



HAWAIIAN ENTERTAINMENT - Shown above are Hawaiian dancers who entertained at the Rotary club meeting last week. They were in Medford in connection with promoting all-jet service between the west coast and Hawaii. Flown in by West Coast Airlines, they represented Aloha Airlines and Pan American Airlines. Left to right, they are Cooke Wasco, Helen Thompson and Ululani Kealoha. The Rotary club observed its annual Ladies Day. (Brainerd's Photo).

Neuberger Seeks Improvement of Oregon Airports

Washington, D.C.—Improvement of Oregon airports to cope with increased private plane traffic and provide facilities for jet air transport is sought by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon through the Federal Airport Bill which provides the state with allocations of about \$1,500,000 for each of the next five years.

In a statement prepared for Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce commission hearings on the airport bill sponsored by Neuberger and Sen. A. S. (Mike) Monroney of Oklahoma, the Oregon senator pointed out that his state has about 15 airport construction projects planned, but funds available through state sources fall far short of the sums required to carry out the necessary work.

Neuberger told the committee that Oregon airport projects now planned and ready for construction when funds are available include Albany, Eugene, Hillsboro, John Day, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Medford, Newport, North Bend, Pendleton, Portland, Salem, Seaside, Troutdale and various state airport projects under jurisdiction of the Oregon Board of Aeronautics. **Extends Airport Act**

The Monroney-Neuberger airport bill extends the Airport Act of 1946 for another five years at an increased level of \$100 million annually, compared with the present level of \$63 million. Existing legislation expires on June 30 of this year.

At the last session, Neuberger joined in sponsorship of legislation almost identical with the new proposal but it was given a pocket veto by President Eisenhower. Congressional action on the Monroney-Neuberger bill is expected to test strength of the present Congress to override a presidential veto.

Under the bill, the Federal funds for airport construction would be matched on a 50-50 basis with state and local agencies. One provision of the bill gives Federal assistance to certain small airports for seal-coating of runways and filling joints on runway pavements.

DAVID ARNOTT
New York—(UPI)—David Arnot, 80, a former official of the American Bureau of Shipping, died Thursday of a heart attack. He was a retired vice president and chief surveyor for the ABS and had been cited for his contributions to naval architecture and marine engineering. He also was credited with the application of welding to shipbuilding before it became standard practice.

Credit Association To Celebrate 25th Anniversary Feb. 9

Southern Oregon Production Credit association is celebrating its 25th anniversary during the annual stockholder's meeting at the Rogue Valley Country club Monday, Feb. 9, it was announced.

Registration is scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon following the business meeting.

The local anniversary is also part of the 25th birthday being marked nationally by production credit associations. They have been noted as pacesetters among short-term lenders, a spokesman said.

Organized in 1930's
Organized during the depression of the early 1930's and developed during a period marked by a major revolution in agriculture, production credit associations have demonstrated that farmers and ranchers, working together can operate their own credit business on a sound economic basis, a spokesman noted.

Money can be borrowed at rates comparable to those charged other businesses, and provide leadership in gearing credit needs to a changing agricultural economy.

Agricultural leaders point to \$120 million of government funds invested in the system under the Farm Credit Act of 1933, all but \$3.9 million has been repaid.

Since their organization, production credit associations have provided farmer and rancher owners with \$15 billion of credit and the owners now have upwards of \$112 million of their own money invested in the capital stock of 497 associations. The associations have more than \$100 million in their surplus accounts and another \$17 million in reserves against future losses.

SP Plans GP Developments

Grants Pass—Southern Pacific railroad plans major developments in the Grants Pass area within the next few years, L. R. Smith, Portland, division superintendent of SP, has announced.

The program includes removal of switching yards from the central business area and a new rail crossing at Ninth st. The three-phase program is contingent on ratification by the Grants Pass city council.

Smith said more than \$100,000 will be spent by the railroad to move its main line track and construct two spur tracks along the old California and Oregon coast railway right-of-way east of town.

The program includes removal of switching yards from the center of Grants Pass to a new location starting at the Rogue River Box company plant and extending east for about one-half mile past McLarn rd.

Another part of the program is an easement to the city to enable it to extend Ninth st. across the railroad right-of-way.

The third part is an easement from the city to Southern Pacific under which it will be empowered to reconstruct tracks on city-owned property that formerly was the right-of-way for the California and Oregon Coast railway, and also to build two new spurs that will serve custom loading facilities.

More than half of the total area of Oregon is under federal control. This includes 13 national parks and forests, two national park service areas, and extensive grazing acreage.



NEW MEMBER—New to the Southern Oregon college faculty ranks this year is William H. Hutchinson, a member of the humanities division. After receiving a bachelor of arts degree at Roosevelt university and a master of arts degree from Northwestern, Hutchinson served in the English department of the latter institution from 1954 until coming to SOC. He has served as a statistician and office manager for the Opinion Research corporation and with Butler Brothers as a sales research supervisor, and was in the Army from 1945 until 1946. A member of the Melville Society, he has written "A Definitive Edition of Moby Dick" which appeared in the publication, American Literature.

In Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties farmers and ranchers borrowed \$38,353,772 between 1934 and 1958. During 1958, through PCA, area farmers borrowed \$3,689,265.

Current Loans
The Southern Oregon Production Credit association has 409 current loans out from participating farmers and has 855 members.

Association officials estimated that of these loans, \$180,000 represents money borrowed on equipment. The remainder is for operating expenses and herd additions.

Officials have noted loans are growing bigger and fewer in keeping with the general agricultural trend of fewer but bigger farms. Increased costs of operation is another important factor, they noted.

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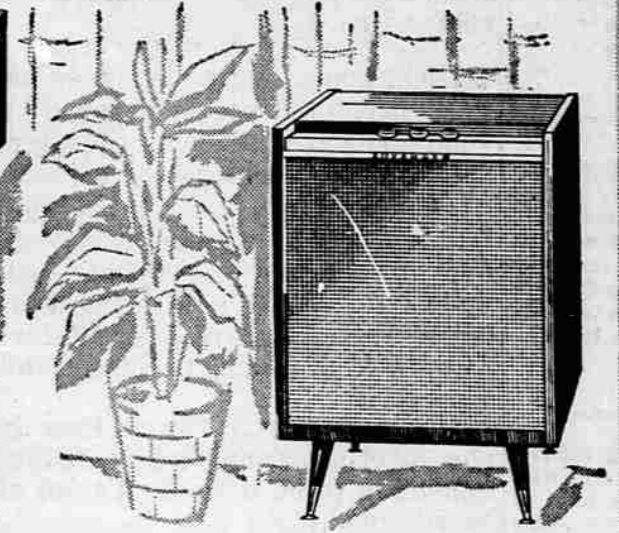
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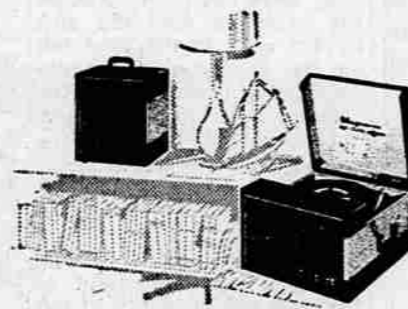
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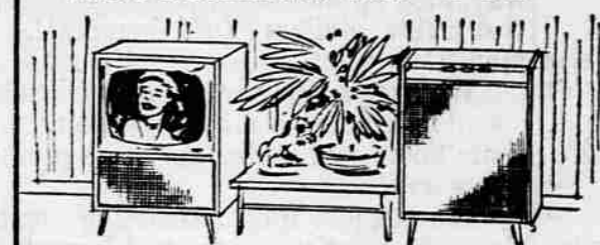
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