

## Ashland School Board Seeks Superintendent

Ashland—The Ashland school district board of education has announced it is receiving applications of candidates to fill the vacancy of the school superintendent.

The position was left vacant by the recent resignation of Leland P. Linn who accepted a similar position elsewhere.

The board said applications will be received until April 15, 1956. Applicants will be considered for early appointment, the board said, possibly as early as May 1, but not later than July 1.

Probable starting salary will be \$8,500, and applicants should be between 35 and 45 years old, and must have a master's degree in school administration. Candidates must either hold an administrative superintendent's certificate or provide evidence of qualifications to obtain a certificate.

Applicants are asked to address correspondence to Mrs. Irene E. Bonch, clerk of school district 5. Candidates are asked not to seek interviews with either members of the screening committee of the board, the board said.

## Eastern Snow Melts; Tornadoes and Heavy Hail Plague Texas

By UNITED PRESS  
A spring thaw melted the East's blizzard snows today, but new storms rolled out of the Southwest.

The East Texas coast was raked by crackling thunderstorms and at least three tornadoes yesterday. The rains moved eastward today, stretching from Arkansas and Louisiana to Michigan and Northern Illinois.

Along the Atlantic seaboard, it was still chilly for the second full day of spring. But the temperature got above freezing and began to melt away the mounds of snow stacked up from Pennsylvania to Maine.

**Street Cleaners Busy**  
Small armies of street cleaners turned out in New York City, Boston, and other snow-bound cities, and schools and factories reopened. The streets were still snowy in Manhattan, however, and many cars were buried in waist-high drifts in the big town's boroughs and suburbs.

In Texas, farmers in the lush lower Rio Grande Valley reported the worst hail storm in years.

Hail stones the size of golf balls pounded cantaloupe crops, dented cars, and smashed 250 windows in the Rio Hondo elementary school alone.

Unofficial gauges measured 4 1/2 inches of rain in the valley. At its western end, high winds ripped away utility lines.

**Farm Houses Levelled**  
The tornadoes struck farther north. Three funnels were sighted and one of them went skipping across open farm country near Temple, leveling at least two farm houses and smashing barns, outhouses, and other buildings.

No one was injured, but Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Gossett had to jump into a hole being dug for a septic tank to escape the twister. Their home was wrecked.

Elsewhere in the nation, temperatures were in the chilly teens and 20s in New England and the Middle Atlantic states early today while the Southland shivered in 30 and 40-degree readings. The Midwest warmed up, but it was colder from the plains states southward into Texas.

## Mechanical Brain To Figure Light Bills

Portland—(U.P.)—Pacific Power and Light Company officials said today the firm is going to spend \$1,000,000 for a mechanical brain that will figure the dollars and cents the company's some 300,000 customers owe each month.

Paul B. McKee, president of the company said the new electrical computing device will be in operation in about a year. It is designed to read meter cards, figure customer cost of the power sold and also make quick and efficient calculations of many engineer problems.

The electric computer can make 500 additions or subtractions of ten-digit figures in one second and its "memory" is capable of "remembering" 40,800 digits.

## Grange

**Eagle Point Grange**  
Eagle Point Grange celebrated its 31st birthday anniversary Tuesday, March 20, with a potluck supper. There was an unusually large turnout of members, as well as visitors from other Granges.

Roy Smith was honored as being the only charter member present.

The lecturer's program was presented before the opening of Grange.

"Sad Sam," alias Vernie Matthews, was finally brought to trial in the million dollar "Breach of Promise" suit, brought by Plaintiff "Susie Snow" alias Bobbie Bitterling.

The case was heard before "Judge Swindler" (otherwise known as Holly Swingle) who rendered the decision in favor of Plaintiff Susie Snow. He ordered "heart balm" of one million dollars paid to her forthwith, by defendant Sad Sam to "slightly mitigate her anguish and heart-break."

Defending Sad Sam was Bill Wattenberg, and "attorney" for plaintiff Susie Snow was Charlie Hoover. O. H. Bengtson was drafted to act as "balliff," and swear in the witnesses.

It was around 9 p.m. when Grange finally opened. Lester Wertz acted as overseer, as Cliff Moore was ill.

State Juvenile Grange Superintendent Willie McLean of Gold Hill Grange, and Mrs. Caroline Harding, master of Upper Rogue Grange, were escorted to the master's station. Other guests who were introduced during the evening were Harry Harding of Upper Rogue, Mrs. Reed McKay of Shady Cove Grange, Anna Scott of Upper Applegate Grange, also Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conger and Mrs. Velda Mang of Central Point Grange.

Balloted on, and accepted to become members of Eagle Point Grange, were Elaine and Eugene Konopasek, J. W. Bingham and James Jackson.

The Easter display was a flanelgraph "He Is Risen," provided by Wilma Hanscome. Next time the subject is to be "Antiques."

Be sure all sales slips are turned in to Goldie Chamberlain this month. Old eye glasses or broken frames are also acceptable for the scrap drive.

Serving committee for the next meeting, April 3, is to be Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Moore and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hammel. The HEC will meet March 28 at Mrs. Augusta Perry's home.

Eagle Point Grange will sponsor a dance in the Grange hall, Saturday night, March 24, starting at 8 p.m. No admission will be charged, but a silver offering will be accepted. Ladies attending are asked to bring pie for the evening refreshment.

Camp White Orchestra will furnish the music. Mrs. Gertrude Stanley is chairman of this event.

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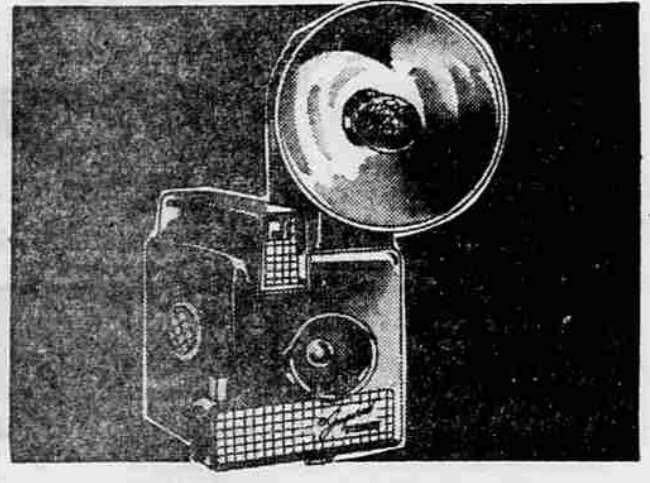
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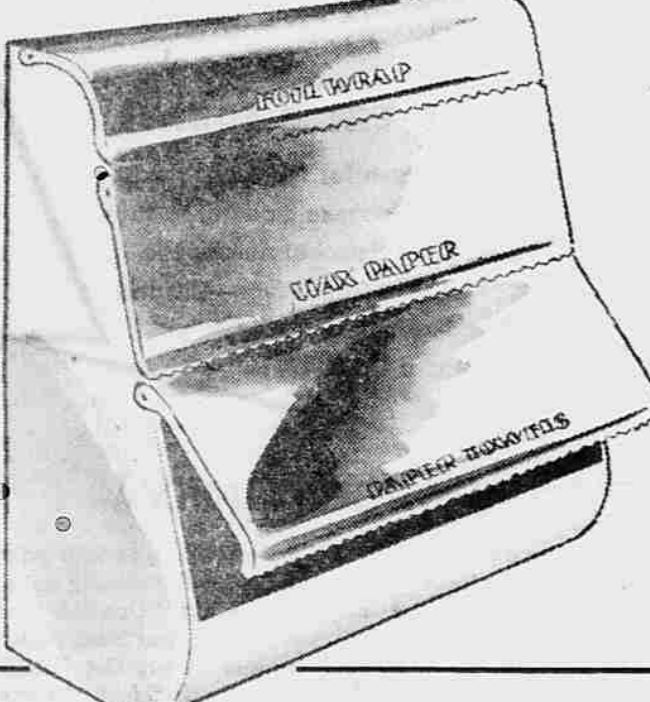
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