

### 130,000 Drivers Paid Fines During 1955, Report Shows

Nearly 130,000 drivers paid fines for violation of Oregon traffic laws during 1955, Secretary of State Earl T. Newby has reported.

The year-end report, covering traffic cases handled by the state's district, municipal and justice courts, disclosed that 129,064 abstracts reporting convictions of traffic misdeeds were processed by the state office.

The total, 4,495 cases were referred to the financial responsibility office for further action. Most of the latter consisted of drivers convicted of driving while intoxicated, a charge which called for mandatory license suspension under Oregon law.

#### Lose Licenses

Recommendation of judgment resulted in loss of licenses for 1,535 drivers.

Suspensions were for such charges as reckless driving, 617; violation of basic rule, 361; no operator's license, 83; hit and run, 68; failure to stop, 43; failure to yield right-of-way, 24; and miscellaneous traffic charges, 339.

The 1955 figures for total number of convictions showed a slight increase over 1954.

Fatal accidents reported in November, 1955, totaled 24 for the state, with two persons killed in Jackson county, and 25 persons killed and 21 injured in the state.

### March of Dimes Coming Events

Events scheduled throughout Jackson county in the next few days to raise March of Dimes funds for the fight against polio include the following:

Jan. 24 — Modern dance at Oasis, Eagle Point, 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. Music by Dick Spain, Bill Lively and Rogue Valley Boys. Crater high school Freshman class Dutch auction and box social, 7:30 p.m., Crater high gym, Central Point.

Jan. 25 — Square dance sponsored by Jackson County square dance association at YMCA, 9 p.m. Policemen vs. Firemen basketball game at Medford high school, preliminary Yellow Cab vs. Hawkins's, 7:30 p.m. Crater Lions club auction, KBEST-TV, 9:30 p.m.

Jan. 26 — Radio auction, at KWIN, Ashland.

Jan. 27 — Radio auction, KWIN, Ashland. Yoggi Hussane and Texas wrestling, with lady referees, 8:30 p.m., Ashland junior high gym, sponsored by Ashland Lions club. Phoenix Lady Lions dance at Community clubhouse. Music by Melody Wranglers. Local talent show at Rogue River. Baked food sale by Crater high school students.

**WEATHER** By United Press Northern California: Recurrent rains Sunday; snow level 4 or 5 thousand feet; precipitation moderate to locally heavy north portion; little change in temperature; southerly winds 15-35 above Point Arena near coast and west to northwest winds 10-20 below Point Arena.

### 'Fireball' Route Traced; Headed For Oregon Coast

Bend — (U.P.) — A brilliant green fireball with a fiery tail that blazed over the eastern Pacific at 5:24 p.m. Jan. 8, apparently had the southwestern Oregon coast as its target, but possibly never reached land.

This was the conclusion announced here Saturday by Phil F. Brogan, Northwest director of the American Meteor Society who charted the path of the tailed meteor after studying reports received from observations in widely scattered areas.

The object, traveling at a terrific speed, was observed from near Jefferson on the north to Medford on the south. It was also sighted on Oregon's high desert, east of Bend, and reported from Lakeview and Klamath Falls.

Brogan said the fireball apparently became visible about 70 miles above the earth, as it bored into the atmosphere, moving in a southeasterly direction. It was about 300 miles off the coast when sighted by an observer near Cheshire and another observer in Corvallis.

A heavy cloud bank in southwestern Oregon, on the coast, hid the fireball from possible observers.

Brogan said data relative to the fireball are being forwarded to Dr. Charles P. Olivier of the University of Pennsylvania for further study. He is AMS national director.

### Disbursements for First Half of Fiscal Year Are \$4,651,289

Disbursements totaling \$4,651,289.58 for operating the county government in the first half of the current fiscal year were recorded by Karl L. Janouch, Jackson county treasurer.

In a semi-annual cash balance statement as of Dec. 31, Janouch listed \$3,302,064.63 cash balance, of which \$1,740,000 is in time deposits and \$685,859.07 of school district funds in savings accounts. Time deposits draw 1½ per cent interest and savings accounts 2 per cent.

**Six Month Balance**  
The balance at the close of the first six months of the fiscal year was \$3,957,202.62, including the time deposits and savings accounts. In addition the county has \$32,406.38 invested in school and U. S. bonds. The Medford irrigation district purchased \$20,000 of U. S. bonds for \$19,310.45, using a surplus in the district's sinking fund.

A total of \$1,975,325.82 tax receipts was turned over to the treasurer by the tax collector, including \$1,648,122.93 for current year taxes and the balance for delinquent taxes paid for the years 1948-1955 inclusive.

Slightly over 30 per cent of the fiscal year taxes have been received.

**School Fund Receipt**  
School funds received 72.2 per cent of tax payments to the treasurer; cities 13.2 per cent; county libraries, 8.9 per cent; irrigation districts, 3.1; rural fire districts, 1.3; state forest fire tax, 1; and water, sanitary and other districts, .3.

The major portion of the receipts recorded during the six-month period were from O and C funds, amounting to \$1,373,541.11.

Local national forest receipts amounted to \$191,510.16; school bond sales, \$150,984.74; state payments to the county for motor vehicle licenses, alcoholic and amusement device taxes, \$296,901.99; and interest earned on time deposits and bond purchases, \$14,618.34.

Of the total disbursements, 48.2 per cent went for public school purposes; 7.8 per cent to cities, irrigation, rural fire, water, and other district government. The latter included \$685,859.07 O&C receipts to school districts and \$94,848.03 for courthouse construction, improvement and maintenance.

The play selected this year is "It's Great to Be Crazy," by Donald Peyton. There will be 10 characters in the cast, which includes Pat Moore, Betty Stevens, Letti Ann Dierdick, Fred Straube, Oteka Sheppard, John Beams, Nancy Adams, Norman Powlowski, Sonja Smith, Bob Clark, Tommy King, Carolee Thurman, Roberta Wicksten and Vicki Tweedy.

The play is a comedy. Thelma Wall will be in charge of backstage make-up, and student manager is Phyllis Stevens.

A practice schedule was set up for the next six weeks with March 9 the date for the public evening performance. An afternoon performance will be held for the student body on March 8.

**Jacksonville School Play Practice Starts**

Jacksonville — Jacksonville High school juniors and seniors interested in the annual junior and senior play met with Thayer Tarvin last week at the school. Tarvin, who will direct the play, is a member of the Footlighters, Medford's little theater group, and directed the play last year.

### Over Weight Attack To Start in County

A coordinated attack on obesity—common overweight—will be undertaken in Jackson county soon. Joint sponsors of the movement are the Oregon Heart Society and the Jackson County Medical Society.

It is planned to organize four groups of 20 persons each, three of them in Medford and one in Ashland. The groups will meet periodically for 16 to 20 weeks, with the aim of having each member lose one pound per week.

**'Reducing Loves Company'**  
"Reducing loves company" is the way the project is described. The program here is an extension of a pilot program started in Portland, where six groups

were organized, and where five of them attained the objective of weight reduction.

Other groups are now in progress in Corvallis, Eugene, Astoria, La Grande, Albany and elsewhere. Originated in Oregon, the program is being adopted by Washington and Florida groups, and the U. S. public health service.

The groups will be carefully supervised by physicians, for it is known that indiscriminate reducing can be harmful. Those wishing to participate should consult their family physician as one of the most important of the nation's medical problems, and both the heart association

and the medical society are strongly in favor of the program. **Steering Committee Chairman**

Dr. Ralph Hibbs, representative of the medical society, is chairman of the steering committee for the project. Other members are Dr. Loren Messenger, psychology professor at Southern Oregon college; Mrs. Robert Sleeter, secretary of the group; Miss Dorothy Husky, county health educator; Miss Dorothy Collard, public health nurse; Miss Beverly Bennett, of the SOC physical education department, Allen Hatch of the child guidance clinic, and Miss Celia

Walker, of the welfare department.

The weight reduction classes will begin as soon as enough interested persons are found to form them.

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#### RECOVERS FISHING ROD

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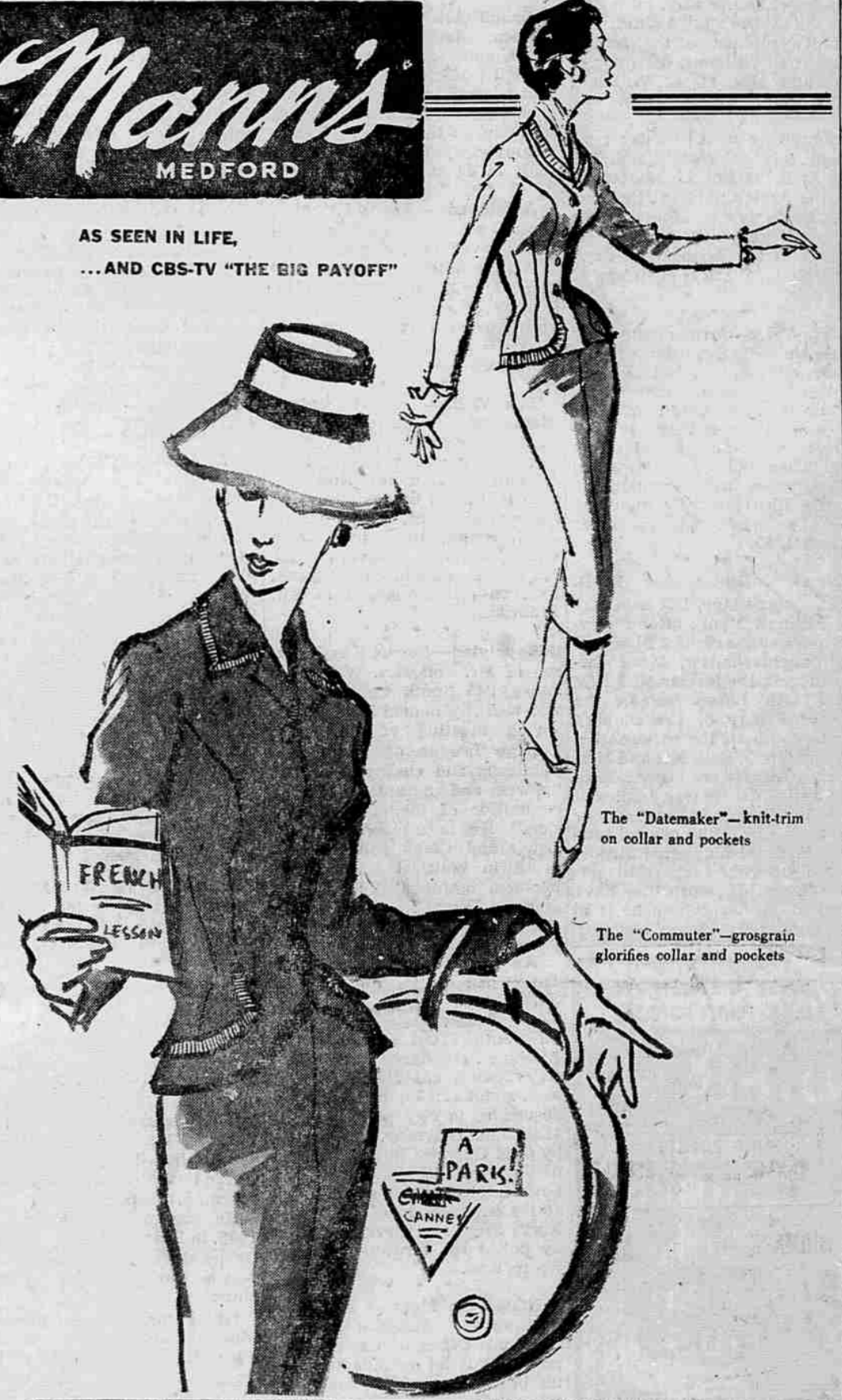
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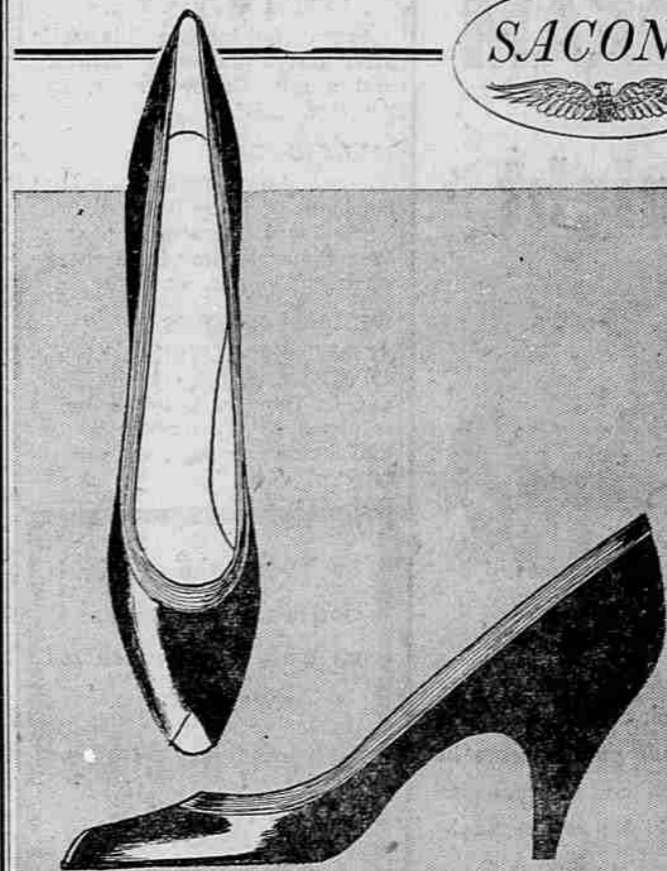
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