reach Austin soon, with 20 more tons to follow.

An official said he expected the poison to arrive in time to enable workers to halt the crickets before they contaminate the town's reservoir. But if they do reach the reservoir, the town's 325 residents will have to evacuate.

The horde nearing Austin was 25 miles wide and 14 miles deep. The official said it was only one of eight areas of infestation in Nevada and the worst invasion since 1937-1940, when 3,000,000 acres of range land were over-run.

SUIT HITS PICKETS
EUGENE — After three years, three dry-cleaning establishments here got tired of the pickets in front of their plants. So the three firms this week filed suit in circuit court to restrain the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers Union from picketing, which began in February, 1949.

Anti-Trust Law Probe Of Utilities Sought

WASHINGTON — A Federal Trade Commission investigation of possible violations of anti-trust laws by private power companies is being asked in Congress.

A resolution introduced Thursday by Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) and others would instruct the commission to pay particular attention to organizations for propaganda purposes, to financial or other interests in newspapers and magazines, to money spent on advertising and to favorable publicity received from such sources.

It also would direct the commission to investigate opposition to and attempts to discredit municipal and cooperative power projects, the amounts of money spent to influence state and federal elections and the degree of concentration of ownership and control of private power companies.

Others who signed the Magnuson resolution included Sen. Morse (R-Ore.).

Price Index Decreases As Potato Boom Ends
WASHINGTON — A leveling off of booming potato prices has brought a sharp drop in the government's wholesale price index. It fell four-tenths of one per cent during the week which ended June 17.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics index stood at 111.2 per cent of the 1947-49 average. That was 3.3 per cent under January, 1951, when wage and price controls went into effect.

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Heavenly Vision Reported By Four German Girls Splits Once Peaceful Hamlet Into Two Bitter Factions

By DON DOANE

HEROLDSBACH, Germany — (AP) — One October evening in 1949 four little German girls claimed they saw the Virgin Mary on a hillside above this quaint Bavarian village.

Their story started a religious dispute which has split this once peaceful hamlet into two bitter factions—and raised a difficult problem for the Catholic Church.

In its way, Heroldsbach has become a shrine. Thousands of persons flock here every week end and on religious days.

Hundreds of adults claim they too see visions: The Virgin Mary coming down from the skies, speaking to assembled worshippers, then ascending again; the Child Jesus, borne by winged angels; the Holy Ghost, crossing the sky "like a fiery tongue."

The Catholic Church has officially rejected these claims. Pope Pius XII issued a declaration that the so-called visions of Heroldsbach definitely "are not supernatural." The Archbishop of Bamberg ordered that all who pray at the hillside shrine must be denied Holy Communion.

Many Still Believe
Still the girls claim to see new visions almost daily. Believers have donated money and jewelry to erect a shrine and chapel at the hillside spot.

Crowds, once numbering as many as 60,000, have dwindled sharply since the church ban, but hundreds still come to kneel at the shrine and thousands of curious come to watch.

The once pastoral scene has a busy atmosphere. Booths sell religious tracts, candles, rosaries and light refreshment to visitors. New houses have gone up. Old inns have been refurbished.

But its 1,000 inhabitants, nearly all Catholics, are divided into two camps: those who believe in the visions, and those who don't. Old friends refuse to speak to one another. Even families disagree. "This unfortunate dispute has disturbed our peace and divided our people," said the village priest, Dr. Ernst Schmitt. "It has caused an open war. It is truly a scandal."

Father Schmitt does not believe in the visions. That's why he is here. His predecessor, Father Johannes Galler, was removed by church authorities last year because he accepted the children's claims.

So bitter are the feelings of the believers that Dr. Schmitt was subjected to public insult and abuse when he first arrived. The insults ceased after two offenders were fined in court. But some villagers still cross themselves when he appears.

Father Schmitt, a young man serving his first pastorate, spoke with sadness of the dissension—and with gentle irony about the visions but the priest made it clear he suspects the motives of a number who profess belief, saying:

"Look at those new buildings and motor cars. These visions appear to be timed like a movie program. Sometimes they appear earlier if there is a large crowd present."

What One Man Saw (?)

One man who appears to believe completely in the visions is Jakob Meisch, 42-year old farmer who left his land to devote his entire time to maintaining the shrine and chapel, built on a low hill about 300 yards above the town.

Meisch admits regretfully that he himself has never seen the Virgin. "But one night I saw the Holy Ghost," he said. "It looked like a fiery tongue. And I saw the Dove of Peace come soaring out of the shadows into the light, and then soar away."

Wolves, like dogs, express pleasure by wagging their tails and put their tails between their legs when frightened.

Defeated School Budget Reduced For New Vote

ASTORIA — Astoria will vote again next month on money for city schools.

School officials have pared \$40,079 from the budget since defeat of the proposal Monday to allow the budget to exceed the 6 per cent tax limitation.

That will mean the schools will ask about \$211,000 in excess of the limitation. They also seek a \$122,000 bond issue for a new auditorium at John Jacob Astor school. The vote is scheduled for July, the date not set.

\$400,000 Oregon Drive Goal Set By Methodists

PORTLAND — A four-year campaign to raise \$400,000 for new church buildings and other projects was approved Thursday by the Oregon Methodist Conference.

The figure was a compromise after an original proposal to set a goal of \$522,000 for building, camp sites, Methodist work at colleges and universities and for the Women's Society of Christian Service.

An amendment was offered, cutting the amount to \$378,000. The amendment was defeated, but since the vote was so close the matter was reconsidered and the \$400,000 figure set.

The Oregon campaign and similar drives in Washington and Northern Idaho, already approved, will be conducted at the same time.

Discussion of a union of the Oregon and Idaho Conferences of the church was approved and Bishop Gerald Kennedy was authorized to name two ministers and two laymen to meet with an Idaho group.

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JAIL - BREAKING EXHIBIT

PITTSBURG — To the ingenious prisoner there are many ways of getting out of jail.

Olin G. Blackwell, an official of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, displayed a few of the gadgets used, at a recent forum sponsored by the National Jail Association.

A jailer's key fashioned by memory from an old toothbrush handle. An "electric bar cutter" obligingly geared to prison current. A "harmless pencil" with a vicious scalpel blade tied to the other end.

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