

# Home Buyers Get Good News As Ike Relaxes Credit Restrictions

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 Washington — (UPI) — Home buyers had some good news on Saturday from the White House and Congress.

President Eisenhower has relaxed credit requirements for home buyers and a strong drive is on in Congress to make it easier for them to get mortgage money.

Mr. Eisenhower Friday ordered the minimum down-payment on FHA-insured homes reduced by 2 per cent to the lowest level permitted by law: 3 per cent on the first \$9,000 and 35 per cent on amount over that.

Mr. Eisenhower also announced that federal home loan bank board regulations will be modified to enable insured savings and loan association to buy into mortgages originated by other insured associations.

## Relaxes Restrictions

The White House said this rule would relax present restrictions requiring most associations to invest in mortgages on homes located within 50 miles of their principal office. The idea is to make more mortgage funds available in areas where they are now inadequate.

The President acted a few hours after a House banking subcommittee completed action on an omnibus housing bill that would go far beyond administration recommendations in pumping funds into the "tight" mortgage market.

Albert Rains (D-Ala.), subcommittee chairman, termed the President's interest cut a "minor" step in the right direction. Two other subcommittee members — Rep. Gordon L. McDonough (R-Calif.), and Thomas L. Ashley (D-Ohio) — agreed with Rains that the President should have done so "months ago."

They also predicted that Congress — despite threats of a presidential veto — would approve use of one billion dollars from the GI life insurance reserve fund for veterans' home loan mortgages. This was the most controversial provision included in the subcommittee's omnibus bill.

## Overwhelming Okay Seen

McDonough said the move was necessary to ease the "tight" mortgage market and predicted it would win such overwhelming congressional approval Mr. Eisenhower would not veto it.

The omnibus bill which is slated for full committee approval Tuesday, would also:

- Create a "veterans' preference" in the FHA program. Veterans' down-payments would be cut 50 per cent below down-payments required of non-veterans. Veterans' financing charges would be held to 5 per cent.
- Have the government absorbing the additional 1/8 per cent insurance premium charged other FHA home buyers.

—Provides the Federal National

al Mortgage association with an additional 1 billion dollars in borrowing authority, or 500 million dollars more than the administration requested. These funds would be used to purchase government-backed mortgages from lenders who want more ready cash.

—Permit some further lowering in down-payments for non-veterans. This was the only feature in which the subcommittee's bill fell short of administration recommendations.

# Bill Considered to Repeal Law Passed On Anti-Picketing

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon Senate voted 16 to 14 Friday against House bill 124 to repeal the so-called anti-picketing law passed by the 1953 Legislature.

Then Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie Democrat who had voted for the measure, changed his vote to no, making 17-16 against the bill. Then Sweetland served notice that he would move Monday to have the Senate reconsider its vote.

The vote Friday was mostly along party lines, with all but one Republican voting against the measure and all but two Democrats voting for it until Sweetland made it three.

But the bill just preceding it, Senate bill 123 providing for establishment of a State Conciliation service to help settle labor disputes, passed with only three dissenting votes. The service would be directed by a qualified person chosen through civil service and would operate under the state bureau of labor.

Sen. Phil Brady, Portland Democrat, led the fight for Senate bill 124 to repeal the "anti-picketing" act. He said parts of House bill 633, which set up the act in 1953, had been found unconstitutional and the whole statute should be removed from the books.

## Says Act Good

But Sen. Lee Ohmart, Salem Republican who was one of the sponsors of the 1953 act, argued that labor relations had not suffered under the parts of the act remaining after the unconstitutional portions were declared void by the Supreme Court, and said the act should remain on the books until further study could be made of the over-all picture. He said Senate joint resolution 31 would provide for an interim committee to study the matter and report to the 1959 Legislature.

Sen. Carl Francis of Dayton was the lone Republican voting for Senate bill 124, and Sens. Harry B. Bovin of Klamath Falls and Daniel A. Thiel of Astoria were the only Democrats voting against it until Sweetland changed his vote so he could move for reconsideration.

The Senate had its longest ses-

# School News

**McLOUGHLIN JUNIOR HIGH**  
 A National Assembly was presented on March 28, at which Eddie Mottler, gymnast, was featured. Blind since childhood, Eddie has never seen the stunts he performs. In addition to his athletic skill, he has a message of clean living for youth, and his sunny disposition made his program even more enjoyable.

Several McLoughlin students and teachers participated in the Salute to Bob Stedman show.

The student body has purchased an Oregon state flag for the auditorium stage.

Report cards will be issued Thursday April 4.

Mac track will begin on April 4, with the Frosh Relays at Grants Pass.

The seventh grade party on March 29 was planned around a country dance theme.

Farm animals, straw, scarecrow and other decorative features gave a rural atmosphere. Each portion of the planning was done by a seventh grade home room, and parents served as chaperones. Refreshments were cupcakes and pop, and a musical program was given by the students.

## Letters Given

Basketball letters were presented at an assembly on March 29. Seventh grade coach Howard Gang gave letters or numerals to the following: George Clearwater, Bob Darby, Dudley Bell, Dave Guches, Bill Edwards, Bob Clausen, Bob Schroeder, Norm Renner, Jim Dexter, M. A. White, Henry Mach, Larry Olson, Steve Hubler, Joe Griffin, Clarence Leffler, Peter Bowman, Al Ziemann, Dave Elgin and Rex Nicodemus.

Eighth grade lettermen, who were coached by Bill Shepherd, are Al Funston, Larry Hammack, John McKinley, Larry Nuemann, Arthur Ruehl, Mike Hood, Al Morton, Jim Randles, Steve Hoots, Dick Raggsdale, Bob Quinney, Nick Lingren, Grant Davis, Gary Romine, Lane Hoxworth, Al Minnick and Charles Shaw.

Freshman coach Melvin Bolden presented the awards to Dick Allen, Skip Bennett, Keith Berg, Ken Durkee, Bob Hamilton, Warren Horton, Lynn Knight, Ray Konopasek, Dave Morris, Mike Morrissy, Pat McLoughlin, Kick Peterson, Jack Shoemaker, Jerry Shults, Terry Simmons, Terry Turpin and Tony Wade.

## PHOENIX HIGH SCHOOL

Sophomores have been agog over the display of class rings which was placed in the trophy case this week by Mrs. Virginia LaBounty, class adviser.

This exhibit consists of two models of class rings for next year's juniors. Final selection of the more popular model will be determined at a sophomore meeting sometime in the near future. Choices may be made from the different styles: miniature, standard girls, standard boys, and college size.

An "April Fools Dance" was held in the gym Friday night, March 29, admission was 15 cents per person. This dance, sponsored by the F.F.A., was a costume affair. Prizes were presented to the following: Charles Swingle, for the outstanding costume; Betty Rupp and Ronald Daugherty, the cutest couple; and Warren B. Blessing, winner of the door prize. Faculty members and parents as well as P.H.S. students attended the party. Punch was served during intermission.

A dual track meet scheduled for Friday, March 29, between Phoenix and Rogue River, underwent a last minute change, which scheduled it to be played at SOC.

Alice Hendrickson and Alma Stovall, accompanied by Mrs. Alan Holmes, F.H.A. adviser at Phoenix High school, left Thursday, March 28, at 12:45 p.m. on the Greyhound bus for Corvallis to attend the annual F.H.A. conference. They plan to return Saturday morning.

The junior and senior girls who have P.E. sixth period started a "Round Robin Badminton Tournament" Monday, March 21. This same group of girls has also started a bowling session at the Medford Bowling lanes.

P.H.S. biology students have started another project, according to Roscoe Larson, biology teacher. These projects consist of 25 classified specimens either of insects, flowers, minerals or wood. Each student will select one of these for his project. Larson said new note books have been made available for the students this year. These books are made especially for biology specimens and will provide uniform appearance for each project.

# HEDRICK JUNIOR HIGH

Hedrick Junior High school had a National Assembly on Tuesday, March 26. Guest was Mr. Basie, who has been totally blind since he was 10 years old. He entertained the student body with acrobatic stunts. Two students from Rogue River helped him perform two stunts.

"Springtime in Paris" was chosen theme for the ninth grade dance to be held on May 18.

The eighth grade presented an assembly, "Why Teachers Go Nuts" for the student body at Hedrick, Friday, March 29. Ron Graves was faculty adviser. Jerry McDougall was director and P. Barlow was committee chairman for the assembly. Mike Monroe, president of the eighth grade, acted as master of ceremonies.

# 4-H CLUB NEWS

**Eagle Point Desert Pegasus**  
 The meeting of the Desert Pegasus was called to order at the West ranch on March 23 by vice-president Norma Noble.

The awaited call of "mount up" found everyone in the saddle and practicing a simple drill under the supervision of J. Dunn. Next meeting will be held April 6 at the West ranch. Members will ride past Brownsboro from there.

Jody Owens, Reporter.

## Nimble Fingers

The Talent 4-H sewing club, Nimble Fingers, met Wednesday, March 20, at the Howell home. Paulette Creel gave a demonstration on the blanket stitch. Four members were present. Next meeting will be held April 6. Each member will bring a piece of wool. Betty J. Howell served refreshments.

Linda Hazelton, Reporter.

# Court Records

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
 Clyde Leland Siders, reckless driving, \$100.  
 Clyde Meeks, drunk in public, sentenced to 15 days in city jail.  
 William Kenneth Rogers, drunk in public, \$10.  
 Horace Ollie Upton, drunk in public, \$10.  
 Richard Franklin Hopkins, no operator's license, \$5.  
 Carl C. Thrash, failure to stop at red light, \$5.  
 Duane David Poff, inadequate muffler, \$10.  
 Helmut Karl Trost, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.  
 James Mack Johnson, failure to yield right of way, \$10.  
 Leonard S. Cookson, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.  
 Gregory Eugene Orr, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.  
 Leon Sibitz Miller, defective equipment, \$15.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
 Homer Allen Sullivan, failure to stop at red light, \$10.  
 Arthur Clifford Decker, truck speeding, \$12.50.  
 James Cassel Strickland, operating motor vehicle while driver's license suspended, \$35.  
 Kerwin Lee McLean, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.  
 George Jesse Lawson, no operator's license, \$5.

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
 Elvera Louise Pigg vs. Donald Leo Pigg, divorce complaint.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION**  
 John Thomas Mallon, Central Point, and Betty Carol Gibson, 1024 West 11th st., Medford.

# NEWS NOTES from Crater High School

The national safety campaign is still in progress at Crater High. Last Tuesday a top-notch mechanic was donated by Courtesy Chevrolet to conduct a safety check of students cars. The safety check was designed to test the safety of each car. A list of requirements which the car had to meet was made. Many students with even the latest model cars were surprised to find that their cars didn't pass the test. Assisting the mechanic in the car check was Central policeman, Bishop.



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Music students are preparing for the annual spring concert, which will be presented April 8. The band, varsity choir, and girls' glee club will present a repertoire of music appropriate to the spring season. As in past years, there will be no admission charge, and the general public is invited.

The Girls League is beginning a series of competition assemblies. Each class will present a program during a Girls League meeting, and the class which presents the best assembly will win the competition. The league representatives from each class have their groups chosen and rehearsals are now in progress for the assemblies.

The Tally-Ho will be scene of the annual basketball banquet sponsored by the Comettes, Wednesday, April 3. The varsity and junior varsity players are looking forward with anticipation to the evening honoring them. Compete president, Rose Drake, has stated that a change of program will take place this year. Instead of inviting a special master of ceremonies, chaplain, and after-dinner speaker, they will be chosen from the Comettes.

The student council held a meeting last week to discuss the eight grade visitation day held each year by Crater High. Jim Estramado was selected as activities chairman to plan the day for eighth graders. Louise Pendleton was chosen as program chairman. All discussed at this same meeting was the matter of new student body officers.

Play rehearsals for the spring production, "Take it From Me", a comedy by James Reach, are now in progress. The play will be presented May 3 and 4. Students playing in the cast have been rehearsing for a week, each night until late, and books will

# Miami Yardman Dies In Swimming Pool

Miami — (UPI) — Authorities said Saturday that a 70-year-old yardman was killed when a power mower plunged into the deep end of a home swimming pool.

Police said William Allen either died from drowning or of a heart attack.

Allen was mowing a large lawn when the mower ran out of control. The mower jumped the side of the pool. Allen's body was found in eight feet of water, his hands still grasping the controls.

Police said a swath cut across the grass by the mower indicated it went out of control. There was also a report that the elderly man recently had been bothered by "blackouts."

# Newport, England Man Wins Annulment

Newport, England — (UPI) — Henry Hart was single again Saturday after a three-year marriage in which his wife kissed him only once—and then on the cheek.

A judge annulled the marriage on grounds that Hart's wife Gladys, 43, refused to consummate the marriage because a "busybody" told her wrongly on the wedding day that Hart was tubercular.

turnament held at Corvallis. Pat Medley was Crater's winner, taking a first in oratory.

Students from Crater who were in the finals were Louise Pendleton and Pat Medley, oratory; Grace Gail, serious interpretative reading, and Judy Van Horn, humorous interpretative reading, Dave Mack and Bob Lichtl were in the impromptu speaking finals, and Dave Mack was also in the extemporaneous speaking finals. Karen Johnson made the finals in radio speaking, and Joan Dobrot in panel discussion.

The Future Teachers of America are beginning a new program at school. Certain members of the group will actually take part in a practice teaching program, in cooperation with teachers at school. The members will, in this way, gain a vital experience, otherwise unobtainable until college.

Secrecy of candidates characterizes the Future Farmers of America elections which will be held this week. The candidates have been selected, but their identity will not be made known until the day of the election. The task facing the officers of this large and active organization is one requiring much talent and ability.

A National School Assembly was presented to students last Thursday. Eddie Mottler, a blind gymnast, amazed his audience with feats of skill and ability.

Crater High brought home one first place winner from the Southern Oregon district speech tournament. All first and second place winners in each event earned the right to compete in the state

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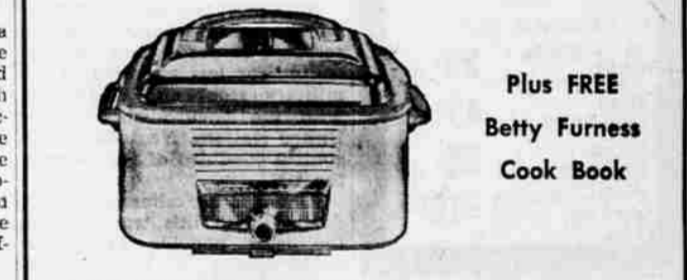
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**State Asks Aid for Medical School**

Portland — (UPI) — The Oregon state board of health has requested the U. S. public health service to transfer \$100,000 of its Hill-Burton act funds to aid construction of a rehabilitation center at the University of Washington medical school in Seattle.

The action which was announced Friday was praised by Dr. G. N. Aagaard, dean of the Washington medical school as "the type of cooperation which is often so essential in the solution of many common problems within a geographical section of the country which must be approached on a regional basis."

The center will aid the rehabilitation of patients throughout the Pacific Northwest. It is also expected to help train critically needed rehabilitation specialists for Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

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