

STATE ENGINEER SPEAKS AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Medford City Council held its regular meeting last night in the city hall with Jack Bartlett, engineer on the governor's state postwar planning

commission addressing the group. Routine matters were disposed of early in the session after which Bartlett spoke on the importance of planning now for future civic developments and projects to stem the tide of unemployment in the postwar period. One of 15 men on a special commission, Bartlett arrived in Medford yesterday from Salem. He went to Grants Pass early today, later returning for conferences with Frank Rogers, city superintendent, this afternoon. The council sold the following city lots at its meeting last night: Lot 3, block 1, Columbus Heights addition to Sadie Lewis for \$200; lot 3 and 4, 9 and 10, block 5, Euclid Park addition to W. D. Huber for \$1100.

SECOND FIRE
Sacramento, Feb. 21—(U.P.)—Additional damage to a warehouse operated by the Boone Transfer and Storage company was caused by a second fire early today, the fire department reported. A blaze yesterday caused damage estimated at more than \$100,000 to the building.

Two Jima 'Toughest Fighting' Marines Have Met



Marines of the Fourth Division storm over rise on Iwo Jima beach in face of heavy Japanese defenses to capture vital Motoyama airfield and beat back vicious Japanese counter-attacks almost down to the runway. Fighting on Iwo Jima is described as the most intense yet in the Pacific. This dramatic photo was brought from Guam to Oahu by U. S. Navy radio-telephone.

Chicago Library Fines Reach Peak

Chicago—(U.P.)—If library fines for overdue books are a criterion, Chicago patrons are more forgetful and less thrifty than in pre-war years. Their contributions during 1944 in fines hit an all-time peak of \$129,699.25, the library reports, which is some \$16,000 more than the previous high set

in 1930, and circulation that year was 4,000,000 volumes greater than in 1944.

These testaments to carelessness go to the library employees' pension fund, under state law. The library reports also that its statistics indicate most borrowers are honest. Only one of every 2,080 books borrowed fails to turn up eventually.

Closing time for Sunday Loan to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

UTILITY MEASURE ON SENATE FLOOR

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21—(U.P.)—Senate bill 62, which would prevent public utility districts from buying utility properties outside of their own district without the approval of the voters in the area affected, was on the senate floor today with a "do pass" recommendation by the railroads and utilities committee. The bill was introduced by Sen. Merle R. Chessman, Astoria, and Rep. Ralph Moore, Coos county. It has been hotly contested by some PUD representatives as an undue restriction on the rights of the districts to expand. Sen. Chessman explained the bill by saying that it would prevent the successful accomplishment of an attempt similar to that made by the Hood River PUD in 1943 when it tried to float a \$173,000,000 bond issue to buy Portland other utility properties. Hood River voters turned down the proposal. If it had carried, Sen. Chessman said, the Hood River PUD could have fixed rates and charges elsewhere in the northwest without fear of competition.

'Service Babies' At Mid-West Hospital Show Steady Gain

Chicago—(U.P.)—"Service babies" comprised more than one-fourth the number of deliveries during 1944 at Lying-in hospital operated by the University of Chicago. The number of soldiers' wives whose care was paid for by the government has steadily increased at Lying-in hospital, Dr. Arthur C. Bachmeyer, director of the university hospital and clinics, reported in his annual statement.

Service wives seeking hospitalization increased from 15 to 30 per cent of ward patients during the year. A total of 557 authorizations were received by Lying-in for payment of hospital care by the federal government. There were 1,794 boy babies born at the hospital during the year and 1,787 girls, giving the boys the edge by seven. Thirty-three sets of twins were included in the 3,581 deliveries. The total births showed a decrease of nine per cent from the all-time high of 1943. The decrease is attributed to the hospital's policy limiting the number of patients each month to 300 to meet war time shortage of clinicians, nurses and hospital help.

CANNING SUGAR RATION SHAVED FOR THIS YEAR

Washington, Feb. 21—(U.P.)—Rations of sugar for home canning this year will be smaller and will be harder to get, the office of price administration revealed today.

Under a drastically curtailed rationing program, 20 pounds will be the limit of the canning allowance for one person. Any one family will be held to 180 pounds of canning sugar. No ration stamps will be validated for canning sugar. All allotments will be made directly by local ration boards. Rations will be determined according to an OPA scale of estimates, with a limit of one pound of sugar for each four ounces of fruit or fruit juices.

Stocks Low
Major reason for curtailing this year's program, Price Administrator Chester Bowles said is that sugar stocks are the lowest they have been for any February since the war began. The loose rationing system which prevailed last year resulted in an over-usage of 300,000 tons, OPA said.

The total 1945 home-canning ration will be 700,000 tons, the same amount allocated in 1944. Stamps and certificates for 1,000,000 tons actually were issued last year, Bowles said.

12 Bouncing Pups Add To Problem Of Housing Shortage

Medford welcomed a member of a royal family last week—and a few days later extended that greeting to her 12 newly born reared offspring. Sheila of Spring Glenn, as beautiful a creature as anyone could find—came to Medford from a storm-bound island on the northwest tip of Washington with Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Wright to make her home at 638 South Holly street because Uncle Sam said Mr. Wright had weather observing to do in Medford. And last Friday Medford's royal family increased the dog population suddenly when Sheila produced 12 bouncing pups at Phillips animal hospital. It was her first litter too and above the average for her breed, according to her owners.

Sheila of Spring Glenn is descended from International Champion Copper Coate's Prince Jeff and her puppies were sired by Tirvelida Storm King which adds up to pedigreed aristocracy—and how, if you happen to know your Irish Setters. The housing problem became acute with so bountiful a litter of Irish Setters—not noticeably lessened when three of the young ones died. However, at latest reports Sheila and progeny were doing well in their small quarters.

France to Supply Billion Dollars in Reverse Lend-Lease

New York, (U.P.)—France expects to manufacture a billion dollars worth of Allied war material during 1945 in an attempt to reimburse the Allies for lend-lease supplies given the French Army, according to the French Press and Information Service.

She hopes to supply 2,000,000 uniforms to the American Army, several million gasoline cans made of French aluminum and large quantities of heavy tires electric light bulbs, surgical instruments and timber, the announcement said. Some of the raw materials will be shipped from America, but the French expect to furnish a large part as well as manpower, and factory and transportation facilities.

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HINES — To Mr. and Mrs. Francis L., 514 Plum St., Feb. 19, 1945, a girl, weight 7 pounds at Osteopath's Clinic.

MORE RENT CONTROL

Washington, Feb. 21—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration on March 1 will bring 17 additional areas under residential rent control, it was announced today. New areas and the maximum rent dates include Billings, Mont., July 1, 1944.

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