

## \$14 Million Capital Improvement Program Urged for Colleges

Eugene — A \$14-million-dollar capital improvement program for the seven campuses of the state system of higher education during the next biennium has been urged by the state board of higher education in its biennial report submitted to the governor last week.

The building program is designed to meet minimum needs of present enrollments and provide orderly expansion of facilities in preparation for an enrollment of 30,000 students expected within the next 10 years.

An enrollment increase of 25 per cent during the closing biennium and an estimated further increase of 10 per cent during the next biennium forecasts an estimated student body of 22,100 by 1959.

The proposed building program is divided into educational

## Local Guard Unit Receives Excellent Rating by 6th Army

Headquarters company, 156th Infantry Regiment of the Oregon National Guard, Medford, has received a unit rating of "excellent" from Sixth Army headquarters, San Francisco, for the federal inspection held early in November, Capt. S. J. Fagone, company commander, has announced.

Ratings received were superior for training, observed, and excellent for unit administration, supply procedures and administrative property.

Factors contributing to the high grade, according to the Sixth Army report, were enlistment strength had increased from 75 to 93 since the last inspection, key non-commissioned officers were above average as to background, experience and training; and morale was very high as evidenced by the smart appearance, demeanor and interest of the company during the inspection.

Other factors

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**Alaskans Plan Trip For Christmas Gift**

Washington — (U.P.) — Alaskans plan a cross-continental caravan to tell Santa Claus and Washington that all they "want for Christmas is statehood."

The caravan cars will be painted white with the blue and gold flag of Alaska and "Alaska the 49th State" painted on the sides.

The Alaska Statehood committee announced Saturday that the caravan will leave Fairbanks Sunday after a rally on the University of Alaska campus during which Santa Claus will be told about the Christmas wish.

Plans call for stopovers by the caravan in many cities throughout the United States. The delegation is scheduled to arrive here Dec. 31.

Long Island, N.Y., is 118 miles long and 23 miles wide at its greatest girth.

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## News About Books From the Library

Eighty-five volumes were added to the Medford Public Library during the past two weeks, including 38 new titles for adult readers, as follows:

**Science and Technology:** The Changing Universe, Pfeiffer; Familiar Animals of America, Barker; Treasury of Snake Lore, Aymer; Flying Saucers from Mars, Allingham; Practical Report Writing, Sanneberg.

**Travel and Adventure:** The Heart of the Hunter, Marshall; The Last Grain Race, Newby; Posted Missing, Villiers; My Arctic Honeymoon, Darlington.

**History:** This Hallowed Ground, Catton; Men to Match My Mountains, Stone.

**Philosophy and Religion:** The Art of Loving, Fromm; Guides to Straight Thinking, Chase; The Bible as History, Keller.

**Young Adults:** The Boy Next Door, Cavanna; Dear Stepmother, De Leeuw; Mirror, Mirror, Hall; Sabre Pilot, Meader.

**Mystery:** Two-thirds of a Ghost, McCloy; Beware the Curves, Fair; Harm Intended, Parker; The Fingerprint, Wentworth.

**Fiction:** Liza Bowe, Barker; Best Science-Fiction Stories and Novels: 1956, The Hungry Leopard, Borden; Autumn Comes Early, Breslin; Company Man, Burnett; Harvest on the Shore, Carstens; The Settling Sun, Dazai; Go in Beauty, Eastlake; The Wide Horizon, Erdman; A Harvest of Stories, Fisher; These Thousand Hills, Guthrie; The Tall One, Olson; The Diehard, Potts; The Crossing, Revery; The Man Who Paid His Way, Sheldon; The Narrow Covering, Siebel.

## Hunter Orion Returns Each Fall to Eastern Heavens

By FAY BENTLEY

Orion, the Mighty Hunter, arouses a feeling of gladness within many an ardent stargazer as this most spectacular of constellations returns each autumn to adorn the evening sky.

Among the oldest of the sky pictures, Orion has probably been mentioned by writers more often than any other group of stars. In Job, 9:9, we find the author praising the greatness of God with these words:

"Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades... Again in Job 38:31, it is written, "Canst thou loose the bands of Orion?"

**Advised Farmers**

Almost 3,000 years ago, Hesiod, a Greek poet, in his "Works and Days" advised the Greek farmers: "Set your slaves to winnow Demeter's holy grain when strong Orion first appears."

The Egyptians believed that the soul of Osiris, best known of their gods, was resting in this bright star picture.

In mythology, Orion is depicted as a giant so large he could conquer any creature. He even performed the amazing feat of walking on the bottom of the sea with his head above the waves!

Many outstanding conquerors, including Alexander and Napoleon, have given orders that this beautiful constellation be named for them, but somehow the new names have never lasted.

**Bragged, Boasted**

Although this great hunter was unusually courageous, modesty was not among his virtues. He bragged and boasted about his own accomplishments until Juno, wife of Jupiter, king of the gods, sent a scorpion to attack him.

Taking an unfair advantage, Scorpio stung Orion on the heel as he was fighting a duel with the King of Lions. The wound proved to be fatal.

Juno, repenting her unkindness, placed the giant among the stars in honor of his strength and bravery.

The Scorpion was also transported to the heavens. To avoid future trouble, Juno put the Scorpion in the summer skies while Orion is visible in winter.

**Array of Stars**

Orion, containing an array of bright and interesting stars, is to the majority of sky watchers, the most spectacular of all the constellations. The chief identification point is the belt, a short, slanting line of three second magnitude stars, spaced equally distant from each other. A dagger or sword formed of three much fainter stars hangs from the belt.

An imperfect rectangle of four giant stars surround the belt and sword. As the hunter faces us, a ruby pin — the giant red sun, Betelgeuse, (BET-el-jooze) fastens a lionskin robe on his right shoulder.

## Hornbrook Two Taken To Hospital

By MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN

Hornbrook—Two Hornbrook residents are currently listed as patients in the Siskiyou General hospital in Yreka.

H. C. Reeves, caretaker of the Henley-Hornbrook cemetery, is seriously ill with pneumonia, but is slowly improving, according to Mrs. Reeves. He has been in the hospital for a week now, and it is undetermined as yet how much longer his stay will be.

Entering the hospital Wednesday, Dec. 5, was Mrs. Emma Parshall, who makes her home with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Parshall. "Grandma" Parshall fell at home Wednesday afternoon, and was taken to the hospital in Girder's ambulance. She did not receive any broken bones, but was painfully bruised and shaken up.

P. G. (Doc) Rineess, who received major injuries in a car accident on Sept. 7, and had been in the hospital until Thanksgiving, is getting around some now without the aid of crutches.

Mrs. Margaret Phillips returned last week from Palo Alto, Calif., where she had visited for several weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leon Leonard, and her daughter returned home with Mrs. Phillips and spent several days here.

Mrs. Marshall Horn was hostess on Wednesday for the Auction Bridge club. Members playing were Mrs. Henley Clawson, Mrs. Bertha Bradley, Mrs. Frank Ohlund, Mrs. Grace Quig-

## Russia Neck-and-Neck In Missile Race

Paris — (U.P.) — A top Soviet scientist said Saturday Russia is running neck-and-neck with the United States in their guided missile race and is nearing completion of plans to send up a space satellite during the 1957 geophysical year.

Prof. Alexis Pokrovski, head of the Soviet delegation to the Paris Congress of Guided Missiles and Rockets, said "a certain amount of cooperation" between Russia and the United States will become necessary once both countries begin sending up artificial satellites.

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## Tom Powers Named To Representative Council at Meet

Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregon Education association's representative council, winding up a two-day meeting here yesterday, elected Tom Powers, superintendent of Bethel schools near Eugene, as vice president of the OEA. In the position, Powers will succeed to the presidency in the spring of 1958.

President vice president of the OEA is Mildred Warhron, of David Douglas High school near Portland. She will become president of the 12,000 member teacher organization next spring.

In other action Saturday, the council voted to support a new minimum state salary law for teachers in the next session of the state legislature.

## Doctors to Attend Meet in Medford

Physicians in southern Oregon will gather in Medford Wednesday, Dec. 12, to attend an all day postgraduate lecture program on "Back Pain" being offered by the Oregon State Medical society.

Dr. Alvin Roberts of Central Point, president of the host Jackson County Medical society, announced three visiting medical specialists will present lectures during the afternoon and evening at the Rogue River County club. Scientific sessions are scheduled for 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. while a dinner program is slated for 6 p.m.

Invitations have been extended to physicians in Jackson and Josephine counties, Dr. Roberts said.

Visiting speakers will be Dr. Kenneth E. Livingston in neurological surgery, Dr. Arthur C. Jones in physical medicine, both of Portland, and Dr. Donald B. Slocum of Eugene in orthopedic surgery. Each lecturer will present two papers, one in the afternoon and the second in the evening.

Dr. Livingston is scheduled to speak on "Spinal Cord Tumors" and "Neurological Diagnosis of Lumbar Disc Lesions." Dr. Jones will discuss "Anatomical Factors Relating to Low-Back Pain" and "Physical Measures Indicated in the Management of Low-Back Pain." Dr. Slocum's topics are "Patho-mechanics of Degenerative Disc Disease" and "Physical Examination in Low-Back Pain."

## FLANAGAN HEADS GROUP

George C. Flanagan, vice president and general manager of Elk Lumber company, was elected president of the Western Forestry and Conservation association at the 47th annual meeting in Victoria, B.C., last week. Flanagan was also one of seven men named to the 1957 executive committee.

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