

# Kapers Preparations Start; 'Big Holiday' For Kiwanians Soon

Preparations are now underway for the annual Kiwanis Kapers. The program of songs, gags, skits and dances is to be presented on Feb. 29 and March 1, 2 and 3 at Medford Senior High school auditorium. Name of the 1956 production is "Big Holiday." Medford Kiwanis club is the sponsor. Thomas D. Shepard and W. R. Mitchell are co-chairmen for the Kapers.

Talent from the Rogue river valley under professional direction of Lassen Theatrical productions will be featured. Talent Parties Tryouts for parts in the cast will be conducted in the form of "talent parties" on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3 and 4 in the high school band room. The Feb. 3 party will be for persons outside the club and tryouts the following night will be for Kiwanians.

# New Plan Provides Social Security

Persons past 65 years of age who have sufficient employment to be eligible for social security benefits, but have not filed for benefits because they are still working, may receive full or partial benefits for the year if 1955 wages were sufficiently low. W. V. Nusbbaum, manager of the Medford social security office, said he believes there are people who could receive benefits for 1955 who do not understand the new retirement test in the law.

Any individual past 65 years during the entire year, who has had sufficient covered employment or self employment to be eligible for benefits can receive benefits for the entire year if his total earnings did not exceed \$1,200. Partial benefits are possible if his total earnings did not exceed \$2,030. Regardless of the amount of earnings in certain months of the year, a beneficiary can get benefits payments for those months in which he neither earns more than \$80 in wages nor renders substantial services in self-employment, Nusbbaum stated.

Further information is available at the social security administration office, 33 North Riverside ave.

# Sams Valley Grange

Sams Valley Grange will meet at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, with the new officers taking their chairs.

# Study Of Impact Of Taxes On Farmers Asked At Interim Committee Hearings

## Lowry Says Farmers Alarmed Over Sharp State Tax Increase

Salem—(U.P.)—A study of the impact of state taxes on farmers was ordered Saturday by the Legislative Interim committee on Taxation.

Sen. Phillip B. Lowry of Medford told the committee headed by Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr. of Portland that Oregon farmers are alarmed over the sharp increases in their state taxes.

"We hear a great deal about the impact of higher taxes on Oregon individual and corporation but we have not heard about the farmers," Lowry said.

However, there have been many area meetings throughout the state where the farmers have gathered and discussed the tax situation with which they are confronted.

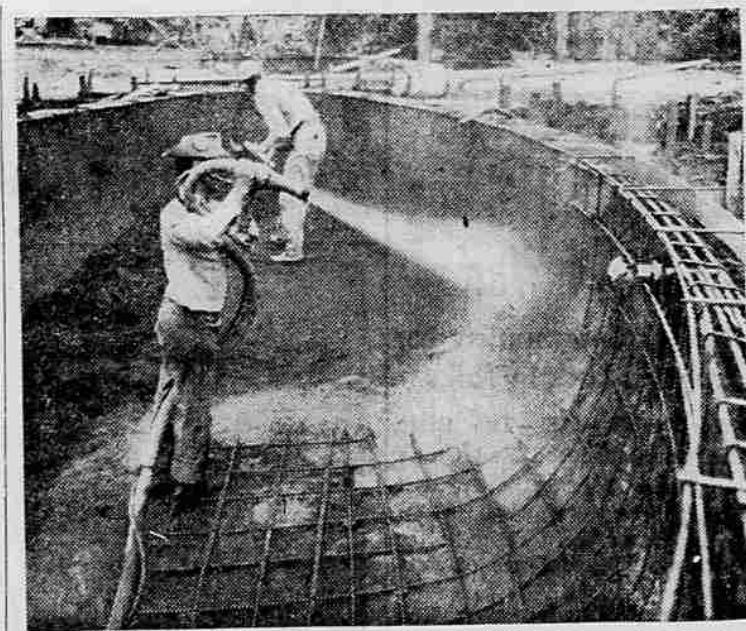
Lowry said that the increased taxes on farm property proved particularly alarming due to the general slump in farm prices.

Wilhelm instructed Thure Lindstrom Jr., tax analyst for the committee, to confer with staff members of Oregon State college who have gathered considerable data on the farm tax problem in Oregon, and report to the committee at its next meeting.

## Locate Inequities

"It is not likely that our committee will come up with anything spectacular," he said, "but we are trying to locate any inequities in the present tax laws and at the same time learn if there any legitimate sources of tax revenue which are being overlooked."

Among sub-committee studies to be made is a comparison of the Oregon tax rates as they affect persons in various income brackets with taxes imposed on the same groups in neighboring states.



**NEW BUSINESS**—One of the new and more unusual businesses in Medford which indicates the growth and prosperity of the valley is the Northwest Swimming Pool company, 712 South Grape st. The business is operated by John Chepin and Max Hansen and since they arrived here last fall they have installed eight swimming pools. Pictured above are the men as they apply gunnite concrete to reinforcing steel in a pool under construction. The gunnite mixture is sprayed under pressure directly to the steel. This new process excludes the use of forms, a heretofore costly process in installation of pools. The men also service pools which already have been constructed and have been commissioned to construct numerous others for the coming year. They have located here permanently to continue construction and service.

# Goal Of \$5,000 Set For MD TV Auction

A goal of \$5,000 has been set by the Crater Lions club for the March of Dimes auction over station KBES-TV Wednesday, starting at 9:30 p.m.

Contributions have been donated from all types of businesses during the past week, according to Chairman Lon Skinner, who emphasized that all items to be auctioned have been donated and every cent collected will go toward the fight against polio.

## Items Listed

Included among items to be auctioned are a garbage disposal unit from Smith Dyng Lumber Co.; end table, wall lamp, planter and hassock from Bush Home Furnishings; table, chair and lamp from Barneburg and Andrews; steak knives and carving set from City Appliance; lamp from Flynn Electric; toaster from Leonard Electric, electric blanket and TV lamps from Johnston Stores, a folding door from Bruce Bauer Lumber Co., a mirror from Selby's Glass Co., a platform rocker from Gates Furniture, glass enclosure for tub from Medford Millwork and an automatic washer from Trowbridge and Flynn.

Binoculars from Lampports Sporting Goods, fishing rod from Hubbard Brothers, bicycle from Sims Cycle and Hobby shop, two ski rack holders from Dally's Body shop and water skis and accessories from Owen Boat Works.

A total of 100 gallons of heating oil from Valley Equipment Co., 50 gallons of fuel oil and two loads of wood from Medford Fuel Co., wood gift certificate from Timber Products, and a weatherstrip gift certificate from Dan Patch Co.

**150-Pound Hog** A 150-pound hog, dressed weight, from Midway Meats, steak dinners for eight from Tally Ho Dining room, grocery gift certificate from Luman's, a case of soft drinks each month in the year from Seven-Up Bottling Co., an 800-pound steer from Midway Auction; cutting, wrapping, freezing and a year's locker use for the steer from Farmers' Packing Co.; \$5 worth of groceries each week for a year from Roy and Homer's Central Market, and a \$25 dinner certificate from Tabu Dinner house.

A book case from Medford Of-

ice Equipment, desk for home or office from Jewett's Office Supply, a filing cabinet with safe from Walt Young's Medford Stationery, and a portable typewriter from Office Stationery and Supply.

Outdoor barbecues from Big Y Feed and Seed and Medford Lumber Co., and traveling lawn sprinkler from Cascade Supply.

## Car Auction

A 1946 Buick from Skinner's garage, a 1947 Mercury from Dean-Taylor Pontiac, a 1939 Oldsmobile from Darrell Miller Co., a 1948 Buick from Courtesy Chevrolet and a 1947 Plymouth from Surroz Nash.

Two hundred baby chicks from Hart's Hatchery, toys from the Toy House, dry cleaning gift certificate from Crystal White Laundry, a luggage set from Weisfield's, eight permanent waves from Cook's Beauty Clinic, two yards of concrete from Tru-Mix Construction Co., flower gift certificates from Leonard Flowers and Medford Flower shop, neon gift certificate from Medford Neon Co., a one-color paint job for any auto from Mitchell Paint shop, two yards of concrete from M. C. Lininger and Son and a camera from Shangle-Landis.

# Review Distributed By Forest Service

The Forest service has announced distribution of a preliminary draft of the Timber Resource Review, a comprehensive report on the status of the nation's forests.

The Review consists of nine chapters covering various phases of the study. Items covered include the quality and quantity of timber available, growth and utilization of timber, future wood requirements of the nation, protection against destructive agencies, planting, ownership, and condition of recently cut timberlands. Field collection and office analysis of the data took three years. The Forest service collaborated with state agencies, private forest industries and other groups in preparing the review.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

# Books Worth \$100 Are Returned Here

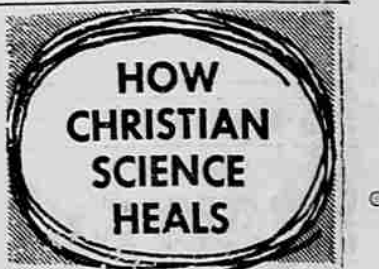
Personal calls made by the Medford Police department have resulted in the return of more than \$100 worth of Medford public library books, according to library officials.

Police also found new addresses for delinquent borrowers and clues toward location of others who have moved out of the county, officials said.

Police action for overdue library books is based on the Oregon library law regarding willful detention of library property, which states that "no person shall willfully or maliciously detain any book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet or manuscript belonging to a law, city, county, school district, state or other public or incorporated library for 30 days after notice in writing from the librarian . . . given after the expiration of time which by regulations . . . such book may be kept.

Violation is punishable by a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50 or by imprisonment not exceeding six months. The sheriff's office has agreed

to assist in cases of borrowers residing in county areas outside the city limits. Library officials said. Law enforcement agencies are asked to cooperate only after the library has exhausted its own resources in efforts to recover the property, a spokesman said.



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# Medical Society Urges Prevention Of Home Accidents

Accidents during 1956 will kill an estimated 20,000 children, according to a spokesman for the Jackson County Medical society, which has urged residents to assist in helping prevent accidents.

"Since the discovery of wonder drugs, the death rate from infection in children has dropped sharply," the spokesman said, "but the death rate from trauma, wounds and accidents has risen just as sharply."

**Accidents Leading Cause** Accidents are the leading cause for death of children over a year old, and some 30 per cent of all child deaths in the country will be from accidents, according to a statement by the society.

Burns make up a sizeable part of the 30 per cent, according to the society, and at least two serious burns have occurred in children in Jackson county in the past month.

Discussing preventive measures, the statement recommends that parents not allow matches, table lighters, and similar objects within the reach of children. It also recommends a booklet, "Your Child and Safety," which is available by writing the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, 1 Madison avenue, New York.

**Assist in Prevention** Merchants assist in accident prevention by buying apparel from manufacturers complying with the federal flammable fabrics act, the statement said.

Physicians in the medical society are "deeply concerned" over recent accidents in the area and "wish to stress that in accident, prevention is the only cure."

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