

### Erickson To Quit State Health Job Unless Pay Hiked

Portland —(U.P.)— Dr. Harold M. Erickson, Oregon state health officer, Saturday confirmed reports that he would resign unless the Legislature raises his salary.

Harry Dorman, state finance director, had mentioned that Dr. Erickson would quit his post in statements to the legislative Joint Ways and Means Committee recently.

The health officer said he has had several offers in the last two years for jobs in the field of medical administration. He turned them down, he said, because he felt the Legislature would do something about salary schedules which he feels are too low.

"It is not only my salary that is too low," Dr. Erickson said. "But the salaries of the other doctors working in my department are too low. The Barrington Report pointed up some of these inequities, but the Legislature is ignoring them."

Dr. Erickson said the state health officers in Washington and Montana get \$15,000 a year and the assistant health officer in Washington gets \$13,000, while his own salary is \$12,000.

### High School News Notes

April 25 to 29 was celebrated as Girls' League week at Medford High school with activities including



freshman visitation day, slack day, the annual Mother - Daughter style show and tea, and cotton and cords day Friday. In connection with GL week, signs were placed over classroom doors depicting the theme "And Away We Go." Typical door cards were "Tropical Heat Wave" over the boiler room, and "There's No Business Like Show Business" over the drama room.

All students who took the written examination for the Teenage Road-e-o qualified for the driving manipulation test which was held Saturday morning. Those entered from MHS are Marian Contrall, Myrna Close, Dick Arnold, Marie Sefarly, Harold Knipps and Don Gordon.

Editors Announced Announcement of the 1955-56 Crater and Hi Times staff was

made recently by publications advisor Mrs. Elizabeth Settle. Heading the annual staff is Deanna Bruning as editor. Assisting her will be Bev Cosler, associate editor; Jane Bash, copy editor; Nancy McKeown, assistant copy editor; Gary Kliever, sports editor; Barbara Gordon and Judy Lobdell, photograph editors; Jannon Van Valzah, index editor; Meredith Foote, sales manager, and Jim Matirie, business manager.

The paper staff will consist of June Pike and Barbara Maxson, co-editors; Lorita Jennings and Denice Bruning, feature editors; Pat Rice, copy editor; Kathryn Stewart, news editor; Carol Dyke, exchange editor; Ralph Bates and Chuck DeLorme, sports writers; Harold O'Connors, business manager; Lois Kelly and Dennis Wyatt, advertising managers.

Officers were elected this week by the History, Economics and Civics association with John Van Dyke heading the list as president for 1955-56. Additional officers are Dave Bosworth, vice-president Jane Bash, commissioner of records; Sandra Laing, commissioner of activities, and Suzanne Smith, commissioner of membership.

Solo performers and ensemble groups from the Medford High school music department attended the Southern Oregon music contest in Klamath Falls Saturday.

Schools from all over the area were represented and participated in the judging. Also from the music department this week was the announcement of an invitation extended to the orchestra to play a concert at Willamette university in Salem Tuesday, May 3. Fifty high school and 11 junior high orchestra members will leave Monday morning for the recital.

Initiation Planned

Quill and Scroll, MHS chapter of the International Honorary society for high school journalists, is planning to hold its annual initiation this week. Those who have qualified for membership are Jack Day, Jeannie Harmon, Bev Cosler, Don Robinson, Tom Y'Blood, Ed Manley, Frank Bash, Deanning Bruning, June Pike, Nancy Hamilton and Deanna Campbell.

Plans are being completed for the annual publications dinner to be held Tuesday night. A dinner will precede the presentation of publications awards. Chairmen for the event are Bev Cosler, general chairman; Lois Kelly, flowers; Judy Lobdell, clean-up; Jeannie Harmon, decorations; Shiela Spence, food; Barbara Roach, place cards; Tom Y'Blood, music, and Nellie Rawlings, banquet room. Frank Bash will act as master of ceremonies and hostesses are Jeannie Harmon, Barbara Roach and Mary Lou Murphy.

High school YMCA activities this week end included a hay ride Friday night sponsored by the Senior Hi-Y and a "Smudge Pot" dance Saturday night sponsored by the Junior Tri-Hi-Y. Chairmen for the dance included Janet Carter, Sue Dempster and Rita Rose.

Portland Police Study New Bombing Threat

Portland —(U.P.)— Police Saturday were investigating the report of a telephone call to a Portland man threatening to blow up his home.

Frank Mulloy, business agent for the Teamsters Union local, told detectives he received the call at his home at 3:10 a.m. Saturday. A man told Mulloy in profane language that he was going to blow up Mulloy's home and family.

Mulloy said the phone rang twice after the first call but no party would answer on the other end of the line.

### Workmen Accident Payment Increased Effective Today

Salem—Workmen's contributions to the Industrial Accident Fund have been increased by act of the Legislature from one to two cents per day upon the signing of House Bill 555, it has been announced by the Industrial Accident Commission.

Effective today, employers under the Workmen's Compensation Law will be required to retain from workmen's wages two cents for each day or part of a day worked and forward these contributions monthly to the Industrial Accident Commission. The workmen's contribution for volunteer firemen, and for employers and corporate officers who have filed elections to become entitled to benefits as workmen, is also increased — from 30 cents per month to 60 cents per month.

Placed in Reserve

One half of the workmen's contributions under the amended law are to be placed in the "Retrospective Relief Reserve." This reserve is to be used to increase monthly pension payments to widows of fatally injured workmen, and to totally disabled workmen, above the amounts specified in the Law in effect at the time the fatal or disabling accident occurred, it was stated.

Initially, some 1,470 individuals will benefit by having their pensions restored to the July 1, 1947, level. These individuals are entitled to pensions under various benefit schedules in effect from 1913 to 1947. The 1949 legislature initiated a system of increasing these benefits from surplus funds accumulated by the Industrial Accident Commission. In March of 1955 the Attorney General ruled that the method of increasing these benefits which had been utilized since 1949 was unconstitutional.

Increased From March 1

House Bill 555 provides that the above pensions be increased from March 1, 1955. The commission announced that June

### 18 Programs Slated For Observance of Conservation Week

Eighteen programs have been arranged for civic, service club and fraternal organizations and one high school throughout Jackson county for Oregon conservation week, May 1 to May 7, according to the local committee.

Thirteen programs will be presented by members of the Siskiyou chapter of the Society of American Foresters; local representatives of the Soil Conservation Service will be in charge of two programs, the Oregon State Game Commission will conduct two programs and the Fish and Wildlife service will conduct one.

The programs will consist of speakers, talks with colored slides, and sound color films supplemented by short conservation talks. Film projectors and operators will be furnished by the Oregon State Extension Service, Conger-Morris funeral home, U. S. Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service and Jackson County Civil Defense Agency.

The week's schedule of programs follows:

Monday — Ashland Kiwanis club, noon, speaker L. L. Simpson, manager, Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm Association; Rogue River Lions club, 7:30 p.m., speaker, Gene Albert, Fish and Wildlife Service; Butte Falls Grange, 7:30 p.m., film, "Rainbow Valley," message, Britt Ash, district ranger, USFS.

Tuesday — Ashland Chamber of Commerce, noon, speaker, Ted Maul, district warden, South-

west Oregon Forest Patrol; Ashland Lions club, 6:15 p.m., speaker, Harry Parker, naturalist, National Park Service; Eagle Point Grange, 8:30 p.m., film, "Promise of the Trees," message, Jack Crump, forester, Kogal Lumber Industries, Central Point Lions club, 6:45 p.m., film, "You'll Remember Oregon," message, Bill Cox, Soil Conservation Service; Jackson County Road Employees, 8:30 p.m., film, "Realm of the

Wild," message, C. R. Shepard, field agent, Oregon State Game Commission; Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, 7:30 p.m., film, "Everyman's Empire" message, Wallace Robinson, USFS; Medford Rotary club, noon, speaker, Jack Wood, forest supervisor, Rogue River National Forest.

Wednesday—Medford Kiwanis club, noon, speaker, E. K. Peterson, district forester, Bureau of Land Management; Prospect Lions club, 7:30 p.m., speaker, George Kasky, district ranger, USFS.

Thursday — Ashland Rotary club, noon, speaker, Clem Ault, Soil Conservation Service; Medford Active club, 7 p.m., speaker, C. R. Shepard, field agent, Oregon State Game Commission; Up-

per Rogue Grange, 9 p.m., speaker, Dick Worthington, USFS; Shady Cove Rotary club, 7:30 p.m., film, "You'll Remember Oregon," message, Bob Vincent, forester, Elk Lumber company; Jacksonville High school, 1:05 p.m., speaker, Loren Cooper, district ranger, USFS.

Friday — Roxy Ann Grange, 8:30 p.m., film, "Bounty of the Forest," message, Larry Solin, forester, Elk Lumber company.

RILEA REELECTED

Washington — Major General Thomas E. Rilea, Adjutant General of Oregon, was reelected vice-president of the Adjutants General Association of the United States during the three day annual conference of the Association held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C.

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Uren had been in police custody since soon after the blaze, but was scheduled for immediate release.

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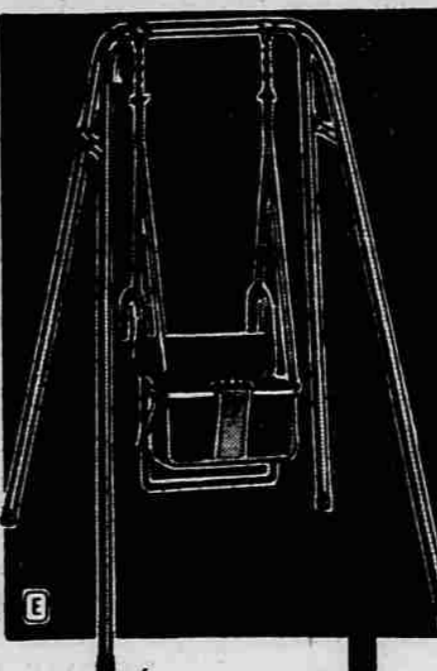
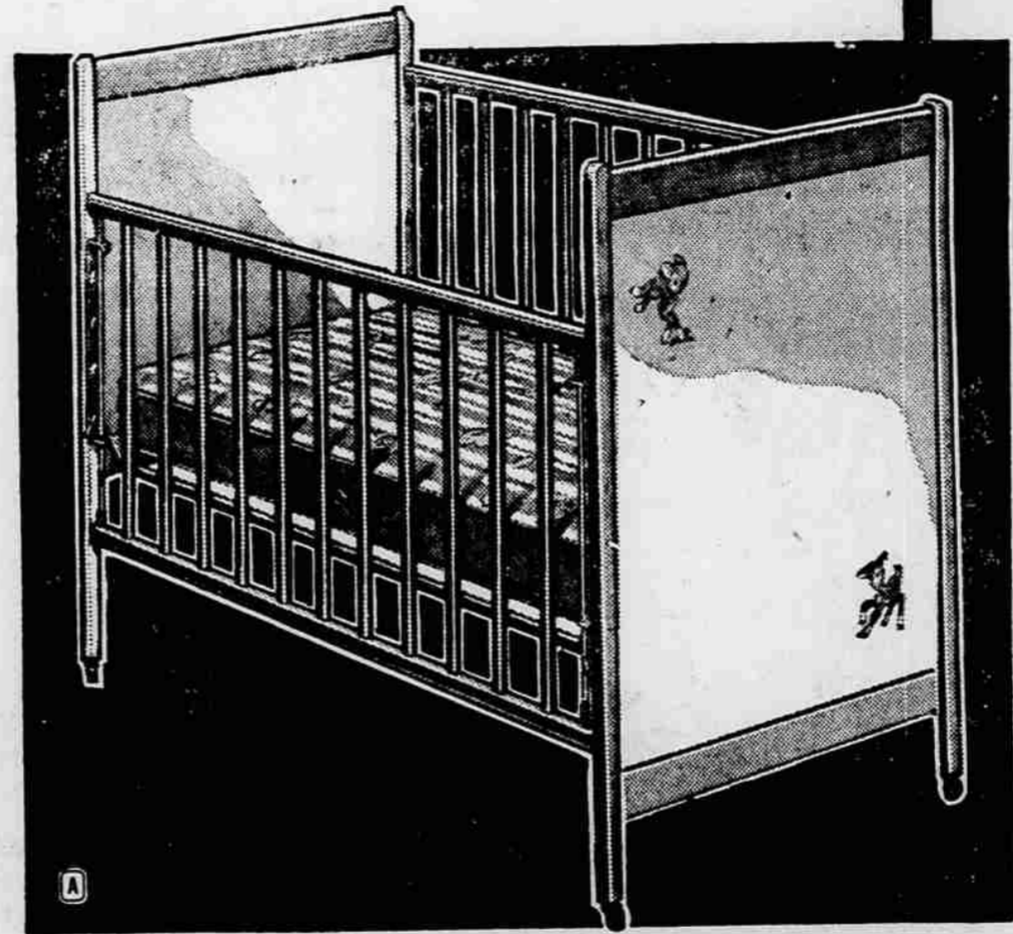
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