

News About Books From the Library

With an important capital improvement program to be decided by the voters of Medford at the coming election, with a notable revival of local interest in city and county planning, two volumes recently added to the Medford Public Library should be of special interest.

Whether what worries you about your town is the school shortage, the agony of fighting traffic, the exasperating lack of parking, "Community Planning" tells you how other towns have found cures for the same complaints. City planning is not the speculative art of producing imaginary cities, according to its editor, Herbert L. Marx Jr., but basically a salvage operation. Planners take conditions as they are and attempt to guide future growth so as to eliminate existing problems and to avoid foreseeable new ones.

Chapters on Parks
Included in this volume are chapters on parks, public transportation, annexation. A chapter of interest is that on the parking problem, written by Charles T. McGavin, chief of the technical staff of the District of Columbia Motor Vehicle Parking Agency, who tells how Washington, D.C., in six years made a net gain of 18,000 off-street parking spaces and caught up with the growth in traffic.

He makes the interesting comment that there are now enough cars in the United States to seat every one of its inhabitants at the same time — one car for every 3 1/2 persons.

Carol Aronovici, one of America's foremost authorities on community planning, writes on "Community Building" as a science, a technique, and an art. She sees our expanding technology not as a threat to individual life but as an encouragement to cooperative effort. Feeling that a constructive balance must be reached between the professional planner and a well-in-

formed body of laymen, she includes in her book chapters on the city planner as technician and as humanist.

Other Subjects
Other subjects covered are zoning, finance, the law as it affects planning, the uses of land, and the road. (This book was donated to the library by the American Legion Post 15, as a memorial to the late Diamond L. Flynn, former mayor of Medford.)

An interesting review of the history of town planning since the days when towns were planned for kings and dukes is presented by one of the library's older books, "Your City Tomorrow," by Guy Greer. The author's emphasis, however, is on what can be done here and now in the United States to cope with urban conditions and problems. In conclusion he paints an inspiring picture of what the city of the future can be, if we wish to make it so.

Streamflow Said Above Prediction

Spring and summer streamflow has generally equalled or slightly exceeded the much-above-average flows predicted last April, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture soil conservation service.

The USDA 1956 fall water supply summary stated the irrigation season of 1956 in Oregon has been one of abundant to satisfactory water supplies except on some smaller streams which are not tributaries with high elevation watersheds. This is in contrast to the serious water shortage of last year.

Water storage in most Oregon reservoirs is currently well above the usual amount of carryover held for the following

Top Herds, Cows Listed in DHIA

R. L. and Blanche Wyant owned a herd of 35 cows which rated first in the top five herds in the September summary of the Jackson County Dairy Herd Improvement association.

The herd produced an average of 719 pounds of milk with an average butterfat of 41.1. There were six dry cows.

Other top herds were owned by E. B. Foyer, whose 12 cows produced an average of 723 pounds of milk with 39.2 pounds of butterfat; M. B. Caster, 31 cows, 874 pounds milk, 37 pounds butterfat; Cliff and Velma Moore, 21 cows, 656 pounds of milk, 36.3 pounds butterfat; and Glenn and Edna Chase, 24 cows, 872 pounds of milk, 35.9 pounds butterfat.

Top individual cow, Cinderella, was owned by Richard and Elizabeth Westerberg. The cow produced 1,107 pounds of milk with an average of 88.6 pounds of butterfat. She was in milk 121 days.

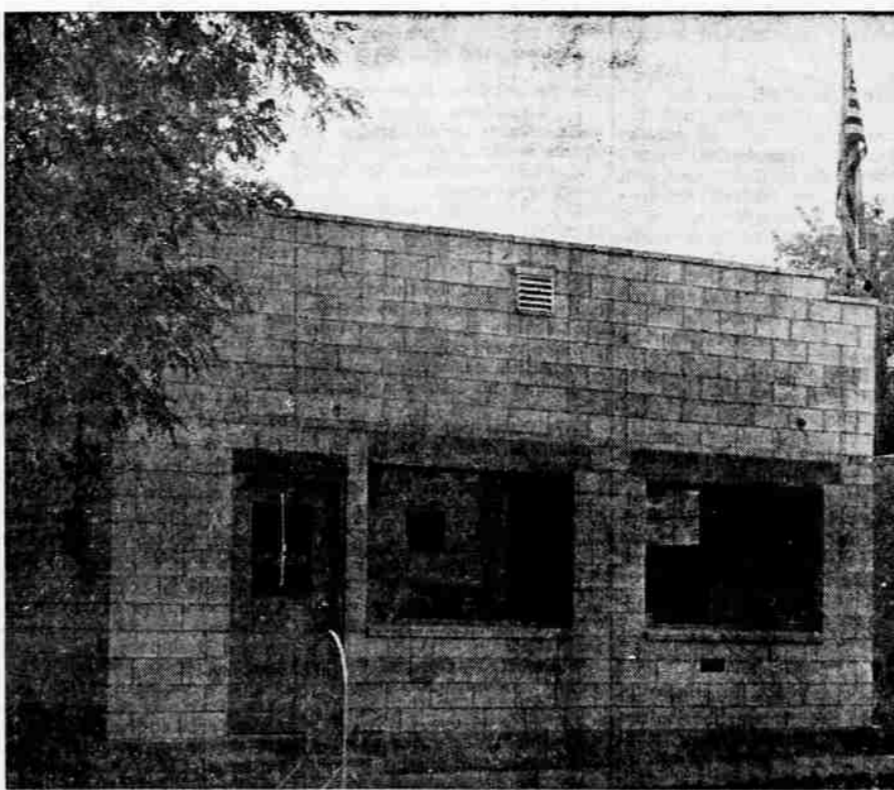
Other top cows were owned by J. E. Parsons, P. K. Nelson, the Wyants, Clarence and Sadie Williams, the Chases, Ruth Wyant, and Gilman's Dairy farm.

ATHLETIC NOTE

Buffalo, N.Y.—(AP)—Members of the Country Club of Buffalo decided the long climb up the stairs to the clubhouse terrace and locker rooms was too arduous after 18 holes. A cable car was installed to lift weary golfers the 45 feet to the terrace.

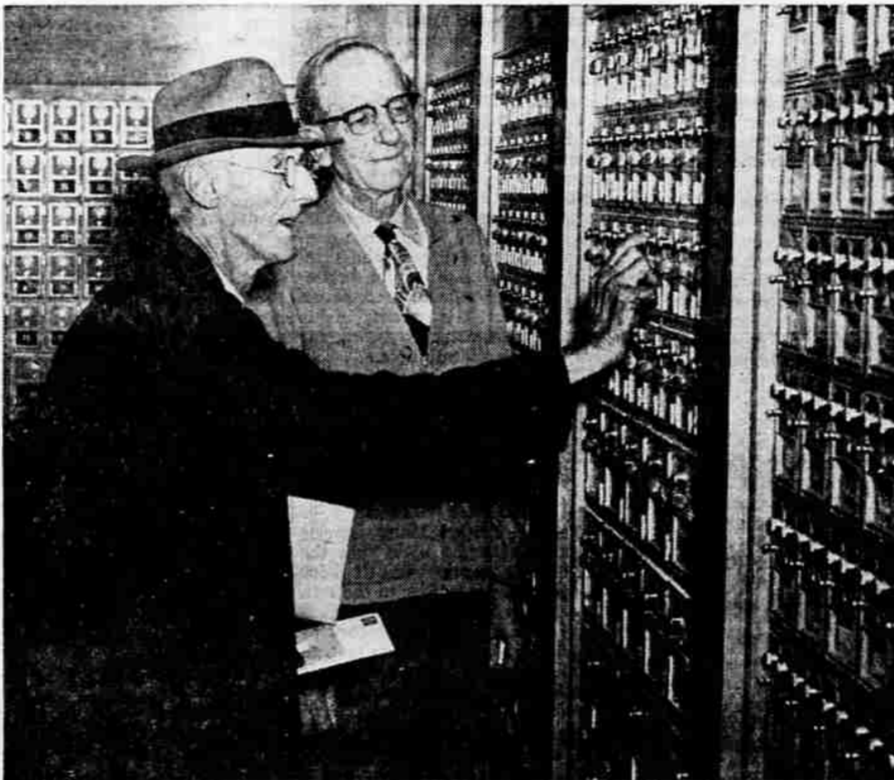
season, the summary said. Present storage in 25 reservoirs is 123 per cent of the average (1926-52) compared with last season when it was 66 per cent of average.

Watershed soils are generally average to a little above average in moisture content. Coupled with normal fall rains and an average mountain snow cover, water supplies for next season should be satisfactory, according to the report.



NEW POST OFFICE — Jacksonville's new post office building, at 204 East California st., is now complete, inside and out, since the installation of fixtures last week. The building was finished last June, but customer boxes,

sorting tables and other fixtures in use since then, were one from the old post office, and were 30 years old, according to postmaster Leon Matheny. The Jacksonville post office is now rated as second class.



"NEW FANGLED" BOXES — Jacksonville residents had to get used to the new dial-type boxes installed in the post office building last week. A total of 300 boxes, which open like a small safe, were installed. The building will

accommodate an additional 200 when needed. Above, postmaster Leon Matheny helps George Bish, 78-year-old Jacksonville resident, figure out the combination to his box.

Red Cross Disaster Plan Aided by Funds From United Crusade

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles concerning agencies served through contributions to the United Medford Crusade.)

In the million dollar Christmas flood last year, Medford was virtually isolated, schools were closed, bridges washed out, and more than 100 families were evacuated along Rogue river.

The Jackson county chapter of the Red Cross swung into action and basic necessities of food, clothing, shelter, and medical aid were provided immediately.

Disaster Plan

Less than four months previously, Red Cross had announced completion of its disaster plan with 300 volunteers trained to participate in the program in either natural or war-caused disaster.

The local Red Cross chapter was designated the official flood relief agency, handling funds from National Red Cross and channeling federal emergency monies.

In the weeks that followed

the disaster, family rehabilitation continued. Provisions for rebuilding and repairing homes and business establishments and replacement of household furnishings and other rehabilitation needs were made.

These took the form of outright, non-reimbursable cash grants, purchase orders for furniture and necessities, and low-interest loans from other agencies. In Rogue River 175 families and businesses were aided, and in Shady Cove, 107.

Expenditure Excess

In Jackson county alone the expenditure was in excess of \$114,705.00.

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4-H Club News

CLUB ORGANIZED

The Seven Busy Bees 4-H Sewing club was organized last week at the home of the leader, Mrs. Don Burelson, Central Point.

The group consists of 9-year-old girls starting beginners' sewing and 4-H club work. Election of officers was held at the first meeting.

New officers are Sherry Burelson, president; Tari Martin, vice-president; Terri King, secretary; Suzanne Monsey, news reporter; Nancy Cavin, song leader; Terry St. Germain, games; Patty Callendar, refreshments; Patty Callendar, refreshments.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Burelson.

Suzanne Monsey, Reporter

FREE NOTES

Sioux Falls, S.D.—(AP)—The South Dakota Horticultural Society uses a cross-section of a walnut tree to record its annual meetings since 1884, including the site, date and retiring president.

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