



NEW STUDENTS, NEW SCHOOL — The new Jefferson grade school south of Stewart ave. also opened for the first time today, and the picture above shows a typical registration scene. In the background are Mrs. William L. Mason, 1947 Kings Highway, and Mrs. Ray Mann, 3600 O'Gara ave., helping to register their children with Mrs. Marion Beeson (right) a veteran teacher in the Medford system who at one time taught Mrs. Mason. The youngsters are, left to right, Douglas Mann, Janice Lynn Mason, who is starting the first grade, little David Mann, and Bobby Mann, another first grader. Jefferson school will be dedicated at ceremonies later this year. —(Brainerd photo)

School Enrollment Up 13.3 Per Cent

Medford's elementary and junior high schools reopened for the 1955-56 school year today, and preliminary registration figures showed a whopping 13.3 per cent more students this year than last.

The total number of elementary students registering this year was 2,603, compared to 2,393 last year, an increase of 210 students or 8.8 per cent.

Junior High Up
Junior high totals were 1,170, compared to 936 last year, up 234 or 25 per cent. McLoughlin Junior High had 936 students compared to 721 last year; Hedrick Junior High had 449 students.

The overall increase of 444 students was more than school authorities had expected, although they had known the total would increase. They pointed out one significant figure—the number of sixth graders last year was 354, compared to 509 first graders this year, resulting in an increase of 155 grade students due to this difference alone. The 163 new students represents the equivalent of six classrooms, they pointed out.

By Schools

By schools, here is the registration picture:
Jackson school, 575 students, compared to 535 last year. Some transfers are planned to ease crowding in this school.

Jefferson school, 274 students. This will be increased through transfers from other schools. The new Jefferson school can handle about 75 more pupils.

Lincoln school, 351 students compared to 369 last year.

Roosevelt school, 807 students (including those in the annex at Hedrick Junior High school), compared to 724 last year, an increase of 83 students.

Mississippi Opens 'Wolf Whistle' Trial
Sumner, Miss. — (U.P.) — The trial of two white men for the "wolf-whistle" murder of a 14-year-old Negro boy opened today in a tense and crowded courtroom of this quiet Mississippi farming community.

The defendants, J. W. Milam, 36, and his half-brother, Roy Bryant, 24, appeared confident in the face of charges that could mean death in the Mississippi gas chamber. They were charged with the kidnapping of Emmett Till, of Chicago, because the boy allegedly insulted Milam's wife with a "wolf-whistle."

Defense attorney C. Sidney Carlton said Milam and Bryant were "in very good spirits."

District Attorney Gerald Chatham was assisted in the prosecution by former FBI Agent Robert B. Smith, appointed by Gov. Hugh White because "the people of Mississippi are anxious that justice be done."

SCHOOL DEDICATED — A crowd estimated at more than 1,000 persons yesterday viewed the new E. H. Hedrick Junior High school. A ceremony of dedication was held at 2 p.m. The view above, looking toward the northwest, shows the building and many of the cars of patrons who inspected the school. Some details of the building are unfinished, but everything necessary to conduct classes has been done, and the school opened for the first time this morning. The remainder of the work, such as grading, planting and installing some equipment, will be completed within the next few days. The wing at the right of the picture will house fifth and sixth graders from nearby Roosevelt school, and will be known as the Roosevelt Annex. The main section of the building is to the left, and the roof of the big gymnasium-auditorium can be seen at the rear. —(Brainerd photo)

Veteran School Head Honored at Opening Of New Junior High

E. H. Hedrick, long-time superintendent of Medford schools who retired this summer, was given a staid ovation during ceremonies Sunday when the new junior high school named for him was dedicated.

The bright new school was inspected by a crowd estimated to be in excess of 1,000 before and after the formal program. Teachers and administrative personnel were on hand to answer questions and to show off the building.

Tributes Given
Tribute to Hedrick, who completed 30 years as head of the Medford school system in August, were given by a number of the speakers during the hour-long program.

Dr. Rex Putnam, Salem, state superintendent of public instruction, was the main speaker, and declared that Hedrick is "unique" in Oregon education for both the length and quality of his service to the schools and the community.

The common schools of the United States are the only ones of their kind in the world, Putnam pointed out, and he said the school system is one of America's greatest contributions to progress and civilization.

Edward Branchfield, chairman of the school board, presided and music was provided by the Medford High school band. The invocation and benediction were pronounced by the Rev. Thomas McCamant, president of the Medford Ministerial association.

Guests Introduced
Among the guests introduced were present and former members of the Medford school board, representatives of the American Legion and auxiliary, which presented the U.S. and Oregon flags to the school, and members of the city schools' administrative staff, including Vincent P. Bevis, principal of the new school.

In brief remarks, Bevis pointed out that Oregon's schools recently were listed as the "best in the nation." Medford's schools, he declared, are about the best in Oregon — which "makes us the best in the United States — and we intend to stay that way."

Frank Bash of the school board made the official "presentation" of the building to Bevis, giving some of the history of the school system here, its growth, and the plans which culminated in the new building.

Assembly Rises
When Hedrick was introduced by Otto Ewaldsen, another school board member, the entire assembly spontaneously arose for a long, standing tribute to the retired superintendent. Hedrick responded by praising the citizens who over the years have given time and effort in serving on the school board.

Branchfield acknowledged the gift of new electric scoreboards for the school from Fluhrer's.

Two Forest Areas Reopened to Entry
Forest closures in the Dead Indian-Greensprings and Butte Falls-Prospect areas have been lifted, Ted Maul, district warden for the state department of forestry, said today.

The areas now may be entered without permit. Entry by permit only has been allowed during the past two months.

Portland — (U.P.) — Madame Helene Granitsch, 79, once known as "The Angel of Austria," told police today a man robbed her of \$800 in jewels and \$10 in currency at her second-story apartment last night.

Salem — (U.P.) — Mrs. Ruth Halley, widow of Eugene Halley, former deputy warden at the Oregon state penitentiary, died here Sunday after a long illness. She was 62.

Bakeries, which will be installed soon. He pointed out that some work remains to be done to complete the school, although it opens today with all essentials in readiness.

The new building is located on 914-acre plot of ground on East Jackson st. When completed, it will have cost more than \$1,000,000. It will serve some 700 or more students, including those in the junior high grades of seven through nine, as well as fifth and sixth graders from nearby Roosevelt school, which has more students than it can handle.

School patrons are welcome to visit the new building, and any others in the system, at any time, school officials have pointed out.

United Fund Drive Opens Today With 'Kick-Off' Dinner

A dinner meeting to "kick-off" the 1955 United Medford Crusade campaign will be held at the Medford YMCA at 6 p.m. today. The campaign will continue until Nov. 7.

Mayor Earl Miller has proclaimed the period "United Medford Crusade Time" in the city, and appealed to residents to devote time, energy and money to assure the success of the Crusade.

Mayor Miller pointed out the UMC represents the largest annual voluntary effort for the support of health, welfare and recreation services in Medford, and that 24 agencies receive financial support through the campaign.

Asks No Conflict
The mayor asked that other appeals or drives not be undertaken during the period which would conflict with or detract from "the paramount importance of a successful Crusade."

Tonight's "kick-off" dinner will be held in the YMCA's social hall.

Report luncheons, and their sponsors, include Sept. 26, Rotary club; Oct. 3, Crater Lions club; Oct. 10, Medford Lions club, and Oct. 17, Kiwanis club. The final report meeting will be held Oct. 24 with the Elks lodge sponsoring the luncheon.

Soviet's Holt Incident Version Turned Down
Washington — (U.P.) — The State department today rejected as "unsatisfactory" a Russian version of a recent Moscow incident in which Rep. Joe Holt (R-Calif.) was threatened at gunpoint by a Soviet Army lieutenant.

Department spokesman Lincoln White said the Soviet reply to a U.S. protest of Sept. 1 "gives an unsatisfactory version of the incident." He declined to give details of the Soviet version.

The State department is now considering its next step.

Planning Commission Schedules Meeting
The Medford Planning commission at a special meeting at 5 p.m. today will hear a committee report on possible vacation of Evergreen st.

The Albers Milling company requested permission to encroach on Evergreen st. to construct a loading platform. Del Harvey and Allan Perry were appointed a committee to study the proposal.

PERON OUT

U. S. Missionary Given Release By Red China

Spy Confession Claimed Refuted

Hong Kong — (U.P.) — Communist China today freed an American missionary, who said he signed a fake spy confession and later refuted it, in time for a joint birthday celebration with his wife.

Levi A. Lovegren, Seattle, Wash., seventh American civilian released under the Red's slow motion repatriation plan, crossed the border at 2:02 p.m.

He said the Reds made a special effort to free him on his 67th birthday today. His missionary wife, who was waiting for him near the border, celebrated her 65th birthday. The happy couple and their daughter Mildred, who had baked a birthday cake, planned a celebration tonight.

Denies Charges
Shouts of "happy birthday" from the party which met him at the border brought tears to Lovegren's eyes. "Thank you all so much for remembering," he said.

The Baptist missionary denied Communist charges of "espionage" on which he was imprisoned. He said he signed a "confession" because the Communists told him it was the only way he could get out of China but "I refuted it a year ago."

"They accused me of being an agent," he said. "I was not. I am a missionary."

The Communists jailed Lovegren on charges of "collecting intelligence" in the Sikang area of Far Western China and of "conducting espionage." He had served four years and eight months of a five-year sentence.

Three Priests Freed
Hong Kong police said no more Americans were expected at the border today. The Reds have promised to release a total of 41 U.S. civilians.

The Communists yesterday freed three American priests after two years of captivity. They are the Rev. Frederick A. Gordon, Somerset, O., Joseph E. Hyde, Lowell, Mass., and James G. Joyce, Clinton Mass.

All three had been under house arrest and said they lost considerable weight during their captivity.

London — (U.P.) — The Foreign Office has disclosed that missing British diplomat Donald Maclean "passed" to the Russian officials documents that may have included atomic secrets before he vanished behind the Iron Curtain four years ago.



JUAN D. PERON
Nine-Year Rule Ends

Boys Plead Guilty To Liquor Charges After Police Raid

Four youths pleaded guilty and were fined in district court today for illegal possession of intoxicating liquor. They were arrested Saturday night, when Medford police raided the Rogue Valley ballroom on South Highway 99.

Fined \$30 were Kenneth Lee Webber, 18, Butte Falls star route; John Frederick Bush, 18, Butte Falls star route, box 50, Eagle Point, and a 16-year-old. Another 16-year-old was fined \$20.

Another boy, aged 17, pleaded innocent, and was free on \$30 bail pending trial in district court Wednesday morning.

Others Released
Another 16-year-old who was arrested was released to his parents pending action by juvenile authorities. Two others were questioned by city police and released.

About 12 officers from the Medford police department staged the raid about 10:15 p.m. Saturday.

Also taken in the raid was Lee Price, 30, of 172 North Mountain st., Ashland, who pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 in police court today to being drunk in public.

Early-Day Orchard Owner Here Passes

Henry Van Hovenberg, 76, an early-day orchardist in the Rogue valley, died yesterday in Oakland, Calif., friends reported today.

Mr. Van Hovenberg came to Medford in 1910, and for many years operated orchard property in the Sams Valley area. He was active in fruitgrowing organizations, and was well known throughout the area.

In 1937 he moved to San Francisco, later to Seattle, and then to Oakland where he spent his last years. His wife died last March.

He was born in Kingston, N.Y., and was a graduate of Columbia university, where he was an All American football player.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ben Allen, Portland.

Funeral services were to be held today in Oakland.

Morse Says People Being Plundered

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) charged today that the American people "are being plundered of their property" by the natural resources policies of the Eisenhower administration.

Morse said these policies are the handiwork of the Interior department, the Budget bureau and the Federal Power commission but have been "ratified" by President Eisenhower.

Morse made his charge against the administration in a report prepared for the Senate Reclamation and Anti-Monopoly subcommittees. The subcommittees, under the leadership of Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) are scheduled to open joint hearings tomorrow on the power policies of the administration.

Rebel Guns Aimed At Buenos Aires Force Decision

No Choice Left For Nation's Leader

Montevideo, Uruguay — (U.P.) — Juan D. Peron's nine-year personal rule of Argentina has ended.

His government announced today that he would resign. He took that action under the guns of a Rebel fleet which stood in battle array off Buenos Aires, threatening to bombard the city unless Peron resigned.

The Rebel radio at Cordoba said Peron had sought political asylum in the Paraguayan Embassy in Buenos Aires.

The news that Peron had decided to give up in the fourth day of the Argentine Civil war was broadcast over the official Argentine radio in Buenos Aires. Gen. Franklin Lucero, minister of war, in announcing Peron's decision to resign, said:

"His spirit of battle prompts him to fight, but his patriotism and love of the people induce him to renounce all personal ambition."

Actually, Peron and Lucero had no choice. Buenos Aires was in dire danger and the revolt had spread rapidly through the provinces.

Negotiation Offered
Lucero played his last card at about the time a Rebel ultimatum was due to expire. The ultimatum stipulated that the Rebel would shell Buenos Aires unless Peron quit. Lucero offered to negotiate a cease fire, and invited the Rebel leaders to go into Buenos Aires and confer in his office. The Rebels announced they would not start any parley until Peron resigned unconditionally. But they did offer to send a ship into Buenos Aires, take Lucero aboard and talk with him aboard a warship in the estuary of the Platte river.

The offer to negotiate a cease fire was made in Lucero's name and was broadcast by the official radio in Buenos Aires. The broadcast said:

"Gen. Franklin Lucero, commander in chief of the Force of Repression, in the name of the most excellent President of the republic and commander in chief of the armed forces (Peron) — in view of the ultimatum to bomb the city of Buenos Aires and petroleum refineries at Eva Peron and to avoid further bloodshed, invites the commanders in action to appear at the office of the high command in the Ministry of the Army to begin immediate negotiations to settle the conflict. He also invites the said commanders to cease hostilities immediately at their present positions."

Cruisers Start Shelling
Lucero's request to the Rebels for a cease fire was made almost at the moment that the insurgent ultimatum expired.

A radio broadcast, believed to be from the Rebel fleet, had announced that Buenos Aires would be brought under fire at 1 p.m. unless Peron resigned.

The broadcast said the cruiser Rio de Julio, formerly the U.S.S. Boise, already had begun shelling the naval artillery school at Mar del Plata.

Civilians Warned
The announcement repeated previous warnings to the civilian population to leave areas around military objectives.

It cites specifically the installations of the state oil monopoly at Eva Peron (La Plata) and the Rio Santiago Naval School, which it said would be shelled.

Another radio broadcast from the Rebel fleet warned civilians to evacuate a strip more than half a mile wide along the Buenos waterfront.

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Weather

FORECAST: Continued fair and warm through Tuesday. Low tonight 42. High Tuesday 75-80.
Highest yesterday 76
Lowest this morning 41