

Buildings at Airport To Be Removed; City OK's License Change

Medford's city council approved sale and removal of the old Biddle residence and farm buildings on city airport property at a meeting last night.

Successful bids were \$517 for the residence, from Kenneth B. Fowler; \$275 for barn, by Walter Armbrist, and \$100 for the spray shed, by Seth L. Waters.

The buyers will have 90 days in which to remove the structures.

In other business, the council approved transfer of the private American Legion club license outlet to John Mansfield as a public lounge.

The legion, which is moving to a new city location in the near future, will not apply for a license at the new location, according to Stanley Jones Jr., license committee chairman.

The council approved the transfer application, with the stipulation that the transfer would not increase the total number of city liquor dispensing licenses, and no objections were voiced.

Approval was also given to a transfer of a license for the 90 and 9 tavern, Highway 99 south, from the present operator to the former owner.

Mayor D. L. Flynn requested the special milk ordinance committee to meet tomorrow with

state inspectors regarding a new milk inspection ordinance for the city. Committee members are Paul Selby, Frank Runtz and Earl Miller.

A paving assessment ordinance for Hamilton street was adopted, with a total cost of \$9,360.46 spread over 14 assessments.

Golf driving range land at the airport was rented to W. H. Fisher for \$50 a year. A grain crop will be planted on the area, with the agreement subject to cancellation if the driving range is rented.

Adoption of an ordinance concerning licensing of watchmen and private detective agents was withheld pending further study.

Armory Report Made
A report was made on the Dec. 16 meeting of the armory construction committee. It was stated by R. S. Daniels, city representative on the committee, that construction is expected to begin by March 15, the target date set earlier.

City employees, except fire and police, were allowed Friday afternoon before Christmas off. The council adjourned until Dec. 31 at 12 noon, when the calendar year's business will be wound up.

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Oregon Routes Said In Good Condition

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon routes remained in good condition except for those closed by snow for the winter, the State Highway department said today.

Spots of ice were reported at Government Camp, Timberline, Siskiyou, Green Springs, Chemult, Bly, Lakeview, Meacham and Sisters.

Packed snow was well sanded at Austin and McKenzie pass.

Adlai Sees Need For Co-Existence In Coming Year

New York — (U.P.) — Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic Presidential candidate in 1952, said today "It is either co-existence or no existence in the atomic-hydrogen age."

Stevenson's statement was contained in a series of predictions for 1955 collected from national and world leaders by Look magazine. "Co-existence" was the subject of many of the predictions.

To Press Forward
Secretary of State John Foster Dulles made the prediction that: "Under the wise guidance of President Eisenhower, the Department of State will press forward to consolidate the gains made in the last 12 months and to assure the opportunity to enjoy, in peace, the blessings of liberty."

French Premier Pierre Mendes-France saw a year of opportunities "to strengthen the ties among free nations" thus helping "to overcome our fears, to be ready for and to seek each concrete opportunity for world understanding, co-operation and disarmament with a good will that our partners will have to recognize."

Red Concept Assailed
Sen. William F. Knowland, Republican majority leader and an opponent of much administration foreign policy, assailed the "Communist concept of 'peaceful co-existence'" which he said "means that the United States and other free nations will be allowed to exist until Communism has been able to subvert them from within or destroy them by aggression from without."

Swiss Ask Czechs To Recall Attaches

Bern, Switzerland — (U.P.) — Neutral Switzerland demanded today that Czechoslovakia recall two military attaches and a diplomatic clerk immediately.

A terse Swiss government announcement charged the three Communist representatives with "activities on Swiss soil which are incompatible with diplomatic customs."

The Swiss press has charged repeatedly that "over-size" Communist legations are maintained in Switzerland as nests for spies.

Neither Swiss spokesmen nor the Czech legation would give any further details.

LOW TIMBER BIDDER
Bend — (U.P.) — Tite Knot Pine Mill of Redmond, Ore., was the low bidder on an estimated 21,075,000 board feet of predominantly yellow pine timber in the Sisters district of the Deschutes National Forest. The Redmond mill paid \$525,481 for the Jack Creek area stumpage at a Forest Service auction here Monday.

Draft Registrants May Find It Easier To Win Deferments

Washington — (U.P.) — Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey said today draft rules will not be changed as a result of reduced monthly calls but that registrants undoubtedly will find it a little easier to win deferments.

The draft director said the administration's decision to cut inductions in half, from 22,000 or 23,000 to 10,000 or 11,000 monthly, also will mean draft-age youngsters will have longer to wait before their selection, even if they are not deferred.

May Go To Four Years
Other experts in Hershey's office said in some areas the delay

138 Memberships In Festival Sold

Ashland — A total of 138 memberships for the 1955 Shakespeare festival season — a record number for this time of year — had been sold through Monday of this week, according to William Patton, festival general manager.

Of this total, 58 memberships were sold to people in the Rogue valley and 80 to people in other areas, Patton said. The number sold in the valley rose rapidly over the week end, as the deadline for the festival's special rate neared, according to the general manager.

Memberships purchased through Dec. 24 at \$12; after that the membership, which provides eight transferable admissions to festival plays, will be \$15. Many people are purchasing the season subscriptions for Christmas gifts, Patton said.

In the past three days, Medford residents became the leading purchasers of memberships, closely followed by Portland, San Francisco bay area, and southern California enthusiasts. The most distant point from which an order has been received to date is Ottawa, Ill.

Maxene Andrews Denies Suicide Try

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Maxene Andrews, 37, one of the famed singing Andrews Sisters, denied today she attempted suicide by taking an overdose of sleeping pills.

She returned to her Chatsworth home from Valley Receiving Hospital where her stomach was pumped.

"I did not try to kill myself," she said.

She said she had taken only two sleeping pills due to extreme exhaustion. Police said she had taken 18 pills in a "suicide attempt" caused by despondency over a breakup with her sisters last Christmas.

"I'm living my own secluded life and I'm extremely happy," Maxene said.

Dr. Wallace Richmond, the singer's physician, said Maxene was suffering from a "mild nervous breakdown" resulting from a recent trip with her sister, LaVerne, to Australia.

VICTORY BELL
Storrs, Conn. — (U.P.) — Celebrating University of Connecticut football fans discovered their "victory bell" was missing. It could have been gone a long time since it was the first win in nine games.

Norway Asks Russia To Return Reindeer

Tromsø, Norway, — (U.P.) — With Christmas only three days off, worried Norwegian officials counted noses of their reindeer and decided today too many of them have turned red.

Lt. Col. A. Magnus, Norwegian border commissioner, told newsmen his government has demanded that Russia return herds of reindeer that have strayed behind the Iron Curtain from Norway recently.

Hershey said some few registrants might escape the draft altogether, although he does not think this likely.

Rejections To Rise
Another inevitable result of the cutback, Hershey told a reporter, is that rejections for physical reasons will rise, as the services get more selective. About 33 per cent of all registrants already are being classed as unfit.

The whole picture of course would be changed if Congress enacted the administration's proposed new modified universal military training plan. This would take an extra 100,000 men yearly taking up much of the slack.

POWER MANAGER

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — Waldo Porter has been named power manager for the Northwest by the Aluminum Company of America, C. S. Thayer, northwest operations manager of ALCOA revealed today.

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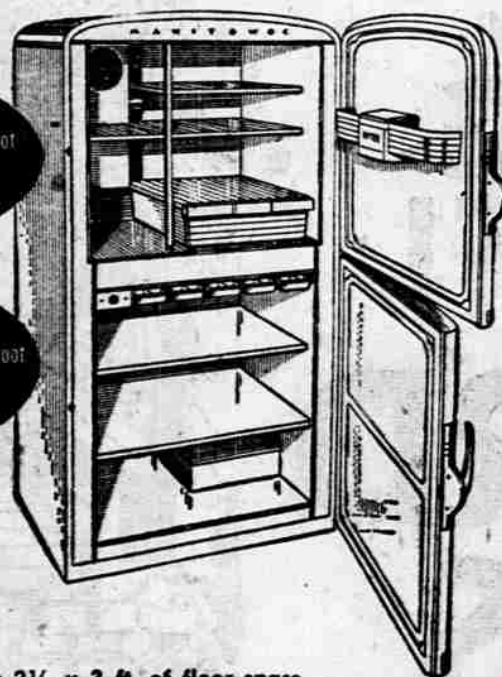
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