

# PT&T to Spend \$1,446,000 On Jackson County Projects

Pacific Telephone has \$969,000 allocated for new construction projects in its Medford exchange this year.

The record high figure brings to \$1,803,000 the amount spent during the past three years on construction jobs in Medford, according to Jack Creager, local telephone manager.

**Statewide Project**  
"Throughout the state," Creager reported, "Pacific Telephone is undertaking its biggest expansion and improvement program in history. The 1956 Oregon construction program calls for an expenditure of an estimated \$30,000,000. Some \$1,446,000 of that amount will be spent in Jackson county."

The Rogue River valley will be one of the busiest spots in the telephone company's Oregon area for the next seven months, Creager indicated. During that time a number of construction projects will be completed. They will bring seven-digit telephone numbers and extended area service to five exchanges in the county.

**Office Addition**  
In Medford a two-story and basement addition is being built on the present central office at 502 North Central ave. An addition is scheduled also for the central office at Gold Hill, and a new dial office is currently under construction for the new Phoenix-Talent exchange. The new building is located midway between Medford and Ashland along U. S. Highway 99.

Local dial switching equipment is slated to be installed in central offices at Medford, Jacksonville, Central Point, Gold Hill, Ashland and Phoenix-Talent.

**Projects Underway**  
More than half a dozen large local aerial and underground cable projects are already underway or scheduled in the county. The largest such job will be a part of the establishment of the new Phoenix-Talent exchange.

Two other cable jobs will require a total of more than 90,000 feet of cable. They will help make possible a general telephone expansion in the Medford exchange and permit enlarging the direct toll-free calling area to include the Ashland, Gold Hill and Phoenix-Talent exchange.

Two smaller cable projects are nearing completion in the Rogue River exchange, and two more are slated for Gold Hill.

**More Calling Paths**  
Central offices and cable work scheduled will increase the number of long distance calling paths from Medford north to Rogue River, Grants Pass and Portland, and also south to California cities.

At the first of the year the company had a plant investment of \$9,578,000 in the county, and in 1955 paid a total of \$181,241 in property taxes to the county. At the first of this year there were 13,731 telephones in the Medford exchange, and on an average business day some 67,896 calls were being placed.

## Property Tax Factor Praised By Commissioner

Salem—(U.P.)—State Tax Commissioner Samuel B. Stewart Friday praised a recent Harney county Circuit Court decision upholding a commission regulation increasing from 70 to 80 per cent the property factor used in assessing real property.

Stewart said a 1953 amendment to the law authorized the commission to define the true cash value of real property under "normal conditions."

After re-appraising Harney county in 1953, Stewart said the commission set the value of property at 70 per cent of market value. But on Jan. 1, 1956, the commission increased the percentage to 80 because of a leveling off of economic conditions.

**Increase Appealed**  
County Assessor John M. Gault Jr. appealed the increase to the court of Judge M. A. Biggs, charging that the commission lacked constitutional authority to set the percentage.

However, the court decided the increase did not create non-uniformity of assessment between real and personal property and that there was no unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority.

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**AUTOMATIC LADDER**—A device such as this automatic ladder would be ideal during pear picking season. Pacific Telephone has several such rigs in this area for jobs such as this one. Splicer Gene Rosencrans is splicing cable together along Hillcrest rd.



**CABLE SPLICING**—The job of cable splicing is considered a delicate one. Here Pacific Telephone Splicer Gene Rosencrans connects tiny copper wires in cable strung from poles along Hillcrest rd.

## The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

**Lynne**—Father broke up our home.  
**Dennis**—Mother still depends on him.

**Lynne**—I am 18 and I have a brother of 20. For the past 10 years our parents have been divorced, and we have been living with my mother, but there has been a weekly ritual of visiting our father.

This was the result of an agreement between my parents. Now that I am old enough to think for myself, I cannot help resenting the compulsion to visit our father. He is suave and makes a show of being friendly and interested, but I cannot help feeling that he is just making gestures because he is afraid of being regarded in the wrong. If he had really been interested in his children, why would he have broken up our family and home? I know that my mother did everything to keep the family together, and I know she is not the sort of person who could have been disloyal to her husband. I am sure it was the other way around.

My brother feels as I do, but he refuses to take a stand and urges me to evade the issue by continuing the regular visits to our father.

**Dennis**—I resent my father's leaving Mother, but I see nothing to be accomplished by antagonizing Father. He contributes to the support of our home, and it would only be a hardship on Mother if he were to stop doing that or reduce the amount he contributes. When my sister and I are able to take his place as providers, my attitude may change, but I don't think we can afford to display our emotions now. Besides, it would only upset Mother if she knew we were not keeping the agreement to visit Father once a week.

**The Council:** We very much fear that Lynne and Dennis have both been sacrificed needlessly in being prejudiced, if not indoctrinated, against their father.

It is pointless in dealing with this problem to make deep in-

quiries into the cause of the divorce. It is possible that the blame lies wholly with the father, but in more than half the divorce cases the blame is not that one-sided. Children, in any event, are not good judges of their parents, and they should be made very much aware of that fact, since it is a juvenile trait to sit in judgment on elders.

Lynne is extremely bitter when she argues that her father is merely posing when he receives his children once a week. If that were the case, he would surely tire of posing after 10 years, and any person who is as "suave" as she says he is would quickly find a graceful way of eliminating or reducing the visits.

The fact that he is an important financial contributor to the family after all these years and that he displays interest in the children leads us to suspect that there is some real interest, and that Lynne is allowing her harsh

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## ROGUE RIVER Seafarers Club Meets

**MRS. MYRTLE WHIPPLE**  
Rogue River—The Seafarers club met Aug. 14 at the Fellowship hall with a small attendance. A pot luck supper was served. Maxwell Thayer, editor of the Rogue River Times, gave a talk. After supper a business meeting was held and a program given. Next meeting will be Oct. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Golding attended the Fair at Crescent City Sunday.

Mrs. Lois Morgan and son Hurst were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milton at Wolf Creek.

The Rev. E. J. Clark of Grants Pass took the Rev. Mr. Barnett's place at the Presbyterian church Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett are on a vacation in California.

Arthur Whims, who has been in a Medford hospital, is home and improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller and son of Sandy, Ore., visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Miller, Walter, a teacher in the Sandy high school, is the son of R. C. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Ewing of Winfield, Kan., recently visited Mrs. Ewing's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Haydn Williams of Highway South.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Stockings of Leucadia, Calif., are visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Stockings are former residents of Rogue River. Recent guests at the Ernest Sandeen home were Mr. and

Mrs. S. Johnson of Hawthorne, Calif., and Mrs. E. L. Meade and sons, David, Richard, and Jim of White Bear Lake, Minn. Mrs. Meade is Mrs. Sander's daughter.

Harry Randleman was honored Aug. 19 with a birthday anniversary dinner at his home. Helping him celebrate were his wife and son Dickie, two daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Combs and daughter Linda of Bakersfield, Calif., a brother, Floyd, from Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. Slade Combs, and Miss Diane Mock of Rogue River.

While picking blackberries Mrs. C. J. Stehl fell and broke her right arm and hurt her back.

### Medford Police Force Gets New Patrolman

Keith B. VanHorn, 622 South Central ave., has been hired as a patrolman in the Medford police department. Police Chief Charles Champlin reported Saturday.

VanHorn is a 1953 graduate of Medford Senior High school and attended business college in Medford. He has a wife and one child and replaces Roger Flagg, who has accepted a position elsewhere.

### DOBBIN GOES MODERN

Cartagena, Spain—(U.P.)—Old Dobbin has gone modern in this ancient town. Cartagena's only remaining horse-drawn carriage appeared on the streets Friday sporting a radio with antenna, a coat of fluorescent paint and electric lights.

judgment of her father to distort her own personality. (Copyright 1956, General Features Corp.)



**BISHOP CHARLES W. QUINN, C.M.**  
Speaking in Medford

## China Missionary To Speak Here

Bishop Charles W. Quinn, C.M., expelled ordinary of the Diocese of Yukiang, China, arrived in Medford Friday and will make several speaking appearances in Medford over the Labor Day week end.

### Missionary in China

The Vincentian prelate worked 17 years as a missionary in China before he was imprisoned and then expelled by the communists in 1951. He is on a leave of absence from his station in the Prefecture of Kaohsiung, Formosa, where he is a missionary among the Chinese refugees. In an interview here, Bishop

## Legion Head Would Urge UN Withdrawal

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—American Legion National Commander J. Addington Wagner says his organization would urge withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations if the world organization should admit

Quinn declared Formosa is still the primary target of Red Chinese aggression. "Formosa is the big issue in China. It's like a thorn in their side. A year ago the Communists were warlike, now their aim is to talk us out of Formosa," he said.

### To Speak Sunday

Bishop Quinn will speak at all Sunday services at Sacred Heart church in Medford. The public has been invited to attend a special Sunday evening meeting in the activities room at St. Mary's school starting at 8 p.m. today.

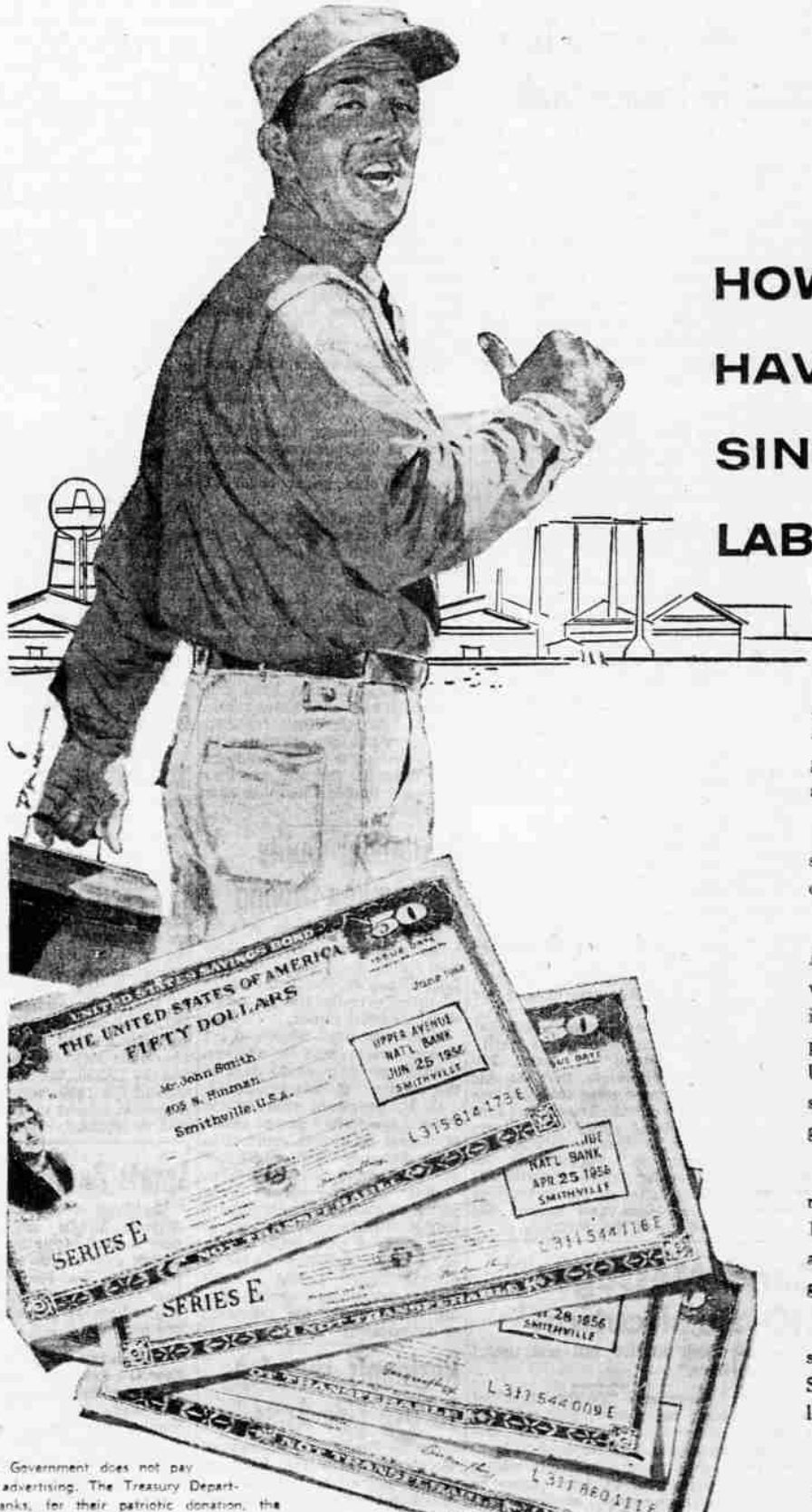
His appearance here was arranged by the Very Rev. Nicolas Deis, pastor of Sacred Heart. Bishop Quinn returns to Formosa Sept. 12.

**OLD 'TROUBLEMAKER'**  
Honolulu—(U.P.)—Nung Gi Pang was jailed on assault and battery charges for kayaking 85-year-old Chee Nunk Cho at the Korean old men's home. Police labeled Pang, 99, a "troublemaker."

Red China as a member. The commander, here for the Legion's 38th annual convention, said his organization would immediately counteract such a move by urging the withdrawal if the United Nations should prove itself so "normally bankrupt" as to admit Red China.

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