

# Keeping Valley's Economy One Jump Ahead of Population Seen Major Problem by C-C Speaker

Keeping our economy at least one jump ahead of our rapidly increasing population — that's the major problem in Jackson and Josephine counties according to Glenn Jackson, vice-president of California-Oregon Power company.

Jackson was speaking last night to some 90 members and guests of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at a dinner meeting at the Medford hotel. The guests included 28 college and high school instructors and college students who were here studying the area's natural resources.

A statistical account of the resources and economic advancement of southwest Oregon—Jackson and Josephine counties—was presented by Jackson.

**Absorbs Growth**  
"It is amazing," he said, "how the area has managed to absorb its yearly population increase of 3,600 without harming the economy. We aren't interested in attracting people to the area. Rather we must work to build up the industry to keep our population at a high living standard."

Jackson described progress—and the need for additional progress—in the lumbering, agriculture, mining and tourist industries. In each case he held out hope for a considerable expansion of income to the Jackson-Josephine area.

Timber here is being cut at a rate double the government's announced allowable sustained yield cut, according to Jackson. Thus the time will soon come when substantially fewer lumbermen and fewer sawmills will be able to be used. Soon the area's private timberlands will be exhausted and only government-owned forests will remain. Then the government's sustained yield allowances will be enforced, he added.

**Two Solutions**  
In preparation for this, Jackson advocated two solutions: Greater utilization of timberlands and more extensive utilization of the logs themselves. For better use of the lands, he said, 800 miles of additional roads are necessary. "We must make the lands more accessible. This probably would result in the government's sustained yield figure being increased nearer to what we are now cutting. "Economy," Jackson added, "is forcing a greater number of man hours per thousand feet of timber produced. Much greater use is being made of the logs being brought out."

Except for livestock, there have not been huge increases in the value of agriculture here, Jackson contended, because about the same amount of land is available for agriculture as was available years before. He said the place of agriculture cannot be greatly expanded until such projects as the proposed Bear creek and Illinois valley reservoirs are accepted. (Proposed development of these reservoirs is now before the secretary of the interior.)

**Must Develop Housing**  
Speaking of the area's \$12 million tourist income, Jackson said there are "certain notable drawing cards, but we must de-

velop the housing facilities to stop the tourists long enough to give the local people a chance to extract their dollars. Because of a lack of facilities we must turn down many tourist trade possibilities."

Jackson told of the area's mining possibilities in chrome, copper, nickel, manganese and clay. "In the Rogue valley, as in all Oregon," Jackson said in conclusion, there are people coming in and those people will build industry."

But he cited the difficulties in encouraging Eastern investment in this "pioneer area." There is no long-term paying record of investment here, so investors must be found who are willing to gamble, according to Jackson.

The issue of dams on the Rogue river and their effect on salmon

## Guard Rail Smashed By 'Drunken' Officer

Lincoln, Neb. — (U.P.) — A district court jury took six hours to reach a decision on whether Kathleen Geier was guilty of drunken driving — twice the time required by lawyer to present the case.

The jury returned a guilty verdict. One of the trial's highlights was a demonstration of various degrees of intoxication — swaying, wobbling and staggering. The demonstrations were given by Patrolman James Kontos.

While demonstrating the "stagger" Kontos fell against a movable guard rail, knocking it into the laps of jury members.

**Court Records**  
**POLICE COURT**  
Pearl Victoria Humphrey, failure to stop, \$5 bail.  
Earl Brown, operating without a license, \$5.  
Mack Napier, Glendale, Ore., reckless driving, \$25.  
Clynton George Criman, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
William Harold Ruckford, violation of basic rule, \$10.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
Dempsey William Smith, no operator's license, \$10.  
Charles Lee Cottrell, overwidth, \$5.  
Ed Lenderman, cruelty to animals, \$15.  
Jerry Robert Neil, no operator's license, \$7.50.  
Jeff Davis, no motor vehicle license, \$5.  
Kay Eldon Upchurch, no motor vehicle license, \$5.  
Stanley Edward Mayfield, violation of basic rule, \$15.  
Arthur Edward Besaw, overload, \$22.

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Earl L. Stephenson vs. Dorothy Stephenson, divorce decree.  
Maxine Hanson vs. Lloyd Elton Hanson, divorce decree.  
Donald R. Crouch vs. Geraldine P. Crouch, divorce decree.  
Rose Lee Evans vs. Mervyn L. Evans, divorce decree.  
Shirley Rae Cates vs. John Henry Cates, divorce decree.  
Lawrence Leonard Graber vs. Arleta Graber, divorce decree.  
Laura L. Haskins vs. Lee Haskins, divorce complaint.  
Kate I. Maxwell vs. Ray Lewis Maxwell, divorce decree.  
Glenn J. Roselle vs. Anna Mae Roselle, divorce complaint.

## Light Plane Landing On Mountain Proved

Hood River — (U.P.) — Lt. John Hodgkin said Wednesday he has proved that a light ski-equipped plane can safely land and take off from Mt. Adams in southern Washington.

Hodgkin, accompanied by Earl Dean, landed and took off twice from the summit of the 12,307-foot mountain Tuesday. The 43-year-old Air Force pilot first accomplished the trick Monday.

Dean is the son of the president of Pacific Sulphur company, sponsor of Hodgkin's high landings. The mining company has some new ideas for investigating possible sulphur deposits in the area and asked Hodgkin to see if workers could be flown to the site.

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