

Mason Ehrman's New \$300,000 Warehouse To Start This Week

Rainy weather interfered with an official ground-breaking ceremony planned Friday, but work on the \$300,000 Mason Ehrman warehouse to be built north of town will begin this week anyway, according to John Bunker, local manager for the wholesale grocery firm.

Seven local men met Friday at the Medford hotel with Engineer Leslie Pool, Portland, who drew up the plans for the warehouse. The weather kept them from go-

ing to the property for the ceremony, though. The rain also kept S. Mason Ehrman, senior partner of the firm, from flying from Portland. Ehrman got as far as Eugene, but was advised to turn back.

Contract Let June 9

The general contract for the 50,000 square-foot warehouse just north of the city limits, was awarded to the Smith-Phillips company, June 9. The contract amounted to about \$245,000 according to Don Sharp, of Mason Ehrman. The total investment for the project is expected to be more than \$300,000.

A well has been dug on the property, according to Bunker. The major construction could not begin until the well was completed because the property has no access to city water. A plat of the property has already been filed.

Rolling Stock Acquired

The contract for the sprinkling system has been let and other contracts will be awarded in the next few days, Sharp said.

The company has acquired three additional pieces of rolling equipment for the project. One arrived in Medford Friday.

Local men who attended the pre-ground-breaking meeting at the Medford hotel Friday were Mayor Diamond Flynn; Councilman Dwight Houghton, Robert Holmes, Southern Pacific; Jorgen E. Jorgensen, Jorgensen's dairy; Eugene Thorndike, First National bank; S. A. Gibbs, retired manager of the Medford Mason Ehrman warehouse, and Bunker.

Automobile Accident Kills Dallas Boy, 5

Dallas, Ore.—(U.P.)—Five-year-old Davis Archie Mathews was killed and his mother, Mrs. Herschel D. Mathews was seriously hurt late Thursday when their car went out of control and overturned in a ditch, Deputy Sheriff Robert G. Lefors of Polk county said.

An unidentified truck driver flagged down Russel H. Stroud, of Portland, who took the woman and the boy to the hospital. The boy was dead on arrival.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.



LOTS OF SHOVELERS. NO DIRT—When ground breaking ceremonies for the new Mason Ehrman warehouse were cancelled Friday by a steady rainfall, members of the group scheduled to take part in the event went indoors to have their picture taken. Construction of the warehouse will get underway this week, minus the ceremonies. Mayor D. L. Flynn is shown above handing over the official shovel to John

Bunker, local manager for the wholesale firm. Looking on, left to right, are Jorgen E. Jorgensen, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; Leslie Poole, Portland engineer who drew up plans for the building; Eugene Thorndyke of the First National bank; S. A. Gibbs, retired manager for Mason Ehrman here; City Councilman Dwight Houghton, and Robert Holmes, of Southern Pacific railroad.

City Schools Office Moved After 20 Years in City Hall

After 20 years in the city hall, the offices of the Medford public schools have been moved to a new location.

The school administrators are now in their new \$50,000 building on Monroe street, between Whitman and J streets, and they expect to be operating "almost as usual" by Monday, Superintendent E. H. Hedrick said Saturday. Nearly everything but the large office safe was moved to the new quarters Friday. The safe was moved there Saturday.

This summer marked the 20th year that the school offices had been in the same location at city hall—the north end of the second floor. Prior to that the school administrators had their offices in the old high school on Bartlett street between Fifth and Sixth avenues, the Craterian building and, most recently, in the Medford Center building.

The offices were located in the Craterian building when Hedrick became school superintendent in 1925. They were almost immediately moved to the third

floor of the Medford Center building, where they stayed until 1932.

Hedrick pointed out that the new offices are rent-free to the schools. Previously they paid rent to the city of Medford.

The public schools' former quarters in city hall will be occupied by the engineering and building departments after fairly extensive remodeling. City Superintendent Robert Duff said Saturday.

Agriculture Department Ends Prune Agreements

Washington—(U.P.)—The agriculture department Saturday ended a federal marketing agreement and order regulating the handling of fresh prunes grown in Umatilla county, Ore., and Walla Walla and Columbia counties, Wash.

The department said there had been a decrease in production in the areas and an increase in competition from two nearby producing areas.

Damp Weather Cuts Farm Labor Demand

Salem—(U.P.)—Continued damp weather over Oregon cut sharply into the demand for farm labor this week and threatens to lower still further calls for harvest workers, the state Employment Service said Saturday.

If rains do not interfere, the Portland and Salem districts could use up to 3000 more pickers, mostly family groups for the next few weeks. Lebanon and McMinnville also may need help.

Only a few days remain to finish gathering of valley strawberries, but hill areas may need family groups for two or three weeks. Caneberries are just starting. The cherry harvest, if splitting is not serious, could use several thousand pickers for two or three weeks.

Farm labor is reported adequate in the Albany, Corvallis, Grants Pass, Medford, The Dalles, Oregon City and Eugene districts, although a turn in the weather could bring a shortage of cherry pickers around the latter office.

Sunday, June 29, 1952

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Columbus Rocked by Series Of Sewer Gas Explosions

Columbus, O., —(U.P.)—A series of explosions of sewer gas in the city's business district rocked Columbus Saturday.

Five persons, including two firemen, were injured in the blast which sent firemen and police with sirens roaring into the area only minutes before the city was scheduled to sound a siren testing its new civil defense equipment.

Power Shut Off

Electric power was shut off throughout much of the city. All city buses were stranded. United Press teletypes stood idle

as the power was turned off. The two afternoon newspapers were forced to delay publication because there was no power to turn the giant presses.

Several manholes were blown from the pavement by the blasts, two of which were at Gay and Third streets, only a block from the state capitol.

Fire in Cables

Firemen said that they believed the explosions were caused by fire in underground electric cables. Telephone service was not affected.

The explosions occurred in widely separated parts of the city. Police said the first was near the Army's Fort Hayes. They were called there when a passerby saw several utility poles burning. An explosion occurred within minutes after their arrival.

Firemen said that the heat from the fires moved underground until it hit a pocket of gas. This caused the explosions at Gay and Third streets, which came shortly after the explosion near the Army post.

The downtown blasts were the most severe, offices said.

CAB Approves Merger Of West Coast, Empire

Washington —(U.P.)—The Civil Aeronautics Board has approved a merger of West Coast and Empire airlines and allocated new routes to link the two company's systems.

The board at the same time late Friday renewed the operating franchise for routes served by Empire until Sept. 30, 1954.

New routes assigned are:

1. Seattle, Ellensburg, Yakima, Pasco and Walla Walla, Wash.

2. Portland, Ore., Yakima, Wenatchee, Ephrata-Moses Lake, Spokane, Wash., and Couer D'Alene, Idaho.

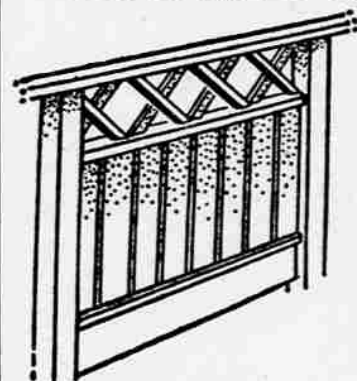
The routes were substantially those sought by the two airlines.

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