

Variety of Fields to Stimulate Economy in Area Being Explored

A wide variety of fields to stimulate economy in southern Oregon are being explored through a program planned by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

An explanation of the various chamber projects has been instituted in recent weeks in conjunction with the current membership drive.

Frank Bash, head of the chamber business program division, said that "the chamber, through joint cooperation of the Grants Pass organization, has retained Sandwell and company to conduct a Rogue River valley development study which we anticipate will be completed this fall."

Pulp Wood Resource
The study has just completed a compilation of pulp wood resource data available from public records. The second step in the study will include an analysis of data to determine sufficiency of supply, site suitability, water supply, air pollution, transportation factors, capital costs, manufacturing costs, gross return requirements and many other items.

"Until all phases of the picture have been evaluated by a competent firm such as Sandwell, we are in no position to predict the degree of future promise in stabilized payrolls with regard to our basic natural resource, which is wood," Bash said. He stressed, however, that "the outlook is good."

More detailed examination of specific phases of the county's economy is under way by sub-committees of the Business Progress division. Under the industrial developments sub-committee, headed by Bill Williams, chairman, and Bill Leever, vice chairman, contacts are being made with several new enterprises that have shown interest in the area.

Miscellaneous Enterprises
Sam Hersh, assisted by Mel Hall, Gene Ferrell and Joe Naumes, heads the miscellaneous enterprises group working to attract additional wholesale warehousing now servicing the trade area. They also are working to attract retired people, and are studying possible attraction of state and federal offices and state technical schools.

Another committee led by Bob Cunningham involves statistics and surveys, including in-

ventory and cataloging present industries in the county.

A visitation committee headed by Frank Benesh is studying local industries and their problems. The long-range job "is bigger than most people realize," Bash said. "They look on industrial promotion as one big campaign to bring in smoke stacks."

Smaller Activities
"Basically we look upon industrial promotion as a host of smaller activities, the sum total of which may tend to make our area attractive to industries," he explained. Assets would include good schools, churches,

housing facilities, recreation advantages, equitable city and county tax structure, well-planned residential areas and shopping facilities.

Industrial literature designed to give factual data on this area is proving successful, according to Bill Williams, executive of Western Components, the recently-formed electronics firm announced by Harry and David. He said it has been "most gratifying to find that top executives of industry across the country rank the factual data published by our chamber of commerce among the finest they have seen."



RECEIVE GAVEL—Raymond Reter, Medford fruit packer, accepts the president's gavel of the International Apple association from S. B. Davis of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Reter was elected president at the association's 63rd annual convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is owner of the Reter Fruit company in Medford.

EAST EVANS CREEK-MEADOWS Club Meeting Postponed

By NELLIE BERGMAN
East Evans Creek—The Busy Beavers 4-H club has postponed the next meeting of the club until after the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Terry and brother, John, went to Los Angeles, Calif., recently to bring back their brother, Don, who has been there taking several weeks training in the Navy.

Mrs. Noy of Central Point attended Sunday school in Meadows.

Howard Brooks was Sunday School teacher in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Art Fitzgerald and family of Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Piter also were visitors at the Meadows Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ellis of Antioch rd. attended Sunday School in the Meadows Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Overstreet and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Orral Carney, all of Medford, visited Sunday at the home of friends Mr. and Mrs. Emery Stingley.

Guy Bishop Jr. and family of

Aberdeen, Ida., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bishop. Bishop returned to Idaho, while Mrs. Bishop went to Ashland to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mattison and Carolyn visited briefly in the Meadows with friends on Wednesday.

Mrs. Gertrude Hunt left Tuesday for Bourne, Texas, to be with her mother after spending several days with her son, Venson. She recently returned from a year's stay in Japan visiting a daughter.

Bible study will be held in the Meadows by Allan Hill, Aug. 12-16 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gregg visited at the Carl Bergman home recently.

Truman Bishop, assisted by Bob MacAllister, is building an addition to his home on Ramsy Canyon rd.

Mrs. Amos Mapleden has been ill the last week with a bad infected foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergman

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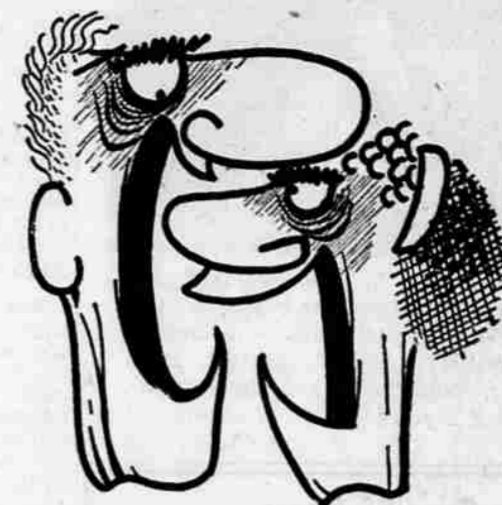
visited in Medford with her niece, Mrs. C. R. Krieger, recently.

Miss Dorothy Terry is working in Ashland during packing season.

TOKYO BIGGEST CITY
Tokyo — Tokyo, the world's largest city, now has more than 8,500,000 residents, the city's statistics bureau has announced.

There have been several rattlesnakes killed recently in the Meadows.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergman visited the John Eek family on Little Applegate recently.



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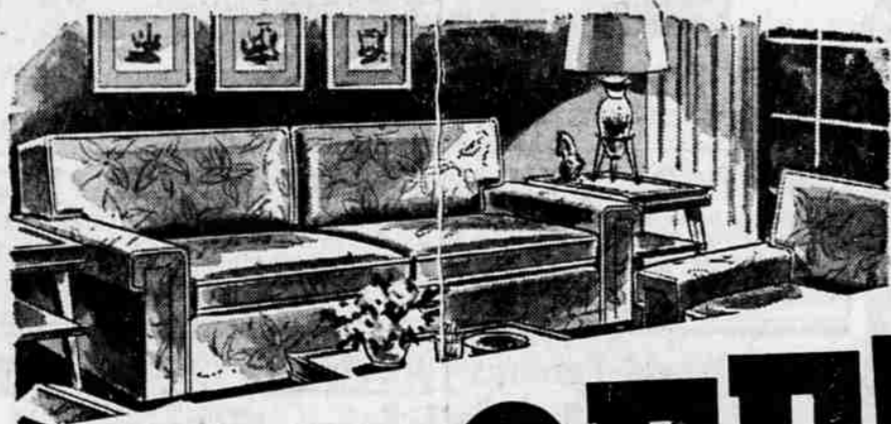
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Senate Passes Bill For Pension Increase

Washington—The Senate Friday night unanimously passed a bill to grant an average 10 per cent increase in the pensions of disabled veterans and their dependents.

The measure now goes back to the House, which passed a similar bill earlier this year.

It was estimated that the increase, which the administration opposed, would cost the government about 160 million dollars annually. Under the bill, the maximum pension for total disability would be increased from \$181 to \$225 monthly, or approximately 24 per cent.

The other proposed increases range from \$2 for veterans with a 10 per cent service connected disability to a \$16 increase to veterans with a 90 per cent disability.

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