# Cities Of The Valley: Brooks Onion Capital Of Oregon



ALONG THE HIGHWAY-Brooks business district is now largely located along highway 99E. Shown

### are stores and services supplying the needs of a rural population and tourists. (Capital Journal Photos) \* \* \* \* \* \*



MAJOR INDUSTRY-Onlons are big business at Brooks. Shown here are warehouses occupied by onion distributors

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who ship the equivalent of 1500 carloads yearly. A large seed distribution center is also a local industry.

## **Pungent Aroma Fills** Community at Times

By BEN MAXWELL
Capital Journal Writer
Brooks has this pungent distinction—it is the onion center of Oregon. If all the onions distributed from Brooks were shipped by rail alone they would fill 1500 cars a year.

There are five distributors of onions shipping from Brooks and another located at Labish center.
Ronald Jones is among the larger shippers with 20 employes in a season extending from Sept. 1, to May 1. Others shipping during the same interval are Labish Brokerage with 10. United Brokerage with five and Phil Livesley with five. Over at Labish Center B & K Perpack has 15 seasonal employes.

110 GROW ONIONS

Rich Lake Labish area drained between 1910 and 1912 now has aptiet the movement of business section of this unincorporated town was located along the railfroad track. Automotive traffic has induced business to move to 99E where a grocery store, hardware, bus depol, cafe, barber shop and a filling station are now located. A single store. Brooks Mercantile Co., remains in the old center.

Rich Lake Labish area draines, between 1910 and 1912 now has approximately 110 onion growers producing on 1400 acres.

Ronald Jones, long associated with area vegetable production, says that the average planting con-

ts of 13 acres and that a field 20 to 30 acres is most efficient onion growing. Most field work Business at this office in 1956 is now done by machine rather than amounted to \$27,000 with Schreinby stoop labor. Onions were first er's Iris Garden as a largest patmercially prod-ced here in ror

coast. Distribution is between Alaska and Southern California with off-shore shipments to the Hawaiian Islands. Recently some shipments were made to Cuba. Los Angeles, however, remains the major market for leastly services. ly consumed along the Pacific the world, coast. Distribution is between Alas-

## LITIGATION HALTS PROJECT

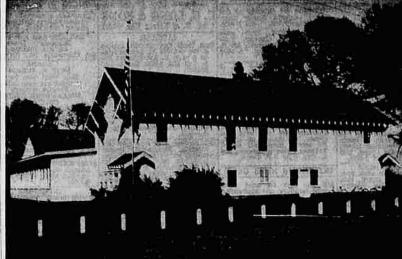
bish drainage through the Legislature in 1872. A start on the project

Rich Lake Labish area drained Co., remains in the old center.

1912. This firm alone spent \$17,000 for Yellow Danver onions produced in the Lake Labish area are most-their is rhizomes to all parts of

ployes including four state officers. Cottage housing on the grounds is occupied by 21 families of retired denomination...1 ministers and lay members of the church

Headquarters were established was made in 1877. But a long period of alitigation followed and work
of drainage was not actively resumed for decades.
F. H. Woodruff & Son, seed dis-



BROOKS SCHOOLHOUSE-Brooks elementary school built around an oldtime

rural schoolhouse now has six teachers and 128 pupils. S. S. Rockwell is principal.

outnumbered advances by 569 to 339. There were 74 new 1957 highs and 27 new lows. Volume totaled 2.580,000 shares compared with 2,720,000 Monday.

Chicago Livestock

Salable receipts were 8,500 hogs, 8,000 cattle, 200 calves and 700

tions. There was additionally a store, blacksmith shop and hotel. Agricultural land in the vicinity tnen had a value of between \$20 and \$50 an acre.

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In those hairyon days Brooks enjoyed a rapid expansion. Come 1881 and M. Beatty was a manufacturer of spring beds and William Harris was town postmaster. Soft White (excluding Rex) 2.57 Lin 1900 Brooks had a population of 80. Then the village had Methodist, Evangelical and Catholic churches. William G. Evans and Jones & Moore were proprietors of grocery stores, Lander's junk yard flourished, Mrs. Thereas Fruit soft Mile Baart: The Marking Miles and two sawmills.

About 30 years ago Brooks at tained renown among rosarians through the efforts of Father Schoener, pastor of the local Catholic church and a hybridist of national distinction.

Barley, No.2, 45 lb B.W. 45.00 Corn, No.2, E.Y. ship't 61.75-62.50 Corn market, Chicker of Sold-Monard Standard and the market was gent stantial and the market was gent grow by the weak Tucked, and the market was gent stantial and the market was gen Drayton Lumber Co., a well established Brooks enterprise, has three employes. About a mile to the northward is headquarters for the Oregon Assemblies of God. Here there are seven full time employes including four state officers.

His creation, "Schoener's Nut-

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PORTLAND (A) - Coarse grains

tional distinction.

## Portland Grain

FORTIAND 60 — Coarse grains, 15-day shipment, bulk, coast delivery; Oats, No.2, 38 lb white 51.00 Barley, No.2, 45 lb B.W. 45.00 Corn, No.2, E.Y. ship't 61.75-62.50 Wheat (bid), to arrive market, beile No.2, bulk delivered coast.

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MARKET

Wool-Nominal, clean bases, ¼ blood, 1.15-18; ¾ blood, 1.25-27; ½ blood, 1.40-45; fine, 1.45-55,

## Wholesale Dressed Meats

Beef carcasses—Steers, choice, 500-700 lb. 38.50-41.00; good, 38.00-39.50; standard, 34.00-37.50; comercial cows, 29.00-35.00; utility, 28.00-32.0; canners and cutters, 27.00-20.0;

Slab bacon—All wts, 47.00-56.00. Veal and calves—Good-choice, 37.00-49.00; standard, 33.00-44.00.

Onions-Ore. Danvers, med, 3.00-50; 3 in, 3.00-50; Texas White, 3.50-4.00; Ore. boilers, 1 10-25.
Potatoes-Local Russets and Burbanks, No. 1, 100 lb, 2.00-25; Central Ore. Russets, 2.75-3.00 Central Ore. Hissets, 2.73-3.00; Ige. 6-14 oz. 3.00-50, few 2.75; Klamath Falls bakers, 3.50-75; Idaho, bales of 5 sks, 10 lb each, 2.10-40; Shafter Long Whites, 3.75-4.00.

Hay—No. 2 green alfalfa, baled, f.o.b. Portland, 30.00 ton.

Apples—Box Oregon-Washing-

### Mid Willamette Onthank Named **Obituaries**

PORTLAND & — Butterfat —
Tentative, subject to immediate change—Premium quality, delivered in Portland, 60-61 cents per lib: first quality, 57-60; second quality, 52-55.

Butter—Wholesale, f.o.b. bulk cubes to wholesalers—Grade AA, 93 score, 59½: A grade, 92 score, 58½: B grade, 90 score, 57; C grade, 89 score, 55
Cheese—To wholesalers—Oregon singles, 41-48 lb; Oregoi 5-lb loaf, 43½-35½.

Portland Livestock

Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel administration at the University of Oregon for more than 20 years, was appointed by Governite and 20 years, was appointed by Governite Translative of the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee.

Bend publisher, who resigned.

C. H. Armstrong, state parks Bishop was born Feb. 24, 1886 at Westport, Ind. He married to mark the University of Oregon for more than 20 years, was appointed by Governited by Governit services will be at 2 p.m. Wed-nesday at the Bollman Funeral Chapel for Ira Milton Bishop, 71, who died in a Dallas hospital Sat-urday. He had been a resident of Dallas for nine years. Bishop was born Feb. 24, 1886 at Westport, Ind. He married Evalena Moor March 27, 1903 in Indiana. She preceded him in death June 22, 1952. He came to Oregon from Los Angeles in 1935 and lived

43½-53½.

Eggs—To retailers—Grade AA.
large, 38-39; A large, 34-36; AA
medium, 34-36; A medium, 33-35;
A small, 27-30. Carlons, 1-3 cents
additional.

Eggs—To wholesalers—A large,
32-34½; A medium, 32-33½; A
small, 25-28½.

Live poultry—No. 1 quality,
f.o.b. Portland—Fryers, 2½-4 lbs,
23-23½; light hens, 10-12½ at
farm; heavy hens, 13-15 at farm; old roosters, 7-9.

Turkeys—To producers—Live weight fryers, 27-28.

Rabbits—Average to growers—
Live whites, 33-4½ bbs, 23-26; colored pelts 4 cents less; old does,
10-12, few higher. Fresh killed fryers to retailers, 59-64; cut up, 62-65.

Wool—Nominal, clean bases, ½ down to grade very sorted No. 1-2 grade butchers wholes a day of the product of the product

15.00-18.50.
Sheep salable 150; supply largely spring lambs; trade moderately active, steady; choice spring lambs 80-95 lb 23.00; one lot 37 head 23.50; good spring lambs 20.00-21.50; par deck mostly good around 95 lb shorn lambs with No. 3 polts 17.00; cull to good slaughter ewes 2.00-5.00.

Mathias N. Koloen
SILVERTON (Special) — Funer-al services will be at Bellowing time of Corvallis; a sister, Mrs. Eva Marie Nelson of California; adoption of California, decree Mathias N. Koloen, 81, who died while attending are tired custodian of the church. Rev. Gerald Amundson will conduct the services.

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## By United Press Supplies moderate, demand fair,

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Supplies moderate, demand fair, market dull.
Track sales (50s): Arizona Graner mediums 2.85.
Street sales: Texas Grano large 1.90 - 2.25, few outstanding 3.35-35, U.S. 24 1.50; Yellow Bermudas mediums 2.00.3.25, large ordinary condition 1.00; Crystal Wax mediums 3.00-3.25; White Granex mediums 3.00-3.25; White Granex mediums 3.00-3.25; White Granex mediums 3.05, 24 izona Yellow Bermudas mediums 3.35, Arizona Yellow Bermudas mediums 3.35, Iarge 3.50; Was mediums 3.35, Iarge 3.50; White Boilers 2.50 - 3.00; Mexican Crystal wax mediums 3.25, few 3.50; Yellow Boilers Texas 1.75-2.00.

Home.

Myron Plopper

LEBANON (Special) — Services for Myron Charles Plopper of Rt.

I. Brownsville, who died Monday Grand Ronde; Mrs. Elda Mize, Bremetron, Wash; two sons, Harvey Wright, Creswell, and Charlie Wright, Portland; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are in harge of the Weddle Funeral arrangements are in harge of the Weddle Funeral arrangements are in large 3.50; Arizona Yellow Bermudas mediums 3.00-3.25; White Granex Home. He had been employed as an edgerman by the Eddium S. 100-3.25; White Granex Home. He had been employed as an edgerman by the Eddium S. 100-3.25; White Granex Home. He had been employed as an edgerman by the Eddium S. 100-3.25; White Granex Home. He had been employed as an edgerman by the Eddium S. 100-3.25; White Granex Home. He had been employed as an edgerman by the Eddium S. 100-3.25; White Granex Home. He had been employed as an edgerman by the Eddium S. 100-3.25; White Granex Home. He had been employed as an edgerman by the Eddium S. 100-3.25; White Granex Home. He had been employed as an edgerman by the Eddium S. 100-3.25; White Granex Home. He had been employed as an edgerman by the Eddium S. 100-3.25; White Granex Home. He had been employed as an edgerman by the Eddium S. 100-3.25; White Granex Home. He had been employed as an edgerman by the Eddium S. 100-3.25; White Granex Home. He had been employed as an edgerman by the Eddium S. 100-3.25

Retail AA grade, The quarters, Trc. Wholesale—Solid AA, Tic: quarters, 73c

Deaths

Salem Markets

Compiled from reports of Salem dealers for the guidance of Capital Journal Readers (Revised daily). Feeds Rabbit Pellets — \$3.35 (80-lb. bag): \$4.70 (100 lb. bag) Egg Mash—\$4.13 (80-lb.); \$4.80 (109-

Dairy teed- \$3.05-\$3.50 (80-1b, bag); \$3.70 (100-1b, bag).

Edward B. Krugen
Late resident of 000 Highland
Ave., Salem, May 13 at the age of 48
years. Husband of Heien Krugen,
Salem, Brother of Lud Drugen,
Hillsboro, Ore.; Mrs. Robert Robertson, Salem. Services will be held
Saturday, May 18 at 10 am, in the
Chapel of the W. T. Rigdon Co.
Concluding services will be at Belcreat Memorial Park.

here Monday nignt.
Feb. 5, 1880.
Surviving are her husband, Lauren, Lyons; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Tallbot, Grand Ronde; Mrs. Elda Mize, Bremerton, Wash.; two sons, Harvey Wright, Creswell, and



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