

Facts on Economy Shown in Pamphlet

Assessed valuation for Jackson county decreased \$80,858,894.05 between 1955 and 1956. Assessed valuation for Medford increased \$80,072.90 in the same period.

This information is reported in a pamphlet, "Economic Indicators," compiled by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and published last month. The pamphlet gives information on 22 phases of economy for Jackson county and the city of Medford with comparisons for the years 1955 and 1956.

Sources Listed
Officials in city, county, state and public utility offices were sources for information contained in the report.

The pamphlet shows assessed value was \$60,958,894.05 in 1955 and \$79,669,824.29 in 1956. Assessed valuation for Medford was \$24,946,133.11 in 1955 and \$25,026,206.06 in 1956.

Bank debts for Jackson county were \$550,946,402.43 in 1955 as compared with \$629,915,471 in 1956. Bank debts for Medford were \$465,843,499.81 in 1955 as compared with \$552,705,256 in 1956. Bank deposits for Jackson county totaled \$30,647,026.03 in 1955 and \$31,219,919 in 1956. For the city of Medford, bank deposits were \$62,304,981.05 in 1955 and \$44,987,357 in 1956.

Bank Loans
Bank loans in Jackson county totaled \$30,647,026.03 for 1955 and \$31,219,919 in 1956. For the city of Medford, bank loans were \$23,206,145.85 for 1955 and \$24,339,585 for 1956.

Savings and Loan Association
Savings and loan association loans for Medford were \$9,446,070.62 for 1955, and \$11,055,371.97 for 1956. Savings and investments for Medford in 1955 were \$9,833,392.66 as compared with \$11,173,804.24 for 1956.

In 1955, a total of 610 building permits were issued for a value of \$2,513,029.71, as compared with 632 permits issued in 1956 for a value of \$3,815,728.83. There were 7,262 city water connections for the total area served in 1955, as compared with 6,094 in 1956. In 1955, there were 6,000 city water connections within the actual Medford city limits,

as compared with 6,241 in 1956. Net effective buying income in Jackson county for 1955 was \$97,626,000 in 1955, and \$103,066,000 in 1956. Net effective buying income for Medford was \$32,965,000 in 1955, and \$37,579,000 in 1956.

Buying Income
Effective buying income per family for Jackson county was \$4,418 in 1955, as compared with \$4,601 in 1956. Effective buying income per family in Medford was \$4,484 in 1955, and \$5,308 in 1956. Employment in Jackson county totaled 11,555 in 1954 and 20,145 in 1955. This information is not yet available for the entire year of 1956.

There were 2,647 farms in Jackson county with total acreage of 365,948 in 1955, as compared with 2,447 farms with total acreage of 472,739 in 1956. Gas meter connections in Medford in 1955 totaled 3,791, and in 1956 totaled 3,730. There were 36,448 motor vehicle registrations in Jackson county in 1955, as compared with 36,844 in 1956.

Payrolls in Jackson County
In 1954 totaled \$42,416,798 as compared with \$43,967,759 in 1955. This information is not yet available for 1956. Population for Jackson county in 1955 was 66,420, and in 1956 was 70,840. Population for Medford in 1955 was 20,083 and in 1956 was 22,222. Postal receipts for Medford totaled \$574,060.66 in 1955, and \$518,782 in 1956.

Power Connections
There were 20,310 power connections in Jackson county in 1955 as compared with 21,472 in 1956. In Medford, there were 7,520 power connections in 1955 as compared with 8,011 in 1956. Retail sales for Jackson county in 1955 totaled \$83,527,000 as compared with \$85,914,000 in 1956. In Medford retail sales for 1955 totaled \$53,332,000 and for 1956 totaled \$54,677,000. There were 10,095 telephone connections in Medford in 1955 and 10,934 in 1956.

Jackson county school enrollment totaled 14,416 in 1955 and 15,899 in 1956. In Medford, school enrollment totaled 4,282 in 1955 and 5,063 in 1956.



PROUD POP—Newspaperman E. Clifton Daniel Jr. beams with pride as he enters Doctors' Hospital in New York after his wife, Margaret Truman Daniel, gave birth to their first child. The six pound, eight ounce boy is also the first grandchild for former President Harry Truman.

Coos Bay Halibut May Be Biggest Ever

Coos Bay — Paul McDonald admitted today that he cut up a 74-pound, one-ounce halibut and gave it to his neighbors. He learned later that his catch may have set a world's record for a fish caught on spinning gear.

The halibut was taken with an eight-pound test line and took an hour and a half to land. The monster was too large to be hauled aboard the boat so McDonald and partner Ernie Tomberg of North Bend towed it ashore with a line through its gills.

The fish was weighed at the Dick Hill tackle shop and then McDonald took it home and distributed it among his friends. Hill later checked the record books and discovered that the largest fish previously caught on spinning gear weighed only 68 pounds, caught on 10-pound test line.

Catholics May Become Targets Of Terrorists in North Viet Nam

Saigon, Viet Nam — Observers here fear that an anti-Catholic campaign in the newspapers of Communist North Viet Nam might foreshadow a reign of terror against the church in the Red Southeast Asia outpost.

The campaign has been underway for two months. Officials of the American-backed government of South Viet Nam and Western diplomats are watching it.

"It is too early," one diplomatic source told United Press, "to determine what new course may be taken against the Catholic church in North Viet Nam. But it is obvious that something unpleasant is in store for Catholics up there."

Priests Accused

Priests living under the Communist regime are being accused in the press of using the confessional and the pulpit for "espionage" and "propaganda."

Francis Cardinal Spellman, Roman Catholic archbishop of New York, has been mentioned in the attacks.

The attacks on priests have appeared in the Hanoi newspaper, *Thoi Moi New Times*, which is controlled by the Communist government and is often used to test policies before they receive official government sanction.

Diem Is Catholic

The official Hanoi Radio got into the act by charging that South Viet Nam President Ngo Dinh Diem—himself a Roman Catholic and a recent visitor to the United States, was "trying to expel the anti-American priests from his side."

The Communists linked Cardinal Spellman to this alleged political activity, saying that Diem "organized the American Catholic Relief Association which is headed by Spellman."

Hanoi did not use the cardinal's ecclesiastical title.

North Viet Nam claims it allows full religious freedom to the Catholics who remained in Communist territory after 500,000 Catholic refugees moved to the south in 1954 in the last

Portland Students To Pick Strawberries

Portland — The Portland school board announced last night that school children will be dismissed from classes next Monday and Tuesday for the purpose of helping pick the bumper crop of strawberries in this area.

But, school officials stressed the fact that the children must have the written consent of their parents in order to be allowed out of classes those two days.

The school officials also said that there is a slight possibility the same procedure might be followed on Wednesday.

Schools in the Portland area will be dismissed for the summer at noon on Thursday.

POLICE EMBARRASSED
Dallas, Tex. — It was more than embarrassing when police stopped a 16-year-old boy driving a stolen car. The car belonged to a city detective, and the youth confessed he just got into it at the police parking yard and drove away.

Red Fir Slabwood
SUMMER SPECIAL
3 Loads \$33.00
1 LOAD \$12.00
Immediate Delivery
Ph. SP 3-5878 or SP 2-5055
PHELPS FUEL CO.
1337 So. Peach St.
Save this ad for reference

50¢ down (plus small monthly payment) holds your choice 'til Oct. 1st . . .

BLANKET BONANZA Layaway Sale

Do as we Did . . . scoop up pre-season savings on beautiful luxury-quality blankets! They're all wonderfully warm, cloud-soft . . . and priced to fit your budget! Hurry in, choose from heavenly decorator colors. We'll lay them away until you need them this fall.

Mann's Exclusive Howell Automatic ELECTRIC BLANKET

19.98

- twin - compare at 30.
- full - compare at 35.
- full - dual control 24.98
- compare at 45.

Imagine a beautiful fully automatic blanket in nylon-rayon-cotton blend . . . 6" satin binding . . . and a full 2-year guarantee—at these low prices. In 5 luscious shades.

ELECTRIC MATTRESS PADS

A new concept in sleeping comfort—fine quilted cotton, diamond stitched, washable, lightweight—one-year guarantee.

- twin - reg. 14.98 **11.98**
- full - reg. 17.98 **13.98**

INDIANHEAD AUTOMATIC SHEETS

Fine percale sheets by Indianhead with full one-year guarantee, in white, pink, blue or yellow . . . washable.

- single cont. - reg. 18.98 **16.98**
- dual cont. - reg. 22.98 **21.50**

RAYON-NYLON BLEND

Completely washable—in your choice of two styles and 7 fashion shades . . . 6 1/2" satin binding, 3 1/4 lb. weight . . . full 72x90".

- mann's exclusive - reg. 7.98 . . . **5.99**

NORTH STAR ALL-WOOL

7" nylon binding—long napped luxury, full size . . . 18.98—also available in huge "king" size . . . 27.98.

- twin size - special purchase . . . **15.98**

GOOSE DOWN PILLOWS

Washable! Luxurious imported goose down pillows—giant sized poly-ethelene packed—down proof ticking—all at less than the price of ordinary down pillows.

- reg. 11.98 value **8.99**

and many, many more from . . . **Mann's** medford

see page 10, 1st section, for big swim suit savings for the whole family

Atomic Power for Household Use Now Costing 5 Cents a Kilowatt

Chicago — The first returns are in on the cost of atomic power for household use, and the experts are conservatively optimistic.

Argonne National Laboratory disclosed that the cost of producing electricity with its experimental nuclear reactor is running about a nickel per kilowatt hour.

This compares with a cost of 1/4 to 1 cent per kilowatt hour in conventional power plants across the country.

But spokesmen for Argonne and the Atomic Energy Commission point out that production of electric power from a nuclear source is in its experimental infancy, and the cost is sure to come down.

Furthermore, Argonne's power plant at Lemont, southwest of Chicago, is a research tool not designed primarily to produce electricity cheaply.

The example, Commonwealth Edison Company expects that its Dresden nuclear power station now in the preliminary construction stage near Morris, Ill., ultimately will produce electricity at a cost of a cent per kilowatt hour.

The Dresden plant, due for completion in three years, will have a capacity of 180,000 kilowatts, and the 1-cent hourly cost rate would make it almost competitive with conventional plants in this area.

Commonwealth Edison's newest coal-fired plants in the Chicago area generate electricity at 1/4 of a cent per kilowatt hour. They also burn about 36 per cent less coal than the plants of 25 years ago.

Similar if not greater increases in efficiency can be expected in nuclear power, the experts feel.

Even today at a nickel per kilowatt hour nuclear power could be the answer to the power problem in some remote areas of the world where conventional fuel is scarce and hydro-electric installations are not feasible, an AEC source said.

High Cost
The Argonne installation was capitalized at \$4,628,100, far in excess of what a conventional power station of similar capacity would cost. But it includes much costly research and experimental equipment which would not be needed in straight power production.

The Argonne plant with its boiling water nuclear reactor was put into operation last Dec. 29. The power it produces is used to light building and operate equipment throughout the huge laboratory reservation.

So far, the cost of this power has figured out precisely at 52 mills per kilowatt hour, or just a little more than the price of a package of gum.

mentally, and the cost is sure to come down.

Furthermore, Argonne's power plant at Lemont, southwest of Chicago, is a research tool not designed primarily to produce electricity cheaply.

The example, Commonwealth Edison Company expects that its Dresden nuclear power station now in the preliminary construction stage near Morris, Ill., ultimately will produce electricity at a cost of a cent per kilowatt hour.

The Dresden plant, due for completion in three years, will have a capacity of 180,000 kilowatts, and the 1-cent hourly cost rate would make it almost competitive with conventional plants in this area.

Commonwealth Edison's newest coal-fired plants in the Chicago area generate electricity at 1/4 of a cent per kilowatt hour. They also burn about 36 per cent less coal than the plants of 25 years ago.

Similar if not greater increases in efficiency can be expected in nuclear power, the experts feel.

Even today at a nickel per kilowatt hour nuclear power could be the answer to the power problem in some remote areas of the world where conventional fuel is scarce and hydro-electric installations are not feasible, an AEC source said.

High Cost
The Argonne installation was capitalized at \$4,628,100, far in excess of what a conventional power station of similar capacity would cost. But it includes much costly research and experimental equipment which would not be needed in straight power production.

The Argonne plant with its boiling water nuclear reactor was put into operation last Dec. 29. The power it produces is used to light building and operate equipment throughout the huge laboratory reservation.

So far, the cost of this power has figured out precisely at 52 mills per kilowatt hour, or just a little more than the price of a package of gum.



WEARING official robes as Grand Dragon of Alabama Ku Klux Klan, Rev. Alvin Horn, 45, Baptist minister, meets newsmen after police broke up marriage to 15-year-old girl. (International)

Wildcat Strikers End Chrysler Dispute

Detroit — Wildcat strikers at Chrysler Corp. returned to work on the afternoon shift Thursday, ending a two-day walkout that idled 10,000 and shut down Plymouth assembly lines here.

Vice President Norman Matthews of the United Auto Workers Union ordered the return after a meeting with officers of Local 212.

Some 3,100 workers at a parts plant walked out in protest over the layoff of a chief steward Tuesday. Another 7,400 were sent home Thursday because of the parts shortage.

Dead line Sunday. Classified in at noon Saturday.



THE BIG MOMENT—Miss Catherine Keith Bacon of Knoxville, Tenn. is about to be kissed by her boy friend, Midshipman William M. Mickle of Vashon, Wash. They are rehearsing the big moment of the June week graduation ceremonies at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Miss Bacon is the 1957 Color Girl and will reign over the ceremonies.

Ready Cash To Pay Bills!

Don't let those bills "gang up" on you. Add them up and wipe them out with one loan, which you can pay off in convenient monthly payments out of your income.

Loans From \$25.00 to \$2,500.00

COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL FINANCE CORP.

Phone SP 3-4564 Sparta Bldg. Medford

New VFW Auxiliary Formed Last Week

Cave Junction—A new auxiliary of Caves Barracks 127, Veterans of World War I, was instituted here last week.

Grants Pass auxiliary members installed Charlotte Tryon, president; Betty Angevine, treasurer; Lucille Arnold, secretary; Lela Moon, conductress; Frances Jones, guard; Alice Beem and Helen Oliver, trustees.

Chicago — Lasses with glasses with dark, ornate frames are "sophisticated and worldly." Girls with plain, rimless or gold-filled rims tend to wear conservative but expensive clothes. The Optical Manufacturers' association here made the judgments but reserved the most telling comment for last. Corner decorations on plastic rims reveal that a woman is "feminine, stylish, youthful, popular, intelligent and capable."