



**UP IN THE AIR**—One of four lift trucks used by Medford Blow Pipe company to lift a sawmill burner owned by Bate Lumber company, Merlin, is shown above while the job was under way. The burner, weighing about 64,000 pounds, was lifted 13 feet while the diameter of burner was increased from 67 to 73 feet and increased 13 feet in height.

### Mill Burner Lifted And Enlarged; Four Lift Trucks Used

An unusual method was used recently by Medford Blow Pipe company to increase by approximately 20 per cent the capacity of a saw mill burner owned by Bate Lumber company in Merlin.

The burner, an air-cooled model having a rated capacity of 140,000 board feet for one shift a day, was being taxed severely by the mill's average production of 200,000 board feet on a day shift and 100,000 board feet on a night shift.

It was imperative that a larger burner be installed, if possible, with no lost time to the mill operation.

**Same Job Done**  
Knowing that Medford Blow Pipe last summer increased the capacity of a similar burner owned by Olson-Ross Lumber company, White City, C. L. Lindquist, manager of the Bate Lumber company, contacted the local firm.

During a week when the mill was down for annual repairs, Medford Blow Pipe raised the Bate Lumber company's burner approximately 13 feet by means of four lift trucks, and installed a new course of sheets and a base ring on a three-foot high concrete foundation.

The concrete foundation ring was poured prior to raising of the burner. Four openings were left for entrance of the lift trucks.

The burner was increased from 67 feet to 73 feet in diameter, and 13 feet in height. The weight of the burner was about 64,000 pounds. All lifting was

### UMC's 1955 Goal Topped, Directors Told; Annual Meeting Slated in March

The United Medford Crusade has exceeded its \$102,000 goal by \$1,019.67 in gifts and pledges so far, it was announced at a UMC board of director's meeting last week.

There are indications that this amount may be increased. Campaign Chairman Bill Prentice said. He added that Medford people should be proud that this city is one of few in Oregon which has exceeded its united fund goal. Board members complimented Prentice and his campaign staff for their job.

Eston Humphrey, treasurer, said that \$31,693.90 remains to be collected from this year's pledges. He added that last year's loss due to cancelled or unpaid pledges was 2.91 per cent, or less than the national average of 3.2 per cent.

Expenses for administration and campaign expenses were within the budgeted amounts, he said.

**Will Pay Agency**

The board acted to pay the member agencies the full budgeted amounts due for the second quarter of the fiscal year, beginning Feb. 1. First quarter payments were less than the budgeted amounts, since at that time the goal had not been met. The deficiency will be made up in the February payment. This will be the first time in many years that it will be possible to pay the agencies the full amounts pledged then.

Plans were made for the agency by the four lift trucks, and two cranes were used as safety measures.

annual meeting, scheduled the latter part of March. UMC President Tony Manno named Prentice and Elliott Becken to organize the program and make the awards. Robert Cunningham and Ray Sorrenson will arrange for ticket sales, food, service and other details.

**To Make Nominations**

A nominating committee will report at the board meeting in February, and new officers will be elected at the annual meeting. The board also is proposing a by-law amendment to increase the board from 12 to 15 persons, and another to allow for election of honorary members. The amendments will be presented for vote at the annual meeting.

The board members whose terms expire in March include Manno, Becken, Frank C. Bash and E. L. Nutting. All have served for a number of years in the Community Chest, Medford Plan and UMC organizations.

### Richard Westerberg Named to Dairy Group

Richard Westerberg, Ashland dairyman and manager of the Jackson County Milk Producers League, has been elected Jackson county delegate to the Oregon Milk Producers organization, it was announced Saturday. Carl Hoover, Central Point, will be alternate delegate.

The board will meet next in Eugene early in February. Delegates will represent some 1,600 producers of grade A milk in the state.

### Rural School Budget Group Adopts Funds

Jackson county rural school board budget committee Thursday adopted a proposed operating and emergency budget of \$68,050 for the 1955-1956 fiscal year.

The committee set Friday, March 4, at 10 a.m. as hearing date for the proposed budget. Hearing will be at the county school superintendent's office.

The county non-high school district board budget committee will convene at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, to propose its operating and emergency and total tuition and transportation budgets.

Committeemen at the rural school budget session were H. F. Padgham, William A. Starzinger, Lyle Van Scoy, Glenn Smith and Mrs. M. O. Grove, board members, and Ben Nork, Mrs. Josephine Holmes, J. G. Cameron and Mrs. Dolly Stevens, lay members. County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold was also present.

### Shady Cove School Faculty Chooses Books

Members of the Shady Cove school faculty met Saturday at the county school superintendent's office to study social studies textbooks to determine which new ones will be used by the school next year.

Making the study were Principal Raymond Mullen, William Croucher, Agnes M. Brown, Noreen L. Conway, Ann Briggs and Frances K. Henry.

Dead line Sunday. Classified in at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

### Sea Lions on Oregon Coast In Fishermen's Dog House

Florence, Ore. — (U.P.) — Some 60 sea lions here are in the dog house as far as anglers, and resort owners are concerned.

Seems the lions are making a big bite in the steelhead run in the Siuslaw river mouth.

Fishing guide Archie Barnes

said that eight out of 10 fish caught have been clawed by the sea lions which come from beneath the fish to catch it in the belly or tail.

Some anglers have reported the lions gulp the fish right off the hook when the fish were being boated.

Lane county's sea lion population is protected by state law. The world famous Sea Lion caves are only 13 miles north of Florence.

**Wants Numbers Cut**  
Some guides and fishermen have maintained the sea lion population should be decimated for the sake of better fishing.

The game commission however, recently shot some sea lions in the mouth of the Rogue river. Examination of stomach contents showed these lions had been dieting primarily on lampreys which in turn prey upon steelhead and salmon.

**APPOINTED**  
Washington, D.C. — (U.P.) — Appointment of Irene F. Steiner as acting postmistress at Beaver-creek has been recommended by Rep. Walter Norblad of Oregon.

### Grants Pass Senator Committee Chairman

Salem — (U.P.) — Senate President Elmo F. Smith of John Day said Saturday that Sen. Gene Brown of Grants Pass has been elected chairman of the legislative counsel committee, which will serve during the next biennium.

Sen. Brown recently was re-appointed to the committee for another term, as were S. Sen. Stewart Hardy of Condon, Donald Husband of Eugene and Carl Francis of Dayton.

Five members of the House will make up the balance of the committee which, Smith said, has become "a vital legislative activity in giving uniformity to bill drafting and orderly preparation of legislation."

### STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Monday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

<b>ARIES</b> MAR. 22 2-5-4-24 26-28-34	<b>Taurus</b> APR. 21 3-5-37-38-70 75-78-85-88	<b>GEMINI</b> MAY 22 4-17-49-45 67-71-76	<b>CANCER</b> JUNE 23 5-24-39-48 69-77-79-83	<b>LEO</b> JULY 24 12-13-17-32 39-40-81-82	<b>VIRGO</b> AUG. 24 5-9-27-29 31-34-30-4	<b>LIBRA</b> SEPT. 23 30-33-50-53 58-61-62	<b>SCORPIO</b> OCT. 24 18-19-45-48 40-43-86-90	<b>SAGITTARIUS</b> NOV. 23 DEC. 22 1-8-10-22 23-55-87-89	<b>CAPRICORN</b> DEC. 23 JAN. 20 42-43-51-64 72-73-74	<b>AQUARIUS</b> JAN. 21 FEB. 19 14-16-20-21 25-44-46	<b>PISCES</b> FEB. 20 MAY. 21 6-7-11-13 54-57-66
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