

In the Day's News
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Big news is scary.
So—
Let's talk about little news today.
Here's some little news:

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER has signed into law a bill giving to ex-Presidents pensions of \$25,000 a year and to widows of ex-Presidents pensions of \$10,000 a year.

Four persons are now eligible:
Former President Hoover.
Former President Truman.
Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt.
Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.
The bill includes some trimmings such as office space, free mailing privileges and a staff of assistants.

HOW much will it cost? The IMMEDIATE cost isn't very great. The two eligible ex-Presidents will cost us \$50,000 a year in pension money. The two widows of ex-Presidents will cost us \$20,000, making a total of \$70,000. Ike will soon be eligible, adding another \$25,000.

So let's lump the present pension total at \$100,000.

CAN we afford it?

Let's see.
Every billion dollars spent by the federal government costs each individual in the U.S.A. about \$6. Each million dollars spent by the federal government costs each of us about six-tenths of a cent. Each \$100,000 costs each of us about six-hundredths of a cent.

(This figuring is done without benefit of an electronic brain, and the exact decimal points aren't guaranteed. Mathematics isn't my specialty. But the figures aren't too far off. As one small taxpayer, I'm not going to kick about an error of a few hundredths of a cent one way or the other.)

Personally, I'm willing to put up my share of pensioning our ex-Presidents and their widows. It isn't going to break me, and I think they deserve a pension.

An ex-President of the United States can NEVER AGAIN be an ordinary private citizen. All the rest of his life he will live in the white light that beats about the Presidency. He can't make his living in the ordinary ways because throughout the rest of his life he will be inhibited by the traditions of the Presidency.

Phoenix Library To Have Altered Hours Next Year

In the interests of better service and greater convenience to readers the Phoenix branch of the Jackson county library system will operate on a slightly altered schedule during the next year. Mrs. Josephine Furry, Phoenix librarian, has announced.

The library will continue to be open on Monday afternoons and Tuesday evenings, she said, but will now be open on Friday instead of on Thursday afternoons.

This change in schedule will make it possible for borrowers to visit the library at the time new book deliveries are made each month from library headquarters, to inspect the new titles received and to make special requests or to indicate special subject interests for the guidance of headquarters librarians in selecting titles for succeeding shipments.

Volumes on Hand

The Phoenix library now has 681 catalogued volumes on hand, compared with the 496 volumes one year ago; and 2,327 books were circulated during the previous year. As soon as shelving can be made available in the Phoenix city hall to take care of additional volumes, these will be supplied, according to Jackson County Librarian Helen Webster.

The new schedule of the Phoenix library, as of Sept. 2, is Monday, 2 to 5 p.m., Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m., and Friday, 2 to 5 p.m.

The library will be closed on the Labor Day holiday, Sept. 1. Any Jackson county library patron is entitled to use the Phoenix library, and Jackson county readers are especially invited to do so by Mrs. Furry while the headquarters library at Medford is closed, Sept. 1 to 15.

Books at your Medford public library can help you with your home fix-up and paint-up problems.

Did you know that you can telephone the Medford library for information and assistance?

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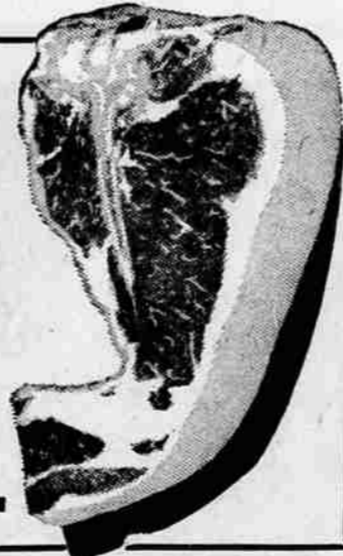


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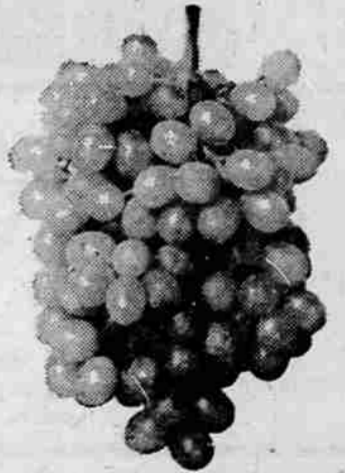
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