

School Superintendent Tells Reasons for Local Growth; Describes School Policies

The biggest reason for the increase in population in the Medford area, found by school checking, is that people "like to live here," according to School Supt. E. H. Hedrick.

Speaking at the informal Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable yesterday in the Jackson hotel, Hedrick discussed the up-to-date census methods used by the public school system to determine future growth.

Many in Lumbering

In enlarging on the reasons why people move here, he said that of parents of school children, 26 per cent came here through lumber and allied occupations, while the spot check showed the answer most fre-

quently given was "liking" the area for residence.

He explained that his office has always tried to guess the population growth, but that it is extremely difficult, with no formula ever derived for accurate predictions. One factor causing this situation, he continued, is the "almost isolated type of economy." He noted the considerable distance to communities of size.

Gives Growth Figures

He gave some new statistics just compiled by his office. They show that school growth was 14.1 per cent from 1939 to 1944; 32.1 per cent from 1944 to 1949 and 18.5 per cent from 1949 to 1954. Growth during the present school year has been 3.5 per cent.

He described the new buildings required to meet this post-war increase now under construction. The new junior high is to be ready for occupancy by September, and will be filled about to capacity for a while. It is planned to use part of the building for fifth and sixth graders from Roosevelt school to alleviate the present crowded condition. Such a move seemed practical, he explained, rather than to add to the Roosevelt school.

Explains Policy

Hedrick also explained the policy on hiring new teachers, and described the multiple reference procedure and quest for youth in new employees.

He discussed briefly the 30-pupil class limit set by the state, which makes constant expansion necessary. He said that, in his opinion, certain grades where the students are similar in aptitude could have an enrollment in a single class of 35 and still not harm the standards.

About 30 persons attended the luncheon session, which is held every week at noon. Next week the discussion topic will be state legislation. The speaker will be named later.

Shady Cove Party To Aid Fire Dept.

Shady Cove — A benefit entertainment and card party for the new Shady Cove-Traill fire department will be given Saturday evening, Feb. 19, at Shady Cove school gym. The affair is being sponsored by Shady Cove Grange.

There will be a varied program from 8 to 9 p.m., and the card party will begin at 9 p.m. Motion pictures will be shown for those not wishing to play cards and for the children.

There will also be refreshments. Admission will be by donation and all proceeds will go to the fire department. The public is invited.

Nixon To Leave For El Salvador

Guatemala City (U.P.)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon leaves Guatemala today for El Salvador on his month-long goodwill tour of Central America and the Caribbean.

El Salvador is the fourth stop on Nixon's 7500-mile tour designed to strengthen U.S. ties with her neighbors to the south. In addition to Guatemala, Nixon has visited Cuba and Mexico.

During his three-day stay, Nixon conferred with President Carlos Castillo Armas and government officials. Informed sources said they had convinced Nixon that the U. S. aid program must be speeded up to prevent the resurgence of Communism.

Eisenhower Shows Sign Of Vocal Huskiness

Washington (U.P.)—President Eisenhower evidenced some vocal huskiness this morning as he contended with lingering traces of a cold.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President still was not feeling well but had scheduled a full morning of office conferences.

Mr. Eisenhower picked up the cold during last week's quail hunting visit to Thomasville, Ga.

Left-Hander Theory In Sheppard Murder

Cleveland (U.P.)—Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard's hope for a new trial and an acquittal rest on the claim his wife's murderer was left handed, it was reported today.

The young osteopath, facing a life prison sentence for the July 4 bludgeon-murder, is right-handed.

The left-handed theory was studied extensively by Dr. Paul Kirk, University of California criminologist, during his visit here last month. "I hope to have my tests completed by the end of this month," he told the Cleveland Press by telephone.

"If there is a second trial, I hope to have a chance to testify," Dr. Kirk said he would perform laboratory tests aimed at proving a left-handed person murdered Marilyn Sheppard as she lay in bed. Basis of the proof, reports said, was the pattern of blood stains on the walls of the bedroom.

Wall Street

New York (U.P.)—Diamonds, electronics, atoms, submarines, destroyers, boiler plants, and machine tools—these were the stock market today.

Gains in the foregoing issues ranged to 10 points in General Dynamics-Convair planes, and atom-powered submarines.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American T & T	178½
Anaconda	52¾
Chrysler	70
Curtiss Wright	21½
General Electric	54½
General Motors	94½
Montgomery Ward	79½
Penn. R. R.	25
Penn. J. C.	90
Radio	41¾
Southern Co.	197½
Southern Pacific	57¾
S. Oil of Calif.	79
Texas Gulf Sulphur	417½
Transamerica	40½
Tri-Continental	26½
United Aircraft	86¾
U. S. Rubber	44½
U. S. Steel	79½
Youngstown	80½

Portland Livestock

Portland (U.P.)—Cattle 250. Low-choice 1048 lb. fed steers \$22.75; utility steers \$13.15; good-low choice fed steers \$20.50-23.25; 941 lb. \$23.50; utility-commercial heifers \$12.15; canner-cutter cows mostly \$8-10.50; utility cows \$11.50-13; utility-commercial bulls \$12-14 or above.

Calves 50. Good weaners \$22-24; choice to \$28 and above; good stock calves \$12-20.

Hogs 300. Choice 1-2 butchers 180-235 lb. \$19.50-20; choice 3 loins \$18.50-19; choice 350-550 lb. sows \$15-16.

Sheep 300. Good-choice No. 1 pelts to full woolled lambs \$19-20; choice with some prime lambs \$21; good-choice feeders lambs \$17.50-18.50; shearing lambs \$19; good-choice slaughter ewes \$8.50-7.50.

Portland Produce

Portland (U.P.)—Eggs—To retailers: Grade AA large, 32-33c doz.; A large, 49-50c doz.; AA medium, 50-51c; A medium, 48-49c; A small, 45c; cartons, 1-3c additional.

Butter—To retailers: AA grade primus, one lb.; cartons, 67c; A primus, 66c; cartons, 67c; B primus, 64c.

Cheese—To retailers: A grade cheddar, Oregon singles, 42½-45½c; 5-lb. loaves, 46½-49½c. Processed American cheese, 3-lb. loaf, 39½-41c lb.

Farm Market

Fancy Hood River yellow Newtown apples sold at around \$3-3.25 a 40-lb. box at wholesale houses here today.

Poultry, Rabbits

Live Chickens—To growers (No. 1 quality f.o.b. Portland): Fryers 2½ to 3 lbs., 23c lb.; at farm, 24-25c lb. roasters, 4½ lbs. and up, 25c lb. f.o.b. Portland; 24-25c at ranch; light hens, 16-17c; heavy hens, 17-18c; wts., 20-21c lb.; old roasters, 10-11c lb.

Dressed Chickens—No. 1 dressed to retailers: Fryers 35-40c; roasters, 39-40c; light hens, 28-29c; heavy hens, 32-33c; cutup fryers, all wts., 49-50c lb.; whole drawn, 44-45c.

Turkeys—To retailers: A grade hens, ready to cook, 48c; N.Y. dressed, to 43c lb.; A grade toms, 54-55c; 40c; Beltsville A grade hens, oven-ready to 52c; Beltsville toms 49c lb.

Rabbits (average to growers, f.o.b. killing plants)—Live white, 3½-4½ lbs., 18-20c up; 5-8 lbs., 14-16c; colored pelts, 4c under; 4c under; 4c under; a few higher. Fresh dressed fryers to retailers, 54-57c; cut up, 60-63c.

Portland Cash Grain

Portland—Prices as reported in the USDA market news service: Wheat, No. 2 soft white, \$79.75 a ton bulk, prompt delivery f.o.b. Portland. No. 2 white oats 38 lb. test Coast delivery \$37.50 ton; Portland delivery, \$37.50; No. 2 Western barley, \$34-35.50 ton f.o.b. Portland Coast delivery.

Soybean meal \$90 ton, cars, prompt delivery Portland; standard millrun prompt shipment, \$43-45.50 ton, cars, prompt delivery; No. 2 yellow corn, 56¢ ton f.o.b. Portland.

Wholesale hay prices: No. 2 green alfalfa baled, f.o.b. Portland, \$35 trucks, \$37 rail. Timothy mixed hay, \$28 a ton, f.o.b. rail car, Seattle.

Portland cash grain, Monday's close:

Soft white, no rex 2.39½
Soft white, no rex 2.39½
White club 2.39½
Portland Grain Exchange, Monday's close.

Hollywood (U.P.)—Comedian Alan Young underwent surgery today after suffering an acute appendicitis attack.

1,370,000 Combat Troops Overseas

Washington (U.P.)—The United States now has overseas 1,370,000 troops eligible to be assigned to combat, the Defense Department disclosed today.

The figure, previously held to be secret, compares with 1,602,000 potential combat troops who are stationed in this country, the department said.

Neither figure includes such service personnel as women, who are not eligible for assignment to combat duty. Total strength of the armed forces, including service personnel, is 3,172,000.

The department also disclosed that U. S. military services currently are maintaining abroad a total of 950 military bases employing five persons or more.

The figures were supplied to the House by the Defense Department in response to a so-called privileged resolution of inquiry introduced by Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.).

"What I am trying to get at," Hoffman told a reporter, "is the need for the draft and the extent of our military commitments abroad."

No Chains Said Needed On Oregon Highways

Salem (U.P.)—Roads remained free of snow and no chains were needed or advised for motorists, the State Highway Department said today.

Spots of ice were reported at Government Camp, Timberline, Warm Springs Junction, Prospect, Santiam Pass, Willamette Pass, Bly, Meacham and Seneca.

Oregon Praised for Forest Management

Salem (U.P.)—Some 150 professional foresters of the Society of American Foresters met here yesterday and their national executive secretary, Henry Klepper, characterized Oregon as "one of the outstanding examples of progressive forest management."

The SAF was organized in 1900 and is one of the oldest forest conservation groups in the country. At that time only seven colleges were teaching the subject. Now there are 35 colleges in the country offering courses in forestry, of which Oregon State College is an outstanding example, Klepper said.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 3:30 previous day.

Wreckage Believed Spotted on Mountain

Rome (U.P.)—An Italian air force plane searching for a missing Belgian airliner today spotted what appeared to be the wreckage of a plane on a snow-covered mountain 40 miles from the Adriatic Sea.

Federal police and volunteer rescue squads set out immediately for the difficult trip up Mt. Vettore where the pilot spotted "what appears to be the wreckage of an American-made plane" at an altitude of 5250 feet.

Italian Air-Sea Rescue Headquarters at Vigna di Valle, north of Rome, issued the report, which was the most positive clue so far in the two-day search for the Sabena Airlines DC6.

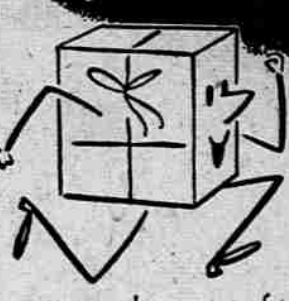
The plane disappeared Sunday night on a flight from Brussels to Leopoldville, Belgian Congo.

HOT PINOCHLE GAME

Pittsburgh (U.P.)—The men in No. 9 Engine Company almost missed a fire yesterday when they got too absorbed in a pinochle game. "Hey, you guys better get a move on," a passerby yelled. "Your building is on fire." The red-faced firemen put out a small blaze in the corner of the fire station with loss only to their dignity.

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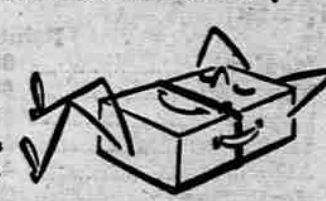
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Democrats Call on Big Advertisers To Help Pay Rent

Chicago (U.P.)—Democratic leaders called for advertisers today to help them pay for the party's 1956 convention in Chicago's International amphitheater.

Meanwhile, Chicagoans mapped plans to also talk Republicans into holding their convention in the air-cooled amphitheatre, located next door to the Chicago world-famed stockyard.

Rent Deal Closed

If they succeed, the 12,000-seat amphitheater will be the scene of the two big political conventions for the second time running.

The deal to rent the amphitheatre to the Democrats was closed yesterday in a meeting between Hy Raskin, representing Democratic national chairman Paul M. Butler, Jacob M. Avery, Democratic national committeeman from Illinois, and William Wood Prince, president of the Union Stock Yards Co., which owns the big hall.

The cost will be \$6500 a day and Raskin said an exposition will be held in the amphitheater's north wing to help pay expenses.

Exhibits Planned

Although the details were not worked out, Amphitheater manager M. E. Thayer planned to invite 100 of the nation's biggest advertisers to set up exhibits.

The first \$20,000 gained from such advertising revenues will be knocked off the Democrats' rent.

Thayer said Republicans will be offered the same deal when a big Chicago delegation presents the Windy City's case to the Republican Central committee next week.

Strong bids were also expected from San Francisco and Philadelphia delegations.

Daily Weather Report

FORECASTS

Medford and vicinity—Fair tonight, variable high cloudiness Wednesday with patches of morning fog. Low to night 28; high Wednesday 50.

Eastern Oregon—Foggy tonight and Wednesday morning with increasing high cloudiness Wednesday. Low tonight 30-40; high Wednesday 50-60.

Five-day forecast, through Sunday: Western Oregon—Temperatures near normal except cooling to below normal about Thursday. Highs in 40s, lows in 30s. Recurring rains with totals 1 to 3 inches on coast and 1 inch in interior.

Northern California—Occasional rain the latter part of week. Snow in mountains. Temperatures near or below normal.

LOCAL DATA

Temperature a year ago today: Highest 46; Lowest 29.
Total monthly precipitation 24 inch.
Deficiency for the month 8 inch.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1954, 6.17 inches.

Deficiency for the season 5.74 inches.

Relative humidity 4:30 p.m. yesterday 37%; 4:30 a.m. today 95%.

Observations taken at 4:30 A.M., 120 Meridian Time.

	High	Low	Prec.
Boise	40	28	
Boston	29	25	.07
Chicago	36	18	
Denver	37	21	
Eureka	31	44	
Grants Pass	52	34	
Havre	50	37	
Klamath Falls	50	37	
Los Angeles	66	49	
Medford	51	29	
New York	32	29	.06
Omaha	42	6	
Phoenix	78	49	
Portland	49	38	.01
Reno	53	29	
Eugene	53	34	
Salt Lake	37	26	
San Francisco	64	43	
Seattle	48	40	.12
Spokane	46	32	
Washington, D.C.	37	31	
Yakima	49	28	

Tomorrow

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But, you may ask, if Lucerne is "Bonus Quality" why doesn't it cost more? The answer is in the way Lucerne Milk is distributed—a low-cost way that saves money. Lucerne Milk is sold only through stores—the many Safeway stores in this area. Delivering several hundred quarts of milk to a Safeway store is far, far less costly than delivering milk to your doorstep one quart at a time.

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