

LAND TRANSFERS IN COUNTY GAIN; APRIL TOTAL, 791

Clerk's Office Records Show Increase Past 3 Months — Home Demand Is Up

The number of real estate transfers in Jackson county, particularly in the Medford area, has been growing steadily in recent months, it was learned at the county clerk's office Saturday. County Clerk George R. Carter stated that deed recordings so far this month have been at an even faster pace than in April when 791 deeds and mortgages were placed on the books.

Other totals since the first of the year include January 609, February 631, and March 717.

While some substantial business buildings have been purchased such as the Halley building by M. N. Hogan and the Vawter home corner by W. H. Fluhrer, in Medford; the Lithia Hotel in Ashland, by C. R. Cooley, and the Hatfield building and Whiteside property, in Central Point, by Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt, the bulk of the dealing has been in residential property.

In addition to the outright purchases, a number of options have been reported. One woman is said to be seeking options on large residential properties here and in surrounding towns,

including Eagle Point. According to C. Y. Tengwald, president of the Medford Realty board, the buying of homes is undoubtedly being spurred by the possibility that a cantonment may be located here, but the movement is not of a speculative type, nor in the nature of a boom. "It is mainly a precaution on the part of those who have been renting to ensure themselves against possible rent increases," he said.

Mr. Tengwald pointed out that although many of the rural transfers shown on the recorder's books relate to rights of way for pole lines, there is also a substantial increase in farm property buying. This phase was accentuated by the purchase last week of 850 acres on Rogue river by Actress Ginger Rogers and her mother. While Medford has long enjoyed a reputation as a city of home owners, Tengwald declared that the estimated 70 per cent of home ownership will be boosted materially if the present buying movement continues any length of time.

Because of the recently growing demand for houses to rent, Tengwald urged that those having such properties list them with licensed real estate dealers so that those seeking homes may find them without having to drive over town looking for "for rent" signs.

To Teach in Lane Co.

Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, May 24.—(Spl.)—Miss Huldah Rose, of Medford has recently been placed in a teaching position, according to the placement bureau of the Southern Oregon College of Education. Miss Rose will teach in the first four grades of the Delight Valley school in Lane County.

VERN DOLLARHIDE FOUND VICTIM OF DYNAMITE BLAST

The decomposed and badly mangled body of Vern Dollarhide, 44, woodcutter and rancher of the south Ashland district, was discovered in a field about seven miles south of Ashland Saturday morning, and the deputy coroner's office of that city said death had apparently been caused by a dynamite blast.

Dollarhide, according to the deputy coroner's office, had been pulling and blasting stumps for over a week at the Austie Barron ranch. It was judged that he had been dead since Monday or Tuesday.

The body was discovered by George Haines, who resides at the Charles A. Haines ranch approximately four miles south of where Dollarhide was working, the deputy coroner's office stated. Haines set out to search for Dollarhide when Dollarhide's sister and mother, who live on the old Dollarhide ranch nearby, became worried because he hadn't been home for several days. The body was discovered about one-half mile from the old Pacific highway.

Unmarried, Dollarhide had been batching on the Barron place while working there, and visited his home only occasionally.

The deputy coroner's office said there was no evidence of foul play, and that an inquest was doubtful.

Graveside funeral services at Mountain View cemetery will be

THREE BOYS HELD BURGLARY CHARGE

With the arrest of three 15-year-old Medford boys Friday afternoon, city police cleared up recent burglaries at Currier's grocery store, the Pacific Feed and Seed company and the private garage of Homer Elwood, 43 North Orange street.

The boys are being held in the county jail and are scheduled to appear in juvenile court at 10 a. m. Monday. Police said that two of the youths signed written statements admitting the burglary of Currier's grocery store late in March and again April 22, and the burglary of the Pacific Feed and Seed company warehouse May 9, and that two of them confessed to entering the Elwood garage and stealing radio equipment.

All of the loot was recovered by police, except for a few dollars and several stamps taken from the grocery store and the feed company.

Fire Scorches Medco Unloading Platform

Some damage was done to the unloading platform at Medford Corporation Saturday afternoon by a fire which was started by sparks from a burning trash pile nearby. Answering a 4:30 p. m. call, the fire department sent a pumper to the scene and it stood by while the blaze was extinguished with the Medford Corporation's hose.

HORSEWOMEN FOR SHERIFF'S POSSE

Jackson county equestriennes have formed their own mounted sheriff's posse and will drill and enjoy outings just as do the men of the Jackson County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. The horsewomen will drill regularly on Monday evenings at the fairground under the tutelage of S. M. Tuttle, their first practice being slated for tomorrow night. Sixteen are now enrolled in the women's posse and it is planned to limit the number admitted. Those wishing to join may contact any of the officers, Lola Bengtson, captain; Harriet Sparrow, first lieutenant and treasurer; or Helen Dugan, second lieutenant and secretary. Each member must have their own horse, which may be kept at the fairground stables or taken there on drill nights from private stables.

The men's posse now has 30 members and it is planned to close the membership rolls at 40. The possemen drill each Wednesday at 6 p. m., the drill being followed by a feed.

On April 14 the men will play hosts to the possewomen at a beefsteak feed in Prescott park. A "chuck wagon" will take the "vittles" to the park and the posses will ride to the park together.

PARKED CARS HIT WHEN CLOCK EYED

Three parked cars were damaged late Friday night when a machine driven by Robert G. Ivie of 427 North Riverside avenue, traveling west on West Main street near the Newtown street intersection, struck the rear end of a parked car registered to Armond Tabor of 806 West Main street, city police reported yesterday.

Following the crash the Tabor

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machine was jammed forward into the rear of another parked car, owned by Wade W. Crow of the same address, and the Crow auto in turn rammed into the rear end of a machine owned by Max C. Henne of the Hotel

Holland. All four cars suffered damage, but nobody was hurt. Ivie told police that he looked up at a clock in his car, and swerved from the traffic lane into the Tabor machine.

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