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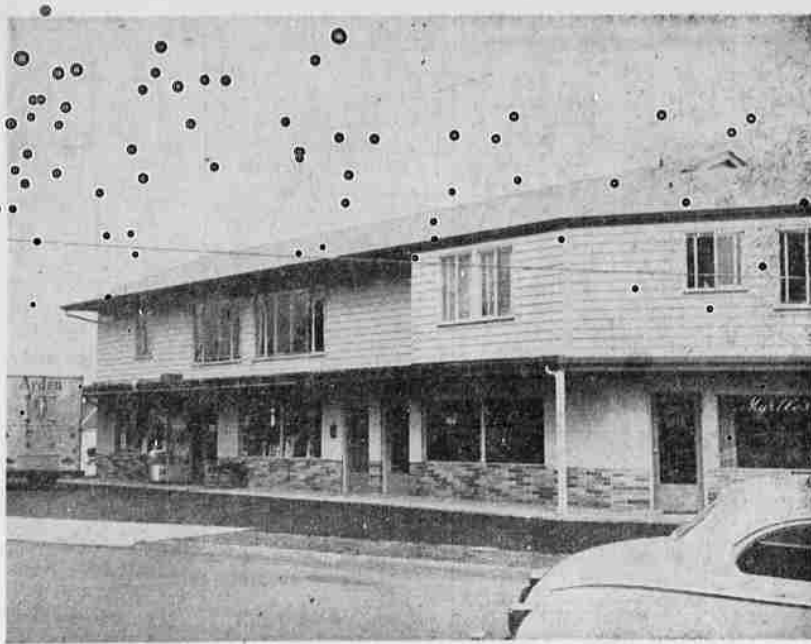
Southwestern Oregon chapter of the American Institute of Architects will hold its annual craftmanship dinner Thursday, May 26, at Pioneer Park (Lane County Fairgrounds).

As in previous years, the chapter will honor two building craftsmen at this affair. One will be acclaimed as the craftsman of this area to have done the most creditable exposed construction work this past year; the other for doing the best hidden craftsmanship. Their awards will be presented by Ralph C. Beardsworth, president of the A. I. A. chapter.

Starting with a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m., the banquet will provide for discussion of mutual problems between architects, contractors, material suppliers and other principals in the construction industry of this area.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Clarence Hines, superintendent of Eugene public schools, who will outline the building program for School District No. 4.

Serving as chairman of the craftmanship dinner committee for the A.I.A. chapter is B. King Martin, partner in the firm of Hamlin and Martin.



NEW MARKET—Now serving the growing southern section of Eugene, the Crest Market at 32nd and Willamette Sts. is owned and operated by Marvin L. Dow who formerly worked with a local real estate firm and has had previous grocery experience at Goshen. The building occupied by the market also includes a new beauty salon, Myrtle's Beauty Shop, owned by Lindell and Myrtle Shuck, and has one rental space still to be filled. Apartments are on the second floor.

THE BUSINESS BEAT

By AL CURREY

C. A. PETERSON has been appointed exclusive representative for United Farm Agency for Eugene, and surrounding territory. Robert M. Chamberlain, United president, announced this week from the San Francisco West Coast Division Office. United, dealing in rural real estate across the nation, has its home office in Kansas City, Mo., with branch offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Minneapolis, Detroit, St. Louis and Springfield, Mo. Peterson came to Oregon April 1 from the United home office where he had served as assistant sales manager for the past four years. He is also serving as district sales manager for the state of Oregon in addition to his duties as local representative. Assisting him is Charles Fox, who for the past year has been assistant to C. Fred Gillette, United representative at Monmouth.

NATIONAL SAFETY Council Safe Driver Awards were presented Tuesday night to four local drivers of Railway Express Agency by Chief of Police Vern Hill in a ceremony at Lynwood Hill in the award winners and the number of years each has had of faultless driving were as follows: M. M. "Mark" Jones, 16 years; C. E. "Carl" Jensen, 15 years; E. H. "Gene" Atwood, 10 years; T. E. "Tommy" Watkins, 9 years. Railway Express officials attending included N. Wayne Price, agent, J. M. Shanap, assistant general manager, and N. R. Johnson, vice president. To qualify for the awards the drivers in 1954 maintained records that are clear of any traffic accidents caused by themselves and they were not involved in any which they could have avoided.

James L. Caddell, 910 K St., Springfield, has been named winner of The Quaker Oats Co.'s annual Aunt Jemima "Hall of Fame" salesman contest. H. J. Bosking, manager of the company's Portland cereal sales office, reports that Caddell was presented Thursday with an Aunt Jemima honor scroll and a cash prize during the company's annual spring sales meeting at Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

C. VON HICKMAN of Eugene is in Milwaukee this week attending the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.'s 1955 district agency building clinic at the company's home office. Hickman is one of 28 district agents taking the week-long course.

ENROLLMENT in the investment school sponsored by Foster & Marshall Tuesday and Wednesday evenings averaged 140 persons for each session and other applicants had to be turned away. Kurt Olsen, local manager for the brokerage firm, reports. Olsen adds that public response to the school plan has resulted in preparations to make it an annual affair. Robert Hurt, San Francisco investment expert, and Orin K. Burrell, University of Oregon professor of business administration, were speakers at the school which was held in the Assembly Room of the Register-Guard Bldg.

JOHN H. STARR, 1093 W. 5th Ave., Eugene, left Wednesday to attend the western states convention of the Omaha Woodmen Life Insurance Society this weekend in Los Angeles. Before leaving, Starr reported that he will represent this area as one of 85 delegates attending the meeting, and that Herbert E. Walker and L. C. Salchenberg will not be going to the session from Lane County as had been stated in a previous report from the society's headquarters.

ATTENDING THE semi-annual meeting of the Oregon Consumer Finance Assn. at Gearhart last weekend were several local finance firm representatives and their wives. They included Mr. and Mrs. Al Brandt, Loyal Overton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Calkins and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Roadman.

Bank Debts Gain in State

Some 18 banks in the upper Willamette valley area, including Eugene, have reported a 14.6 per cent increase in debts for April over the same month a year ago and a 2.6 per cent increase over debts of March, 1955, according to the Bureau of Business Research in the University of Oregon.

A total of \$137,101,138 in bank debts was reported from the banks in the Eugene area, which includes Albany and Corvallis.

Representing the dollar value of checks drawn against the deposit accounts of individuals and business firms, bank debts are regarded as good indicators of current business activity. However, their value may be impaired by the inclusion of large checks arising out of transfers of funds or purchase of assets that do not constitute "business activity."

Over the whole state, a 7.8 per cent increase in debts during April over the year before was recorded by 120 reporting banks. The \$1,375,157,300 figure was 1.9 per cent less than in March.

Thirty-three banks in the Portland area had a 6 per cent more debts in April than a year ago, but reported 5.6 per cent less than the month before.

Five banks in the central Oregon area, including Bend, Prineville, and Redmond, reported the most notable gain in debts over the past year with a 31.3 per cent increase. This was 2.5 per cent higher than in March.

Fifteen banks in the lower Willamette valley, including Salem and McMinnville, reported the largest gain of April figures over the month before with a 13.6 increase over March. This was 6.4 per cent more than April of last year.

Milk Distributors Establish New College Scholarships

Five Lane County milk distributors joined this week in announcing establishment of a new Oregon State College scholarship for boys or girls interested in careers in the dairy industry. The scholarship, providing \$200 for a first year student majoring in milk processing or milk industry management at OSC, will be awarded for the first time on June 1.

Application forms have been sent with accompanying letters of explanation to all Lane County high schools and to those at Drain and Yoncalla. Interested graduating high school seniors must file completed applications before 2 p.m. June 1, when a selection committee will interview candidates at the Eugene Farmers Creamery. Members of the committee will be Fred Kelsey, Eugene Farmers Creamery, Gordon Coleman, Medo-Land Creamery Co., Hap Rackleff, Eugene city milk and meat inspector, and Bob Fish, Echo Springs Dairy.

Joining the above-mentioned distributors in sponsoring the scholarship are Pengra's Dairy and Chula Vista Dairy. The five firms have set up the "Lane County Milk Distributors' Fund" to provide for continuation of the award, which will be based on students' interest in the dairy industry, character, scholarship, need, personality and achievements in community activities.

The sponsors have pointed out that more technically trained persons are needed each year in the dairy industry due to technological advances. Last year, they report, there were less than 200 dairy processing graduates in the United States, although the dairy industry is one of the largest employers in the nation.

Forest Industry Gains Reported

PORTLAND (AP)—Total employment in Pacific Northwest woods and mills increased 37 per cent in the years 1925 to 1953, with Oregon accounting for all the gain.

The figures, reported by the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee in relaying results of a member's research, show Washington employment in logging, lumbering, sawmilling and veneer, planing mills and box factories, to have dropped 17 per cent from 1925 and Oregon's to have gone up 140 per cent.

In 1925 Washington had 63,829 in the industry while Oregon had 23,214. In 1953 the roles were reversed with Oregon having 67,500 and Washington 32,400. Last year's figures were not used, the report said, because the strike distorted the average.

SEATTLE (AP)—April building construction in the 47 largest cities in the Pacific Northwest showed a 14 per cent increase in dollar volume over the same month in 1954, but dipped below March of this year. Equitable Savings and Loan Assn.'s statistical department reported Thursday.

During April \$27,673,232 was authorized for new construction in the larger cities of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia. Of this total, \$13,187,914 was scheduled for residential construction, a 5 per cent increase over April, 1954.

But last month showed a 13 per cent decline in total permits and 6 per cent in residential permits from the March permit value this year.

Oregon's permits totaled \$7,734,277, a 21 per cent gain.

Mao, Menon Talk

TOKYO (AP)—Mao Tse-Tung, chairman of Communist China, entered Friday with V. Krishna Menon, adviser to Indian Prime Minister Nehru, Peiping Radio reported. The Chinese language broadcast, said they did not say what they discussed.

Legislative Process Hit

People Cheated, Newby Asserts

SALEM (AP)—Secretary of state Earl T. Newby said this week that Oregon's "creaking legislative and executive machine" deprives the people of their full right to refer bills passed by the Legislature.

While there is a 90-day period after legislative adjournment for distribution of referendum petitions, these petitions can't actually be circulated until the governor signs a bill on which a referendum is being sought. The governor has 23 or 24 days after a legislative session to act on bills.

Then, Newby pointed out, the attorney general has another 10 days to prepare the ballot title that must be on the petitions.

Thus, sponsors of a referendum might have less than 60 days to get the 20,047 names that are needed to put a bill on the ballot.

Newby had in mind the 3-cent cigarette tax bill which the tobacco industry wants to refer.

This bill hasn't reached the governor's desk yet, since it hasn't been signed by the president of the Senate and speaker of the House.

"The procedure is all wrong," Newby said. "Under the Oregon Constitution, any citizen or group of citizens is entitled to a full 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature, in which to secure a referendum petition against an unpopular enactment."

Seed Agency Petition Filed

SALEM (AP)—Creeping red fescue and chewing fescue seed growers have filed the first petition asking for establishment of a commodity commission under the 1953 enabling act. State Director of Agriculture J. F. Short said this week.

The petition was presented by Raymond Wendel of La Grande, secretary-treasurer of the Pacific Northwest Chewings and Creeping Red Fescue Assn. It bears the signatures of 73 growers representing 5,334 acres of these two grass seeds. Singers are chiefly from the Willamette valley and Union county.

Short held a meeting with an advisory group named to help the Dept. of Agriculture determine the budget necessary to complete the proceedings to determine whether or not a commission shall be established. The budget group was picked by Welby Vaughan of La Grande, president of the Northwest group which circulated the petition.

The budget for hearings and referendum was set at \$650. As soon as growers submit an additional \$400 to the \$250 filing fee which accompanied the petition, Short said the department will meet its responsibility without delay.

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BLONDIE



By Chic Young

Sperry, Union Reach Terms

NEW YORK (AP)—A "substantial agreement" was reached early Friday between the Sperry Gyroscope Co. and strikers who closed its Long Island defense contract plants, a federal mediator announced.

The agreement between the company and Local 450, CIO International Union of Electrical Workers, was announced by Commissioner Sidney S. Sheiner of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

No announcement of the terms was made. The strike began April 19.

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Green Lumber Prices Settle

Prices in the green fir lumber market continued to drop slowly through the past week, apparently headed for a \$70-\$72 range, about where they were before April's flurry of weather-incited inflation but still well above the level prevailing at this time last year.

Market observers reported that although many mills this week are still operating on a hand-to-mouth basis because of log shortages, buyers weren't bidding too energetically for green lumber. Many sales were made at \$72-\$74 per thousand board feet, but some mills were willingly accepting \$71-\$72 as better than what next week might bring.

There was, this past week, more strength in the firm order market for green fir than in the random length sales field. For specified items, some mills were getting \$76-\$79 although the bigger "mixed car" green mills noted a \$3 drop in the price on No. 2 and better dimension and that even at \$75 the demand seemed none too brisk.

In the transit car market, good cars were selling at \$72-\$73, but indications were that these prices also would soften. The premium item in transit continued to be 2x10 which brought \$74-\$75 for best loadings.

For the big mills producing both kiln-dried and green lumber, activity this last week continued steady after a moderate burst which accompanied the April boom for green mills.

While these big mills also reported a weakening of demand for No. 3 green dimensions, No. 3 kiln-dried dimensions were in good demand. Both No. 2 and better and No. 4 items were reported moving satisfactorily whether green or kiln-dried, and the market prospects for the big mills were bolstered by maintenance of order files at the equivalent of 30 to 45 days shipping time.

RADIO SCHEDULES

Table with columns for station (KERG, KORE, KUGN, KASH), time, and program details for Saturday, May 21, 1955.

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