

## High School News Notes

By NELLIE RAWLINGS



Sleepy-eyed band members dragged themselves wearily off three Greyhound buses about 1:30 a.m. Monday, as they returned from their three-day tour.

The students visited a number of places of interest in San Francisco such as Fisherman's Wharf, Playland, Sutro's Ice Skating Rink, scenic points in and around the Planetarium, Zoo, and many city.

The only out-of-state bands, Medford and their rival Klamath Falls, played alternately during time-outs at the Shrine East-West game.

A Mad Artists ball was held in the boys' gymnasium after the Saturday night basketball game with Ashland.

The gym was surrounded with wild interpretations of life, as the Art Student league got their chance to prove real imagination, humor, and artistic ability all at the same time.

The pictures were "doodles," which jokingly poked fun at the artists themselves.

The voting for the "Top Ten," in the March of Dimes drive promotion at the High School will begin Jan. 9.

An acceptance letter was received from the Jay Snider show, acknowledging the plan, and also stating their support of the MOD drive.

A short movie, "Choosing Your Occupation," was shown to the interested seniors Thursday afternoon. This movie was to help seniors in their choice of a vocation.

The city library has had its study tables filled every night lately, as senior students spend many hours doing research for the required "term paper."

These compositions are written on almost any subject, and will vary in length from 500 to 1,000 words.

Practice for the senior play has started once again and the fortunate few walk around with a booklet entitled "Dear Ruth," trying desperately to memorize their lines.

The play will be presented in

the auditorium Feb. 14 and 15. The tickets will go on sale the last part of this month.

"Dear Ruth" is under Mr. Stedman's direction, with John Bellack as stage manager, and Barbara Gordon, business manager. The "fortunate few" are Janet Perry, Joanne Martin, Sandra Kittle, Jack Gregory, Carol Denman, Dick Brown, Larry Gants, Honor Stansbury and Dick Arnold.

### Prices To Producers Of Milk Increased

Corvallis—Prices paid to Oregon milk producers during December, 1955, increased to 8.33 per cent over December 1954 according to a report of trends in milk production, costs, and prices, released recently by Oregon State college.

Average milk prices paid producers in the United States during December increased only .46 per cent. Oregon producer's costs increased 5.60 per cent.

Retail milk prices, home delivered in Portland, increased 6.98 per cent over a year ago. Retail prices in 25 other major cities in the U. S. increased 2.16 per cent.

While the price of milk advanced 6.98 per cent, price of all foods advanced 1.28 per cent, according to the report.

Milk production in Oregon during December decreased 5.81 per cent. Milk production for the United States increased 2.95 per cent, over a year ago.

### New Forest Products Firm Incorporates

Salem — (U.P.) — A new million-dollar corporation, Western Products Inc., has incorporated at Salem to operate as a completely integrated woods and forest products company.

President of the new corporation is J. M. Caplan, who represents New York financial interests. Directors include Arnold Sagalyn, of Portland, who is a partner in four medium-sized sawmills and Robert L. Weiss a Portland attorney.

Company officials said it had not yet been determined where manufacturing operations or timber holdings would be located.

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## Investigators Poll Leading Citizens To Clear Question

Washington—(U.P.)—Congressional investigations have polled 60 of the nation's leading citizens, including former President Hoover and Truman, in an effort to clear up a constitutional question brought into sharp focus by President Eisenhower's heart attack, it was learned Saturday.

The question is: What did the founding fathers mean when they provided in article two of the constitution that the vice president shall take over in case of the president's "inability" to discharge executive powers?

The clause has never been invoked, although many historians believe it should have been when President Woodrow Wilson suffered a paralytic stroke that left him an invalid 17 months before his term expired.

Assuming Duties  
Immediately after President Eisenhower's heart attack last Sept. 24, there was talk in official circles about the possibility of Vice President Richard M. Nixon assuming the chief executive's powers under the "inability" clause. But this was

quickly squelched by a White House announcement that the President's regular "team" of advisors and cabinet officers would carry on the government's business.

Mr. Eisenhower's subsequent rapid recovery has, of course, eliminated any consideration of applying the clause at present. But his illness nevertheless has underscored the necessity of de-

fining the clause to avoid future constitutional crises.

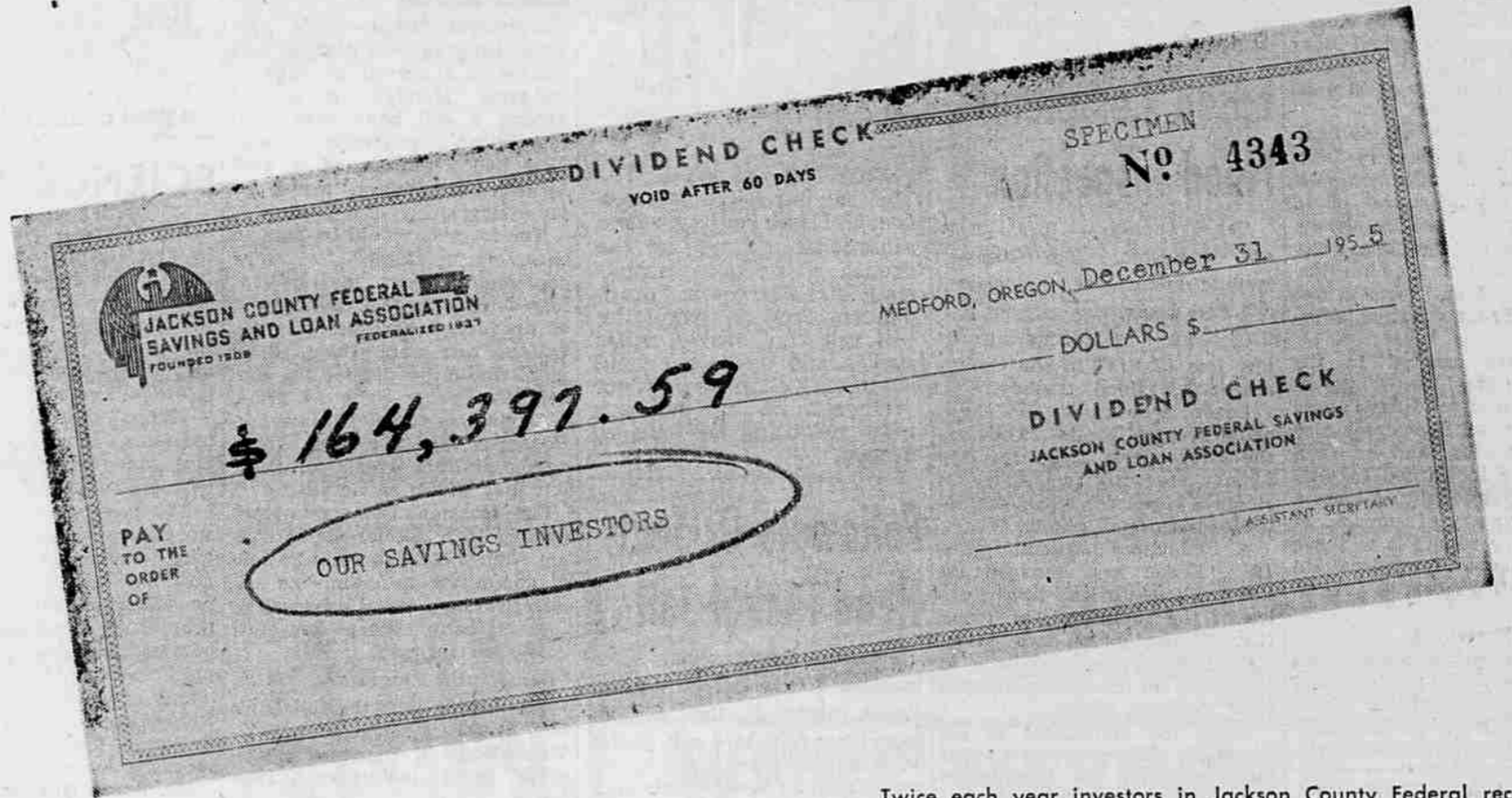
The survey was the brainchild of Rep. Emanuel D. Celler (D-N.Y.), chairman of the House Judiciary committee. Celler hopes to make it public by the end of this month.

Questionnaires prepared by Celler's staff went out on Dec. 30 to a list of prominent citizens headed by former President Harry S. Truman and Herbert E. Hoover. Others polled were former Vice Presidents John Nance Garner and Henry

A. Wallace, all living former secretaries of state, and a cross-section of leading constitutional lawyers.

Former Vice President Alben Barkley was not queried, a staff member said, because he is now a U. S. Senator.

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Loans on Savings Accounts	113,068.49
Other Loans	51,293.46
Properties Sold on Contract	9,834.14
Real Estate Owned and in Judgment	13,669.42
Investments and Securities	139,900.00
United States Government Bonds	684,113.11
Cash on Hand and in Banks	714,868.28
Office Building and Equipment	41,147.27
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	82,255.75
	<b>\$10,353,479.81</b>
LIABILITIES	
Savings Accounts	\$ 8,935,023.17
Loans in Process	373,121.55
Other Liabilities	54,943.13
Specific Reserves	11,981.07
General Reserves	746,083.92
Undivided Profits	232,326.97
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### France's Atomic Reactor Starts

Paris — (U.P.) — France's first industrial atomic reactor began operation Saturday at Marcoule in Southern France.

The 40,000 kilowatt reactor known as "G-1" was formally set in operation by Francis Perin, French High Commissioner for Atomic Energy.

Apart from producing 30 pounds of plutonium yearly the reactor will also supply enough power to drive a 5,000 kilowatt power station.

Two more atomic reactors will begin operation in the course of the year, raising France's annual production of plutonium to around 200 pounds.

France had two small, experimental reactors but this is the first one designed for full-scale industrial usage.

### Man Buys Property For \$11,000,000

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—The president of a dog and cat food company disclosed Saturday he is purchasing \$11,000,000 worth of Montana-Idaho property reported rich in thorium, a radioactive industrial fuel which may be sold outside the United States.

D. B. Lewis, manufacturer of Dr. Ross dog and cat food, said the property was located near Salmon, Idaho, and was partially in Montana as it splits the continental divide.

Part of the property has been paid for with \$6,000,000, some of it cash and another \$5,000,000 is in escrow, Lewis said. It was bought from the Idaho Thorium Co., Inc., and the Salmon Uranium Co., Inc.

Lewis of Los Angeles, said present plans called for stockpiling along the continual development of the area and extensive installation of mining and milling equipment.

Lewis said a federal license had been issued to permit sales of the thorium outside the United States. He said the property, consisting of 175 claims, had been tested and found to be very rich in "high grade thorium ore."

### Monson, Mass., Sends Clothing To Yuba City

Marysville, Calif. — (U.P.) — The president of the Marysville, Calif., Lions club said Saturday the adoption of flood ravaged Yuba City, Calif., by the Monson, Mass., Lions club was a "terrific gesture."

Woodrow Jang, speaking for the flooded Yuba City Lions club, said the local Lions had received 50 cartons of clothing the Monson Lions sent to the Yuba City Lions across the river from here.

"We think it was a terrific gesture," Jang said. "They know how it was. They had floods this past spring."

Jang said the clothing was nearly all distributed and the remainder would be given out next week. He said the clothing was going to some 50 Lions families hit by the flood.

"Many of them rushed from their homes with only the clothes they wore on their backs," Jang said. "They lost all their possessions in the flood and are most grateful for this wonderful help from 3,000 miles away."

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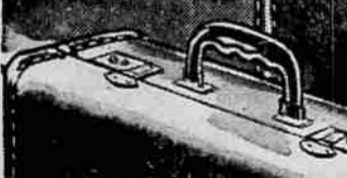
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