

# HOUSE SHORTAGE CAUSES LOSS OF RESIDENTS HERE

The house shortage that has prevailed here for the past year and a half has now reached the acute stage and the city is losing potential residents because of the lack of desirable rental quarters. It was stated today by Clinton Spencer, manager of the real estate department of Brown & White.

The Brown & White agency today had only two rental listings on its books, the fewest in nine years, Mr. Spencer said. Both were in the higher brackets, one being a furnished dwelling listed at \$42.50, and the other an unfurnished residence at \$45.

"During the past week two families told me they were moving on to another city because they could not obtain a suitable home here," Mr. Spencer said. "And I know of at least two other couples who have been living in a hotel for weeks because they cannot find a dwelling. They can't move to another place because the men were transferred here on business."

The acute shortage is not due to an influx of transient fruit labor, Mr. Spencer asserted.

"We watch our rentals very closely and have not rented a house to a single transient this season," Mr. Spencer stated.

Other agencies reported similar conditions. The Carl Y. Tengwald Agency today had only six listings, all unfurnished houses, ranging upward to \$57.50 a month. Only three of them were listed under \$25.

"We could easily rent a number of modern, desirable homes," Mrs. Tengwald said. "What the greatest demand is for homes of moderate rental, there is also a steady request for residences in the \$40 to \$50 classification."

Renters, however, demand modern homes with up-to-date facilities. If they are to pay \$35 or more a month they expect a central heating plant, tiled bathroom and the modern of kitchens. Mrs. Tengwald related, adding that they can procure such homes in cities comparable to Medford.

Renters today want no rambling houses with old-fashioned construction and want a great deal of utility, realtors agreed. While there is some demand for spacious dwellings with three or more bedrooms, the ordinary call is for houses of five or six rooms, they said, but emphasis is always placed on modern construction and up-to-date appointments and facilities.

# BOOKS ON TRAVEL CHOICE OF LIFERS AT IOWA PRISON

FORT MADISON, Ia.—(UP)—Perhaps due to their narrow environment, prisoners of Iowa state penitentiary spend many of their leisure hours reading travel books of far-away places, a survey of the penal institution's reading habits reveals.

Prison officials note that short-termers usually read for amusement and recreation only. The long-termers turn to more serious non-fiction material, such as philosophy, a check of circulation figures in the prison library discloses. Literary and news magazines, too, receive the heaviest demand from bank-robbers and lifers, although lighter periodical material is available.

More than 9500 volumes are available to the prison's population. Total book and magazine circulation for each month is near the 12,000 mark. One-third of the total monthly circulation is in books, while two-thirds of the convict library patrons check out current magazines.

The magazine circulation in the prison library runs beyond 7000 periodicals a month. More than 300 magazines are received by the penitentiary each month.

A fiction catalogue, classified according to author, and a non-fiction guide, classified according to subject matter and author, is presented to each new inmate when he is "dressed in." A select group of convicts appointed by the warden, serve as librarians.

News books are purchased from a fund contributed by sightseers, who are charged 25 cents to tour the Iowa prison. Late books are purchased in inexpensive binding and are rebound in the prison bindery.

Of the 3919 books in circulation during May, 1936, fiction volumes led in popularity, with 2909 being checked out to individual cells. Texts pertaining to useful arts were next in popularity with the convict readers.

With most of the prisoners confined for a long, long time, world travelers' descriptions of tropical isles, strange places and peoples receive a heavy demand.

Other subjects which found favor with the inmates, in order of their popularity, were: History, sociology, natural science, ethics, religion, fine arts and philosophy.

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# JOHN DAVID SKINNER, RETIRED RESIDENT, IS CALLED TO LAST REST

John David Skinner, 84, passed away at a local hospital, August 25. He was born in Carroll county, Mississippi, February 15, 1852. Mr. Skinner's first marriage was to Janie Hill, February 17, 1876 at Grand View, Texas, and two children survive this union, Jessie Franklin Skinner, El Paso, Texas, and Jeffie J. Skinner, Medford, Ore. His wife passed away in November, 1883. His second marriage was to Mary Elizabeth Hodge, October 10, 1886 at Mullins, Mill county, Texas. Three children were born to this union, Ester Vistula Chapman who passed away in April, 1928, Robert Arlon Skinner, Medford, and Mrs. Johnnie Inda Adams of Porterville, California.

He is survived by his wife Mary Elizabeth and the above children, also nine grand children and two great grand children, one brother, Larkin Easton Skinner, Fletcher, Oklahoma, and one sister, Mrs. Flora Westender, Rockdale, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner lived one year in Mills county, Texas, moving to their ranch at Rotan, Texas and living there from February 1888 to 1909 when they moved to Medford.

For many years he was a member of the Baptist church.

He was a large stock rancher in Fisher county, Texas.

Mr. Skinner was a member of Fisher lodge No. 703, Roby, Texas. Later demitting to Rotan lodge No. 956, then demitting to Medford lodge No. 103 on taking up his residence in Medford, March 18, 1910. He also belonged to Crater Lake chapter R. A. M. and Table Rock council No. 15, and was greatly instrumental in helping finance the present lodge building.

Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral Home, Friday at 2:30 p. m., Rev. W. H. Eaton officiating. Interment in Medford I. O. O. F. cemetery. Services at the graveside will be in charge of Medford lodge No. 103, A. F. & A. M.

Mr. Skinner's son, Jessie Franklin Skinner of El Paso, Texas, and daughter, Mrs. Johnnie Inda Adams, of Porterville, California will come to attend his funeral.

Old School at Fort.

OLD POINT CORPUS, Va.—(UP)—The Coast Artillery school at Fort Monroe is the oldest military specialty training school in the country, having been organized in 1824, and in continuous existence ever since. Edgar Allen Poe was enrolled in the school for a short time in 1828 under the assumed name of E. A. Perry.

Blame for Headache. LONDON, Ont.—(UP)—The "morning after" headache is caused by spinal fluid, Dr. J. Milton Robb, of Detroit, told the Ontario Medical Association at its annual meeting here. He said alcohol promotes the secretion of the fluid, and either too much of it, or too little, causes headaches.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

# Fate In Doubt



Dr. George Wallace Humphrey of the Spanish department of the University of Washington mailed a letter in war-torn Bilbao, Spain, July 16 and has not been heard from since. His family fears he has met with trouble in the civil war. (Associated Press Photo)

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# REBEL COMMANDER IN SPAIN INSPECTS TROOPS



General Mola, Spanish rebel commander, inspects troops drawn up in Burgos. Many of the soldiers at Burgos are former members of the Spanish civil guard who went over to the insurgents. Note the torador-like caps worn by the troops. (Associated Press Photo)

# 500 WORKERS IN FRANTIC EFFORT TO SAVE HARVEST

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around a 400-acre field, separated from the inundated area by a low dike, in an effort to harvest as much of the uncut grain as possible before the water breaks through. There was little hope of continuing this operation beyond noon today.

More Land Dangered.

Efforts were made to strengthen the dikes to hold the water in the Cox brothers lease. Hawkins brothers on the north, were particularly in danger. Both have rich harvests of grain on the south and Louisa Kandra grain.

This is all government land, theoretically in the sump which was set aside when Tule lake was drained for reclamation purposes. It has been leased to private operators, who have thrown up dikes against the water to confine it in a smaller sump of about 10,000 acres. Increasing moisture and irrigation run-off has added to the water impounded in the actual sump until it could no longer hold it, and Tule lake, once a 90,000-acre body of water, spread out over more of its old lake bed at the expense of the grain growers, who expected this year one of the biggest cash returns from their crop in the history of the basin.

# WOODEN BOX USE URGED ON LIFERS

L. J. Bean, director of the Pacific wooden box campaign, with headquarters in Klamath Falls, was the main speaker today before the Lions club at their noon luncheon. Bean stated that the wooden box movement is gaining momentum rapidly, and that thousands of persons directly or indirectly affected by the timber industry, are demanding their merchants buy supplies boxed in wooden containers.

He said that many of the cheap fibre boxes now in use are shipped into this country duty free, and constitute a menace to the lumber trade.

Carol Hays was in charge of entertainment, and presented sound movies of the construction of the big San Francisco bay bridge from start to present development. Hays is manager of the Associated Oil company here, and the films were through the courtesy of that company. Walter Richert, district manager of Union State Life Insurance company, was a guest at the meeting.

# UTILITY TAXES AID STATE SAYS BEDE

"Taxpayers in counties that had a heavy tax delinquency during the depression are realizing the danger in the proposed state power measure that will be up in the November election," said Elbert Bede, Cottage Grove newspaperman, who was a visitor here today.

Mr. Bede, who represents Oregon Business and Investors, a state-wide organization, said that in his swing over the state he has found counties that would have had to default on bond payments except for tax payments by utilities. "They didn't pay dividends, but they kept their taxes paid," said Mr. Bede. "With state ownership of millions and millions of dollars of property now owned by power utilities, many millions would be taken from the tax rolls, the burden to go to remaining taxpayers, many of whom would have to default during another depression."

"I have found business interests generally opposed to the state going into business," said Bede. "The sentiment is to get the best power rates that can be secured through legal means which we already have and to let private utilities have power developed by Uncle Sam, rates to the users to be based upon the price of power delivered to such private utilities."

# FURNITURE DEALERS TO DISCUSS CREDIT SALES

PORTLAND, Aug. 26.—(AP)—J. King Bryon, managing director of the Retail Furniture Dealers of Oregon, said a state-wide meeting will be held here September 19 to discuss long-term credit "plain business" and said sentiment was developing for curtailment of credit extension to not more than 18 months.

# FRED KELLY IS NAMED ROOSEVELT CLUB HEAD

PORTLAND, Aug. 26.—(UP)—Fred C. Donough, director of Roosevelt for President clubs, appointed county directors today, including O. P. McCord, Baker; Fred W. Kelly, Medford; Charles H. Mack, Klamath Falls; Frank Brooks, LaGrande, and L. E. Snyder, Enterprise.

Veterinarians say many "mad" dogs are merely dogs running around looking for a drink of water in hot weather.

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# OBAR CANDIDATES FARE POORLY IN SOUTH DISTRICTS

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The Townsend candidate, who ran on the Republican ticket, led Carl Hinshaw, 2375 to 2053 in 186 of 335 precincts. Rep. Hoepfel dropped to third place among 10 candidates seeking the Democratic nomination in returns from 199 of 488 precincts.

The Democratic leader was H. J. Voorhis, San Dimas teacher, who had 2136 votes.

In this same district, the Townsend-backed Republican candidate, W. R. Peeler, trailed F. F. Houser, Alhambra attorney, 936 to 1857.

Downey Disappointed. Downey, in conceding defeat to Buck, expressed himself as "deeply disappointed, not chiefly because of my personal loss, but because of the refusal of the voters \* \* \* to accept the economic principles which I espouse."

From E. J. Margat, state Townsend manager, came a statement declaring the final figures would show 14 endorsees qualified for the November general election.

Townsend-backed incumbents who had good leads or were not opposed for their party's nomination were Reps. Harry Englebright, R. J. Welch, A. E. Carter, B. W. Gearhart, Republicans; J. J. McGrath, H. E. Stubbs, J. H. Tolan, and Charles Kramer, Democrats.

Townsend-opposed incumbents who had no party opposition or established impressive leads were Florence P. Kahn, and S. L. Collins, Republicans; C. P. Lea, Buck, McClarty, Thomas Ford, John M. Costello, J. F. Dockwelder, Charles J. Golden, and Byron N. Scott.

Lea Trailing. Nelson B. Van Matre, Townsendite candidate in the first district, led Rep. Clarence F. Lea 12,702 to 10,790 for the Republican nomination on returns from 415 of 749 precincts. Lea, a Democrat, was unopposed, for that party's nomination.

Harry R. Sheppard, Townsend candidate, was far ahead of Rep. Sam L. Collins, Republican, for Democratic nomination in the nineteenth district. The vote in 976 of 761 precincts was Sheppard 10,637; Collins, 3200.

Collins had a two to one lead over his nearest opponent for the Republican nomination.

# STATE PLANNERS TO STUDY NEEDS OF COUNTY HERE

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problems will be discussed by J. C. Moore, chairman of the land use committee of the state planning board, Herbert F. Byram, research assistant, and V. B. Stanbery, executive secretary.

Others scheduled to speak at the afternoon session include Olen Arnsperger, manager of the Medford and Talent irrigation districts, Reed Carter, secretary-treasurer of the Grants Pass irrigation district, E. H. Judd, manager of the Eagle Point and Rogue River irrigation districts, and F. J. Hayden, supervisor of irrigation in the Klamath basin.

The Jackson county planning commission is preparing to present a number of matters to the meeting and it is expected that other districts will do likewise.

Public officials of Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Klamath counties have been invited to the luncheon and afternoon meeting. The Ashland Chamber of Commerce is planning to be represented by a delegation.

The public meeting is to conclude at 4:30. Members of the state board will then be escorted on a motor tour of the valley so that they may procure first-hand knowledge of irrigation, farming and mining requirements here.

Members of the board will remain here overnight. They will leave Saturday morning for Grants Pass where the board will meet again.

Members of the board expected to attend the sessions here are Ormond R. Bean, Portland, chairman; C. J. Buck, Portland, regional United States forester, vice chairman; Jamieson Parker, Portland, secretary; J. W. Burns, Judge Guy Boyington, Astoria; Leonard Carpenter, Medford; E. W. Miller, Marshfield; Prof. Philip A. Parsons, Eugene. Also attending will be V. B. Stanbery, executive secretary, and C. W. Reynolds, executive assistant.

Those at the conference this morning that made arrangements for the board meeting here were County Judge Earl B. Day, County Commissioner Ralph Billings and L. A. Carter, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Arnsperger, president of the Jackson county Chamber of Commerce, and Paul Rynning, county engineer.

Mr. Reynolds is due to arrive here tonight. He will confer tomorrow regarding the board meetings here with A. H. Banwell, chamber manager.

# OLD TRANSIENT CAMP SURVEYED BY COURTS IN SALE TITLE MIXUP

The county courts of Jackson and Josephine counties, District Attorney George A. Coddling, and State Senator James Chinnock of Grants Pass, attorney for the state land board, will visit the federal transient camp at

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Savage Rapids this afternoon, in an effort to straighten out a tangle arising out of the sale of a portion of the land. The project was a joint one between Jackson and Josephine counties, but all the land is located in Jackson county.

When the transient camp was established, according to the district attorney, a portion of the buildings were located by error on state-owned land. A Californian entered into a contract with the state land board for purchase of the state land, not knowing it was occupied by the transient camp, now abandoned. District Attorney Coddling said it was his impression the power plant was on the property in question.

During the recent homesteaders' recreational camp held at the site, the error was discovered, and brought to the attention of the county court.

County Judge Earl B. Day said an effort would be made to have the contract to sell rescinded and have the land revert to the county.

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