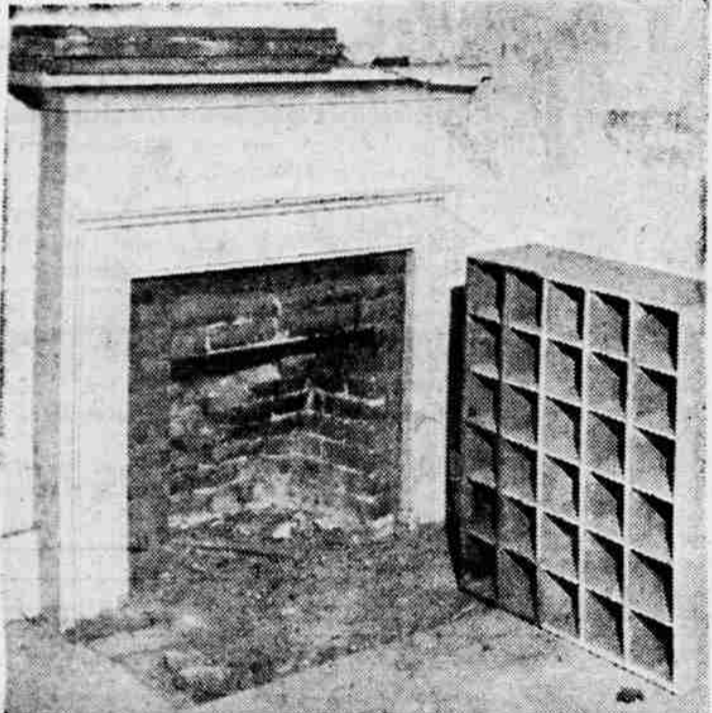


Clown Shows Interest in Hotel Restoration



STAIRCASE—Part of the staircase in the old U.S. Hotel is shown above. Restoration of the hotel, plans for which are being formulated by the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation, would help make the hotel a tourist attraction in southern Oregon, and could be the first step toward restoration of the city of Jacksonville into an old mining town.



ROOM'S FIREPLACE—Above is one of the fireplaces in some of the rooms in the old U.S. Hotel. General cleanup work, which would be involved in restoration plans, would be comparatively minor compared to the overall project, according to Dr. Frank Haines, chairman of the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation committee in charge of restoration.

Pinto Colvig's Visit Helps to Develop Interest

"But, take My J-ville. I can PICTURE it; but I can't WRITE it. I once spent a pleasant Sunday in Hannibal, Missouri. (Mark Twain's hometown.) I could describe it down to the last pebble. Could do the same with your New York - or Oshkosh - but words fail me when it comes to describing J-ville. Because, there's no other town quite like it!"

The above is quoted from a letter to Robert Oberfirst in Ocean City, N.J.

"Re-construct My Old Hometown LIKE IT USE TO WUZ!"

"That U.S. HOTEL! Make President Hayes's old room into a BRIDAL 'SWEET' (and charge 150-bucks per night. (Worth it!)"

"Re-construct that upstairs O'PRY HOUSE. That dinky little stage. Cheap scenery/paintings on the roller/curtain and wings. Oil foot/light lamps . . ."

"Create a Hometown Stock Company and 'ham-' up' the old meller/dramas. Show old time movies. (Great American Train Robbery) The illustrated (and frustrated) singer of old tear/jerkin' ballads (with crack'd slides.)"

Those words are quoted from a letter to Rudy Tetreault, Jacksonville.

Both the letters were written by a clown who is interested in seeing Jacksonville restored, Oberfirst is Pinto Colvig's literary agent, and Tetreault, who is active in Jacksonville Lion club activities, is one of Pinto's many friends in this area.

"The Village Clown" lived in Jacksonville between 1892 and 1906, and visited the town and his friends during last year's Gold Rush Jubilee at the invitation of Tetreault and the Lions club.

His visit, however, was more than just to see and talk with friends. It also served as an instrument in getting other interested people to Jacksonville to see what could be done in restoring it to bring a touch of the past to the present.

Even before The Village Clown visited his old hometown, plans were being discussed and formulated for restoration of the U.S. Hotel, and the reality of restoration appears nearer.

Proceeds from the Gold Rush Jubilee were turned over to the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation's fund for restoring the hotel. The amount was about \$1,000 raised by the Jacksonville Lions club, which has been instrumental in developing a general interest in Jacksonville as an old mining town, along with the Foundation.

A foundation committee headed by Dr. Frank Haines, associate professor of social studies at Southern Oregon college, will supervise the restoration project, plans for which may be available sometime this summer.

Others on the committee are prominent Jacksonville residents - Everett Ravenor, P. E. Matheny, Art Davies and Ernest McIntyre.

The hotel, which is some 80 years old, has been condemned for sometime as unsafe, and most of the restoration work will be in the wall structure, which in some cases needs rebuilding and reinforcement.

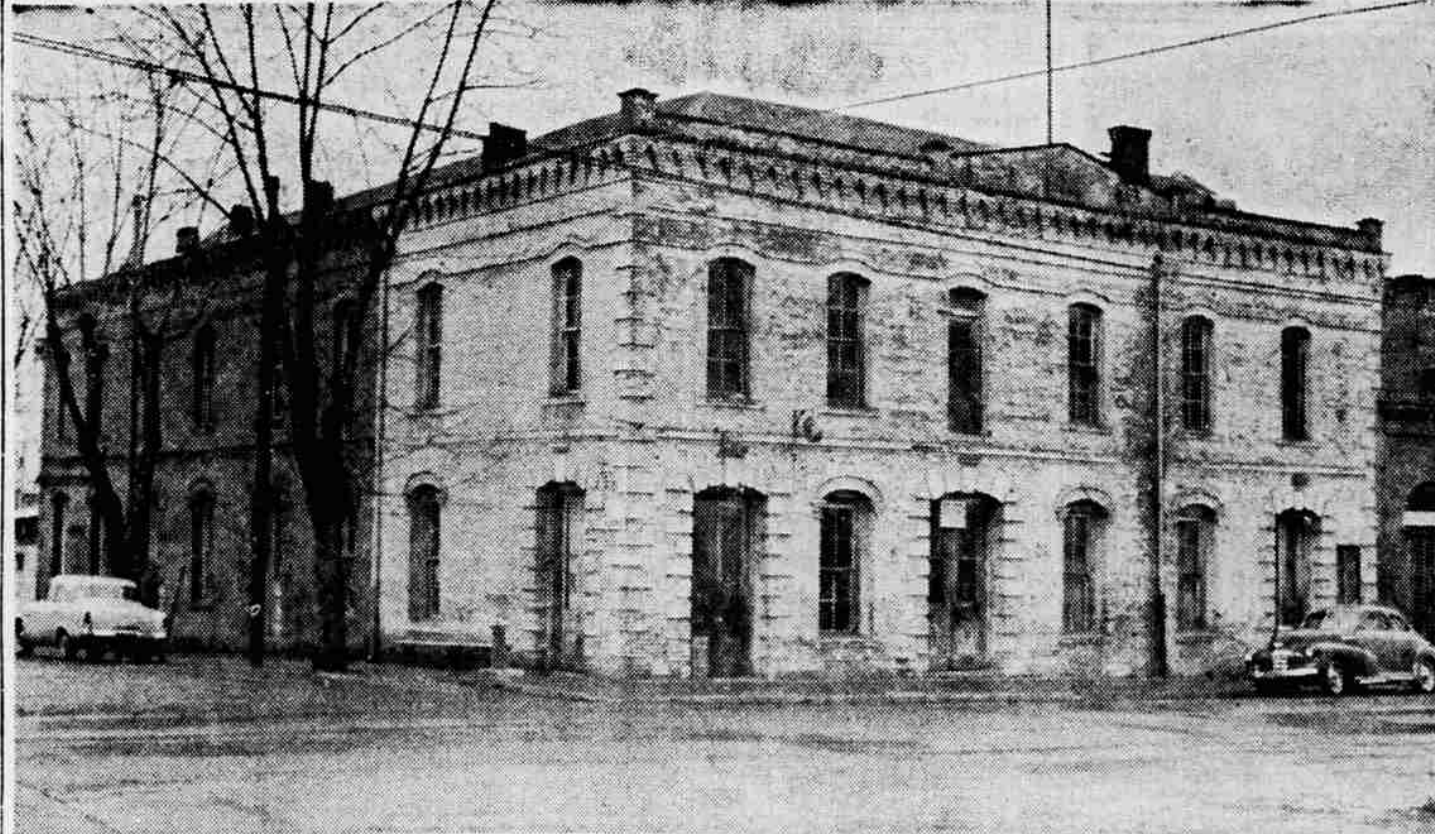
But to restore it to the way it was when President Rutherford B. Hayes stayed in it soon after it was opened will be a major job.

Dr. Haines estimated that it would take over \$8,000 to restore the building, if most of the material needed is donated. Some material already has been offered, but funds are needed now, he said.

Funds Can Be Raised
He said he believed necessary funds could be raised, and the foundation is interested in receiving donations from valley residents since it is the area which will benefit from any restoration project. However, the foundation is attempting to interest organizations outside this immediate area in the project.

The building itself is in a state of disrepair with windows broken out, cracks in the walls and loose floorboards. Layers of dust cover everything and assorted litter is strewn about the rooms.

The city of Jacksonville, which owns the building, is using some of the downstairs



HOTEL TODAY—Funds are beginning to accumulate for the restoration of the old U.S. Hotel in Jacksonville, pictured above as it is today. Included in the building is an opera house upstairs. The structure was built in 1880.

area for equipment storage, and there is evidence in various rooms that the building has been used by other organizations.

But restoration of the interior is relatively minor, Dr. Haines said, compared to the work necessary on the basic structure.

Could Be First Step
Restoring the U.S. Hotel could be the first step in a general restoration project for the city of Jacksonville, Dr. Haines indicated. He expressed optimism about the restoration of the city, and indicated it would be an economy asset to the valley.

The foundation, however, is more interested in keeping Jacksonville as a "living memorial," and not as a formal tourist attraction such as Williamsburg, Va. Stores would be much the same as now - the only difference would be in restoring the atmosphere to that of an old mining town.

Pinto, too, has expressed this same interest in letters to valley residents, and helped develop interest in such a project during his visit last year.

In one letter* to Tetreault, he suggested that Jacksonville streets be named. "AND PLEASE change the business section to MAIN STREET. (Why give CALIFORNIA credit?)" he wrote.

Streets should be named after some of the pioneers, he suggested, like Beckman, Hanley and Aplegate.

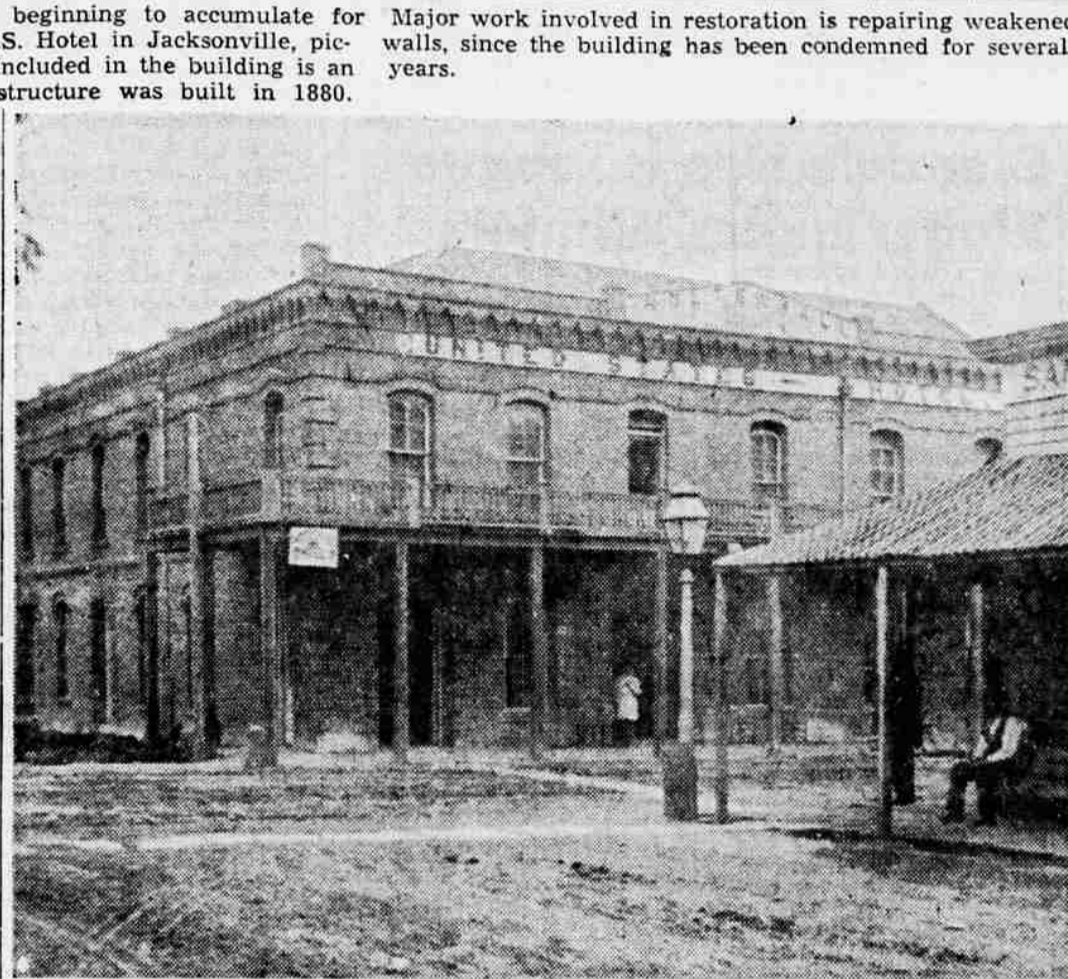
"-and these signs shouldn't be updated. No. They should be prominent, in semi-crude lettering (or burned-in like a cattle brand) on rustic, aged boards. And for Heaven's sake, re-build some of those old street lights and lamp posts and stick 'em around town!"

"-and what happened to all of the HITCHIN' RACKS & POSTS as in the days of yore?"

It was after Pinto returned to Hollywood, Calif., where he now makes his headquarters, after his visit here, that he wrote to Oberfirst. The letter was in answer to questions Oberfirst asked concerning Pinto's boyhood in Jacksonville, and what kind of a town it was.

In his reply, Pinto painted the picture of Jacksonville as he knew it. The downtown area he described as follows:

- "You wanta go Downtown J-ville; so, at Pape's Saloon you turn RIGHT . . . and all along MAIN STREET (for a 1/2 mile) on both sides the street you'll pass (within spittin' distance):-
- "3 or 4 General Stores.
- "Billy Poole's Barber Shop.
- "3 Candy Stores.
- "Bum Neuber's 'Banquet' Saloon.
- "Harry Luy's Saloon.
- "The J-ville 'Sentinel' & Jackson Co. News. (Republican.)
- "Charley Nichol's, 'The Democratic Times' & Job Printing."
- "Doc' Robinson's smelly Drugstore.
- "Beekman's Bank & Wells Fargo Agent & School Supplies.
- "Johnnie Miller's U. S. Gov't Post Office. (also garden seeds, hardware & cof-ins.)
- "Mister Kane, The Expert Harness & Saddle Maker & Boot & Shoe repairs.)
- "Tom Kenny's Hardware Store.
- "Now, go up GUMBO ALLEY and you'll find Zoop Coulter - The Pioneer Sign & Carriage Painter. Next door is Otto Beede,



NEW HOTEL—This picture, loaned to the Mail Tribune by the Jacksonville Museum through its curator, Miss Mary Hanley, shows the U.S. Hotel about two years after it was constructed, and about the time President Hayes stayed there. Unpaved streets were crossed on "step-stones" visible across the main street above. The lamp, probably a coal-oil or candle type, is visible at the corner. Pinto Colvig suggests replacing some lamps of this type in Jacksonville in a restoration project. The outside balcony did not remain on the building too long.

Students Invited To Speech Meet

Ashland—Students from 10 high schools in Southern Oregon will participate in the 12th annual invitational High School Speech conference on the Southern Oregon college campus Jan. 29 - 30.

Student speakers have been scheduled to compete in all fields of public speaking, including debate, oratory, extemporaneous, radio and poetry reading.

Students from Ashland, Crater, Eagle Point, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Medford, North Bend Phoenix, Roseburg and South Eugene have been invited to the conference.

A special dinner will be given for the guests, after which officials and speakers will attend the first showing of "Sleeping Beauty," presented by the Southern Oregon college players.

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"So, you come back down the alley and on both sides the street you'll find The United States Hotel & O'pry House.

"Luke Ryan's Dry Goods Store.

"Geo. Lewis's Union Feed & Livery Stable.

"Mrs. Taylor's 'Elite' Boarding House (for particular people.)

"Shacks . . . and Donegan's Blacksmith Shop. Across street is Charley Bases's Blacksmith Shop.

"Now you're somewhere at other end of MAIN STREET - near The Old Grist Mill."

Jacksonville may never be restored to those days as Pinto describes and remembers it, but if the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation's program gathers momentum, Jacksonville could become one of the largest attractions in the state.

"Because, there's no other town quite like it!"

Clarification of Names Reported

Wayne G. Carter, 730 Broad st., and his son, David R. Carter, same address, are not the Carters involved in recent court cases the elder Carter has asked the Mail Tribune to point out.

The other Carters, whose first names are also Wayne and David, were involved in two recent cases, one in connection with an attempted robbery at Hawkins Nite Garage and the other in connection with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor.

Truckers Ask Law On Explosives

Salem - (UPI) - The Oregon Trucking association called Saturday for a state law regulating the transportation of explosives and putting such movement in Oregon under the public utility commission.

Robert Knipe of Portland, managing director of the association, told the legislative highways interim committee that the request is a direct result of the Roseburg disaster, when an explosives-laden truck blew up, killing a dozen persons and causing millions of dollars damage.

Knipe said the federal government's law for transport of explosives via common carrier is "adequate, but the one pertaining to private carriers is not." The Roseburg blast involved a private carrier.

EP Grange Donates To Building Fund

Eagle Point - A check for more than \$100 has been presented to the Eagle Point Scout Community Building committee by Eagle Point Grange.

The check, presented to Harold Holloway, committee finance chairman, represents proceeds from a dinner sponsored by the Grange for help in construction of the youth building.

The committee is expected to give a detailed report on the project within the next few days.

Morse Questions Merchant's Views

Washington - (UPI) - Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.) has called on undersecretary of state Livingston T. Merchant to say whether he advocated American armed intervention in the Indo-China war in 1954.

The Oregon Democrat, in a letter to Merchant also asked whether the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles proposed that the United States attack Communist Viet Minh centers in Indochina and on the Chinese mainland in 1954.

The letter, sent Friday, contained a series of questions which Morse said he wanted answered before voting on Merchant's nomination to be undersecretary for political affairs.

Search for SF Man Spreads to Oregon

Salem - (UPI) - The search for clues into the Dec. 6 disappearance of Victor Teall, radio operator at San Francisco airport, reached into western Oregon Friday.

Four investigators from San Mateo county, Calif. led by Chief Deputy Wesley A. Pomeroy checked the stories of two teenagers, one brought into the case by the other.

Questioned Thursday night was Oona Lee Morgan, 17, now in Hillcrest School for Girls here. She said that David Turner, 18, an inmate of the Oregon Correctional institution in Salem since last month, told her Teall was shot as Turner and Teall were driving on the California Coast highway.



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Oil Information Group Presented Awards at Dinner

You could have shouted "Fill 'er up" at the top of your lungs Friday night but Medford oilmen probably couldn't have helped you.

They had their hands full gathering in awards.

The occasion was the Oil Information committee's sixth annual "Go Devil" award banquet at the Rogue Valley Country club. It was the first time the affair had been held outside Portland.

Weather conditions considered, the switch proved to be ideal. As Master of Ceremonies Jim Dunleavy put it, "We're glad you moved from the frozen north."

Medford's Oil Information committee won over the 22 other such groups in the state as the outstanding OIC in Oregon during 1959. Ten local members of the industry were awarded plaques for their service to the organization.

Name of Tool
The term "Go Devil" comes from the oil fields and is the name of a tool used to clear clogged drilling lines. Thus the aim of the OIC, through nonpartisan efforts by workers from the industry, is to clear up any misconceptions which might arise about the oil industry.

Kenneth G. Johnson, state OIC chairman and speaker of the evening, presented "Go Devil" plaques to Ronald A. Hale, F. W. Mason and Robert Benson, Texaco; H. R. Hall and Walter Jacobson, Tidewater; Cyril Smith, Shell; H. Howard Lage, Mobil; H. R. Edwards and James S. Firth, Standard, and Jack Daugerty, Signal.

Receives Cuff Links
Hale, secretary of the Medford committee, also received a set of gold cuff links, with rubies and inscribed with the "Go Devil" insignia, as the member of the winning committee most deserving of "special recognition."

Medfordites were in the limelight but out-of-towners managed to collect a few prizes. Certificates of "meritorious service" were awarded to Emma Calouri, standard, Portland; Marge Boone, Mobil, Portland; Bill Blodgett, Standard, Coos Bay, and John H. Schenk, Shell, Astoria, Kay Peterson, Tidewater, Portland, also was cited but was unable to attend.

Medford's OIC also won the award last year but this was

the first year it had copped the prize in open competition. The local committee won, as Johnson briefly stated it, because members had "the ability and the energy to do a good job."

Canadian Math Professor Slates SOC Lectures

Ashland - Dr. Stephen A. Jennings, professor of mathematics at the University of British Columbia, will be guest lecturer for six assemblies at Southern Oregon college, Jan. 27-29. It was announced by Dr. Floyd L. Taylor, head of the college mathematics department.

The public has been invited to attend five of the lecture series, the first of which, "What is Mathematics and What is a Mathematician?" has been scheduled for a general assembly Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Churchill auditorium. There is no charge for any of the series.

On Thursday and Friday mornings Dr. Jennings will continue the series in Room 116 of the college science building, speaking on "Geometry" and "Sets and Spaces." Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. the subject "Actuarial Sciences and Illustration of Applied Mathematics" will be discussed.

Evening Lecture
A special evening lecture will be given by Dr. Jennings on "Mathematics for the College Capable High School Student. What, When and Why." This talk will be especially interesting and valuable to high school mathematics and science teachers in the area, Dr. Taylor said.

"Do We Talk Too Much," a discussion of college teaching methods, will be the subject for a social seminar for the SOC faculty with Dr. Jennings on Thursday evening. Dr. Jennings will also be available for student consultation during his visit.

The Mathematical Association of America in sponsoring Dr. Jennings' current tour, which will take him from Alaska to New Mexico, Dr. Taylor said.

New Division of PT&T Announced For Northwest

Portland-Formation of Pacific Telephone-Northwest as a new division of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company was announced Friday by the firm's board of directors, according to Oregon Area Vice President and General Manager F. M. Mitchell. The change takes place Feb. 1.

The board also elected Walter W. Straley, now vice president and general manager of the company's Southern Counties Area at San Diego, first president of Pacific Telephone-Northwest. He also becomes a member of the board of directors of PT&T.

At the same time it was announced PT&T President Mark R. Sullivan is stepping up to become chairman of the board of directors, and Carl O. Lindeman of New Jersey Bell is succeeding him as president of PT&T.

Growth of the Pacific Northwest, increasing complexity of phone company operations and a desire to bring top authority close to the communities the company serves were reasons given for the new set-up. The new management unit will include Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho.

Headquarters for Pacific Telephone-Northwest will be Seattle. Straley plans to maintain offices in Portland also.

The Oregon Advisory Council of Pacific Telephone will continue to function as it has in the past, according to Mitchell. The council is a group of Oregon business leaders which meets monthly to review with phone company management progress and plans as they affect the communities served in Oregon.

Pacific Telephone - Northwest will have a plant investment of \$650,000,000, to serve about a million and a half people and employ more than 13,000. The annual payroll

SOC Faculty's Writings Listed

Ashland - Appearing in the current Oregon State System of Higher Education bulletin in faculty publications is a list of the published works of South Oregon college staff members from July 1, 1956 through June 30, 1958.

According to Dr. John R. Richards, chancellor of the OSSHE, publications of the faculty of all the system institutions are compiled every two years, and are but one indication of devoted service to the cause of higher education.

The chancellor also pointed out that some of the articles represented years of study and research and were evidence of their constant search for truth and understanding in a special area of knowledge.

SOC contributors include Dr. Eugene W. Bowman, Dr. Herbert Cecil, Dr. Marvin D. Coffey, James R. Dawson, Dr. Alva W. Graham, Dr. Irene Hollenbeck, Dr. Arthur Kreisman, Glenn T. Matthews, Dr. Clifford R. Miller, Dr. John D. E. McAulay, Leon C. Mulling, and Dr. Dorothy E. Stolp.

Unmarried girls under 20 years of age complain of more frequent headaches than any other group in the U.S., according to a sample study of 5,000 sons reported by the Catholic Digest. Married people have the fewest headaches.

and associated costs will be \$94,000,000.

Currently the company has some 550,000 phones in Oregon and 950,000 in Washington. The Oregon employees number 6000 against more than 9000 in Washington, while Oregon plant investment is about \$250 million compared to a Washington plant investment total of \$400 million. Oregon 1959 annual payroll ran about \$36 million and the Washington payroll about \$57 million. The population of Oregon is 1,790,000 and that of Washington 3,103,000.

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