

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

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Hollywood, June 16—(U.P.)—Tired of nagging the Old Man for that mink coat, girls? Then step up and meet Sam Mannis. He auctions 'em off—cheap.

More than 700 fur coats a week go on Sam's auction block. And mink-hungry housewives snap 'em up but quick.

"You never saw anything like it," he said. "In the past two years I've sold around 40,000 coats this way."

Mannis, who's 37 and looks like a young Clark Gable, says as far as he knows he's the only fur auctioneer in the country.

"Those gals come in there, and they sit around as friendly as can be," he grinned. "Say I bring out some coats that aren't too good. The women pass those dogs up cold. Still friendly, though."

No Friendly Bidding

"Then I bring out a good mink—or a fine muskrat... and bro—ther! You can hear a sort of sigh go over the house. Then out come the claws! And there's nothin' friendly about the bidding from there on in."

Mannis stages his auctions all over the city, from San Fernando Valley to Culver City to

Downey to Burbank. Plus a television auction three times a week.

He sells all kinds. From "dogs" that go for \$3 to passable fur coats for \$85 up to what he calls "darn good mink" for \$600.

Can Undersell Anybody

"I can undersell anybody by half," Mannis says. "Because the way I get the coats in the first place is just plain larceny."

"I buy 'em wholesale... and usually from a manufacturer who's about to go broke. I offer him cash for his whole inventory, and he jumps at the deal."

"A little while back I got a \$64,000 shipment for \$20,000. Sure, it's a chisel. But it's legal—and business is business."

With a deal like that, he shrugs, he can afford to let the housewives have their fur coats cheap. He's still making enough to drive around in a fancy Cadillac convertible.

Maim Street

By Ralph Stein



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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Northern Counties Show 49.3 Per Cent Population Boost

Salem, Ore., June 16—(U.P.)—Benton, Clackamas, Polk and Lincoln counties showed a combined population increase of 49.3 per cent according to preliminary census statistics released today by District Census Supervisor Cornelius Bateson here.

Benton county population stood at 31,524, a gain of 69 per cent over 1940. Corvallis previously had recorded a 92.7 per cent gain since the last census, from 8,392 to 16,173. Nose-counting on the Oregon State college campus accounted for much of the gain.

Clackamas Gains

Clackamas county had a 51.8 per cent gain during the period. Clackamas county cities, their percentage gains, their 1940 populations and their 1950 populations were:

Milwaukie, 180 per cent, 1,871 and 3,364; Oregon City, 24.2 per cent, 6,124 and 7,616; Oswego, 91.8 per cent, 1,726 and 3,310; Canby, 69.3 per cent, 988 and 1,673. Clackamas county population rose from 37,130 in 1940 to 56,574 in 1950.

Polk county population went up 30.9 per cent, from 19,989 to 26,184. Dallas population increased 33 per cent, from 3,579 to 4,744. Monmouth went up from 985 to 1,941. West Salem more than doubled its population from 1,490 in 1940 to 3,047 in 1950; and Independence gained 43.8 per cent, from 1,372 to 1,975.

Lincoln County Up

On the coast, Lincoln county showed a 6.631 gain during the 10-year period, from 14,549 to 15,455—a 45.5 per cent gain.

Newport showed a 59.3 per cent gain, from 2,029 to 3,217. Toledo went up only 30 to 2,208. Waldport climbed from 630 to 822. The 1950 preliminary population for other Lincoln county towns were 635 for Delake, 686 for Oceanlake, 569 for Siletz, and 447 for Taft.

Marion county population statistics, released earlier this month, showed a 33.4 per cent gain, with Salem topping the list at more than 43,000.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at Noon Saturdays.

Divorcee Quizzed in Death of Infant

Mexico City, June 16—(U.P.)—A 20-year-old Greenwich, Conn., divorcee who "didn't know I was pregnant," was held for questioning today in the death of her new-born baby which police said was strangled by a piece of gauze.

The infant's body was found in a wastebasket among pieces of newspaper in the luxurious hotel suite of Vera June Hunt, daughter of a Connecticut businessman.

Miss Hunt said she did not realize she was pregnant and "remember very little" about the baby's birth and death.

In a signed statement, Miss Hunt said the child was born unexpectedly after she took some pills prescribed by a physician for stomach pains. "I didn't even know I was pregnant," she said.

Fort Worth, Tex.—(U.P.)—Federal Judge T. Whitfield Davidson blew the whistle on a man's request to be excused from jury duty so he could referee a basketball game. Rivalry between the two teams was red hot, the man explained, and they picked him as a neutral referee. Request denied, said the judge.

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Medfordite Chosen Garden Club Officer

Klamath Falls, Ore., June 16 (U.P.)—Mrs. J. George Eisenhaeur, Portland, succeeded to the presidency of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs as the organization's 22nd annual convention ended here yesterday.

Other officers included Miss Claire Hanley, Medford, vice-president; Mrs. Karl Unger, Portland, recording secretary; Mrs. D. E. Mahoney, Pendleton, treasurer; Mrs. L. W. Franks, Redmond, president elect; Mrs. M. C. Yeager, Portland, corresponding secretary.

District presidents named were: Willamette No. 2, Mrs. J. F. Goddard, Cottage Grove; Siskiyou No. 4, Mrs. E. W. Jermark, Ashland; Pacific No. 6, Mrs. George H. Moreney, Otter Rock; Mr. Hood No. 8, Mrs. Margaret Merrifield, The Dalles; Blue Mountain No. 10, Mrs. Maurice L. Judd, Nyssa.

The federation went on record as endorsing action taken in September by the Isaac Walton league at Bend, urging establishment of chairs of ecology at Oregon State college and the University of Oregon.

Shakespeare Publicity Man to Arrive Today

Ashland, June 16—Gene Malecki, Salem publicity specialist, was to arrive here today to take over managerial and publicity duties for the 10th annual Shakespearean festival to be held August 2 to 24.

Accompanying Malecki will be Carl Riches, who will appear in one of the four plays to be given in repertory style during the festival.

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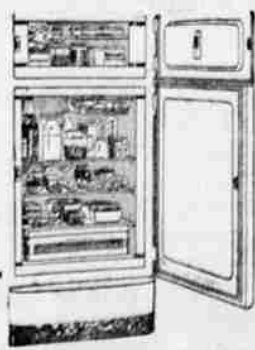
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