

## Editorial Comment

### ANNIVERSARY

Among the anniversaries celebrated this month is a double anniversary of both the birth and the marriage of Dagwood and Blondie Bumstead. It was in 1933 that comic strip readers first got acquainted with the young man who, in that far-off day, had a rich father, and the rather dumb secretary whom he married.

The years have dealt kindly with the Bumsteads, but as people they have changed. Blondie, now far from dumb, is smarter than Dagwood, a fact Dagwood refuses to concede. And Dagwood, a playboy 25 years ago, is now completely respectable and middle-class and, we always thought, rather uninspiring.

One of the outstanding features about this comic strip, which appears daily in this newspaper, is that it is consistently funny. Chic Young doesn't moralize or sermonize. His characters don't have blood-chilling adventures, save as Dagwood may dream them after a pre-bed sandwich of the type now known as "a Dagwood." It is not a continued story; each day is unto itself. We think of no other major comic strip that has lasted so long with such an attractive formula.

And those children! Alexander, born in 1934, is, we surmise, about ready to enter high school in 1958.—Eugene Register-Guard.

### Reservations Being Taken for Elks Trip

Reservations are now being taken for the Oregon State Elks association tour to Hawaii which will leave Portland Jan. 2, Wrex Cruse, Portland, chairman of the Hawaii committee, has announced.

The tour will include air transportation and several trips in Hawaii. The tour will end Jan. 14.

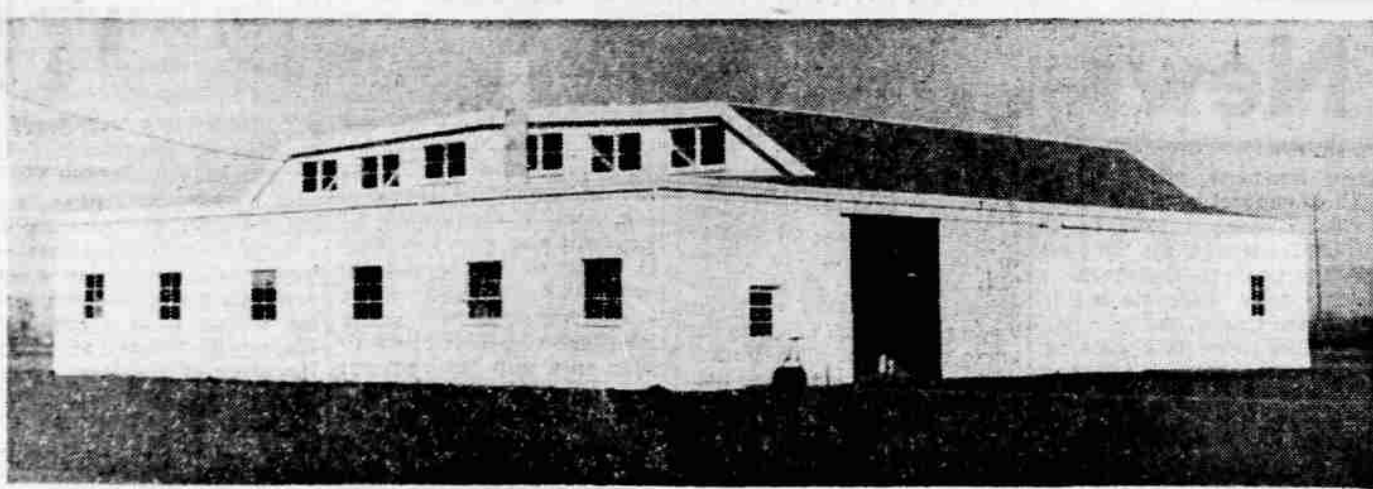
Information and reservations may be obtained from Cruse or the Cruse-Kuhn Travel bureau, 532 SW Yamhill st., Portland 4, Ore.

### Traffic-Proof Suit Fails To Faze Owl

Bournemouth, England.—An owl attacked long-distance runner Ken Baily Friday night as he ran through Bournemouth in a luminous track suit designed to protect him from traffic during nighttime practice runs.

The big bird ripped open the front of the suit before it retreated to its perch in the trees.

"If the suit attracts owls like this I prefer to take my



**IMPLEMENT STORAGE BUILDING**—Shown above is the new implement and storage building on the new Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station property. Overhead trusses from the old Rogue Valley ballroom were used to reduce cost. Tractors and implements are now stored in

the building, where equipment maintenance work will be done. A raised wooden platform contains racks for the storage of field samples from the various experimental projects.

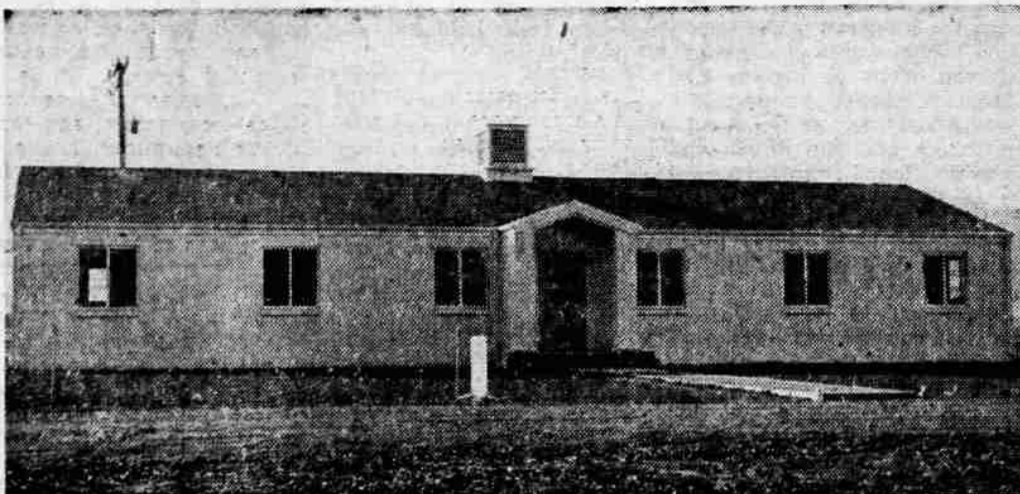
### Freeway Opened North of G. Pass

Salem — (UP) — Six-and-a-half miles of four-lane freeway north of Grants Pass were to be opened at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

The northbound lanes of the section, located between Jump off Joe and Louse creeks, were opened last Wednesday while southbound traffic continued to use the old Highway 99 which was constructed in the early 1920's.

The section to be opened cost \$2,100,000. Landscaping will be done next year.

The department also announced that the interstate freeway project between Canyonville and Myrtle Creek, including the Myrtle Creek bypass, will be opened about Nov. 20.



**LABORATORY, OFFICE BUILDING**—This office and laboratory building was recently completed at the newly acquired Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station property on Hanley rd. near Jacksonville. The lawn around the building has been seeded.

Horticulture and entomology department moved in this week. The agronomy section is to move in soon. In the foreground is the parking area for the new experiment station site.

### Chaplain to Assume Duties November 12

The Rev. Roger A. Pryor, recently appointed Protestant chaplain at the VA Domiciliary, will assume his new duties Sunday Nov. 16.

He is being transferred from the VA hospital at Albuquerque, N. M., and will live in Medford. He is accompanied by his wife and her mother. Mr. Pryor is a native of Texas and a veteran of both world wars, having been a private in World War I, and chaplain for the four years of World War II.

He attended Baylor university and the Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He was chaplain at the Sheridan, Wyo. VA hospital for five years and at the Albuquerque hospital seven years.

Five thousand of the 6,000 grizzly bears officially reported as living in areas owned by the United States are in Alaska.

chances with the traffic," Baily said.

## Final Touches Being Put on Branch Experiment Station

Final touches are now being put on the new Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station buildings on the property on Hanley rd. near Jacksonville.

Low cost utility has been the feature of the three buildings erected on the 81.4 acres at a total cost of \$61,768. Purchase price of the property acquired approximately a year ago is \$50,875.

The office and laboratory building consisting of 3,644 square feet of floor space is \$26,294 or approximately \$7-20 a square foot, according to Harold White, experiment station superintendent. This is \$3 a square foot under the cost of comparable buildings.

**Concrete Floors**  
The concrete floor in the offices is overlaid with asphalt tile and the building itself is constructed of pumice block.

The roofing is of asphalt shingle. This permits 70 per cent insulation because of the

air core in the blocks, White explained. The laboratories have concrete flooring. Only the ceilings are plastered in this building.

The building is heated by two gas-fired hot-air furnaces. This way the offices can be heated and the laboratories left unheated when not in use White explained.

The building is so constructed that it may be built onto if expansion is necessary in the future. Each of the experimental sections is a complete unit. The horticulture department has a lab and office plus storage room, and the agronomy section also had an office, a laboratory and space for cleaning and storing seed. Entomology will use the horticulture lab facilities. This section, too, has an office.

**Added Feature**  
An added feature of the seed cleaning room will be the movable hood and flexible hose which will connect with an outside exhaust fan to blow the fine particles of dust outside.

Adjoining the other agronomy facilities is a soils and fertility room which include a drying oven and general type of technical equipment necessary.

A fireproof vault near the superintendent's office and adjoining the reception room

will store the records.

The implement and storage shed houses the tractors and implements. A raised wooden platform just over the implement storage area will hold storage racks for field work. Each of the specimens will be labelled and stored in the racks. Then sorting and classifying of these specimens can be done during bad weather when field work is impossible. This way full time employment is provided all year, White said.

**Lawns Seeded**  
The lawns around the buildings are already seeded. Granite walks will be used instead of cement walks between buildings to further cut costs.

A total of 4,000 pear trees have been planted at the north end of the experiment station property. More trees will be added each year until they come into fruiting, White said. This will mean an expansion of the horticulture

### Sheriff's Deputies Answer 181 Calls

A total of 181 complaints were filed with the Jackson county sheriff's department during October, compared to 144 last month, the sheriff's office has announced.

Of the complaints reported, 102 of them were closed. Eight were unfounded, deputies said, and 41 of the 181 were complaints of felony offenses. There were 20 misdemeanor offense complaints, and 120 miscellaneous complaints.

The sheriff's office handled 55 arrests, including 25 for felony offenses and 26 for misdemeanors.

Sheriff's deputies served 31 warrants during October, and issued 21 warrants.

### Rural Fire Department To Name Directors

The Medford Rural Fire Protection District will hold its annual election to fill two vacancies on the board of directors Monday, Dec. 1, between 2 and 8 p.m. at the Oak Grove school, Dorothy F. McOuat, secretary, has announced.

One term is for five years, and the other an unexpired term of four years. Petitions have been filed by J. Asher Neff and Glen V. Allen for the terms.

Petitions must be filed with the district secretary by Nov. 15.



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The rest of the area is planted to general agronomy and truck crops. These include fertility and variety trials.

MAIL TRIBUNE, Medford, Oregon, Sunday, November 9, 1958 5  
Indicating the importance of the work of this station and similar stations in Oregon is a large sign on the wall of the conference room. This states that agricultural industry in Oregon produces \$395,000,000 annual income for farmers; \$176,000,000 is added through processing and \$571 million through the value of Oregon farm products. Agricultural industry in Oregon provides jobs for more than 4,000 persons exclusive of farm operations. Results of production and process research has added more than \$67 million annually to Oregon's wealth.

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