

Local Business Men Hear Information On Morrison-Knudsen Construction Co.

H. W. Morrison, Boise, Idaho, president of Morrison-Knudsen Co., one of the largest construction firms in the world, visited Medford yesterday, and was host to about 30 Medford businessmen at a luncheon at the Rogue Valley Country Club.

Morrison, who was accompanied by several top executives of the firm, was en route to Portland in the company's plane, and left yesterday afternoon.

The luncheon was held as a good-will gesture to businessmen of the area, to inform them of the company's world-girdling operations, and to let them know Morrison said, "of our company's interests in this area." They have performed a number of jobs in southern Oregon and northern California, and others are under way now, including construction of the California Oregon Power company's new dam and power plant at Big Bend on the Klamath river.

Morrison, in a brief talk, discussed some of the company's projects, and reminisced about incidents he recalled from his travels throughout the world. He said the company has been accused of "helping both sides" during the current fighting in Indonesia, but said with a smile, "when those fellows come at you with guns, what are you going to do?"

Often, he said, the M-K company pays rates of pay to native labor far below what they would like, but must do so because the governments involved insist that American rates of pay would make the

workers unfit for anything else after the project is completed. Instead, Morrison said, the firm frequently feeds its workers so that all their pay can go to their families. He said this sometimes actually doubles the amount workers receive.

A film about Peru, and about the company's construction work on a big irrigation project there, was shown following the luncheon.

Among those accompanying the company president were James N. Wells, vice president and manager of the Los Angeles district, E. W. Glass, Boise, treasurer, and L. C. Wicks, general superintendent of M-K work on the Big Bend project.

A. C. Cummins and John Boyle, president and vice president, respectively, of Copco, helped arrange the luncheon, and spoke briefly.

Feeding the Family

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Teenagers Name Potato Chips Top Vegetable

Teen-agers are forever coming up with surprises. Imagine naming potato chips as favorite vegetable. Investigation reveals that 14.2 per cent of our entire table stock of potatoes goes into potato chips. More than 2½ billion pounds of potatoes were converted into 642½ million pounds of potato chips in 1956. 1957 figures are not yet available. Per capita consumption therefore approximates four pounds and is growing steadily.

Potato chips, long the perfect accompaniment for hamburgers, hot dogs and other sandwiches as well as cokes, are increasingly piled high in vegetable dishes on the family meal table. Corn chips too are growing in popularity. Millions of pounds of potato chips and corn chips also get dipped in flavorful party dips and dunks which are popular with all ages.

The distinctive flavor and texture of chips is increasingly enjoyed too in casserole dishes that are layered; and in meat, poultry, fish and vegetable stuffings.

Fruited Ham Loaf Is Flavorful Treat

Make the best possible use of any leftover ham, use table ready meat or a canned luncheon meat for this. Recipe is for four servings. If family is larger or you're planning for guests, two loaves make an attractive service.

Cook four ounces medium noodles in three cups boiling salted water. Boil rapidly, stirring constantly for two minutes. Cover, remove from heat and let stand 10 minutes. Meanwhile, combine 1½ cups sweetened applesauce, one tablespoon lemon juice, one-half cup orange juice, one tablespoon grated orange rind, one-fourth teaspoon salt, one-eighth teaspoon dry mustard, one-eighth teaspoon cloves, one tablespoon brown sugar and one cup cubed cooked ham or table-ready meat. Mix well.

Rinse noodles with warm water and drain well. Fold noodles into ham mixture. Pour into 1½ quart loaf pan. Cover and bake in moderate, 350 degree, oven, 25 minutes.

Planked Fish Is Very Special Dish

So beef is high? A whole fish baked on a hardwood plank or ovenproof platter makes a meal for special occasions. We stuff it with well-seasoned bread cubes, surround it after baking with broiled tomato halves and a ruffle of hot mashed potatoes. Six servings.

3 or 4 pound fish, dressed
½ cup minced celery
¼ cup minced onion
¼ cup butter
1 tablespoon minced parsley
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
1 quart day-old bread cut in 1½ inch cubes
3 tablespoons melted butter
Clean and dry fish. Cook until tender; add other ingredients except butter for basting; toss lightly. Place stuffing in fish, fasten with skewers or string. Brush with melted butter and place on preheated, oiled hardwood plank or oven-proof platter. Bake at 375 degrees, 35 to 45 minutes or until fish is easily flaked with fork.

If desired, surround with mounds or ruffled edge of seasoned hot mashed potatoes and broiled tomato halves placed under broiler just long enough to lightly golden brown potatoes.

King County Rhubarb Cake

From King county, Washington state rhubarb growing area, and our friends at Washington State College comes this new and different cake. Easy to make and makes very good eating.

Cream one-half cup shortening and 1½ cup sugar until light and fluffy. Add two eggs and mix well. Sift two cups sifted flour, one teaspoon baking powder, one teaspoon cinnamon, one-half teaspoon soda, one-half teaspoon cloves, one-fourth teaspoon salt together three times. Add to creamed mixture alternately with one cup thick unsweetened rhubarb sauce, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Lightly "flour" one-half cup raisins and one-half cup chopped walnuts; fold into mixture. Bake in paper-lined 9x9x3¼ inch or approximate size pan in 350 degree oven, about 60 minutes.

Enjoy Plentiful Poultry, Hamburger, Lamb, Fish

If it's growing boys and girls you're feeding, waste no time muttering about the high cost of fancy cuts of beef. Just give the younger generation hamburgers, fried chicken and lamb stew with an occasional fine dish of fish, macaroni and cheese.

Teen-agers are on record as favoring these good substantial economical main dishes. While we're varying our menus, beef growers will be growing more beef just as fast as they can and the old law of supply and demand will continue to function.

Fancy beef is high because it is scarce. Poultry, lamb steaks and fish are reasonable in cost because they are plentiful. It's as simple as that.

Poultry Good Buy. Broiler-fryer chicks production is expected to continue at record levels. Commercial hatcheries in February produced more than 136 million chicks; 11 per cent more than a year ago. Turkey storage stocks in March exceeded 154 million pounds; about a third more than average. Egg production right now is at seasonal peak.

Meat Suggestions. The thrifty shopper has always had an eye on the best buys; continuing to find them in the stewing, braising long slow cooking cuts of beef and lamb, thrifty pork cuts. Watch this newspaper's advertisements. Look for special offerings in market displays.

Dairy Abundance. Milk production continues at record levels. Milk furnishes about 100 different nutrients and is one of the most vital foods. Consumers find an abundance of milk and other dairy products with good buys in cottage cheese, cheddar cheese and ice cream.

Fish and Shellfish. Excellent variety in good tasting, nutrition-packed fresh and frozen varieties; cod, flounder, halibut, fish sticks, rockfish, sablefish, oysters, crab, shrimp. Look for bargains in canned tuna and for sardines packed in a variety of good sauces as well as in oil.

Fruit Selection. Choice lowest of the year; mostly avocados, apples, grapefruit and winter pears of good quality. Some fresh pineapples and coconuts.

Five Children Die As Home Destroyed

Cleveland, Ohio.—Five children, all under the age of seven, were killed Thursday when a fire swept through their east side home here.

The victims were identified as the children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hicks. Police said the mother, Mrs. Ann Hicks, fled to safety carrying one of the couple's six children.

Science Teachers Examine Courses

Salem.—A committee of 10 science teachers is meeting here this week in the office of the superintendent of public instruction to examine science courses in grade and high schools.

A similar committee already has examined the curriculum for mathematics and within a month two other committees will each spend a week on social studies and language arts.

Joseph I. Hall, director of curriculum and publications for the State Department of Education, said suggestions from lay persons and educators would be welcome in any of the fields under examination.

The British in 1904 became the first Europeans to reach Tibet's forbidden city of Lhasa.

Business Prospects Expected To Show Improvement Shortly

Editor's note: William R. White, analyst for Hornblower & Weeks, stock exchange firm, has written the following dispatch for Elmer C. Walzer's "Financial Gossip" while Walzer is on vacation.

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New York.—Unless the financial world is all wrong, business prospects should display worthwhile improvement in the next few weeks.

Judged by the behavior of seasoned stocks, investment managers have shown little concern over threat of a serious recession. Share prices have held within an extremely narrow range thus far this year and, as a matter of fact, are not much lower than six months ago.

At the end of the first week of last October, in terms of representative averages, the market was only a trifle higher than at present.

At that time it was poised for a sharp setback. Yet despite the deterioration in major industries, with unemployment rising to the highest total in many years, stock prices have held up much better than might have been expected. Lows reached in the third week of October have not been penetrated in the subsequent six months.

Although 18 of the 30 issues comprising the Dow Jones industrial index were lower at the end of March than six months earlier, most price changes were comparatively small and the average itself was not a great deal below the figure prevailing at the close of September.

The best showing was accomplished by foods and other so-called defensive stocks. Corn Products, as an example, rose about 33 per cent, Procter & Gamble 20 per cent and General Foods about 14 per cent. Eastman Kodak improved almost 12 per cent and American Tobacco about 8 per cent. The worst showing was registered by motor shares. Chrysler declined 30 per cent and General Motors 12 per cent. Union Carbide fell about 19 per cent. Many losses were only nominal.

This behavior seems to suggest:

1. Investors are neither greatly alarmed over the outlook of business nor especially hopeful of a nearby resurgence in industrial activity and 2. The need for careful scrutiny of investments is greater than ever, for selectivity is highly important in a period of readjustment where dynamic economic

changes can have a major influence on sales and earnings in specific industries and in individual corporations.

The Weather Vane

The market's response in the next two or three weeks to publication of rather bleak March quarter earnings reports should determine with considerable finality whether the public has developed an immunity to bad news that may prevent another broad decline in stocks.

Odds and ends: Extensive cancellations for tankers contributed to reduced demand for steel. Beneficial effects of sharply increased military expenditures are being experienced by aircraft and electronic manufacturers. Raytheon Manufacturing reported its backlog had risen to a record high of more than \$300 million, compared with \$260 million in January, and that employment had climbed to a new peak at about 30,000.

In view of an estimated decline in Caterpillar Tractor's March quarter to about 30 cents or 40 cents a share from \$160 in the corresponding period of 1957—renewed apprehension over a dividend reduction has been manifested. Earnings of Halliburton Oil Well Cementing for the quar-

ter just ended are estimated to have dropped to about 80 cents a share from \$1.04 a year ago. Interest in Quaker Oats has been based on expectations of a higher dividend in recognition of improved earnings prospects.

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State GOP Group Adopts Principles

Salem.—A statement of party principles adopted by the Republican State Central Committee has been released here by Robert Mix, Corvallis, chairman of the statewide GOP policy and action committee.

Mix said the statement was prepared by his committee in cooperation with Republican county central committee chairmen.

"It is our hope that this firm statement of where we stand will make it clear that all are welcome in the Republican party," Mix said.

Included in the principles were statements advocating fullest beneficial utilization of natural resources, strengthening of local government and favoring responsible labor unions as a valued and desirable part of our society.

Air Force Bomber Explodes in Flight

North Collins, N.Y.—An Air Force B-47 bomber from the Lockbourne, Ohio, base exploded in flight Thursday as it passed over western New York.

Apparently all members of its crew, usually three or four men, perished.

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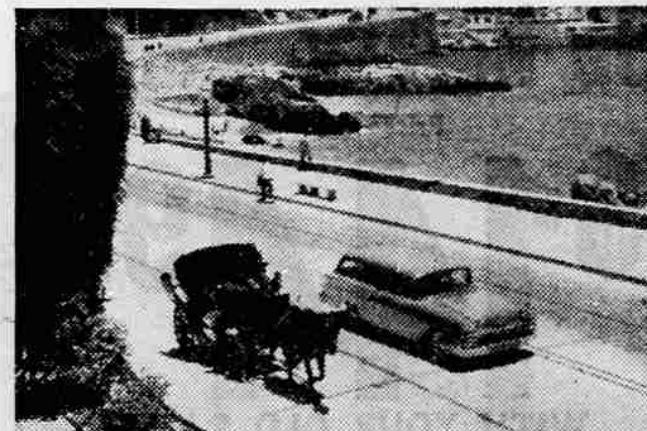
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