



**PREPARES FOR MINISTRY**—John Pluto, 42-year-old insurance agent at Milwaukee, Wis., will prepare for the Lutheran ministry in a special five-year course for older gradu-

## Man To Quit Good Insurance Business for Ministry Career

Milwaukee, Wis. — (UPI) — John Pluto is looking forward happily to giving up a five-figure income and one of the best insurance careers in Wisconsin.

Late this month, the brassy ex-marine will sell his home, quit his job, and move his wife and three children to Springfield, Ill. There he will begin studies at Concordia seminary for the Lutheran ministry.

"This is no hasty decision," Pluto, 43, said. "It came to me over a period of several years. My family is in full accord with my decision."

The 6-foot, 1-1/2-inch, 195-pound former Marine corporal last entered a classroom at the University of Indiana extension division in East Chicago in 1941. But he is not concerned about re-adapting himself to his studies.

"I have no fears about being able to keep my grades up, I have no fears about financial matters, I have no fears about any other things," he said. "I don't believe it will be difficult at all. I will be doing the Lord's work and the Lord will be behind me."

Pluto will resign his job with the insurance division of the Aid Association for Lutherans here, effective Nov. 26. His six years in the insurance business had brought him a "five figure" income and financial independence.

**Leading Salesman**  
"For three years in a row I was the leading insurance man for my company in Wisconsin," he said. "I was a million dollar producer and my income was among the upper one per cent of the insurance salesmen in the nation."

The Chicago-born insurance man said he did not view his decision to change careers as a sacrifice.

"I'll be giving up riches for greater riches," he said. "It is only through the grace of the Lord that I am able to do anything."

His fellow insurance salesmen didn't appear astonished by his decision, Pluto said.

**Life-Long Church Man**  
"They wished me the Lord's blessing. None of them thought I was making a mistake. Many of them told me they wished they could do

## School News

### McLoughlin Junior High

By Jerry Braun, Rhoda Work, Sarah Matthews, Virginia

Goddard and Paula Harper

Mac speech students presented a broadcast over radio station KYJC at 6:30 Saturday evening, Nov. 14. The program included a series of readings in tribute to Armed Forces Day. Students participating were Mary Barr, Elizabeth Clark, Vivian Little, Linda Michaels, Susan Krieger, and David Miller. Jack Henry is the instructor.

Jack Teeters, art teacher, has started an art exhibit which is to last all year. The all-year art show can be seen in "Breezeway Gallery," the connecting breezeway to the cafeteria. The gallery now has seventh and eighth grade exhibits, which include a variety of techniques. Some are water colors, colored construction paper designs, pen and ink drawings, tempera painting, and crayon and charcoal drawings. One of Mr. Teeters' classes has initiated a new technique called roller painting, which consists of using a roller such as is used in painting walls in houses.

Miss Dorthea Martin's class turned in 100 per cent membership in the recent PTA membership drive. Mrs. Marjorie Votaw's class was second with 83 per cent and not far behind were Mrs. Eula Foley's group, Howard Gang's, and Elmer Ayres' classes. Total membership at the present time is 570.

Orchestra students got new music this week, "Mood Melodies," "Pro-Gram-Time," and "Gypsy Holiday" are the selections. A symphony orchestra with brass, woodwinds and drums in addition to strings is being organized.

McLoughlin Library club members collected \$34.25 on the money drive for CARE Book Week. Ray Lewis' room and Mrs. Maude Robinson's rooms tied for first place with Mrs. Eula Foley's room next. The books will be sent to India this year.

In the main hall showcase, Vern Voss's shop students have displayed wooden popcorn bowls showing the steps involved in their making from the original blue prints to the finished products. Some of the kinds of wood used were walnut, beech, mahogany, and cedar. Students who worked on the project were Richie Bennett, Gary Highland, Barry Deubert, Lynn Shreeve, and Jim Snodgrass.

### Medford High School

Edited by Jim Frake. Staff: Diane Mohr, Edonna Pace, and Rita McBeth.

The University of Oregon at Eugene was host to the Future Teachers of America's annual convention Nov. 14 and 15.

John Mast, MHS FTA advisor, and his wife accompanied the six elected delegates plus four others from Medford. The group left the high school Friday morning.

Those attending the conference included Nancy Hinman, Jean Pietsch, De Anne Taylor, Jeannine James, Nancy Van Valzah, Nancy Donahue, Barbara Whalin, Mildred Boyd, Mary Kay Harris and Martha Watson.

The purpose of the convention was to elect state officers and to make amendments to the FTA constitution. Nancy Hinman, MHS junior, was a candidate for state secretary-treasurer.

Between 85 and 100 businessmen and industry representatives from the local area will visit Medford schools Nov. 19, Education-Business day.

This is a follow up to the Business-Education day Sept. 10, when 356 teachers and school administrators visited Medford business and industrial firms.

### College Students Attend OSC Luau

Ashland — Southern Oregon college students from Hawaii attended the annual Oregon State college "Luau" presented by the OSC Hawaiian club Saturday. Object of the trip is to gain ideas for a future luau on the OSC campus under the sponsorship of the college's Hawaiian club.

Students attending were Carolyn Yamada, Claire Ching, Theo Chang, Linda Moore, Bobbie Coelho, Bernard De Costa, JoAnn Morita, Beryl Tom, Ellis Vance, Jean Matsumura, Joyce Takenaka, Jim Evans, Ray Nolte, Mae Fujiyoshi, Michie Kohatser, Barbara Rapozo, Margot Gerdot, and Margie Tam.

Members of the pep band went to Coos Bay to play at the Medford-Marshfield game. They left school at 11:45 a.m. Friday.

Although the rally squad attended, the Pep club didn't go to the game as a group, but many went in private cars.

"Dino," Medford Senior High's first dramatic production of the year, was presented Nov. 12 and 13 in the auditorium. Near capacity crowds attended both performances.

The annual back-to-school night for the parents of all sophomores was held Nov. 10. Among those parents attending were those who made up the first sophomore class of Medford Senior High school in 1931.

Future Teachers of America handled registration and Claudine Kratzberg's home-making classes decorated the cafeteria and were in charge of the refreshments.

Because of the program, the meeting of the International Relations league that was scheduled for that night was cancelled.

Report cards for all Medford High students will be issued Nov. 18 and are to be signed by the parents and returned by Nov. 20.

### Sams Valley School

Jeanette King, Editor

On Thursday, Oct. 20, under the direction of Niles Smith, the teacher, the fifth and sixth grades gave a play in the school auditorium. It was called "Pumpkin Is the Password." All the students in Mr. Smith's room participated.

On Friday the school Halloween program took place. All those who had costumes stood on the stage to show them to the audience and judges. Prizes were given to the following: prettiest, Kitty McRae; ugliest, Danny Nelson; most unusual, Nan Minchow; funniest, Johnny Hunt. Halloween songs were sung, and some cartoons were shown. After the assembly each room had a party.

Nov. 2-6 was book week. The third and fourth grades dressed up as storybook characters.

The seventh and eighth have had experiments in making oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen. In the following week the eighth graders are planning to dissect starfish.

### Howard School

Nov. 1-7 was book week. Theme for this week was "Exploring With Books." In the hall there were pictures of people of folklore. Some of them are, Old Stormalong, Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill, and Johnny Appleseed. In the library, there was a picture of Black Beauty under a tree, with green hills in the background.

Mrs. Flossie Murray's fourth grade goes into Mrs. Elva Edler's room to listen to Standard Hour Broadcast on Thursday.

We are writing letters to get material from the national parks so we can make a booklet about our parks. We are watching the mail, hoping that literature will soon start coming in.

Jack Bailey's class elected new officers Oct. 26. The new officers are Nikki Marshall, president; Pat Poole, vice president; and Mary Wong, secretary.

Ronald Quackenbush's room has a new girl. Her name is Susie Mathews, who came from Roosevelt.

Class officers are Jack Hurst, president; Lynn Westwood, vice president; and Susan Tungate, secretary.

### SNAKE LOVERS

London — (UPI) — Great Britain's national snake charming competition will be held here Dec. 4.

### WORLD REFUGEE YEAR 1959-1960



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## Ex-State Senator Has Tax Troubles

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
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Washington — A one-time leader in the conservative faction of Oregon's Democratic party, Thomas R. Mahoney,

is having income tax difficulties with the federal government.

The former state senator from Portland has been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that he owes Uncle Sam \$16,967.06 in back taxes and penalties.

Mahoney is fighting the claim, which will probably come up in the winter session of U.S. Tax Court held at Portland next February and March.

The tax collecting agency has charged that Mahoney failed to file a timely declaration of estimated tax; sub-

stantially underestimated his income; failed to file returns on time; claimed deductions, including expenses incurred during the legislative session at Salem, which IRS found were not verified or justified; claimed his mother as a dependent when he did not provide over half of her support as the law requires.

### Deficiencies Disclosed

IRS said the disputed income was for the taxable years 1949 through 1952 when the Portland attorney's tax returns "disclosed deficiencies in tax aggregating \$12,159.10 and penalties aggregating \$4,817.96."

The tax collector claims that: In 1949, Mahoney had an adjusted net income of \$13,351.16 but that he filed an income tax return showing only \$5,704.55 as his net income.

In 1950, he had an adjusted net income of \$13,967.07 but his return showed only \$2,424.94.

In 1951, his adjusted net income was \$19,004.19 but his return showed \$4,568.96.

In 1952, the report said his adjusted net income was \$17,341.86 but he reported only

### Ruled Against Deductions

The chief area of contention between Mahoney and the government lies in the area of expenses he deducted as necessary for his business which the tax agents ruled against.

In its notification to Mahoney, IRS said:

"In the absence of adequate records, your taxable net income has been computed by reference to your bank deposits and withdrawals with proper adjustment for nontaxable receipts and for personal and other nontaxable amounts paid."

IRS reported that it found Mahoney had made deposits into two accounts which totaled \$26,123.10 in 1949, rose

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to \$41,425.74 in 1950, fell off to \$37,445.54 in 1951 and then went up to \$58,657.20 in 1952.

In those years IRS allowed Mahoney business deductions ranging from \$9,739.64 in 1949 to \$34,820.62 in 1952.

Among the deductions disallowed, but contested by the former state senator, were \$1,470 and \$1,755 which he reported as "away-from-home expenses . . . in connection with employment of petitioner, Thomas R. Mahoney, as a legislator at Salem." Mahoney claims such expenses were allowable deductions during the legislative sessions of 1949 and 1951 respectively.

## Sodium Vapor Shot Expected in East

Wallops Island, Va. — (UPI) — Note to skywatchers:

If you see a yellow glow light up the sky over the Eastern coast tonight, have no fear, it's not a flying saucer.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is planning another sodium vapor experiment.

The last one on Aug. 17 created a sensation when people from Birmingham, Ala., to Dayton, Ohio, saw it light up the night sky.

NASA, which hopes to launch the experiment about 5 p.m. e.s.t. if weather conditions are right, said the clouds will have a yellow glow and last up to 20 minutes.

Tonight's high altitude wind test with the sodium cloud and two others like it at dawn and dusk Tuesday are billed as American contributions to the observance of International Rocket Week.

### Police Will Have No Trouble Finding Car

Oklahoma City — (UPI) — Witnesses said they would have no trouble identifying the get-away car used by two men who robbed a theater Sunday night.

Large red letters on the back of the car spelled out the word "Wanted."

## Four-Year-Old Suffocates in Chest

Moonachie, N.J. — (UPI) — A 4-year-old girl suffocated Saturday when she and her older sister became trapped in their mother's hope chest in the attic of their home.

Police said the victim, Margaret Ferdon, and her sister Bernice, 7, climbed into the chest to see what the inside looked like. The lid slammed shut and locked the girls inside.

Their brother, Raymond, 11, discovered the girls in the chest, police said. Neighbors tried to revive both girls by mouth-to-mouth breathing. Police later applied oxygen and revived Bernice, but efforts to save Margaret failed.

Their mother, Mrs. Margaret Ferdon, 29, was washing clothes at the time of the accident.

### HOLD TIRE HEARINGS

Washington (UPI) — A House small business subcommittee will hold hearings here Dec. 9-11 on practices by gasoline wholesalers and retailers in buying and selling auto tires, batteries and accessories.

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