



MUST BE SEEING THINGS—Stevadoring on San Francisco's waterfront never saw the likes of this as Dee Hardy, Eileen Brodie and Sue Bloomer lend a distracting hand to tie up the new SS. President Hoover. The luxury liner is the latest of many ships being added to Pacific cruises and was commissioned in San Francisco.

Oregon Birth Rate Lowest Since 1946

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon's birthrate last year was the lowest since 1946 — only 22 for each 1,000 of estimated population, according to figures released here by the State Board of Health.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said the number of total births dropped 9 per cent from 1955, from 38,346 to 37,986.

Oregon's birth rate decline came at a time when the national birth rate was increasing 1.2 per cent to 25 per 1,000 estimated population.

At the same time, Dr. Erickson reported, the rate of illegitimate births reached an all-time high in Oregon last year — 994 babies were born to unwed mothers for an increase of 11 per cent.

Dr. Erickson said the state's illegitimacy rate was better than the national average but the record of non-white women was better than the national average.

Expense Increase Voted for Nixon

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate Monday night approved a \$5,000 increase in office expenses for Vice-President Richard M. Nixon despite a Democratic complaint that taxpayers shouldn't have to foot the bill for "a candidate for President."

The action came as the Senate approved its first money bill of the new session, a catch-all deficiency bill. Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) raised the question of the \$5,000 item and put the "candidate" tag on the vice-president.

Ellender said the expenses of the vice-president's office would jump, with the increase, to about \$101,000 annually, about double the total when Nixon took office.

He said Nixon "has been travelling around . . . he is a candidate for President . . . and that's what probably has caused it."

"There is no reason why the taxpayer should carry that burden," he said.

'Key District' School Bill Has Opposition

Portland — (U.P.) — A strong stand in opposition to the "key district" school bill was taken by the Portland Central Labor council last night.

The council adopted a resolution condemning the measure as "unsound in principle" and a threat to the Portland school district.

The resolution, introduced by the AFL-CIO local of the Teachers' union, contends that it is unsound because it is an effort to equalize taxes for support of the schools in all parts of the state rather than an effort to equalize the educational opportunities for the children of Oregon.

Northampton, Mass. — (U.P.) — A man went to jail here because, posing as a state trooper, he stopped a motorist for speeding. The motorist proved to be State Trooper John H. Driscoll.

Portland, Me. — (U.P.) — Mr. and Mrs. John Richards were somewhat surprised when their missing German shepherd, Rinny, arrived home in a taxicab. It seems that a woman had noticed a number on the dog's collar, obtained the address of the Richards family, and sent Rinny home by cab.

River Rouge, Mich. — (U.P.) — Rita Montie, editor of the River Rouge Herald, lost her eye glasses and placed this advertisement in the paper: "The Editor Of the Herald has xOst hER glasses, to hEr dIstraction Annd dIsmay . . ." The glasses were found on the steps of city hall.

Laughs of the Day . . .

Bay City, Mich. — (U.P.) — Russell J. Tilton, recently retired factory foreman, is handing out his new "business card" to friends. It reads: "Russell J. Tilton, retired—no phone, no address, no business, no money."

Hastings, Neb. — (U.P.) — It can get pretty cold here, policeman Lyle Dunham said after trying to write out a traffic ticket. The lead in the pencil he was using broke from the cold, snapped off, and the ink in his fountain pen was frozen.

Berrien Springs, Mich. — (U.P.) — It's now legal to drive a horse-drawn vehicle at more than five miles an hour in Berrien Springs. The city council amended a 25-year-old law, raising the village speed limit to 25 miles an hour.

Stamford, Conn. — (U.P.) — Torquill Solberg voluntarily did 25 push-ups to prove to police he was still in good shape even though he was spilled from his skidding motorcycle. He's 78.

Around Hollywood

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Anne Bancroft, freshly divorced, thinks she knows one reason why so many Hollywood marriages fail: Career women marry and they shouldn't.

The news-wires carried the story last week: "Anne Bancroft divorced by contractor Marty May on grounds her career interfered with the marriage."

Today, the actress sat in Googie's restaurant, a young actor's hangout, and talked unhappily about career women. Sociologists may think Anne's troubles are representative of those females who are a problem of this century—women who have a career drive that conflicts with the conventional duties of marriage and motherhood.

Actress Offers Advice "A woman with a drive and ambition for a career never should marry," she said firmly. "It's best to be single while you are finding yourself."

Anne, wearing black torador pants and a black sports car jacket, sat moodily. "You see," she said earnestly, "to be a good actress is a terrific drive for me. Why do I have the drive? That's one of the reasons why I want to be alone—to find why I have to be an actress."

"Being an actress takes a lot of attention and time and energy, she continued. It's an old corny phrase but you can't serve two masters. If you really love your career, if you have this drive, you must fulfill yourself in this way.

Ambitions Numerous "I have more ambitions than the average woman and I am deep and sensitive and I must have peace. I must be alone," she added breathlessly. "Despite what men say, men and women are born equal. Just as many women have talent."

She noted bitterly: "Marriage consists of pleasing a man. That's what he wants."

Anne is moving to New York because she needs "change." She'll concentrate on theater and television and commute here for pictures.

"I'll be lonely living alone," she said, "But I was lonely when



HEART DONATION—The Medford Heart association recently received a \$300 contribution from the American Steel and Supply, Medford, Inc. Larry Horton (right) chairman of the 1957 Medford Heart drive, and Dwight Houghton, treasurer of the Heart association, are shown accepting the check from Clair Larson, manager of the firm. —(Landis-Shangle photo)

About 300 Volunteers To Conduct Drive for Heart Fund Sunday

About 300 local volunteers and members of the Medford Heart association will conduct a door-to-door collection campaign in Medford Sunday, Feb. 24, to highlight the local month long 1957 Heart Fund drive.

The Medford Heart association has designated Feb. 24 as "Heart Sunday," according to Larry Horton, chairman of the 1957 Medford Heart Fund drive.

The annual one-day door-to-door drive will start at 2 p.m. Sunday when volunteers will call on 15 to 25 residents in immediate neighborhood areas, Mrs. Manville Heisel, chairman of the one-day drive, said.

Volunteers will carry supplies of envelopes in which contributors may seal donations. Residents need not disclose size of their contributions, Mrs. Heisel said.

Goal for the Heart Sunday drive is \$3,000, she added. Last year \$2,000 was collected.

More than 80 Oregon cities will participate in the Oregon Heart association's door-to-door Heart Sunday campaign.

Mrs. Forrest Erickson, Estacada, state chairman, said several women's organizations will participate and in some areas high school girls make up the nucleus of the volunteers.

"Funds collected will be used to finance the many programs of the Heart association," Mrs. Erickson said. "It is imperative that the work of the association in the fields of research, education and community service be continued and expanded."

Meat Packers Open Annual Convention

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Independent meat packers and processors from nine western states opened their annual convention today, prepared to fight a move by the "Big Four" midwest packers to have a 1920 consent decree set aside.

E. Floyd Forbes of San Francisco, president of the Western Meat Packers association, said the aim of the Big Four in getting the decree set aside is to enter the grocery business.

Up to now, he said, they have been prevented from doing so as a result of the decree that has restricted their monopoly powers. The Big Four are Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahy.

Forbes said independent meat packers and grocers would be hard pressed to stay in business if they had to meet the competition from the Big Four.

The convention ends Thursday.

Australia-Bound Plane Forced To Turn Back

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A Qantas Airways Constellation en route to Australia with 61 persons aboard returned to San Francisco Monday because one of its four engines developed trouble.

The plane, carrying 50 passengers and a crew of 11 was about 750 miles off the coast when a cylinder in the right outboard engine began acting up. The pilot feathered the propeller and headed back to California. A Coast Guard plane escorted the airliner back.

Inspection Asked for State Office Building

Salem — (U.P.) — Conditions in the basement of the old state office building here are "unhealthy, inefficient and call for immediate correction," Secretary of State Mark Hatfield said today.

Hatfield said he had written letters to the Board of Health, the labor commissioner and the fire marshal asking them to make prompt inspection of the facilities and specific recommendations for improvement.

"Although I am not fully familiar with all aspects of sanitation and safety regulations I question if the conditions would meet basic standards for private construction. The state should meet the same standards it imposes on others in fairness to its employees."

The primary cause of the difficulty, Hatfield said, is the overcrowded condition, but in addition "inadequate lighting and ventilating compound the situation."

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Shell Oil Lighter Missing for Six Days

Singapore — (U.P.) — The Shell Oil Co. said today its 342-ton lighter Landak, with a crew of 17 aboard, has been missing for six days.

The Landak left Jesselton, Sarawak, for Singapore on Feb. 9 and should have arrived Feb. 13. It had no radio and no word

has been received from the vessel. The crew consisted of three British officers, eight Malays and six Chinese.

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