

Mt. Angel Boasts Diverse Assets

2 Cooperatives Yearly Gross \$5 Million

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Mt. Angel, a prosperous Marion county town with a population of 1,434, has a diversity of assets. Its residents are pious and thrifty. Good educational facilities are offered by the town's public and parochial schools and the community enjoys a sustaining industry based upon agriculture.

Denominationally, Mt. Angel is a Catholic town, named in 1883 by Reverend Father Adolph Oeder-matt of the Order of Saint Benedict as a compliment to Engel-berg in Switzerland. In that year a pilgrimage chapel was built on the summit of Lone Butte, or Tap-a-lam-a-ho, that ultimately became the site of Mt. Angel Abbey, the Benedictine school and monastery.

Although many residents of Mt. Angel are of Germanic descent and strongly Catholic, they are liberal in their reception of other nationalities and denominations.

Leading Products

Field crops, dairying, beans and strawberries are now leading agricultural productions that directly or indirectly sustain Mt. Angel's cooperative businesses. Annual gross business done by the Mt. Angel Farmers Union Warehouse, Marion County Farmers Union Oil company and Mt. Angel Cooperative creamery exceeds \$5,000,000 a year and gives steady employ-ment to about 73 persons.

Oldest of these is Mt. Angel Co-operative creamery, with a tra-dition extending back to 1889 when John Wanderlick's hotel, creamery and saloon were housed in one building. After three creameries had failed, to the loss of local farmers and their market, area milk producers, on Sept. 30, 1912, formed a stock company for the purpose of operating a creamery.

After many financial woes the Mt. Angel Creamery and Ice com-pany emerged as Mt. Angel Co-operative creamery, a full-fledged cooperative enterprise.

This enterprise now has 46 em-ployees and 1,850 active members. Production in 1956 ran to a million pounds of butter and the same amount of cheese.

Sales of milk and cream alone amounted to \$1,300,000. Gross creamery business for 1956 was \$1,700,000, a return gratifying to the membership as well as to Manager Joseph Berchtold.

2200 Members

Peter Gores has been manager of the Marion County Farmers Union Oil company for the past 20 years. This cooperative has 2200 active members, and eight regular employees. It operates four delivery trucks. During the past year the company sold 4,200,000 gallons of light fuel oil, valued at \$1,887,000. Additionally, the company distrib-utes both tires and batteries.

Mt. Angel Farmers Union ware-house, with a complete marketing service for grain and seed, has 1,500 active members and 20 reg-ular employees. A feed, seed and supply store is operated in con-junction with the warehouse. A branch warehouse is maintained at Hogmead. Bernard Kirsch is manager of the enterprise. Dur-ing 1955, total sales amounted to \$1,475,418.96.

Schmidt Feed and Seed com-pany, a privately owned Mt. Angel enterprise, also conducts an ex-panding business of large volume. This plant has five regular em-ployees.

Mt. Angel's business section, centered on Charles and Main streets, is a shopping center well-adapted to supplying the needs of the community.

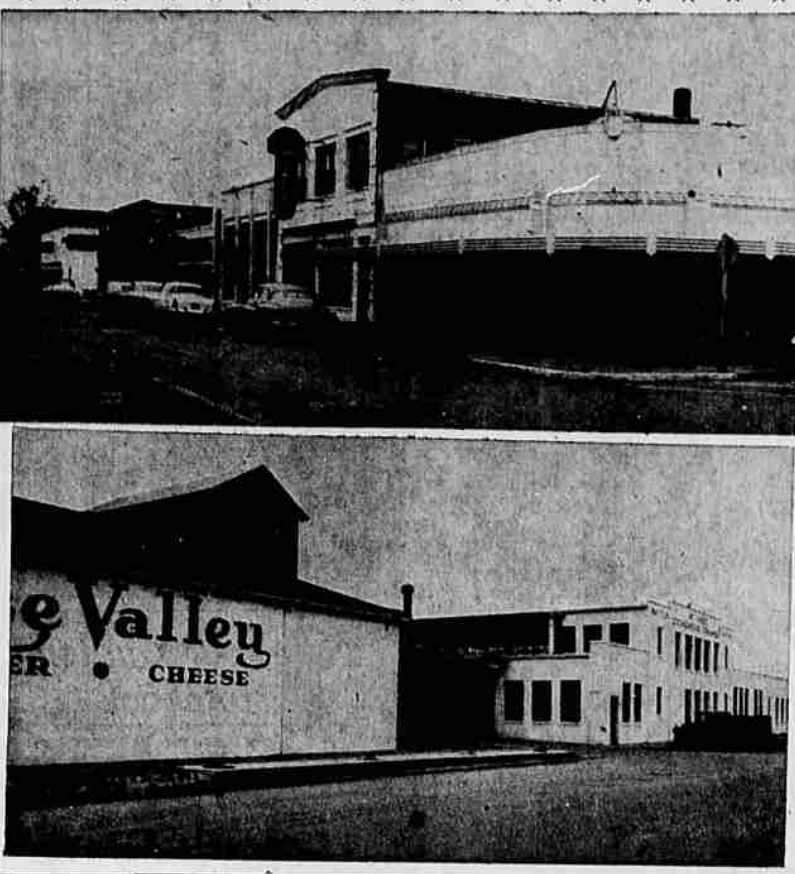
Bank Deposits Rise

Mt. Angel bank has been a branch of United States National bank for the past 24 years. When Manager James H. Fournier as-sumed his position there May 1, 1939, the bank had total deposits of \$548,686.18. On Jan. 30, 1957, deposits had risen to \$3,235,862.58.

Southern Pacific's Woodburn-Springfield branch serves Mt. Angel and seasonally heavy ship-



Pictured above is Dr. John J. Clark, postmaster of Mt. Angel. At the upper right is a picture of Main street in the town looking northward. It shows a diversity of business housed in modern buildings. At the lower right is the Mt. Angel Cooperative creamery which employs 46 persons and did business grossing \$1,700,000 in 1956. (Capital Journal Photos)



The Right Reverend Damian Jentges, O.S.B., is abbot at St. Benedict. Before the arrival of Father Oeder-matt and the Benedictine Fathers Mt. Angel had a diversity of names. Benjamin Cleaver, an Oregon pioneer of 1848, settled on the site and planned a town there to be called Roy. A plat of Roy may be seen in the Marion county recorder's office. It bears the date of Sept. 20, 1882.

ments of grain move from this shipping center. Greyhound provides the town with an outside pas-senger transit and Mt. Angel Tele- phone company, Joseph Berchtold, president, provides community with a communication service.

Leonard A. Ficker has served at Mt. Angel's second class post-office since 1936 and has been post-master since 1949. He is assisted by Frank J. Meidl, Mrs. O. Shep-herd and Mrs. Ida Hofer, clerks. Carl Millard is rural carrier.

St. Mary's, Mt. Angel elementary school, has parochial teachers for the first three grades and lay teachers in the fourth through the eighth grades. A total of 268 pupils are enrolled in all grades. The school has two teachers and two classrooms for each grade. D. L. Anderson is principal.

Parochial schools, the Abbey on the "hill," and the convent within the town—both belonging to the Order of St. Benedict—have

brought Mt. Angel wide renown as an educational center.

Mt. Angel Woman's college, with Mother Mary Gemma as prioress, characterizes itself as "the small school with a great purpose." The college is an accredited, four-year school, founded in 1888.

Courses at the college range from ceramics to ethics but the plan of study is designed to equip those who enter teaching, busi-ness, nursing or social work with a well-rounded education. One hundred students are enrolled in the college now with 16 teachers. A preparatory school, associated with the college, offers a standard, four-year high school curriculum for 200 pupils. They are 27 teachers in the prep school.

Mt. Angel Abbey on Tap-a-lam-a-ho butte—an Indian name mean-ing a place for communication with the great spirit—will honor the 75th anniversary of its found-ing this year. The Abbey is an outgrowth of a Benedictine com-munity established at Gervais by Father Adolph Oeder-matt in 1882-83. Formerly the school was generally known as Mt. Angel Col-lege.

Following a devastating fire in the mid-1920s, the Abbey was re-built to present a harmonious and uniform architecture. The Abbey now conducts a standard high school on the "hill" that is also a public school with 130 pupils and 16 teachers. Mt. Angel seminary, a degree granting institution, has 200 pupils and 31 teachers.

Mt. Angel Abbey seminary edu-cates men for the Catholic priest-hood of northwest Catholic di-oceses. Combined educational fa-cilities offered by the Abbey, from prep school to graduation from the divinity school, afford 12 years of comprehensive study under able Benedictine Fathers.

Mt. Angel Abbey also conducts a press engaged in printing St. Joseph's Magazine and a weekly German newspaper. Thirty-five persons find employment there.

The Abbey also engages in ex-tensive farming operations that regularly employ 30 persons. A blacksmith shop, dairy and hop-house are associated with farm-ing.

Mayor



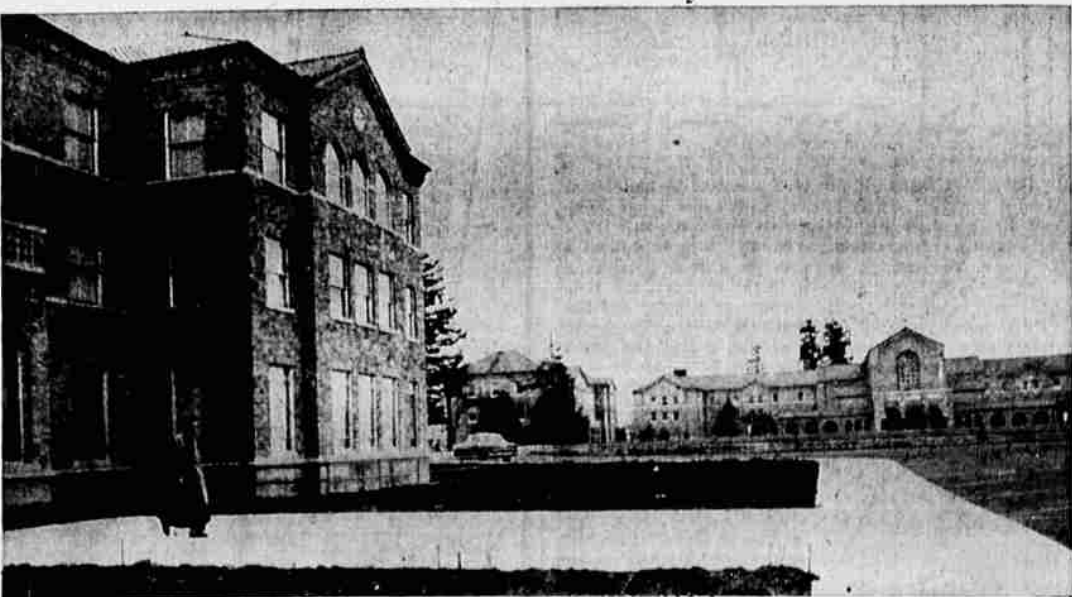
Mayor Jacob Berchtold, 78, has served as Mt. Angel's mayor for the past 22 years.

Abbot



Abbot Damian is head of the Benedictine order at Mt. Angel Abbey.

St. Benedict Abbey



Pictured above is the St. Benedict Abbey in Mt. Angel which conducts schools offering 12 years of study for pupils who enter the preparatory department, and minor and major seminaries, where men from the archdiocese of Portland, the dioceses of Baker and Boise are educated for the Catholic priesthood. In addition, men from many dis-

tant dioceses are every year found on its rolls. The abbey sets on a butte above town and from it can be seen an extremely broad view of the entire Willamette valley. It is often called the "Abbey on the Hill." (Capital Journal Photo)

Kiwanis Views Snake Scenes

Public and private power folk may have their differences concern-ing the proper way to harness the northwest's potential of hydro-electric power, but members of the Salem Kiwanis club were unanimous in their appreciation of the rugged Snake river coun-try after viewing a motion pic-ture film Tuesday bearing the title, "The River That Wants To Work."

Produced under sponsorship of some of the larger privately-owned northwest power com-panies, the picture shows the rugged terrain of the Snake river can-yon, the turbulent water and the hazardous work of building ser-vice roads to two power sites un-der development by the Idaho Power company.

Kenneth Potts, Salem insurance broker, was introduced by Russ Pratt as the latest member of the Kiwanis club.

Deputies Flee In Argentina

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Fleec-ing members of the Legislature say the state government of Ala-gois has launched a reign of ter-ror against its opponents.

The opposition deputies fled from Maceio, capital of the state in northeast Brazil, to Recife in neighboring Pernambuco. They appealed for federal intervention to solve the crisis.

The deputies of the minority National Democratic Union said in Recife the terror was set off by the assassination last week of

Marques da Silva, a minority member of the Legislature. They charged professional gunmen hired by the state government were roaming the streets of Maceio, and that their lives had been endangered.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On February 5, 1957, FLOYD K. BOWERS was duly appointed as executor of the estate of ALVIN G. PAGE, deceased, by an order of the Circuit Court for Marion County, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present such claims in due form to said executor at 511 Pioneer Trust Building in Salem, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to-wit: February 6, 1957. FLOYD K. BOWERS, As such Executor.

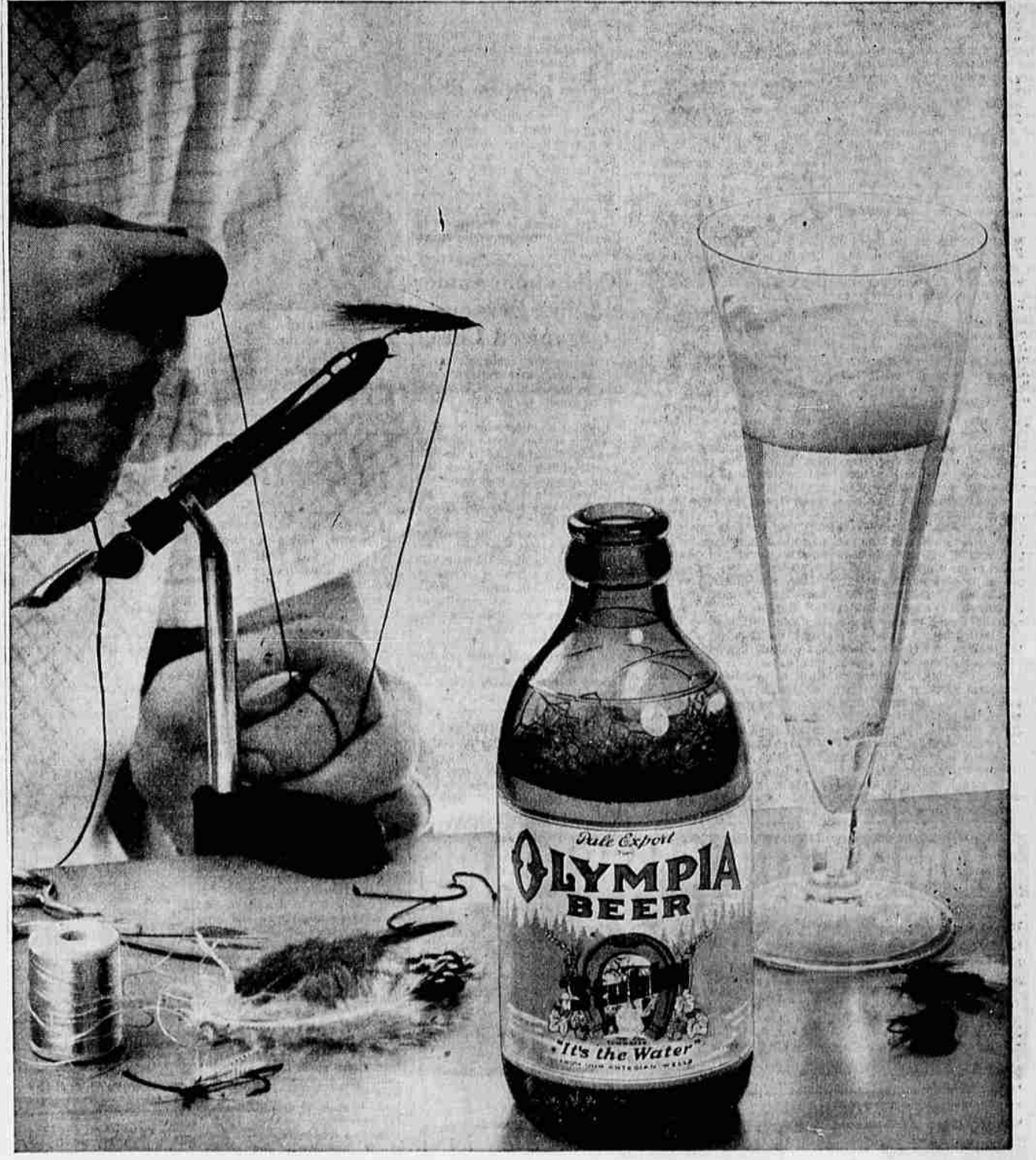
JOHN A. HELTZEL
Attorney for Executor
Pioneer Trust Building
Salem, Oregon Feb. 6, 1957.

EXECUTRIX' FINAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LELA K. MUNKERS, as executrix of the estate of Mary B. Hein, Deceased, has filed her final account as such, and by order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion, the 20th day of February, 1957, the hour of 9:15 in the forenoon of said day has been fixed as the time and the courtroom of said court has been fixed as the place for the hearing of objections to said final account and its settlement of said estate. Dated and first published Jan. 16, 1957. LELA K. MUNKERS, Executrix of the Estate of Mary B. Hein, Deceased. RHOYEN, RHOYEN & SPEERSTRA 310 Pioneer Trust Building Salem, Oregon Jan. 16, 25, 30, Feb. 6, 13

vacuum cleaner, two stools, rookery hassock, typewriter, lamp, and card table. R. A. Winkler, 1341 Waller Street, Salem, Oregon—Davenport, 7 chairs, 2 beds, vanity, first chest, washing ma-chine, oil stove, range, cot, dining table, cabinet, and general machine-ry. F. Hamilton — General Delivery, Canby, Oregon—Safe, filing cabinet, 2 desks, bundling canvas, 2 rookery, chest of drawers, table, and chair. Street—Margaret Burdette—209 Gary Street—San Francisco, California—2 barrels, 1 crate, two boxes. Mrs. M. Caldwell, General Delivery, Coon Bay, Oregon—21 cartons, and baby basket. Feb. 6, 13

EXECUTORS' FINAL ACCOUNT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Rex Gibson and Harold Walling, ex-ecutors of the estate of Lettie L. Loos, Deceased, have filed their final account as such, and by order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion, the 20th day of February, 1957, the hour of 9:15 in the forenoon of said day has been fixed as the time and the courtroom of said court has been fixed as the place for the hearing of objections to said final account and its settlement of said estate. Dated and first published Jan. 16, 1957. REX GIBSON HAROLD WALLING Executors of the Estate of Lettie L. Loos, Deceased. RHOYEN, RHOYEN & SPEERSTRA 310 Pioneer Trust Building Salem, Oregon Jan. 16, 25, 30, Feb. 6, 13

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT by an order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion, in Probate, duly made on the fourth day of February, 1957, THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND (OREGON) and JENNIE I. MAINWARING were duly appointed as coexecutors of the will and estate of BERNARD MAIN-WARING, deceased, and that they are duly qualified as such coexecu-tors. All persons having claims against said estate hereby are re-quired to present them, with proper vouchers, to said coexecutors at Ladd & Bush-Salem Branch bank-ing house of said The United States National Bank of Portland (Oregon), corner of State and Commercial Streets, 114 Salem, Marion County, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Dated and first published the sixth day of February, 1957. THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND (OREGON) By J. D. BIRD One of Its Trust Officers JENNIE I. MAINWARING As Coexecutors Aforesaid Carson & Carson Attorneys for Coexecutors Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6



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