

Prescotts Buy Chase Seeds

Sale of Chase Seeds, one of Eugene's largest garden stores, to Art and Isabel Prescott, was announced Friday by Elmo Chase and Gladys Chase Holaday.

The store, located at Oak and Broadway Sts. since 1947, will continue under the same name for the time being and no changes in personnel are contemplated.

Art Prescott, an employee of Chase Flowers for 19 years and manager of the garden store through its seven years of operation, states that merchandise lines will generally be the same as before. However, he is planning to add to some departments, including that of offering barbecue equipment and patio furnishings. Gardening equipment, plants, seeds and garden supplies have been featured regularly in the store.

The Chase Flower Shop, at 58 East Broadway, will continue under its original management and now will be a separate operation from Chase Seeds.

Cyclist Files Damage Suit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Superior Court judge is pondering the \$26,023.98 damage suit that 8-year-old Jack Chase of Burbank brought against Bobby Ritter, 11, of Sun Valley, in connection with their bicycle-tricycle collision.

Jack testified Thursday that he was prudently steering his tricycle along the sidewalk July 23, 1952, when Bobby plowed into him and fractured his leg.

Bobby told Judge Thurmond Clarke he saw Jack and shouted for him to get out of the way.

"I turned toward the peach tree and he started to turn toward the fence, but he changed and turned toward the peach tree too. So, we crashed under the peach tree."

The boys used to be neighbors. They said this is a friendly suit. It was brought for Jack by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chase.

Joining Mr. and Mrs. Prescott in their purchase, but not in actual operation of Chase Seeds is Robert Prescott of Tacoma, a brother to Art.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Prescott are graduates of the University of Oregon where she majored in art and he in landscape architecture.

Fir Market Holds Steady

The Douglas fir lumber market continued strong last week, but low production continued to be the outstanding feature of the market situation.

Experienced observer reported that adverse weather kept green fir production from mounting and so held prices to \$60-\$61 per thousand board feet for random lengths, \$62-\$64 for specified orders. There was evidence that buyers are still following a watch-and-wait policy, with holding spring orders despite the current difficulty in placing orders for immediate delivery.

In the firm order market, low production was also reflected as highly specified orders became hard to place at \$62 and some mills raised prices to \$63 for 30-day shipment of No. 2 and better. Everywhere, No. 3 common was in demand and in short supply, except in wider widths.

Mixed car green mills noted a good week, and transit car suppliers, likewise. Excellent transit loadings of No. 2 and better were moving at \$61-\$62, but buyers tended to resist higher prices and as a result a number of cars were being left unsold.

Larger mills handling mixed cars of kiln-dried lumber continued to report steady if not spectacular market conditions. Observers believed this market had pretty well leveled off during the week. Straight No. 1 kiln-dried fir dimension was reported heavily oversold but sales prices held at \$74-\$78, net through the week.



NEW OWNERS of Chase Seeds at the corner of Oak and Broadway in downtown Eugene are Art and Isabel Prescott, shown here beside a display of spring garden offerings in the store. Together with Robert Prescott of Tacoma, they have purchased the business from Elmo Chase and Gladys Chase Holaday who will continue to operate the Chase Flowers Shop at 58 East Broadway.

State Plans Flight Clinic

SALEM (AP)—A pilot flight clinic, to enable private pilots to brush up on their flying, will be sponsored soon by the State Board of Aeronautics and the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

The state board said the date and location haven't been decided yet.

The board also decided to proceed with paving the airport at Pacific City, on the coast in Tillamook County, with asphaltic concrete.

Plans also were announced for grass seeding the Lakeside Airport, and installing permanent markers and a wind sock at the Natarts Beach landing strip.

POSTMAN'S HOLIDAY

CLEVELAND, O. (AP)—The newly appointed postmaster, Joseph S. Frantz, a postal career man, really takes his work seriously. He not only puts in his 40 hours per week, plus, but he gives much time to a hobby—collecting stamps.

Reese Lumber Halts Creswell Operations

CRESWELL — Reese Lumber Co., which has operated for a number of years on the north highway, is now closing its operations here, reportedly because of a lack of timber in this area. Twenty-seven persons, including the office force, have been employed by the company which plans to locate elsewhere.

T. D. Reese, part owner of the mill, is here from Columbus, Ohio, to help with the closing of the operations.

University Teacher Editorial Consultant

Dr. David M. Dougherty, head of the department of foreign languages at the University of Oregon, has accepted an invitation to serve as an editorial consultant in the production of the revised edition of the new Britannica World Language Dictionary.

The dictionary will contain seven languages: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Swedish and Yiddish, and will be printed in two volumes.

Oregon Debts Lag in West

Bank debts — indicators of the business pulse because they reflect the flow of money payments through banks — turned upward in February in the seven states of the 12th Federal Reserve District, the Associated Press reports.

Throughout the West, the gain was 2 per cent over figures for February, 1953.

However, Oregon's three major cities showed declines in their debt totals. Portland's total was off 2 per cent, as compared with that for the same month a year ago. Eugene's debts were down 10 per cent, and Salem's, off 16 per cent.

Seventeen other western cities reported February gains, including such spectacular ones as 25 per cent at Long Beach, Calif., and Bellingham, Wash. Seattle had a 5 per cent gain, San Francisco, plus 6 per cent; Los Angeles, no change.

BLM Sells Salvage Timber at \$149,764

The Eugene forest district of the Bureau of Land Management sold 5,149,000 board feet of salvage timber in three tracts at a special sale on Thursday in the new Postoffice Building.

One tract containing 316,000 board feet was purchased by Forcia Timber Co. for \$28.80 per thousand. The Fischer Lumber Co. purchased 3,343,000 board feet at \$35.50 per thousand for the Douglas fir. Perkins Logging Co. was the successful bidder on a trespass tract of 1,490,000 board feet with a purchase price of \$27.50 per thousand for the felled and bucked Douglas fir and \$27.00 per thousand for the standing Douglas fir.

The latter tract had been partially logged in trespass by Howard Puls of Eugene. The total receipts for this timber sale were \$149,764.95.

Loggers Plan Annual Meet

Plans for the 15th annual Willamette Valley Logging Conference, to be held in Eugene Apr. 29-May 1, have been started under the direction of John G. Rhule, president of the conference who is now logging superintendent for Edward Hines Lumber Co. at Westfir.

The conference will hold its annual meeting at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Dave Burwell, Rosboro Lumber Co., will be program chairman and will be assisted by A. D. McReynolds, Frank Bloomer and Mel Nye.

Public interest in the conference will be centered on a two million dollar logging and sawmill equipment and machinery show, Rhule reports. The show will be open to the public on Saturday, May 1, the last day of the conference.

Rhule, who has moved to Westfir and will be joined there by his family after the close of the school year, was camp foreman at Sitkum Camp for the Coos Bay Lumber Co. eight years prior to taking his new position with Hines.

4-H Livestock Club Makes Success of Warble Control

ALVADORE — Success of a project to control warbles in the cattle of the Alvadore area was reported Friday by a recently organized 4-H Club.

The club, called the Alvadore 4-H Livestock Club, sponsored the control project. There is no organized control project in Lane County, so club members organized and conducted the program themselves.

Members contacted 23 cattle raisers in their area and asked each for his cooperation. In many cases members performed the treatment — which is to rub a powder in critters' hides to kill the fly which causes warble.

So successful was the project that Jack Gorton, county agent, tends to use it as a model for further control.

Leader of the club is W. Berg. President is Kenneth Mermerman and members are Berg, Caroline Berg, Delmar lady, Marvin Halladay, McClure, Tom McClure, Berg, Larry and Rick Chambers.

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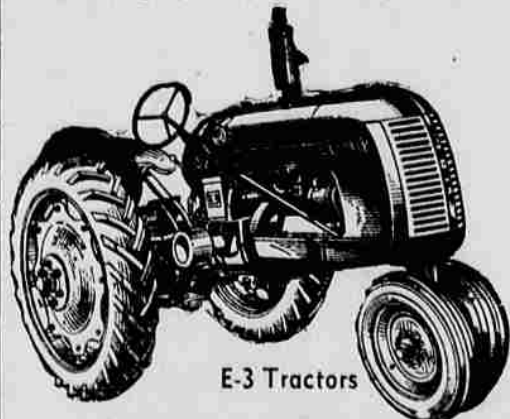
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Cop Takes the Rap For Traffic Violation

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP)—Attorney John Heath argued successfully in court that the illegal left turn he made in his automobile was at the order of a policeman.

Heath told a police court magistrate that he was in the process of making the turn at an intersection when Patrolman G. Clayton approached his car and said he was going to give him a ticket. Heath said at that moment he hadn't completed the turn but had to do so in order to comply with Clayton's order to "pull over to the curb."

Heath argued that his violation of the law was at the policeman's order.

Magistrate A. Risley Ensor dismissed the charge on the grounds that you have to complete an illegal turn before you can be charged with a traffic violation.

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