

MEDFORD STORES SHOW 14 PER CENT GAIN IN BUSINESS

August Reports By Bureau
Of Census Reveal 30 Per
Cent Over 1940 Month.

Sales of independent retailers in Oregon, based upon reports from firms in most kinds of business, were 30 percent higher in August 1941 than in August 1940, according to an announcement released today by J. C. Capt, director, bureau of the census. Sales for the first eight months of 1941 were 23 percent higher than for the corresponding period of last year.

Of the several kinds of business covered by this current survey, food stores showed a gain of 10 percent, August 1941 compared with August 1940; other gains were apparel stores, 42 percent; motor vehicle dealers, 33 percent; furniture stores, 53 percent; and the lumber-building-hardware group sales, 28 percent. Department store sales rose 35 percent.

Portland Busy
Stores in Portland reported an average gain of 34 percent over August 1940; Salem stores 18 percent; Astoria stores 34 percent; Eugene 34 percent, and Medford 14 percent. Stores located in areas of less than 2,500 population reported an average gain of 21 percent.

The statements were based upon confidential reports received from 777 cooperating retailers located throughout the state. Dollar sales of \$9,118,551, reported in August, were 8 percent above July 1941, for identical stores. Sales figures were used as reported, without adjustment for seasonal or price fluctuations.

Four Main Problems Face County Budget Drafting Committee

Four major problems—relief, schools, roads and governmental expenses—confront the Jackson county budget committee, which holds its first meeting next Thursday.

County Judge J. B. Coleman said today relief funds would require between \$80,000 and \$90,000, of which Old Age assistance and general relief would be the largest items. Road and bridge maintenance are another finance problem. The state law requires a one-mill levy for roads, also allotment of \$10 per school pupil, based on a yearly census, starting October 1.

The budget committee also has to prepare a budget for a half year, from January 1 to July 1, and a full year budget from July 1 next to July 1, 1943. Apportionment of funds on a half year basis is also cited as quite a task.

The budget committee is composed of the county court, and Henry Enders of Ashland, H. A. (Bert) Thierolf of Medford and Edward Carlton, Old Stage road. All the civilian members have had previous experience on budget drawing.

ASHLAND WANTS CHECK SUSPECT

Ray D. Rust, 20, transient laborer who was arrested Sunday by city police after allegedly passing two fictitious checks of \$25 each at Bigelow's, is also wanted in Ashland for cashing a worthless \$15 check at the Claycomb Motor company, city police said they were informed by Ashland police.

Rust was being held in jail here today to await a decision on whether he should be prosecuted on an Ashland or Medford complaint.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

MRS. M'BEE RITES WILL BE THURSDAY, PERL'S MORTUARY

Funeral services will be conducted from the Perl Funeral Home Thursday at 2 p. m. for Emma Florence McBee, 62, of 206 Cottage street, who passed away at a local hospital Monday as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident August 31. The Rev. R. W. Coleman, pastor of the First Christian church, will officiate and interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

Mrs. McBee was born at San Francisco, Calif., March 16, 1879. She spent most of her life in California, and was united in marriage to Archie McBee at Lakeport, Calif., on Jan. 28, 1900. They lived in California until 1918, when they came to Medford. Mrs. McBee was a wonderful mother and neighbor and will be missed by a host of friends.

Mrs. McBee is survived by her husband, one son, Captain Weldon H. McBee of Fort Lewis, Wash., one daughter, Mrs. Melba Taylor, Monterey, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Young, Denver, Colo., Mrs. J. C. Dawson, Alameda, Calif., Miss Sadie Hughes, Ukiah, Calif.; three brothers, John J. Hughes and Garfield Hughes, Oakland, Calif., and Samuel Hughes, of Arizona; also two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Boy Shocks Parents When Tired of Doing Chores About Home

Alturas, Cal., Sept. 23.—(P)—Bob McCain, 14, tired of doing household chores as he was wounded, killed his father and wounded his mother with a .22 caliber rifle, Sheriff John C. Sharp reported today.

The shooting occurred last night at a lumber camp 20 miles from Alturas, where the father, R. C. McCain, was employed.

Sharp said the boy told him he decided to do no more of the tasks which he complained of being constantly assigned.

He waited until his father left the family home for a woodshed, the sheriff said, and then fired three times. Two shots pierced the elder McCain's eyes and a third struck his shoulder.

When his mother came running to interfere, Sharp quoted the boy as saying, he turned the gun on her and wounded her in the legs.

McCain died on the way to an Alturas hospital. His wife is expected to recover.

MIAMIANS GREET VISITING WINDSORS

Miami, Fla., Sept. 23.—(P)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor reached Miami by chartered plane today on the first leg of a six weeks' tour of the United States and Canada and were greeted by the cheers of several thousand Miamians.

The Windsors plan to entrain tomorrow for Washington, where the duke will discuss means of transporting tourists to Nassau.

That will be aside from a social program that includes a White House luncheon and a reception at the British embassy.

Chief object of the trip, Edward said in Nassau, is to attend to business affairs at his ranch near Calgary, Alberta, which he has not seen for 14 years.

MATRICIDE ESCAPES ON EVE OF SENTENCE

Goldendale, Wash., Sept. 23.—(P)—Sheriff C. R. House disclosed today that Eric Miller, Klickitat county farm youth, escaped from the 53-year-old jail here last night, while awaiting sentencing for the first degree murder of his widowed mother.

The youth's escape was discovered today when a jailer called to give Miller his breakfast.

16 TO TAKE QUIZ IN ASHLAND RACE FOR POSTMASTER

Examination in Medford
Saturday Second in Effort
To Fill Vacant Post.

Sixteen applicants are expected to take the re-examination for the position of Ashland postmaster Saturday. The examination will be held at 8:30 a. m. in room 214, Medford federal building. Room 214 is the federal courtroom. The examination will be in charge of Earl H. York, secretary of the local board of civil service examiners.

Only six persons took the original examination, held in Ashland last January. Only two passed, Millard Grubb, veteran assistant postmaster at Ashland, and Ted Guetlaff of Gelliview, former owner of Ted's feed store in Ashland. Both are Republicans.

Two Pass First Quiz
Those familiar with civil service procedure said that another examination was called because only two passed the first quiz and three must be certified for selection. At any rate, the county Democratic central committee said at the time a request for a re-examination would be filed, one of the grounds cited being that the examination should not have been held in Ashland in the first place. Ordinarily an examination for postmaster is not held in the place where the position is to be filled.

LIVESTOCK

Portland, Ore., Sept. 23.—(AP-USA)—Hogs 300; market fairly active, unevenly steady to 15c lower; good-choice 170-215 lb. drive-ins \$12.25-50; 230-270 lbs., \$11.50-75; light-hights, \$11.25-75; packing sows mostly \$10.50-11.00; good-choice \$11.50-12.75.

CATTLE 125; calves 35; market steady on most classes but few loads holdover grass steers not moved; odds and ends grass steers steady with Monday's 25c decline, mostly \$9.25-10.00; fed steers up to \$12; grass heifers around \$9.00; cutter to common dairy heifers, \$6.50-8.00; canner and cutter cows mostly \$5.00-6.00; fat dairy cows \$6.50-7.00; beef cows upward to \$8.25; medium-good bulls \$8.25-9.00; common grades down to \$7.50; good-choice vealers, \$12.00-13.50; common grades down to \$8.00.

Sheep 300; market slow; fat lambs steady to 25c lower; good-choice spring lambs, \$10.75-11.00; few mostly sorted lots held higher; medium-good grades, \$9.75-10.00; common down to \$9.25; common shorn lambs, \$8.00; fat ewes \$5.00; common-medium grades \$3.00-5.00.

South San Francisco, Sept. 23.—(AP)—(Federal-State Market News)—Hogs 800; around 10c lower; bulk 185-235 lb California \$12.85; packing sows \$9.75 down.

CATTLE 75; around steady; about a long head fed 900-1100 lb. Univ. of California steers and heifers \$11.00-12.00; medium to good steers scarce, quoted \$10.50-11.25; heifers absent, quoted \$9.50-10.25; about a load 1100 lb. range cows \$8.00; packages smooth young dairy cows \$7.25; bulk canners and cutters \$5.00-6.00; medium grass bulls \$5.00-7.50.

CALVES none; nominal; package good to choice vealers \$12.00-50; slaughter calves \$9.00-11.00.

Sheep 300; steady; woolled lambs absent, quoted \$1.00-75; about two loads medium pelts shorn ewes \$3.25-3.25.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—(AP-USA)—Hogs 17,500; top \$11.75; bulk 180-270 lbs., \$11.50-70; most 270-300 lb. butchers \$11.40-65; smooth 300-800 lb. cows, \$9.25-10.15; lighter weights to \$10.25 and \$10.65.

CATTLE 9,000; calves 1,000; vealers slow, steady at \$13.50 down; most weanlings steady, \$11.25-12.00; top yearlings, \$12.75; with some held higher; best fed heifers, \$12.50 with numerous loads \$11.75-12.25.

Sheep 6,000; spring lambs 10-25c higher; six doubles closely sorted westerns, \$12.35, with small lots native same price; fat sheep and yearlings fully steady.

Portland Wheat

Portland, Ore., Sept. 23.—(AP)—Wheat—Open High Low Close
May 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00
Dec. .97 1.00 .97 .97
Grain:
Cash grain: Oats No. 2-38 lb. white, \$34.00. Barley No. 2-45 lb. h. w., \$30.00. Corn No. 2 E. Y. shipments, \$33.25. No. 1 flax \$2.07 1/4.
Cash wheat (bid): Soft white 96; soft white excluding rex 95; white club 95 1/2; western red 99.
Hard red winter: Ordinary 94; 10 pct., 95; 11 pct., 1.02; 12 pct., 1.07.
Hard white-hair: Ordinary 99; 10 pct., 1.0; 11 pct., 1.13; 12 pct., 1.16.
Today's car receipts: Wheat 28; barley 2; flour 8; corn 6; oats 2; hay 1; millfeed 4.

Portland Produce

Portland, Ore., Sept. 23.—(AP)—Country meats—selling prices to retailers 1941 spring lamb 20c lb.; others unchanged.
LIVE POULTRY—Buying prices: Fryers 2 1/2-4 lbs., 17 1/2c; roasters, over 4 lbs., 17 1/2c; leghorns under 3 1/2 lbs., 14c; over 3 1/2 lbs., 15c; others unchanged.
POTATOES—New white, locals, \$1.50-1.75 central; Yakima No. 1 Gems \$1.85 central; Klamath Falls, \$1.85 central.
Other produce unchanged.
DRESSED TURKEYS—Nominal selling prices: Hens, new crop, 27c; toms 28c lb.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago Sept. 23.—(AP)—Wheat—Open High Low Close
Dec. 1.20 1.21 1.20 1.20
May 1.24 1.25 1.24 1.24
July 1.23 1.20 1.23 1.23

Wall St. Report

New York, Sept. 23.—(P)—Enough specialized rallying fuel was pumped into stocks today to keep the market rolling on four wheels.

Aircrafts, a few steels and motors achieved a degree of popularity after the opening and, at the best, gains ranged from fractions to a point or so. Bonds were a shade uneven.

Transfers were around 500,000 shares.

Today's closing prices for 34 selected stocks follow:
Al. Che. & Dye 160
Am. Can 84 1/2
A. T. & T. 155 1/2
Anaconda 28 1/2
Atch. T. & S. P. 27 1/2
Bentley Avia. 40 1/2
Beth. Steel 68 1/2
Caterpillar Tract. 46 1/2
Chrysler 59
Curtis-Wright 10
Douglas Airt. 77 1/2
DuPont 133 1/2
Gen. Elec. 32 1/2
Gen. Foods 41 1/2
Gen. Mot. 41 1/2
Int. Harvest 54 1/2
Johns-Man. 70 1/2
Kennebec 35
Mont. Ward 15 1/2
No. Am. Avn. 12 1/2
North Amer. 12 1/2
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Butter
San Francisco, Sept. 23.—(AP)—(U. S. D. A.)—Butter, 92-score 38 1/2; 91-97 1/2; 90-95; 89-95c.

Sacramento, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Churning cream butterfat: First grade 42; second grade 40.

Committees Chosen for Freshman Week Planning at SOCE

Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, Sept. 23.—(Sp.)—The first week planning committee has announced the following committees for the freshman week program:

Freshman picnic: Miss Virginia Hales, chairman; Jean Eberhart, Gene Perry, Kenneth Thompson, Dr. A. S. Taylor and Ruth Froman.

Theater party: Bob Sharyon, chairman; Verne Johnston and Miss Marion Ady.

All school skating party: Richard Leigh, chairman; Peter Barker, Mr. A. Bowmer, Mr. Otto Wildia, Bob Sharyon and Verne Johnston.

Girls' party: Miss Virginia Hales, Jean Wall and Richard Schuchard.

Steak feed: Gordon Boice, chairman; Dr. A. S. Taylor, Dr. W. W. Wells, Bob Sharyon, Peter Barker, Duain Monroe, Verne Johnston and Mr. S. E. Epler.

Gum party: Jean Eberhart, Duain Monroe, Miss Virginia Hales, Dr. S. E. Epler, Ruth Froman, Doris Danford, Nancy Firestone, Beryl Cunningham and Gordon Boice.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

PACKERS NEARING WINDUP ON PEARS

Packing plants of the city and valley were under "slow bell" today as they cleared away the last of the Bosc and Comice and made ready to pack the Winter Nellis, last of the pear varieties.

Some orchardists will start picking Winter Nellis Monday and all the plants are expected to be in full operation by the middle of next week.

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