

## Rogue River School District Said Not On 'Distressed' List

A story from the legislature at Salem last week said the House Education committee had listed 34 school districts in Oregon as being "distressed" from a standpoint of being unable to undertake new school construction.

The Rogue River school district, No. 35, was on the list.

County School Superintendent Alf Mekvold, in commenting on the story, said last week that he does not know where the committee got its information, but that it is incorrect. The Rogue River school district is bonded only a little more than 35 per cent of its capacity, and thus is in a better position than some other districts here in Jackson county.

### Report Misleading

He termed the committee's report as misleading, at least insofar as it pertains to Jackson county, and went on to point out that the situation is not clear-cut. One Jackson county school district is bonded to capacity, he pointed out, and others are bonded anywhere from 12 to 91 per cent of capacity. Four of the county's districts have no bonded indebtedness at all.

The school superintendent emphasized that he does not mean to imply that school districts have no building problems, nor that it may not be necessary for some sort of assistance to be worked out for them. His reason in commenting, he said, was to point out that Rogue River is not an unduly distressed district as was implied in the Salem story.

### Averages Told

The average percentage of bonding capacity used by county school districts is 54.58, with a median of slightly over 50 per cent.

But these percentages in themselves do not reveal the true position of a district, he added. One which is bonded 100 per cent may be fully equipped with needed facilities, whereas another with only 50 per cent could have needs totaling more than the remaining 50 per cent of capacity, he said.

Bonding capacity in Jackson county is 12 1/2 per cent of assessed valuation for elementary districts and 18 1/2 per cent for other districts.

## Man Trapped in Auto Wreck Takes Own Life

Portland (U.P.)—An Oregon City man Thursday shot and killed himself as he lay in the wreckage of his auto on the Bertha Beaverton Highway, police reported.

He was Frank Stalick, 45, of Oregon City. Police said Stalick was pinned in the twisted remains of his auto after it collided with a car driven by Austin Love Wright of Portland.

Witnesses to the collision said Stalick, after struggling to free himself, suddenly shouted that he was going to shoot himself. He took a gun from the auto's glove compartment, and shot himself in the head.

Neither Wright, nor his passenger, were injured.

The names of some States are projected in other states. For example, New York has a town named Alabama, Pennsylvania has an Indiana, and Louisiana an Arizona. Five States have a California, three an Ohio, and seven a Wyoming.

The Berbers of Morocco, who regard the bitter flesh of the argan as inedible, press the pits for cooking oil. Goats, which enjoy the olive-like argan, often climb 20 feet into a tree to reach the fruit.



**NO TRAFFIC PROBLEM HERE**—This lone boatman, paddling up Market-st in Cincinnati, has it all to himself. He is four blocks from the Ohio River that crested in Cincinnati at 61 feet before starting to fall. New Richmond, about 15 miles from city's outskirts, was the hardest hit area.

## State Speed Board Attacked in House Committee Hearing

Salem (U.P.)—The State Speed Control Board, which decides how fast traffic should move on various sectors of the highways and posts signs to that effect, has come under fire in the House Highways Committee.

Rep. Lloyd Haynes (R-Grants Pass) branded the board as the most "red-tape-bound" agency he had encountered before a legislative committee. He said the committee should be considering a bill to abolish the board, rather than a bill enlarging authority of the county courts to set speeds on certain county roads.

The board came under discussion when the committee heard testimony on a bill that would allow county courts to set speeds on roads where traffic had suddenly become a problem due to sudden population growth.

Judge F. L. Phipps, representing the Association of Oregon Counties, said the speed control board sometimes took as long as six months or a year to act or requests for speed posting. The board is composed of the chairman of the State Highway Commission, the secretary of state, and the superintendent of state police.

### Compulsory Inspection

The highway committee also heard testimony relating to compulsory motor vehicle inspection. A bill that would establish such a system in Oregon is before the committee. It would permit licensing of private garages and service stations to conduct the inspections for a nominal fee. Motor vehicles would not be eligible for licenses unless they had passed the safety inspection.

## Pond Digger Finds Tree 200,000 Years Old

Lebanon, O.—(U.P.)—A tree that might be 200,000 years old was uncovered here recently when a farmer started to dig a new farm pond.

Ohio State University geologists, examining the find, thought it was felled by an ancient glacier which moved down from the north and covered the state.

The tree, almost perfectly preserved, was found in a vein of blue-gray clay which the experts began testing for radioactivity to confirm its true age.

## Purpose in Universe

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The response from readers of the recent article on Heaven prompts me to consider a somewhat related subject. When we realize the immensity of the starry expanse around us and the seemingly perfect order existing in it, we at times irresistibly cry, "What is it all about? Is this a result of blind chance? Could there be purposeful intelligence behind it all?"

Some are completely satisfied that the grandeur of the heavens was provided solely for the pleasure of the dwellers on our tiny globe. The less we know of the "great spaces," the easier it is to accept this thought. The agnostic claims we do not know whether there is purpose and that we can never find out. The atheist says there is none; the theist, that there is.

The editor of a magazine published by the Free Thinkers once wrote me that he saw no purposeful intelligence in the universe in general. "If we designate by the term 'atheist' a person who does not believe that any individual personality designed and created the universe, takes any interest in mankind and demands worship, then I am an atheist." He believed that "even the rudimentary knowledge of various sciences negatives such a god. The atheist makes mankind his god and service to mankind his religion."

A different view is given by the noted astronomer, the late Dr. Edwin B. Frost, who was connected with the Yerkes observatory of the University of Chicago for a quarter century. In "An Astronomer's Life" he wrote: "Everything that we learn from the observational point of view in the study of astronomy seems to me to point precisely and always toward a purposeful operation of nature. When you

accept this, it seems to me to be inconsistent with physical sciences not to believe in a mind behind the universe. I cannot imagine the planets getting together and deciding under what law they would operate. The order that we see does not appear to have been produced as the chance outcome of random motions coerced into some measure of uniformity. . . .

"Thus in a purposeful creation I find it not at all inconsistent to believe that there must be mind behind it, developing the purpose. I make the premise that it is a spiritual being . . . distinct from matter, and that it is not subject to sense perception. . . .

"I find it justified in my own mind by the effects which this view has had on inspired men through the ages. . . . If the universe is purposeful, then it is plain to me that man . . . must himself be distinctly a result of purpose rather than of accident. . . .

"One thing illustrative of this spiritual attitude is that man has his curiosities, his wonder, his awe and his reverence for the material universe . . . which may indicate to him a divine power behind it."

## Child Learns To Walk Again For Third Time

El Dorado, Kan.—(U.P.)—Not yet seven years old, Shonda Cook has just learned to walk for the third time.

The child was stricken with polio at the age of 18 months, just when she had become fairly surefooted. A bone operation shortly after her fifth birthday made it possible for her to learn to walk again.

But another operation became necessary later, and it resulted in her legs being in casts for six weeks. When that ordeal was over, she had to learn for a third time to use her legs.

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## 4-H Youngsters of County Invest \$120,000 in Projects

Jackson county 4-H club members invested more than \$120,000 in their projects during 1954, according to Glenn Klein and Jean Brooks, county agents for 4-H club work.

During the year, the county's 700 club members realized a profit in excess of \$22,000.

They made more than 675 articles of clothing to wear or use in their homes; prepared

3,950 dishes and baked 940 items as part of the family meal, and prepared and served more than 920 complete meals.

Club members also froze or canned more than 800 quarters of fruit and vegetables; made 40 articles for their own rooms; made model airplanes, stools, metal fixtures, and did home electrical work.

Livestock club members raised

224 dairy animals, 140 beef animals, 218 sheep, 102 swine, 78 rabbits, more than 800 turkeys, ducks and geese, 14 colonies of bees, and several acres of crops and pasture.

According to the county agents, the \$22,000 profit does not include items such as profit on vegetables and flowers raised, meals and dishes prepared for family use, fruits and vegetables frozen and canned, furniture for room improvement, and woodworking items.

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## No Downtown Parking Rule Tried in Boston

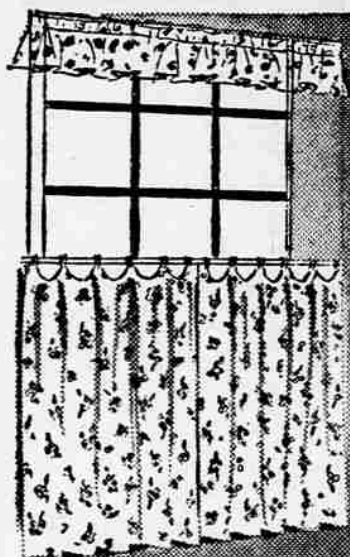
Boston (U.P.)—Boston is trying out a complete no-parking rule on key downtown streets during the evening rush hour as another means of cutting the city's apparently insoluble bottle-necks of traffic.

Police Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan suggested the plan to bar all parking on 13 thoroughfares between 4 and 6 p.m. The plan is on a 60-day trial basis before being made permanent.

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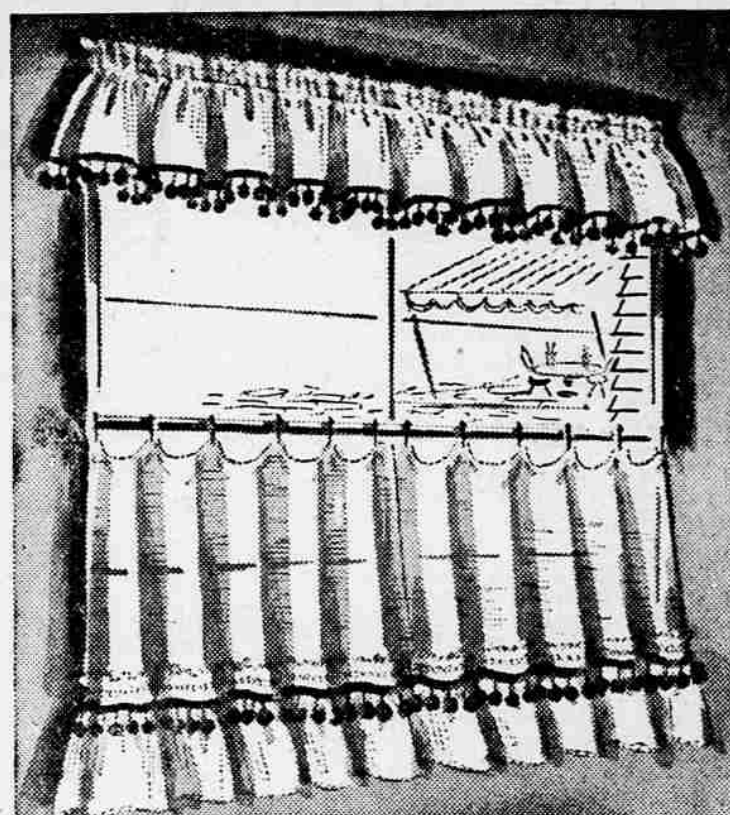
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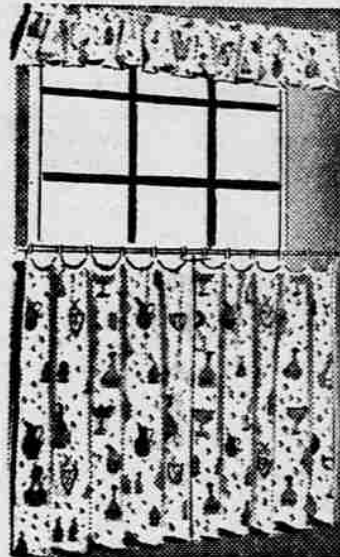
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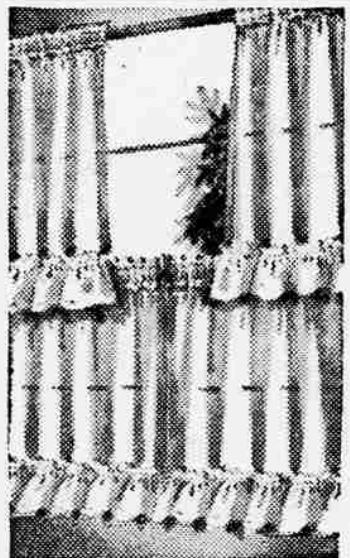
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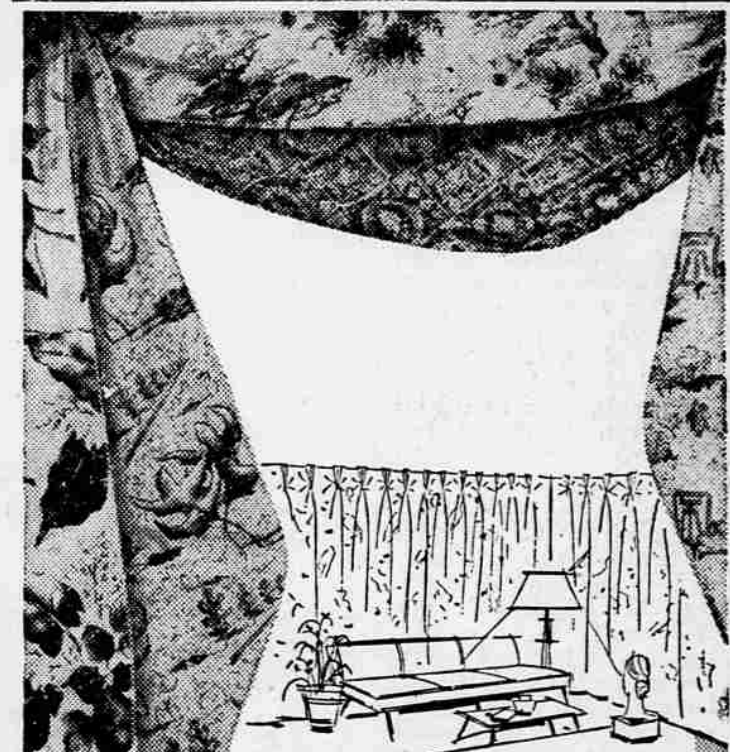
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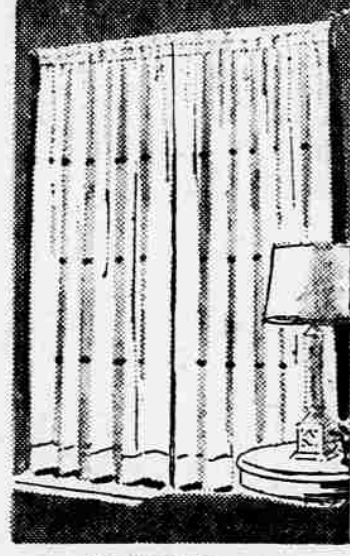
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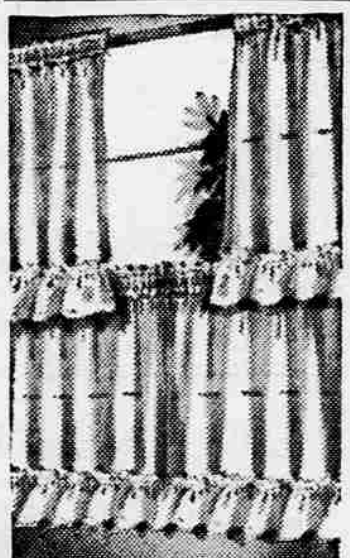
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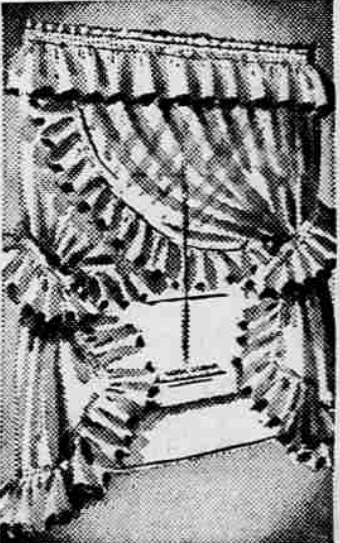
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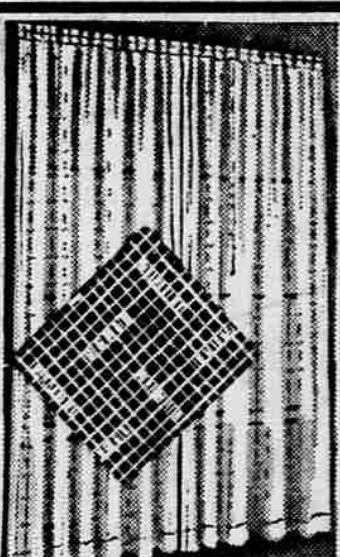
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