

Electronics Plant May Soon Locate in Medford Vicinity

An electronics plant employing as many as 500 people may soon be located in or near Medford, according to Bill Leever of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's business progress division.

"We have an excellent chance of having one of these electronics firms locate a new plant here in the near future," Leever told the chamber's weekly roundtable luncheon yesterday.

He later said the plant, which he did not identify, would offer about 500 jobs within five years of its establishment.

Leever was one of several speakers to discuss the efforts of committees within the business progress division.

First Speaker

Bill Williams, moderator and first speaker, mentioned "desirable industries." He said the chamber sought to attract new plants that would not cause air or water pollution.

"Industrial development is an important part of the economy of Jackson county," Stuart McQueen said. He cited a pulp plant project in cooperation with Josephine county and backing of the Talent project as examples of work to encourage expansion of industry in the Rogue valley.

"We should be somewhat selective" in the types of industry to be encouraged, Leever said.

He mentioned the electronics industry as particularly attractive, since it would not cause undesirable pollution.

Contact Companies

He said chamber representatives have made contacts with electronics firms across the country, and some company officials have come to the valley to study potential sites.

In this connection, Bob Cunningham of the statistics and survey committee reported on a survey of available plant sites, warehousing and labor force. He listed a tract of more than 50 acres in the Camp White area, a larger site in the Mason Ehrman area on Sage rd. and numerous individual sites.

"The Rogue valley can also offer a good supply of skilled and unskilled labor," he said. Don Whalin mentioned branch offices of insurance companies, warehouses and wholesale offices as "miscellaneous enterprises" to be encouraged.

Williams announced that Chamber of Commerce members are invited to visit Bear Creek Orchards Dec. 4.

MAKE RAILWAY CLAIM
London - UPI - The Soviet Union has more electrified railway line than any other country in the world, a Moscow broadcast claimed Monday. The broadcast gave no figures.

Youth, 14, Admits Burglaries, Fire

Portland - UPI - A 14-year-old boy has admitted to police he committed 11 burglaries in Portland within the last seven months and also touched off a \$7000 fire in the city, police said Monday.

The youth told officers he entered homes and businesses in the crime spree. He was taken into custody Saturday in connection with a burglary at the home of Paul H. Wuerth of Portland.

The boy admitted the other crimes when questioned by officers.

The youngster had \$85, a .45-caliber pistol, a Japanese pistol and two knives when police arrested him.

The fire occurred at a four-plex residence in southeast Portland. The boy said in all he entered nine homes and two business establishments.

Nation's Economy To Dip in 1970

Portland - UPI - The next serious dip in the nation's economy will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 18, 1970.

That was the tongue-in-cheek prediction here Monday of Dr. Arthur R. Uppgren, professor of economics at Macalester college in St. Paul, Minn.

Dr. Uppgren said that he was optimistic about the nation's business outlook for the next dozen years and termed the recent recession as "the most prosperous recession in history."

He told the Chamber of Commerce that in the recent recession there was a \$20 billion decline in production but only a \$2 billion decline in consumption.

39 Disease Cases Reported Last Week

Twenty-five of the 39 communicable diseases reported in Jackson county last week were influenza cases, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician, has reported.

Fourteen influenza cases were reported in Medford, eight in Phoenix and three in Ashland.

Other cases included infectious hepatitis, Medford 1; pneumonia, Medford 2; German measles, Medford 2; strep throat, Medford 1; Ashland 1; mumps, Shady Cove 1; infectious mononucleosis, Medford 1; whooping cough, Ashland 1; and chicken pox, Butte Falls 4.

Lucille Ball in Top Form For Monday Night's Show

By WILLIAM EWALD

UPI Correspondent

New York - UPI - The "Lucille Ball-Dezi Arnaz show" manufactured a fair measure of waggishness Monday night, most of it the result of Miss Ball's inspired clowning.

When Miss Ball is at the top of her game, she is a wonderworking Punchinello, a merry-Andrew with verve and snap and

William Ewald

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Coos Bay Bus Fares Increased

Salem - UPI - Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan said today he had approved, effective Dec. 15, increased bus fares in the Coos Bay area.

The increase was asked by Gorst and King, Inc., who reported patronage has dropped steadily since 1946 and that annual losses since 1950 have ranged from \$2295 to \$6241. The firm serves Coos Bay, North Bend and Empire.

YACHTMAN DIES

Rockport, Maine - UPI - Clinton Hoadley Crane, 85, former president and chairman of the board of St. Joseph Lead Co. and a famed yachtsman, died here Monday.

Portland - UPI - A ship of Liberian registry, the Capetan Yemelos, was picketed here today as part of a four-day around the world boycott of ships flying "flags of convenience."

Change in Carol Lane Traffic Safety Award Announced by Officials

The Carol Lane traffic safety award will be presented on a population basis next year, according to the National Safety Council.

Individual women and women's organizations or parents' clubs are eligible as before. But they will now compete in three categories: rural communities or cities up to 25,000 in population; cities of more than 25,000; and state-wide.

Additional awards are to be made to state organizations with the largest number of significant local entries compared to their potential.

They are presented at the National Safety congress in Chicago each October, "designed to inspire women to help reduce traffic accidents and make our streets and highways safer for all."

Capt. Clyde Fichter of the Medford Police department is the local traffic safety inventory coordinator. He can provide further details on how to organize a traffic safety project and enter the competition.

Minor Damage Results From Accident

Vehicles operated by Wilfred Scott Huffman, 44, of 72 Clover lane, Medford, and William Rose, 73, of Port Angeles, Wash., were involved in an accident on Highway 99 just north of Phoenix about 10 a.m. yesterday, state police reported.

Police said damage was minor, and no citations were issued. The accident occurred when Rose started to make a right turn off the highway, and was struck by the Huffman vehicle, police said.

Apprenticeship Director Chosen

Portland - UPI - Charles D. Hoffman, former financial secretary and business manager of Portland local 49 of the AFL-CIO Electrical Workers union, was appointed Monday as a new state apprenticeship director. He will take office Dec. 15.

The unanimous appointment came after four management and four labor members of the State Apprenticeship Council interviewed 20 applicants for the job.

Hoffman succeeds A. C. Hoggan, who announced his resignation last August.

16-Year-Olds To Lead Driver Groups

Portland - UPI - Oregon Life-savers Committee was told Monday that by next year 16-year-olds will become the biggest single age group of automobile drivers in California.

Dr. Marland Strasser, California traffic expert, said the big crop of children that has been swamping schools now is moving onto the highways. He urged Portland schools to establish behind-the-wheel driver training.

FAVOR FRENCH UNION
Bangui, French Equatorial Africa - UPI - Abangi-Chari, the home of saucer-lipped Ubangi tribesmen, has voted to become a member of the French community of states—the eighth African territory to do so to date.

Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT
Thomas R. Rile, 1553 Houston rd., drunk in public, \$20.
James Edward Oasen, transient, drunk in public, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT
Dale Joseph Taylor, overload, \$57.
David A. Hoffer, failure to stop, \$10.
Evangelist J. Schults, failure to stop, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT
Raylene Jeanne Garland, vs. Ellsworth Lee Garland, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Irvin Glen McKeen and Neva Sophronia Newman Gilbreath, both Butte Falls Star route box 146, Eagle Point.

Clyde Marvin Mooney, 135 South Oakdale ave., and Helen Lorraine Cole, 115 Gibsons st., Talent.
Frank Lee Burch, 1141 Leland ave., and Harriet Althea Turnbull, 419 South Peach st., Eugene.
Eugene Thomas Gregory, box 92, Prospect, and Laura Marie Snodgrass, box 155, Prospect.

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Chicago-Deputy Coroner George Connor, on the stacks of bodies of children who died in the tragic fire in Our Lady of Angels school:

"It will be worse when the parents come to identify these tots."

London-The Daily Herald, on protests by other newspapers over the "baby doll" marriage of 14-year-old Barbara Scruggs, of St. Mary's, Ga., who has joined her sailor husband in Britain:

"Busties-shut up!"

Havana-The Fidel Castro rebel radio, on alleged U.S. "meddling" in Cuban affairs:

"Enough is enough. We're tired of being branded as Communists by the American State department."

Washington-Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy, saying he doubted a report that Russia was test-flying the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft:

"If it is true, it would be a tremendous jolt to us in this country."

EAST EVANS CREEK Visitors Are Listed

By NELLIE J. BERGMAN

East Evans Creek-Meadows

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beers attended the wedding of Mrs. Beers' nephew, Lee Sander-son, to Joanne Ritter last Thursday evening at the first Methodist church in Medford.

The Friendly Neighbors will hold their next meeting Dec. 17 with a Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Teeters have had as guests their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Hannibal of Riverside, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson of Antioch rd. are at home for the winter and are working at Bear Creek orchard.

Mrs. Emma Kassachafra broke her ankle in a recent fall.

Milo Hanks has returned from eastern Oregon after spending some time elk hunting. Mrs. Hanks is now nursing at the Rogue Valley hospital in Medford.

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