

High School Annex Construction Near Completion at EP

Eagle Point—Construction is expected to be completed by the last of February on the new Eagle Point high school annex and shop expansion program, according to Glenn D. Hale, school superintendent.

The new annex will include four classrooms, library and upstairs stack room and spacious halls to house students' lockers.

Science Rooms

Two of the classrooms are adjoining and will be used for science subjects. Bessonet and Graff are the contractors.

Shop expansion includes enlarging the woodworking section and adding a metal shop. Workers are getting the floor for the latter ready for installation.

The new annex will be the second addition to the original high school, which was constructed of Camp White buildings. The first addition included two classrooms.

Six Camp Buildings

The original structure was made of three Camp White buildings on each side of a hall which were roofed together. The school's large gymnasium was also purchased from Camp White with a stage added later.

Hale reported that the expansion is necessary to take care of the expanding school enrollment. From 25 to 35 additional students each year are expected in the immediate future at the high school. Enrollment is 250.

Musicians Union Reelects Maple

Alvin "Alley" Maple has been re-elected president of the Medford Musicians union for 1955. J. Vernon Marshall was re-elected secretary-treasurer and business agent for the 12th consecutive year.

Other officers are, Dale Newman, vice - president; Charles Riggins, sergeant-at-arms, and Herb Alford and Marshall, delegates to the Central Labor council.

Executive board members are, Robert R. Padgett, chairman, and Oiva A. Martolin, subordinate member, in addition to the officers.

The local union was organized in 1942, with 15 members. This month there are 136 active members of the local.

Portland Holdup Man Arrested by Police

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland police yesterday arrested a 64-year-old holdup man who came out of almost 25 years "retirement" last Wednesday night to rob a Fred Meyer store.

Elmer W. Lovegren was charged with armed robbery and is being held in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

He told officers he purchased an over-and-under rifle-shotgun two years ago, but didn't decide to use it until Wednesday night when he walked through a check stand at the Fred Meyer store with the weapon in a shopping bag.

When the checker looked as if he might call out, Lovegren said he "cocked the gun and told him to start digging." The checker handed over \$285 in a paper bag.

March of Dimes Coin Cards Mailed; Early Return Requested

The battle against dreaded infantile paralysis was carried into every home in Jackson county today. Mail men are delivering March of Dimes contribution envelopes from the Jackson county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Bob Smith, county campaign chairman, said today: "We are hopeful that residents of the

county will help us to strike a decisive blow against polio with their dimes and dollars. We are asking that they lose no time in returning the envelopes."

\$64,000,000 Sought

The annual March of Dimes drive, which will be climaxed on January 31 with the Mothers' March, seeks to raise \$64,000,000 in the nation to care for an estimated 94,000 past, present and 1955 victims of polio.

Big share of the funds will go toward costs of hospital, medical and rehabilitation care of patients.

However, \$9,000,000 will be set aside for the purchase of a standby supply of the new Salk vaccine now being evaluated at the University of Michigan.

Thousands of school children took part in nationwide testing of the Salk vaccine last spring. If it proves effective, it will be licensed by the biologists control laboratory of the National Institutes of Health.

Supply To Be Available

When the go-ahead comes, the National Foundation plans to make its supply available to all first and second graders in public, parochial and private schools in the United States plus all children through the fourth grade in the 1954 vaccine field trial areas.

"While the Foundation tells us that possibly 18,000,000 children may receive protection next spring, there are approximately 48,000,000 children under the age of 15. So new cases must be expected in 1955," Smith said.

Grange

Upper Rogue Grange

Upper Rogue Grange met Jan. 6 in regular session. Following are the newly elected officers: Master, Herb Carleton; overseer, Harold Barber; lecturer, Carl Richardson; chaplain, Peg Anderson; treasurer, May Richardson; secretary, Caroline Harding; steward, Arnold Winslow; assistant steward, Robert Darrohn; lady assistant steward, Mae Darrohn; Pomona, Tressie Vaughan; Ceres, Georgia Grieve; Flora, Meryle Carleton; gatekeeper, Harry Harding; executive committee, Randal Axtell; Bruce Grieve, Mable Hanson; pianist, Anne Gillespie; Home Economics chairman, Dorothy Tockstein.

Bruce Grieve, agriculture committeeman, gave an entertaining report of farm life in Finland. Herb Carleton told of a forthcoming livestock meeting to discuss among other things vaccination of stock for brucellosis.

A candlelighting ceremony symbolic of hope for the New Year was put on by Lecturer Carl Richardson. Mr. and Mrs. Carleton made brief reports of their trip to Spokane to National Grange and on to Three Hills, Canada, to visit their son Jack who is attending college there. The Grange was happy to welcome back Roy Vaughan who has been in the hospital in Salem for a number of weeks.

A social hour followed the meeting and refreshments were served by the Lee Merrimans. Home Economics committee will meet Thursday, Jan. 13, at 1 o'clock. Helen Axtell and May Richardson will be hostesses for the dessert luncheon. Dorothy Tockstein, chairman of the committee, hopes there will be a good turnout of ladies to help plan the club's program for the coming year.

Boost in Number Of Jobless Slated In Next 2 Months

Washington — (U.P.) — Unemployment will jump considerably this month and next, mainly because of seasonal factors, and possibly top the 1954 peak of 3,725,000 jobless, government economists predict.

The number of unemployed probably will climb by 750,000 persons between December and February, they said. That would bring the total to around 3,500,000. They added that the ranks of jobless might be swelled by 1,000,000 persons, and raise the total to about 3,800,000.

Express No Alarm

However, these economists expressed no alarm. In citing seasonal factors for the indicated increase, they said unemployment usually reaches its peak in the first two months of the year. Winter lulls in construction, mining, farming and the post-Christmas doldrums in many factories, transportation, and trade cause the jobless increase.

President Eisenhower told Congress last week that the 1955 economic outlook is "good." There have been general predictions that business will pick up in 1955 over 1954 levels.

Automobile production is getting a watchful eye. One government economist said he does not think the industry can keep up the current high production rate through the year. This could mean some unemployment problems later, he said.

Registration Closes Tuesday for Classes

Tuesday is the final day for registering for adult evening classes to be given during the coming semester, according to city schools officials. Registrations may be made by telephoning Medford 2-9992.

The classes are open to anyone 16 years of age or older not regularly attending school. The final class schedule, to be determined by the number of registrations, will be announced later.

The classes include radio, workshop, parliamentary, procedures, clothing construction, tailoring, cake decorating, drawing and sketching (basic and advanced), watercolor painting workshop (basic and advanced) and hooked and braided rug courses.

WEATHER

By United Press

Northern California: Considerable cloudiness; intermittent rain today; mainly south of San Francisco and Modesto; occasional rain most of area tonight; snow in mountains; little change in temperature; variable wind 10-20 MPH near coast.

Sheppard To Attend Funeral for Mother

Cleveland, O. — (U.P.) — Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard goes in handcuffs today to the funeral of his mother, a suicide.

The convicted wife-slayer was to leave Cuyahoga County jail for the services chained to Chief Jailer Michael A. Uccello and county detective David Yettra.

After the private services at the Saxton funeral home in suburban Lakewood, Sheppard was to accompany his mother's body to its grave in Sunset Memorial Park.

Then the 31-year-old osteopath brain surgeon will be returned to the special observation cell where he was placed Friday after Mrs. Ethel Niles Sheppard, 64, fired a fatal bullet into her brain. The cell is reserved for prisoners who might have some reason to harm themselves. Jail officials said Sheppard never had shown any inclination toward self-destruction, but the move was customary.

The Dailies — (U.P.) — The Oregon State Game Commission plans to buy the Wasco Electric Cooperative's hydro power plant at Oak Springs this summer, according to Co-op Manager Eric Johnson.

Air Force Officer Donates \$25,000 To Japanese Kids

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Think of it—an Air Force captain with \$25,000!

More than that, he donated the money to charity.

The officer, Capt. Cullen W. Irish II, leaves for Japan today where he will "have the pleasure" of watching Japanese orphans benefit from these dollars.

He gave the money to the children of two orphanages as a gesture of international goodwill.

Won Money in Contest

Actually, Irish and his wife, Desse, had twice that amount, money they won in a contest sponsored by an automobile manufacturer.

Just one year ago Irish returned from a tour of duty in Japan as a provost marshal. They visited a Vallejo, Calif., auto agency to buy a new car and while there Mrs. Irish called out a contest blank and dropped it in a box.

The couple moved to Otis Air Force base, Mass. Six months later they received a telephone call from a representative of the

auto firm telling them they had won \$50,000 to be donated to any charity of their choice.

They gave \$10,000 to the Air Force Aid society; \$10,000 to the Chico State Medical school in the name of Irish's father, a retired Army doctor now practicing medicine in Los Angeles, and \$5000 to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Home for Children at Eaton Rapids, Mich.

To Help Japanese

The remaining \$25,000, they decided, should be used to "help maintain the maximum friendly relations with the Japanese people."

This is important, Irish said, because he and his wife had learned to admire and respect the Japanese for their "friendliness, honesty and industry."

The couple conferred with the State Department and Japanese diplomats in Washington, then agreed to give the money to two orphanages in Japan with CARE as administrator of the fund.

Then Irish requested and was granted a new assignment in Japan "so I can have the pleasure of watching the money being spent."

Former Dancer Admits Abducting Youngster

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — A former burlesque dancer, whose motherly instinct prompted her to abduct two children in 1953, was to be arraigned today on charges of kidnapping a 3-year-old Florida boy and hitchhiking with him across the country.

The ex-dancer, Barbara Lee Collins, 27, was arrested Saturday in a trailer near Baldwin Park where she was living with the child, Dixel Waymond Brock of Live Oak, Fla., and two other unidentified persons who were not held.

Officers quoted Mrs. Collins as saying she took the child "because I could give him better care."

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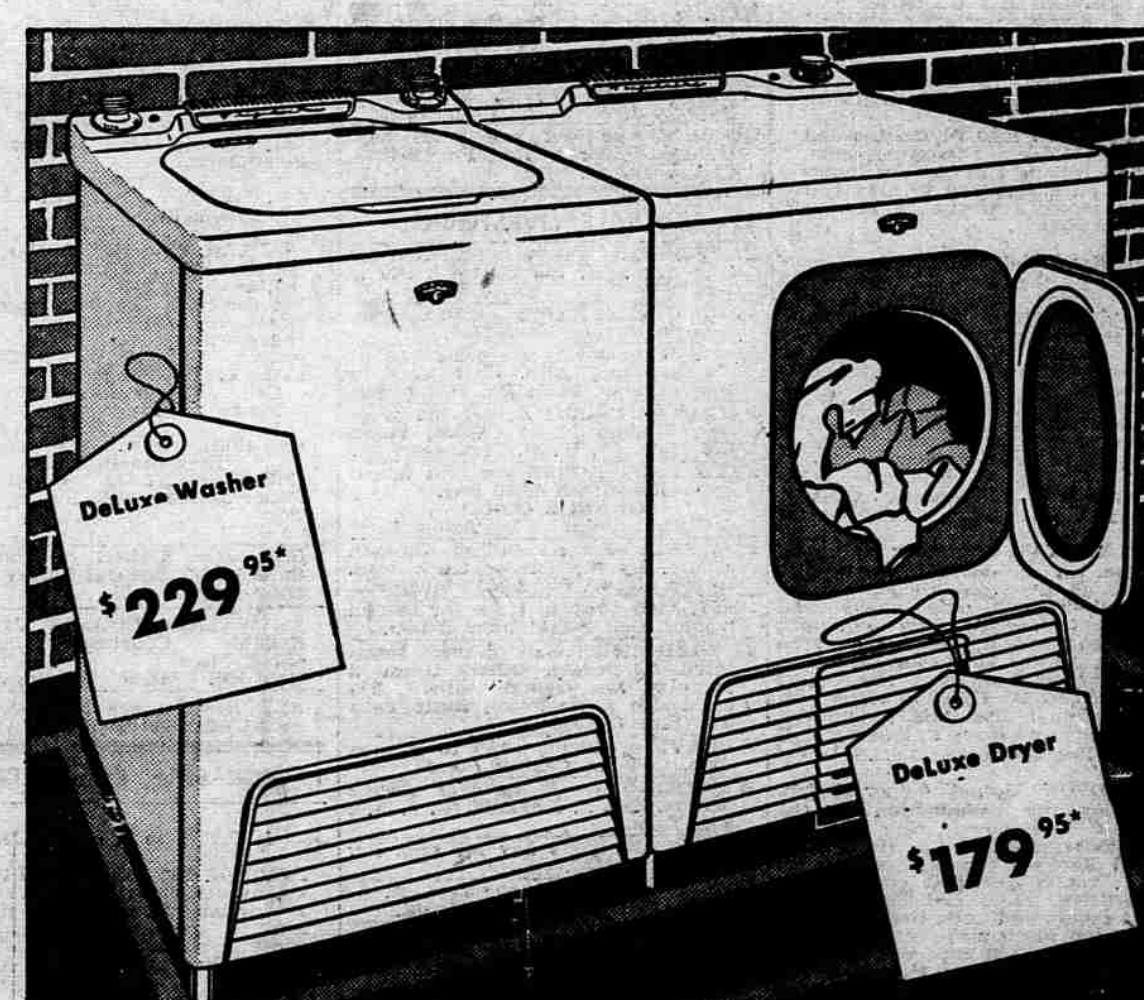
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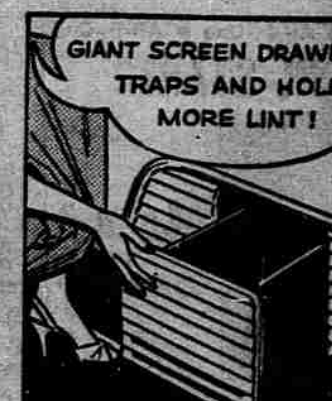
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