

### Building in Pacific Northwest Up for Year, Down Last Month

Dollar volume of building in the Pacific Northwest at the end of 11 months surpassed all previous records for any 12-month period. Equitable Savings & Loan association's statistical department reports.

Surveying 47 larger cities, Equitable found accumulated value at the end of November to be \$346,295,444. This is \$9.9 million ahead of 1954's record annual figure and

City	Nov. '56		Oct. '56		Nov. '55		% Change over	
	Nov. '56	Oct. '56	Nov. '55	Oct. '55	Nov. '55	Oct. '55	Nov. '56	Nov. '55
Albany	79,950	231,980	122,500	-66	-35			
Astoria	15,905	12,410	43,538	-29	-63			
Baker	15,250	71,534	28,099	-79	-69			
Bend	101,572	146,213	141,550	-31	-28			
Corvallis	322,000	239,975	219,520	34	47			
Eugene	566,015	203,444	210,649	178	169			
Grants Pass	175,150	83,769	125,430	190	40			
Klamath Falls	123,309	203,615	68,100	-39	81			
TaGrand	56,340	166,243	13,610	-66	314			
Coos Bay	38,050	77,051	94,357	-57	-60			
Medford	331,212	256,610	162,243	29	104			
Oregon City	54,250	14,965	2,879	263	1790			
Redmond	114,250	191,750	114,600	-40	-1			
Portland	3,541,585	4,999,585	2,401,100	-29	47			
Roseburg	112,235	88,203	65,100	27	72			
St. Helens	2,960	1,650	9,000	79	-67			
Salem	229,988	395,304	245,459	-42	-6			
Springfield	74,645	170,625	112,155	-56	-33			
The Dalles	296,745	192,634	138,314	54	115			
Total Oregon	6,232,511	7,747,634	4,327,954	-19	44			

### Clean-up Follows N. Santiam Flash Flood



A crew of 25 men working under the state highway department supervision are shown piling and burning drift wood and debris from logging operations carried by flash flood down Sardine Creek to form a dam where the stream passes beneath North Santiam highway. At this point the stream backed up, overflowed the highway with drift, and carried away sections of guard rail. (Capital Journal photo).

### U.S. to Stress Astronomers Detect Evidences Universe Expansion May Stop

WASHINGTON (AP)—Tentative evidence was reported today that the universe may be expanding at a slower rate.

This challenge to the concept of many astronomers that the cosmos will forever continue to balloon out into an undefined void was contained in the annual report of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, a private research body.

It said studies made by astronomers at Carnegie's Mt. Wilson and Palomar observatories in California suggest that the universe may be an "oscillating" thing—like a toy balloon that is repeatedly blown up, partially deflated, then blown up again.

This tentative conclusion is based in part on studies of stars a thousand billion billion miles from the earth and racing outward at speeds exceeding 60,000 miles a second.

The Carnegie astronomers said their "still too crude" observations, if confirmed, would mean that "the expansion (of the universe) will eventually stop, and contraction will set in."

Other astronomers said if the concept proves to be sound, such oscillating of the universe would take place gradually over billions and billions of years.

They said the Carnegie report constitutes the first observed evidence, however tentative, to support the theory of an oscillating universe, which is not a new one.

Still another concept held by some astronomers is that the universe is a steady thing—one that never has expanded or contracted as a whole, although individual star systems within it may do so.

Astronomers generally define the universe as including matter, energy and space. Many say it is expanding to some degree. They

### Rains Aid to Power Outlook

PORTLAND (AP)—Rains which fell in Washington and Oregon this week improved the power outlook for the Northwest slightly, the Bonneville Power Administration said Saturday.

The hydro capability has temporarily increased, and most reservoirs have recovered to near or above rule curve levels, it said.

Sufficient BPA hydroelectric power will be available to serve the firm and non-firm requirements of utilities and 400,000 kilowatts of the non-firm industrial load through December.

However, the weekly report said an analysis of the expected streamflow through April 15 indicates there will not be sufficient BPA hydroelectric power to meet the non-firm requirements of utilities or industries beyond Dec. 31.

### Lumber Orders Show Increase

PORTLAND (AP)—Lumber orders at Western Pine Assn. mills totaled 71,737,000 feet for the week ending Dec. 8. That was a gain of 10,923,000 feet over the previous week but 21 million feet less than the same week a year ago.

Shipments totaled 65,838,000 feet, a decrease of 4 1/2 million feet from the previous week. Production, including purchases, increased from the previous week by a figure of 66,679,000 to 69,715,000 in the latest report.

For the year to date, orders are six per cent less than for the same period of 1955, shipments show a decrease of four per cent, and production down one-half per cent.

**60 CHINCHILLAS BURN**  
VANCOUVER, Wash. (UP)—Sixty chinchillas were destroyed last night when fire damaged a two-story house used to pen the animals near here. Cyrus B. Wood, owner, managed to save three cages containing three animals. Firemen said they believed the blaze was caused by defective wiring.

### Nehru Flying To U.S. Talks

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru flew toward the United States today for talks with President Eisenhower and other high U.S. officials.

President Rajendra Prasad was among those seeing Nehru's party off. The Prime Minister is expected to begin his talks with Eisenhower in Washington Sunday. The whole trip will take about 12 days.

Those accompanying Nehru included his daughter, Mrs. Indira Gandhi. He is flying in an Indian airliner to London. There, Eisenhower's plane, the Columbine, will pick him up for the flight to Washington.

Nehru planned to spend four or five hours in the British capital tomorrow. He might see Prime Minister Eden, returning today from a vacation in Jamaica.

### BBC Depicts Prostitute's Life On TV, Gets But Few Protests

LONDON (UPI)—The British Broadcasting Corporation showed the life story of a prostitute on television Thursday night and about the only protests today were from viewers who thought BBC should not have picked an American to lead her to ruin.

The government-run BBC devoted 90 minutes of its evening television service to a dramatic and analytical portrayal of the problem of prostitution. Nothing was held back in the life story of Jackie the prostitute except the bedroom scenes.

In "Without Love" the BBC presented what it believed to be the typical life story of a girl gone wrong. Parents had been warned well in advance to decide for themselves whether the story was suitable for their children to watch.

The prostitute, played by 25-year-old actress Clare Austin, was first seen as a girl of 17 arguing with her low-income parents about the frustrations of teen-age life in a provincial English city slum.

Jackie, addicted to heavy makeup and tight-fitting sweaters, left her grimy home in the industrial mid-lands for the bright lights of London. There she found romance with an American airman who was "going to prove to you there's at least one good American in this country."

He seduced her and deserted her when she became pregnant.

That was about the only part of the show the British public was annoyed at. BBC reported it received only a "negligible" handful of protests, but many persons were reported to have called in and objected that it was a GI who caused Jackie's downfall.

### Jeanette and Nelson to Sing Together for 1st Time on TV

By ALINE MOSBY  
United Press Hollywood Writer

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—After 15 years, the movies' most romantic screen couple—even though each married another—walks into a television studio Thursday night to sing together again.

Back in 1941 Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy ended those MGM movies they did together, and no more does he bound through the forest in his Mountie uniform or gaze at her in rapture while she sings, "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life."

Today's young movie-goers know only such screen combinations as Piper Laurie and Tony Curtis and Elvis Presley and his sideburns. But to us oldsters MacDonald-Eddy successes such as "Naughty Marietta," "Rose Marie" and "Maytime" were memorable films even though Eddy's acting was understated, but to it mildly, and the stories were sugary.

Television Milestone

Thus TV fans will see a milestone when Miss MacDonald and her celluloid swain reunite for their first television appearance on the Lux Video Theater's special holiday musical show over NBC.

"This is quite exciting," the spirited, vivacious Miss MacDonald declared today. "We've been asked to appear on television before but one of us always has been busy. We finally made it this time because one of Nelson's club dates was cancelled."

The MacDonald-Eddy combination began in 1934 and established screen history until the couple's contract ended.

"I did not want to stay because I would rather be remembered kindly by fans for our good picture than for those dreadful pictures the studio later wanted me to do," she explained.

During the past 15 years Miss MacDonald has been a successful concert artist, with an occasional TV appearance, while Eddy turned to night club and concert work. But their fans did not forget them.

Letters Flattering

"I think it would be great fun if we did another movie."

Both Eddy and Miss MacDonald were single during their team days, but for reasons known to them they wed others. This, however, has not stopped fans from thinking they are husband and wife.

"People ask Nelson about his wife, Jeanette, and fans call my husband, Gene Raymond, Mr. Eddy," the singer said. "Sometimes Gene goes along with the idea and signs his autographs Nelson Eddy."

"Nelson and I used to date each other before I married Gene," she added thoughtfully. "We always have been good friends, but, well, it was just never a romance."

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### Jury Indicts Congressman

SCHANTON, Pa. (AP)—A federal grand jury late yesterday indicted Rep. William J. Green Jr., Philadelphia's Democratic chairman, a former congressman and five contractors for alleged "fraud and deceptions" during construction of a huge Army Signal Corps depot at nearby Tobyhanna.

The grand jury said Green, former Rep. Herbert J. McGlinchey, also a Philadelphia Democrat, and the five contractors conspired to circumvent standards and specifications in contracts for the 33-million-dollar depot.

The indictments charge that Green, a member of the House Armed Services Committee which was concerned with building the depot, received \$10,000 payoff money and another \$20,000 collected illegally through his Philadelphia insurance business.

### Anita Ekberg Frees Husband

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Swedish actress Anita Ekberg early Saturday bailed her husband, British actor Anthony Steel, out of jail after he was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving.

She put up \$263 at West Los Angeles police station.

Policemen George Toliver and E. R. John said they arrested Steel, 38, as he was driving his wife's sports car 50 miles an hour in a thick fog that limited visibility to 100 feet. The officers said Steel sped on for a mile after they turned on their red light and siren.

### Sen. Steen to Resign Seat

PENDLETON (UP)—State Sen. Lowell Steen announced Friday that "for personal reasons beyond my control," he will be unable to represent Umatilla County in the Senate when the Oregon Legislature convenes next month.

Steen, a Republican, said he had prepared several bills for introduction at the session in Salem, and it may be necessary for him to be present. However, he said he would formally resign as soon after that as possible.

The Umatilla County court will name his successor.

Steen, a rancher, is serving his second term as a senator.

### Interest Open On GI Loans

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Veterans Administration said today lenders may stipulate that GI home loans now being negotiated shall bear the highest interest rate permissible when the loan is closed.

This was a recognition of the possibility that the new Congress may increase the maximum GI home loan interest rate, now 4 1/2 per cent.

GI home loan activity had dropped off, in part because of a shortage of available investment money.

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### Woman Free of Murder Charge

PORTLAND (UP)—The Multnomah county grand jury yesterday refused to indict Mrs. Bloudean Eloise Allen, 22, of Portland, on a first degree murder charge.

Police had booked Mrs. Allen in connection with the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Betty Jean Scott of the same address. She contended the shooting was accidental while she was fumbling with the safety catch on a pistol.

### Top Geologist Kills Himself

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Dr. E. L. DeGolyer, 70, possibly the world's greatest authority on petroleum geology, shot himself to death in his office here Friday.

Justice of the Peace Glenn Byrd acting as coroner, ruled it a suicide.

DeGolyer's fabulous discoveries of oil as early as 1910 shot him into international fame.

He also was chairman of the literary weekly, the Saturday Review of Literature.

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HURRY SUES ACTRESS  
LOS ANGELES (UP)—Real estate developer Martin A. May, 28, is suing actress Anne Bancroft, 24, for divorce. His complaint charged cruelty but gave no details. The couple was wed July 1, 1953. There have been frequent separations. A financial agreement was signed last Oct. 23.

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### Police Given Drunk Guide

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California highway patrolmen are getting a guide to evaluate drunk drivers.

The new enforcement aid—a 44-page illustrated booklet—classifies the drinking drivers in six stages of intoxication according to the amount of alcohol in the blood-stream:

1. Dry and decent—none to .05 per cent. No drinks at all or just a nip.
2. Delighted and devilish—.05 to .15 per cent. 2 one-ounce shots of whiskey or 2 bottles of beer for an average person.
3. Dazed and dejected—.20 per cent. Last count of the drink.
4. Dead drunk—.4 per cent. Who cares how many drinks?
5. Dead—.5 per cent. At least 15 ounces gulped within a short time, says the coroner.

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### Meet Set on Milk Request

PORTLAND (AP)—Directors of the Oregon Milk Producers Assn. will meet here Monday to consider a request by Portland area dairymen for a milk price increase.

Meanwhile, the monthly federal-state dairy report showed that milk production in Oregon was lower than last year despite a national increase. Milk prices here were reported to compare favorably with other western states.

November production in Oregon was estimated at 77 million pounds, 3 per cent below a year ago, while U.S. production was up 1 per cent.

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