

# Research Urged on State Small Business

CORVALLIS — Small business firms make up more than 90 per cent of Oregon's payroll, a conference on business and industry was told Thursday.

Milton Maser of Corvallis told 100 persons at the small business conference that Oregon must rely on technical research to compete with other parts of the nation.

Maser said the conference here is the first to be held since President Eisenhower urged a stepped-up research program designed to help small business meet rising competition.

The government's definition of a small business is one which employs less than 500 persons, Maser said. And he added that the bulk of Oregon's work force is employed by such firms.

# Commons Faction Calls for End to Nuclear Weapons

LONDON — More than a fourth of the members of the House of Commons Thursday night called on the United Nations to set up an authority to abolish nuclear and conventional weapons of mass destruction.

Soon after the motion was filed in the House it had been signed by 173 members. There were 134 Liberals, 14 Conservatives, 2 Liberals and 1 Independent.

The motion said the proposed U.N. authority should be "responsible for the abolition under effective control of all nuclear and conventional weapons of mass destruction and for the effective reduction of conventional forces and armaments."

# Queen Mother Returns Home 'Slimmed Down'

LONDON — A six-week world air tour has reduced the matronly figure of Queen Mother Elizabeth. She came home Thursday, slimmed and smiling.

Queen Elizabeth II and Princess Margaret, the sweet daughters of the 37-year-old widow of King George VI, welcomed her on her arrival at London Airport from Malta.

"Why she's almost as slender as the Queen," exclaimed a woman in the large crowd cheering the Queen Mother's return.

That was an exaggeration, but there were other estimates that she had lost as much as 20 pounds. Much of the Queen Mother's trip—the first global air tour by a member of the British royal family—was spent in the summer heat of Commonwealth land below the equator—Australia, New Zealand and British Africa.

The stegosaurus, a prehistoric dinosaur, was 30 feet long and had a heavily armed body and tiny head.

# Conservatives in Britain Suffer Another Setback

GLASGOW, Scotland — Britain's ruling Conservative government suffered another setback at the polls Thursday.

It lost the Kelvin Grove district seat in an election to fill a vacancy in the House of Commons.

In a four-way race, the Labor candidate, Mrs. Mary McAllister, got 10,210 votes; the Conservative, Mrs. Katharine Elliott, 8,850; Scottish Home Rule candidate David Murray 1,822, and Independent Laborite William Park 567.

In a straight race in the 1955 general election Mrs. Elliott's husband, Col. Walter Elliott, won the seat for the Conservatives, by 14,854 votes to 11,966 for Laborite J. L. Williams.

The vacancy was caused by Elliott's death.

# Locker Industry Shakedown Natural

PORTLAND — The food locker industry is going through a natural shakedown because of the increased use of home freezers, the Oregon-Washington Frozen Food Locker Assn. was told Thursday.

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Robert Madeira told delegates, however, that an increased demand for properly processed food is boosting the industry's business.

Madiera was the conference's keynote speaker. He is the executive director of the National Institute of Locker and Freezer Provisions.

As the association ended its meeting, Lawrence Cook of Portland was re-elected president.

# Troops Father 67,735 Babies In Occupation

BONN — The number of so-called occupation babies born in West Germany in the 1945-55 decade Thursday was put at 67,735. They are children fathered out of wedlock by Allied occupation troops.

The Socialist Press Service quoted the German Medical Journal as saying U.S. soldiers fathered 34,324, or 50.4 per cent; French soldiers 10,198, or 15.3 per cent; and British soldiers 8,397, or 12.6 per cent. The rest were fathered by Western troops of other nationalities.

More than 4,500 babies, or 7 per cent, had Negro fathers, the report said.

It added that on the average Negro children have been adopted more readily than the other illegitimate children—13 per cent, compared to 9.9 per cent for the overall average.

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# Parochial Schools Win Maine Step for Public Transport

AUGUSTA, Maine — A judge ruled Thursday public transportation of parochial school children presumably would be constitutional in Maine.

Superior Court Justice Jarrod C. Marden denied a petition by the Augusta Taxpayers Assn. to enjoin the city from using a taken \$250 appropriation to provide bus service to the children of two Roman Catholic schools.

More than a year ago, Catholic parents threatened to transfer some 900 children to the already-crowded public school system unless public bus service were provided. They agreed to wait until court determination of the issue.

# Hard-Headed Eagle

ARCO, Idaho — An eagle crashed through the windshield of a car driven by Joe Brewer, landed on his lap and sank its talons into Brewer's legs. He said 11 stitches were required to close the wounds. The eagle got away.

# Jewish Holiday

NEW YORK — Sundown on March 5 marks the start of the world-wide Jewish observance of Purim, a holiday recalling the attempts of the ancient King Haman of Persia to force all men to bow down to him, an order the Jew Mordecai refused to obey. Haman in modern times is often termed "the ancient forerunner of Hitler."

# Mining Executive, Four Others Held In Theft, Fraud Involving \$960,000

TORONTO — A wealthy Toronto hotel and mining executive, three New York investors and a North Bay prospector have been charged with theft, fraud and conspiracy involving \$960,000, the Ontario Securities Commission said Thursday.

Hotelman Benjamin Smith, 44, was arrested Wednesday in his suburban Forest Hills home and has been freed on \$50,000 bail pending hearing April 15.

Attempts will be made to extradite Stanley I. Schonbrun of Long Island and Saul and Harold Rauch of New York City, a commission spokesman said. D. Charles Stuart has been charged in North Bay, Ont.

# Jewish Books Available

NEW YORK — Yeshiva University's community service division has opened a centralized lending library of Jewish education books and materials to be available on a loan basis to scholars and educators throughout the United States.

Venezuela, on the northern coast of South America, is second only to the United States in world production of crude oil, says the National Geographic Society.

All four were officers of Brilland Mines Ltd., an organization with property in northern Ontario and the Los Negros area of Cuba. It also holds claims in Manitoba.

Securities Commission officials said there was a raid on the treasury of the company last May. Trading of the company's shares was suspended by the Toronto Stock Exchange last Dec. 2.

Smith and his brothers own the Prince George Hotel in Toronto and an interest in the 11-million-dollar Riviera Hotel in Havana.

Trading in Brilland shares was suspended after the Smith group sold control to a United States interest, commission officials said.

The investigation resulting in the arrests was one of several going on in connection with the sale of control of Canadian firms to U.S. groups. Some U.S. groups are accused of milking the treasuries of the firms they acquire.

New stock exchange regulations prevent such transactions without information being supplied to the investing public.

# Jailer Kept Close to Job

SALUDA, Va. — Rather go to jail than get a haircut? Here you have to do both.

Jailer Leslie E. Burch operates a barber shop in his quarters in the jail building, the only shop in town.

The operation drew the ire of three barbers in nearby communities. They termed the jail house shop unfair to local business and taxpayers as the entire establishment is tax supported.

Rice M. Youell, who heads the state's Division of Corrections which supervises the jail, said the sideline business of cutting hair keeps the jailer close to his post.

# Natural Question

PONCA CITY, Okla. — Mike Allen, a first grader, came home from school and told his 5-year-old brother, John, "Tomorrow is Lincoln's Birthday." John asked: "Are you going?"

There are now 30 gold producing mines in Ontario, Canada, and their production of gold and silver is about 85 million dollars a year.

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Resources		Obligations and Surplus Funds	
<b>BONDS AND STOCKS</b>		<b>POLICY RESERVE FUNDS</b>	
U. S. Government obligations	\$ 383,547,834	General insurance and annuity reserves	\$7,239,348,847
Public utility bonds	877,631,482	Policy proceeds held on deposit for policyowners and beneficiaries	368,961,271
Railroad obligations	729,958,891	Other policy reserves	96,523,390
Industrial obligations	2,487,329,837	Dividend and annuity payments left on deposit with the Society at interest	282,564,713
Other bonds	577,895,248	Policy claims in process of payment	86,486,184
Preferred and guaranteed stocks	191,702,226	Premiums paid in advance by policyowners	66,369,831
Common stocks	10,628,131	Dividends due and unpaid to policyowners	14,827,794
<b>MORTGAGES AND REAL ESTATE</b>		Dividends apportioned for distribution in following year	142,729,376
Residential and business mortgages	2,442,195,723	<b>OTHER LIABILITIES</b>	
Farm mortgages	372,823,877	Taxes - federal, state and local	23,410,200
Home and branch office buildings	18,998,500	Expenses accrued, unearned interest and other obligations	19,313,433
Housing development and other real estate purchased for investment	191,211,141	Mandatory security valuation reserve	87,754,326
Other residential and business properties	600,898	Total obligations	\$8,211,264,350
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		<b>SURPLUS FUNDS TO POLICYOWNERS</b>	
Cash	71,528,272	To cover unforeseen contingencies	964,462,546
Transportation equipment	189,340,868	Total obligations and surplus funds	\$9,175,726,896
Loans to policyowners	223,478,347		
Premiums in process of collection	63,328,989		
Interest and rentals due and accrued and other assets	78,912,341		
<b>TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS</b>	\$8,875,726,896		

In accordance with requirements of law all bonds subject to amortization are stated at their amortized value and all other bonds and stocks are stated at the value prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners which are based on market quotations as of December 31, 1957. In addition, as required, a security valuation reserve is included among the liabilities.

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