

RELIGIOUS LEADER WILL CONFER HERE SUNDAY 2:30 P.M.

Dr. Harry C. Munro of Chicago to Meet Ministers, Sunday School Leaders.

Dr. Harry C. Munro of Chicago will meet leaders of churches and Sunday schools of Medford and the Rogue river valley in an informal conference on a adult work in the church and organization and administration of religious education in the local church, in the Presbyterian church parlor next Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Dr. Munro is director of adult work for the International Council of Religious Education and executive secretary of the United Christian Adult Movement of America. These two groups represent the approach of united Protestantism to the field of Christian adult education. He is author of a number of books widely used as texts for interdenominational training schools, seminaries and colleges, and is a popular conference and discussion group leader.

The Medford Ministerial association is sponsoring Dr. Munro's conference here. Ministers, superintendents of Sunday schools, adult teachers and officers, official board members, educational committee members and others interested in the educational program of the church are invited to be present.

Dr. Munro is visiting the Pacific coast to arrange three United Christian adult conferences for next summer. They are being planned for southern California and Arizona; northern California, Nevada and Utah; and Oregon, Washington and Idaho. He is stopping here en route to Seattle and will be guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Smith while in the city.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Meteorological Report

Forecasts
Medford and vicinity: Unsettled with intermittent rains tonight and Thursday, little change in temperature.
Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Thursday, intermittent light rains or snows east portion and rains west portion, snows in high mountains, little change in temperature, increasing southeast winds off the coast.

Local Data
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 49; lowest 35.
Total monthly precipitation, .06 inches. Deficiency for the month, 1.4 inches.

Total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1939, 9.29 inches. Excess for the season, 1.48 inches.
Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 88%; 5 a. m. today, 100%.
Tomorrow: Sunrise, 7:39 a. m.; sunset, 4:53 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

CITY	High Temp.	Low Temp.	Wind	Direction	Remarks
Boise	51	40	35	Cloudy	
Boston	25	18		Pt. Cldy.	
Chicago	16	4		Clear	
Denver	44	29		Cloudy	
Eureka	60	45		Cloudy	
Havre	17	12	01	Foggy	
Los Angeles	60	55	05	Cloudy	
Medford	53	31	07	Foggy	
New York	29	15		Clear	
Omaha	13	1	01	Snow	
Phoenix	71	41		Pt. Cldy.	
Portland	60	40	12	Clear	
Reno	48	28	78	Cloudy	
Roseburg	50	38	28	Cloudy	
Salt Lake	43	37	116	Rain	
San Francisco	62	48	28	Cloudy	
Seattle	54	41	23	Clear	
Spokane	38	35	26	Rain	
Wash., D. C.	29	16		Pt. Cldy.	
Wenatchee	35	32	01	Clear	

DINING AND DANCING NIGHTLY AT CHATEAU

The Chateau, popular dining and dancing resort on the Pacific highway, north of Ashland, will now be open every night, according to an announcement by W. M. Walls, Ralph Brickley's Rocking Rhythm Boys will supply the music for dancing each evening.

Most of the 15,000,000 ounces of gold produced annually in South Africa is obtained by treating the ore with cyanide, then precipitating and refining it.

STAMP SALE AT MEDFORD P.O. SET QUARTER RECORD

Total of \$35,639 Compare With \$27,495 in Last Quarter Previous Year.

Final quarter of 1939 established a new record for stamp sales at Medford postoffice, it was announced today by Postmaster Frank DeSouza. The December quarter sales totaled \$35,639.37 as compared with \$34,271.16 in 1938, an increase of \$1,368.21 or 4 per cent. The 1938 final quarter was the previous high.

Stamp sales in the last quarter of 1939 compared with \$27,495.94 in the same period of 1939, an increase of \$8,143.43 or 34 per cent. Mr. DeSouza made this comparison because 1939 was the peak year for stamp sales in the prosperity era of the late 1920's. Sales totaled only \$25,649.12 in the last quarter of 1929, the year that in most lines of business attained all-time peaks before the prosperity bubble burst.

Stamp sales in December, 1939, totaled \$14,822.73 as compared with \$11,407.25 in the same month of 1939, an increase of \$3,415.48 or 33 per cent.

Airmail showed a tremendous gain last month over that of December, 1938. In December, 1939, outgoing airmail totaled 1,929 pounds in comparison with 863 pounds in the same months the previous year, an increase of 1,066 pounds or more than 123 per cent. It is calculated that on the average a pound contains 30 letters.

SNOW NEEDED TO INSURE IRRIGATION

Though showery conditions prevail over the floor of the valley, the Medford-Talent irrigation office reported today they had received no word of snow in hills, which is needed to provide additional storage water for irrigation next summer. There was a surplus at the end of the season, but the spring run-off of snow is what piles up water in the reservoirs. Rain has been reported falling at Fish Lake the past three days. Similar conditions prevailed at Hiatt Lake and Emigrant.

Ten years ago this month, a storm left five inches of snow in the valley, and piled it up in the hills. Wintry conditions prevailed for nearly three weeks and the mercury in this city on one day dropped to two degrees below zero. It is hoped the weatherman repeats this year at least in the mountains.

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

New Books

New books at the Jackson County Library for January include:

Fiction.
Bacon, The Root and the Flower; Brand, The Heroes; Clarke, Wild Animals; Fisher, Children of God; Griswold, A Sea Island Lady; Lancaster, Bride of a Thousand Cedars; Lewis, Portraits from a Chinese Scroll; Lin, Moment in Peking; Rice, Our Erie; Walpole, The Sea Tower; White, To the End of the World.

Non-Fiction.
Turnbull, History of Oregon Newspapers; Fletcher, Mastering Your Nerves; Potter, Beyond the Senses; Gruenberg, We, the Parents; Hart, Play and Toys in Nursery Years; Shridharani, War Without Violence; Fed. Writer's Prof., Our Federal Government and How It Functions; Mayall, Sundials; Harrison, Atoms in Action; Hooten, Twilight of Man; Schmid, Interviewing Animals; Williamson, The Sky's Their Highway; Bernheim, Medicine at the Crossroads; Ellsberg, Men Under the Sea; Burbank, Partner of Nature; Connors, Chemical Gardening for the Amateur; Jamer, Fundamentals and Theory of Beauty Culture; Borth, Pioneers of Plenty; Newton, An Introduction to Metallurgy; Dorr Cyanidation and Concentration of Gold and Silver Ores; Wilson, Clay Modeling and Pottery; Wilder, The Garden in Color; Arch, Plan Service, Small Homes; White, Camps and Cottages; Smith, Engineering Drafting; Cochrane, Baseball; The Fan's Game; Collier, To Meet the Spring; Stefansson, Iceland, the First American Republic; Kaulback, Salween; Dorrance, Where the Rivers Meet; Flexner, Doctors on Horseback; Clinton, Man of Glory; Simon Bolivar; Bakeless, Master of the Wilderness; Daniel Boone; Harding, Imperial Twilight; Chase, A Goodly Fellowship; Kelly, Flowing Stream; Mannes, Music Is My Faith; Mora, In Place of Splendor; Singh, Nehru, the Rising Star of India; Coffin, Captain in Abby and Captain John; Churchill, Step by Step, 1936-1939; Voigt, Unto Caesar.

Pamphlets.
O.S.A.C. Extension Service: (1) Propagation and Improvement of Horticultural Plants; (2) Grafting and Budding; (3) Grafting and Budding Contests. U. S. Department of Agriculture: (1) Soybeans, Culture and Varieties; (2) The Stablefly; How to Prevent Its Annoyance and Its Losses to Livestock; (3) Southern Pines Ply; (4) Fireproofing Christmas Trees; (5) Cotton Shirts for Men and Boys; (6) Psocids; (7) Strawberry Varieties in the United States.

Darkened.
Alhambra, Cal. — (U.P.) — This city will have no more "midnight horror shows" at its moving picture houses, which allegedly have kept young people away from home until 4 in the morning. The agreement was made between the owners of all movie houses in the city and a committee of city fathers.

WARSHIP BUILDING TO HIT FAST PACE DURING NEXT YEAR

Peacetime Record Broken in 1939 But 1940 Output Expected Even Greater

Washington, Jan. 3. — (P) — The navy broke its peacetime records in warship building during 1939 and is preparing to step up the rate of riveting. Officials listed today 30 cruisers, destroyers and submarines that were completed and put in commission during the past year, compared with 16 in 1938 and 24 the year before.

With 130 major fighting ships, auxiliaries and small "mosquito fleet" motor torpedo boats and submarine chasers already under construction or ordered, the navy has asked a decided increase in the building estimates prepared for congress.

Navy Going Ahead.
Well-informed administration quarters have heard the navy's budget as approved by President Roosevelt includes a supplemental fund of some \$160,000,000 largely to advance construction, aside from increased sums to carry on work already in progress.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house naval committee has proposed authorization for 96 more warships, and others in congress have suggested that 65,000-ton battleships be undertaken. Without awaiting action on such proposals, the navy is going ahead with the two capital ships of 45,000 tons, voted at the last session.

The keel of the \$88,000,000 battleship Iowa is to be laid at the New York navy yard this month. The sister ship New Jersey is to be started in the spring at the Philadelphia navy yard.

One Near Launching.
The North Carolina, farthest advanced of a fleet of six 35,000,000-ton battleships, probably will slide down the ways at the New York yard in May. It is not expected to be in service, however, until the end of 1941.

Government and commercial yards are jammed with maritime commission as well as navy shipbuilding. During 1939 navy yard employment increased gradually from 76,000 to nearly 100,000.

Although Secretary Edison reported recently "everything possible" was being done to hasten construction, there are hints progress can be quickened materially by such means as double and triple shifts and more efficient use of available building ways.

Regardless of the quickened pace, navy officials contend the fleet actually is falling behind temporarily in under-age tonnage, because of the years during which there were no replacements of obsolescent craft.

452,000 Tons Building.
Altogether about 452,000 tons of fighting ships are being built, of which 46,000 tons are 1940. In this year, however, about 68,000 tons now rated as under-age will pass the arbitrary treaty-set limit of maximum military usefulness.

Because of the comparatively small prospective net gains, it will not be until 1944 that the navy expects to reach its authorized strength.

Talk Leads to Jail.
Okanogan, Wash. — (U.P.) — A Mason City, Wash., youth was jailed for talking too much. He went to a hotel and called a girl in Oakland, Cal., by telephone. He talked to her an hour and four minutes. The bill was more than \$50, but the youth only had \$15, so the hotel proprietor had him arrested.

Paddles Along.
Waterloo, Ia. — (U.P.) — Adolf Biderman claims to have the invention to end all river-going inventions. He christened it the aquabike. It is a tandem bicycle mounted on pontoons instead of wheels that runs at a maximum speed of two miles an hour.

MEDFORD TURMOIL TOLD BY OFFICER IN CURRENT MAG

The stark drama of the Banks-Fehl era in Medford and Jackson county is recreated in an article appearing in the True Detective magazine for February, on sale at newsstands here Friday.

The article, said by the magazine to be the first complete story of the cause celebre to be published at one time, was written by James R. O'Brien, who at the time of the Banks-Fehl turmoil was detective sergeant of the Oregon state police stationed here, and as such took a leading part in investigations of the string of crimes that ended in murder.

The article is profusely illustrated with photographs and dotted with the names of the leading characters in the violent drama, including the officials who were charged with the duty of investigating and prosecuting crime and criminals.

Among those pictured in the article are Banks, Officer George Prescott, who was shot and killed by Banks, Henrietta Martin, Mrs. Banks, Earl H. Fehl, George Coddling, then district attorney, George Neilson, his deputy, and Circuit Judge H. D. Norton. Photographed also are the courthouse building, the courthouse vault from which ballots were stolen, a crowd being exhorted by Fehl, Banks' home on West Main street and the courthouse furnace in which most of the stolen ballots were burned.

Banks is serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary for the murder of Officer Prescott and Fehl is a patient in the state hospital for the insane.

WARMTH AND RAIN STIR BUDS, BEES

The bees at the Jim Stewart apiary have been buzzing around afternoons, ants at the golf course have bestirred themselves, and pussywillow buds have started to swell along Bear creek, untimely signs of spring the past week. Young lambs are cavorting on Applegate district meadows, and there were sev-

eral family picnics New Year's day. However, no citizen has as yet felt the urge to grab a spade, and start gardening in his back yard.

In some of the orchards the buds have started to swell, according to Fruit Inspector Howard Warner, and on some trees are advanced to the usual March stage. If present conditions continue over an extended period there may be an early budding.

Use Freak Ice.
Lake Placid, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Five hundred youngsters skated safely on four inches of ice while motorboats churned open water a few rods away during a freak freeze-up in this Adirondack resort. Few old-timers could remember when Lake Placid and adjoining Mirror lake had not frozen over together.

Bought With Nickels.
St. Maries, Ida. — (U.P.) — Stanley Resor saved for two years to get enough money to buy a new car, and paid for it in cash—all nickels. Resor walked into an automobile display room, selected his car, then plunked down his money and demanded a receipt. The ac-

cumulated nickels weighed 62 1/2 pounds.

Seems to Be Safe.
Pasadena, Cal. — (U.P.) — Dr. Fritz Zwicky, noted astrophysicist of the California Institute of Technology, as the result of new astronomical photographs, tests and calculations, discounts absolutely the existing theory that the universe is expanding and may some day blow up.

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ASSETS	
First Mortgage Loans	\$616,974.73
Loans Secured by Shares of this Association	2,343.73
Real Estate Sold on Contract	139,040.77
Real Estate Owned and in Foreclosure	23,603.71
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	12,000.00
Cash on Hand and in Banks	28,064.76
Home Office Building	24,715.68
Furniture and Fixtures	1,585.12
Other Assets	174.22
TOTAL ASSETS	\$848,502.74
LIABILITIES	
Savings and Investment Accounts	\$704,349.40
Funds from Federal Home Loan Bank	70,000.00
Dividends for Cash Payment, January 1, 1940	11,603.68
Loans in Process	2,458.14
Reserves and Undivided Profits	59,386.61
Other Liabilities	704.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$848,502.74

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