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First National Shows Deposit-Loan Increase

Semi-annual statement of condition figures for the Central Point branch of the First National Bank of Portland show that on September 30, 1955, deposits at the branch were \$2,294,787 and loans were \$1,147,683, according to Manager R. C. Isaacs.

Released at the same time were comparable totals for the branch for September 30, 1954. On that date one year ago, deposits were \$1,994,282 and loans totaled \$891,961.

New all-time record high deposit and loan totals have been recorded by the First National according to the statement released Tuesday by President C. B. Stephenson.

First National's deposits for its 70 statewide offices totaled \$809,887,551, which is a gain of \$87,042,914 over September 30 of last year. This represents a gain of \$32,854,074 over the June 30 statement of condition deposit totals.

Loans and discounts totaled \$403,231,123, a new all-time high which is significant of First National's wide participation in the business activity of the state.

The figure represents a gain of \$61,804,277 when compared with the loan total of one year ago and exceeded the loan figures reported June 30 by \$21,559,282.

Principal Sees A-1 for Crater

Enrollment at Crater High school is expected to level off between 540 and 550, Principal Arthur Strauss reported this week.

The September 30 enrollment stood at 552 students, he said, but several students have dropped.

Principal Strauss predicted that the increased enrollment would next year put Crater High in the A-1 athletic division with Medford, Grants, Klamath Falls and Ashland.

The division change is automatic if the yearly average daily attendance is more than 500 students.

Heavy Life, Property Loss Shows Need for Better Fire Prevention

Fifty-three persons lost their lives in Oregon fires last year and property damage—not including forest fires—totaled a staggering \$10 million which included only those properties covered by insurance.

The reminder that fire struck nearly 12,000 Oregon homes in 1954 comes during National Fire Prevention Week, October 9 to 15, from Oregon State college forestry specialist Charles Ross who heads the OSC extension service fire prevention program.

Making a season comparison between hazards of fire and hunting, the specialist noted that the number of riflemen who took to Oregon woods this month far exceeded all combatants at the Battle of Gettysburg. "Yet, about five times as many persons die from fires in Oregon as from hunting accidents."

Matches and careless smoking habits again topped the list of causes for home fires. Second among causes were overheated or defective stoves, furnaces, chimneys and flues.

One hazardous practice alone—

Two Deer Hunters Pull Davy Crockett

Shades of Davy Crockett! Ernest McCartney of Central Point and Ralph Baler of Canyonville were really hunting deer, but they ended by bringing home three bars.

The two men were hunting deer Sunday off Dead Indian road when they came upon the bear.

The two men killed a mother and two cubs. Oh yes, they didn't get their deer.

Local 4-H'ers To Train Pups As Guide Dogs

German Shepherd pups will be romping over yards of several Jackson county 4-H club members during the next year beginning a training program that will prepare them for guide dogs for the blind.

Marily Cordy, Bill Charley and Patsy Charley of Central Point and Nylia Murray of Medford each have taken into their home a four-month old pup that has been donated by Larry Turner of the Ore-Kel Kennels of Central Point.

The 4-H'ers will raise them for approximately one year after which time they will be shipped to the guide dog school for the blind at San Rafael, Calif. These dogs will learn the basic obedience commands except they will not be trained to heel.

Dr. E. M. Hanawalt of Central Point and the Gitzen and Gitzen Clinic veterinarians, are providing their services to see that the dogs remain in a healthy condition. The 4-H youngsters are using this as a public service project in their 4-H club work.

William Jones, executive director of the Guide Dog school states that the pups will be given at no cost to some blind person who can make use of them in furthering their productivity in the community.

Other 4-H club members and other interested people may cooperate in the program and arrangements are now being made to place some pups in the Ashland-Bellevue area. Anyone interested in more information may contact the county agents office.

use of kerosene to quicken fires—takes as many lives in the state as do hunting accidents, Ross reports. Fires started by electricity, defective wiring and appliances were also in the big class.

Fire losses are consistently higher in rural areas than in towns. Fire Prevention Week, says Ross, should be a special reminder for rural home owners to check over the tools they have to fight a beginning fire.

An encouraging note, the specialist says, was a \$500,000 decrease in fire damage to homes between 1953 and 1954. Fire deaths were the same for the two years, but were down sharply from 1951 and 1952.

Ross called attention to a new kind of help Oregon families are receiving in preventing fires. Some local fire departments now send firemen to homes for voluntary inspection for fire hazards. Last year such service was offered in 81 Oregon cities, towns and rural fire prevention districts.



OUTSTANDING TRAINEE—Pvt. Gordon R. Carrigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Carrigan of Central Point, is shown above on the right receiving a certificate of achievement from Col. Owen D. Durham, commanding officer, 63rd Infantry Regiment. Carrigan was selected "Outstanding Trainee" of Company D, 63rd Infantry Regiment. Carrigan, who graduated from Crater High in 1954, was active in school activities and was voted most valuable player on the basketball team. He attended Oregon State college before entering the army in August, 1955. He is expected home on furlough about October 22.—U. S. Army Photo

City Leaders Invited To Cities Conclave

City officials of Central Point have been invited to attend the annual convention of the League of Oregon Cities in Portland, October 23-26.

A wide variety of municipal problems are programmed for discussion at the convention, which will also include an observance of the league's 30th anniversary.

A special section meeting will deal with the problems of small cities, with the program based on questions and suggestions received from cities with less than 2,000 population.

Phelps to Quit Cafe, Varners To Take Over

Tom and Winnie Phelps this weekend will cease operation of the Mill Cafe on Highway 99 in Central Point and Jay and Rowena Varner, present operators of the Motel Cafe here, will replace them.

The Varners plan to open the Mill Cafe on Monday, October 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps, well known in the Central Point area, are retiring from the restaurant business. They reported that they plan to move to a ranch for the present time and then plan an extended vacation trip throughout the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Varner will not continue operation of the Motel Cafe at the Ross Motel.

Crater P-TA Sets First Meeting

Crater Parent-Teacher Association will hold the first meeting of the new school year on Monday evening, October 24, at Crater High school.

The meeting is slated to open at 8 p.m. Theme of this first meeting will be "Back-to-School Night."

Principal Arthur Strauss and members of the faculty have an interesting evening planned and everyone is invited to attend.

Board Grants Release Time For Religion

Three couples from Gold Hill were present for the board of directors meeting for School District 6 Monday evening at Crater High school requesting information about school release time for religious instruction.

The couples stated that they wished their children, who are 6th, 7th or 8th graders, released from school classes one hour each week to attend religious instruction classes given by the Catholic church.

At the present time, release time is scheduled for the five lower grades at Gold Hill Elementary school. Release time for religious instruction, for both Protestants and Catholics, had been scheduled during past years at Gold Hill.

Board members decided that release time should be continued as in past years.

In other matters before board members, Supt. H. P. Jewett and Director C. Norman Gail were authorized to handle roof repair work on the district's rental house at Gold Hill. Jewett and Gail were also authorized to negotiate for sale of the property.

Charles Moore, Crater High shop instructor, presented facts to board members concerning the need for a planer in the wood-working shop. After discussion, the board voted to purchase a 12-inch planer for approximately \$500.

Supt. Jewett reported on the bus transportation problem for board members. He stated that the two new 66-passenger vehicles have been received and are in service. Bus routes have been revised to eliminate overcrowding, he said.

The district superintendent also pointed out the many infractions of the law which requires motorists to stop when a school bus is halted for loading or unloading.

Jewett said that many of the drivers are reporting infractions of the law. The rule requires autos to stop for a school bus when they are following or approaching if the bus is stopped to load or unload students.

The superintendent hopes to start an education campaign over radio and television in regard to this problem.

He also stated that he will report on a possible student driving training course for Crater High school at a later date.

Directors present were Chairman Don Patterson, Hal Bishop, Lester James, Bill Anhorn and C. Norman Gail. Also attending were Supt. H. P. Jewett, Clerk Merle Obenchain and Principal Gilbert Mack of Gold Hill.

DAUGHTER IS GUEST

Mrs. Clarence Urhane of New York, daughter of Mrs. Henry Mueller and sister of Mrs. R. G. Harper, and Mrs. Ivis Clay, all of Central Point, arrived home late last month for a visit. She will return to her home October 22.



U S Weather Bureau

Max. Min. Prec.

Oct. 6	74	32	
Oct. 7	69	38	T
Oct. 8	71	41	
Oct. 9	66	51	.48
Oct. 10	56	38	.46
Oct. 11	54	34	
Oct. 12	74	45	

Weekend calls for fair weather through Friday; possible showers during Saturday and Sunday and cooler.