

Pacific Northwest Colleges Borrow Nearly \$9 Million To Build Student Housing

Mother Who Burned Children Committed

SALEM — Mrs. Max Bouce, 39, accused of burning her children's hands as a punishment for playing with fire, Friday pleaded guilty in circuit court here and was ordered to the State Mental Hospital for 30 days' observation. She was charged with assault and battery.

Dist. Atty. Kenneth Brown said the woman had held lighted matches to the hands of a daughter, 4, and a son, 2, after finding them playing with matches. The children suffered second degree burns.

The two children and a nine-month-old baby were placed in a foster home.

Circuit Judge George R. Duncan said Mrs. Bouce would be brought before the court for possible sentencing after she returns from the hospital.



WASHINGTON — Colleges in the Pacific Northwest — pressed to keep up with increasing enrollments — have borrowed nearly nine million dollars from Uncle Sam in the last six years to build student housing and other new construction.

And the Housing and Home Finance Agency, which handles the college loan program, says the total undoubtedly will grow, especially since the last session of Congress reduced the interest rate to 2½ per cent and broadened the program to make loans available for dining halls, cafeterias, student unions and centers, health facilities and other student services, as well as for housing.

"But don't get the idea these colleges are strapped for money and have to come to the government," said a spokesman for the agency.

"Most colleges borrow money to build dormitories. But now they're borrowing from the government because private banks can't match the new low interest rate — 2½ per cent for a maximum 50-year period."

In the Pacific Northwest, Washington schools have made the most use of the program. Eight Washington schools have borrowed \$7,990,000.

Two Oregon schools have borrowed \$1,045,000 while the Oregon State Board of Higher Education has received small advances to finance preliminary plans for campus buildings at Oregon State College and the University of Oregon.

The Washington loans made to date:

University of Washington, \$1,500,000 for dormitories for 607 men; College of Puget Sound, \$300,000 for dormitories for 145 women; Seattle University (two loans), \$1,320,000 for dormitories for 308 women, and \$1,150,000 for dormitories for 214 men and 64 faculty members; Whitworth College, \$385,000 for dormitories for 124 women; Gonzaga University, \$885,000 for dormitories for 152 women; Seattle Pacific College, \$400,000 for dormitories for 124 men; Pacific Lutheran College (two

loans), \$1,000,000 for dormitories for 115 men and 127 women, and \$500,000 for dormitories for 130 women; Western Washington College of Education, \$450,000 for dormitories for 112 women.

The Oregon loans:

Lewis and Clark College, \$465,000 for dormitories for 128 men; Reed College (two loans) \$230,000 for dormitory for 72 women, and \$350,000 for dormitory for 101 men; Oregon State Board of Higher Education, \$15,000 for preliminary planning for first unit of physics-

chemistry building at Oregon State College, and \$8,500 for preliminary planning for wing to administrative building at University of Oregon.



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AVERAGE TAX UPPED

SALEM — The average tax on employers' payrolls, now 1.17 per cent, will be increased to 1.34 per cent next year, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission announced here.

The increase is the result of higher payroll taxes approved by the 1955 Legislature.



WHO'S THERE?—The curiosity is mutual as a polar bear and crewmen of the USS Lindenwald peer at each other in the frozen Arctic wastes. The ship was on a resupply mission to Navy bases in the far north, and the bear was evidently on a scouting mission to find out who was intruding in his territory. Photo, recently released by the Navy, was taken by an amateur photographer aboard the ship.

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