

Traffic Volume Increases at Two County Locations

Traffic volume at two locations in Jackson county showed increases last month over February, 1959, the state highway department announced.

A 3.4 per cent increase was noted on Highway 99 two miles south of Talent, where 6,664 vehicles were recorded on the permanent automatic traffic counter. In February, 1959, 6,446 vehicles were recorded. The volume at that location, however, was a decrease of .03 per cent in the last two months, the department said.

An increase of 1.2 per cent, from 1,234 in February, 1959, to 1,249 last month, was noted at the traffic counter on Highway 62 four miles south of Shady Cove. The volume there was down 2.8 per cent over the two-month period just ending.

Other Locations
Traffic volume at other permanent recorders in the county showed substantial decreases last month from February, 1959, the department said.

On Highway 238 one mile west of Ruch, the volume was 462 last month, a 10.6 per cent decrease from the 517 recorded in February, 1959, and on Highway 66 five miles east of Ashland the volume dropped from 764 in 1959 to 691 last month, a decrease of 9.6 per cent.

During the past two months, traffic volume on Highway 238 decreased 18 per cent and on Highway 66, it decreased 19.9 per cent, the department said.

Highway traffic statewide, however, showed an increase of 6.8 per cent last month compared to February, 1959. Substantial increases were noted on Highway 101 and Highway 99 at Oakland south of Eugene.

AEC Lists Uranium Reserves of U.S.

Washington - (UPI) - The Atomic Energy commission estimated Friday the United States had 86,100,000 tons of uranium ore reserves at the start of 1960.

It said Oregon, Washington and Nevada had about 1,900,000 tons and Montana, Idaho and Alaska, 1,100,000.

Four Months Remain For Veterans To Apply For Home, Farm Loans

About four months remain in which World War II veterans may apply for GI home, farm or business loans, S. T. Brannock, contact representative, VA Domiciliary, Camp White, said Saturday.

Under present law, July 25, is the cut-off date set for World War II veteran participation in the post-war program that has seen more than five million World War II veterans take advantage of the GI Bill loan provisions since June 22, 1944.

Veterans who submit their applications in sufficient time before the July 25 deadline so as to allow the VA to make a commitment, will be allowed an additional year, or until July 25, 1961, in which to have the loan processed and actually closed.

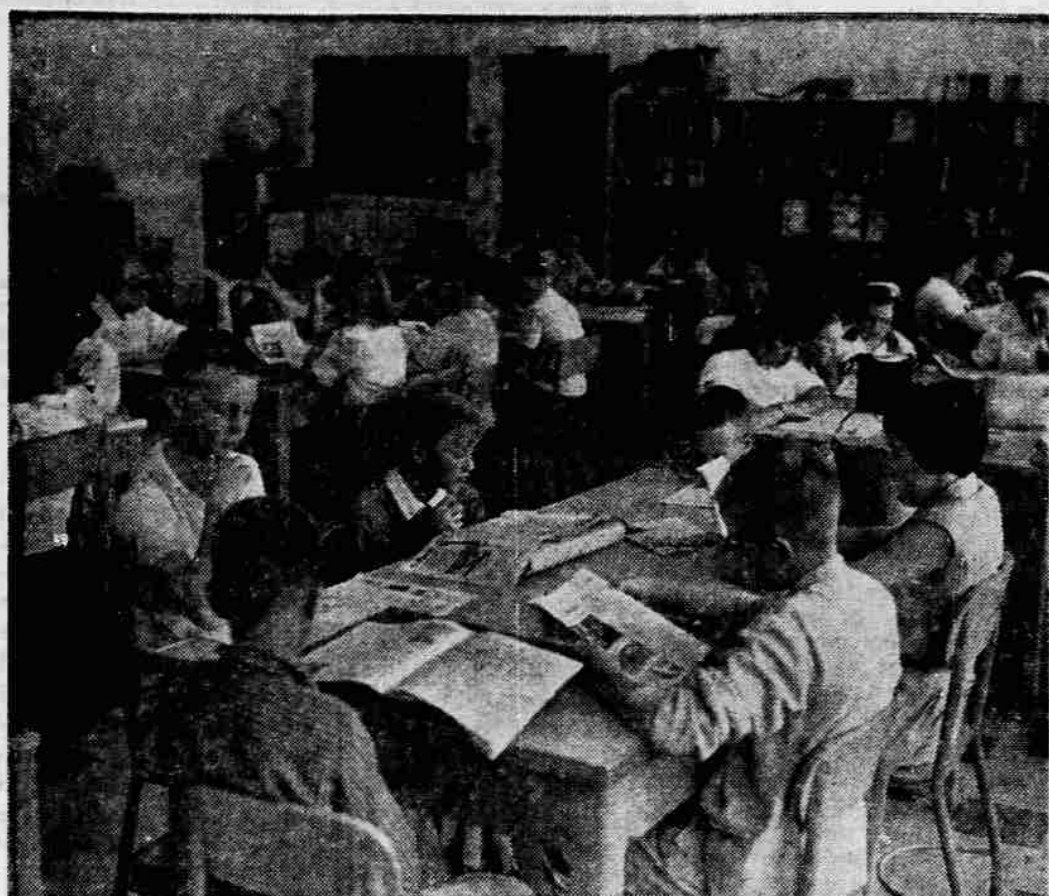
Brannock pointed out that these dates do not apply to the Korean Conflict veterans who have until Jan. 31, 1965, to make GI loan applications.

World War II and Korean Conflict veterans is due to expire July 25, Brannock stated.

Under the GI loan program, qualified veterans are offered the opportunity to obtain VA guaranteed or insured loans to (a) purchase, build, or improve a home; (b) buy a farm or farm supplies; and (c) buy or expand a business venture.

Veterans in rural areas and in small cities and towns where guaranteed loans are not generally available are eligible for VA direct home and farmhouse loans. The di-

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CLASS IN LIBRARY—Students at Hoover school, Medford, are shown above attending a class in the library. Four additional classrooms are planned at Hoover school to help relieve the crowded conditions with money from a proposed bond issue on which district patrons will vote Thursday. The classrooms also will make available, space for elementary students now attending classes at Hedrick Junior High school. School officials noted, however, that elementary school students at Hedrick may not necessarily be assigned to Hoover school. The students may be absorbed in elementary schools by some grade school boundary shifting, they said.

Money from Bonds Would Build Classrooms Needed for 2 Years

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles in which the proposed \$750,000 bond issue to finance a two-year construction program in the Medford school district is discussed. District patrons will vote on the issue Thursday.)

Patrons of School District 549C will vote next Thursday on a proposed \$750,000 bond issue to finance a two-year construction program in the district.

Bonds sold from the issue, if approved, will finance estimated building needs for the next school year and for the 1961-62 school year. Building needs are based on a study of the census and school age population.

Included for next school year will be 11 classrooms in the district's secondary schools and 9 in the elementary schools plus one addition and one major renovation.

Planned for the 1961-62 school year are eight elementary school classrooms, major renovations and additions and capital outlays improvements at Washington, Howard, Lone Pine, Roosevelt, Lincoln and Jackson schools.

High School Addition

If the boys physical education, health and class addition at Medford High school is complete for next school year, it will add six teacher stations, school board and budget committee members noted. This probably will handle high school enrollments in the existing and added facilities for three years, they added.

This year, the district changed from a six to seven period day which has helped relieve the classroom problem at Medford High school.

Completion of the old district shop into a boys' manual arts department with a woodshop and drawing room is also planned for next school year. The shop and drawing room will be downstairs, with two classrooms upstairs for art and crafts or assigned as determined by need.

Two classrooms are planned at Hedrick Junior High school for the 1960-61 school year. They are one vocal and one dual purpose classroom for both vocal and regular class work.

The nine classrooms planned in elementary schools include four at Hoover school, three at Oak Grove and two at West Side, where administrative offices and storage space also is scheduled.

Renovation work is planned in the multipurpose room at Jacksonville, along with repairing and painting the exterior of the main building. The multipurpose room is the

gymnasium which was used by Jacksonville High school before consolidation.

A stage, which also will be used as a multipurpose room, and acoustic tile for the gymnasium ceiling is planned at Ruch school. The stage may be used as a band room, administrators noted.

Planned for construction for use in the 1961-62 school year are three additional classrooms at Hedrick Junior High school, two at Jefferson, one at Griffin Creek and West Side and two at Wilson and Hoover schools.

To Build As Needed
The two-year program is designed to construct those classrooms and other facilities as needed. If additions planned for the 1961-62 school year are not needed because of some unforeseen reason, bonds would not be sold.

Members of the school board, budget committee and school consultants believe that school construction planning

should be limited to five years ahead based on children currently residing in the district. And then, facilities should be constructed only as they are needed in areas where the facilities will best serve the children, the board and budget committee believes.

With plans and financial needs arranged on a basis of only two or three years ahead, construction plans can be stopped at any point if there proves to be no need for additional facilities, school officials have indicated.

The board and budget committee members also believe that continued studies on school needs on a long-range basis are needed, including purchase of future-needed building sites.

Long range classroom and building needs of district 549C depend on several factors, school officials said. Factors involved in determining long-range building needs will be discussed in a later article.

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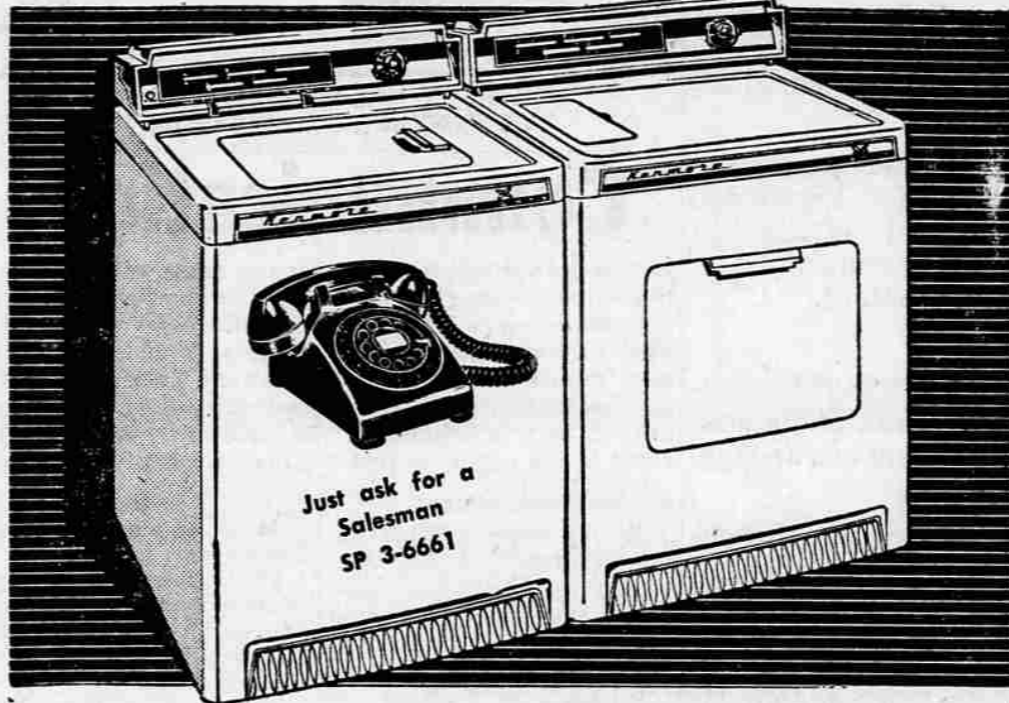
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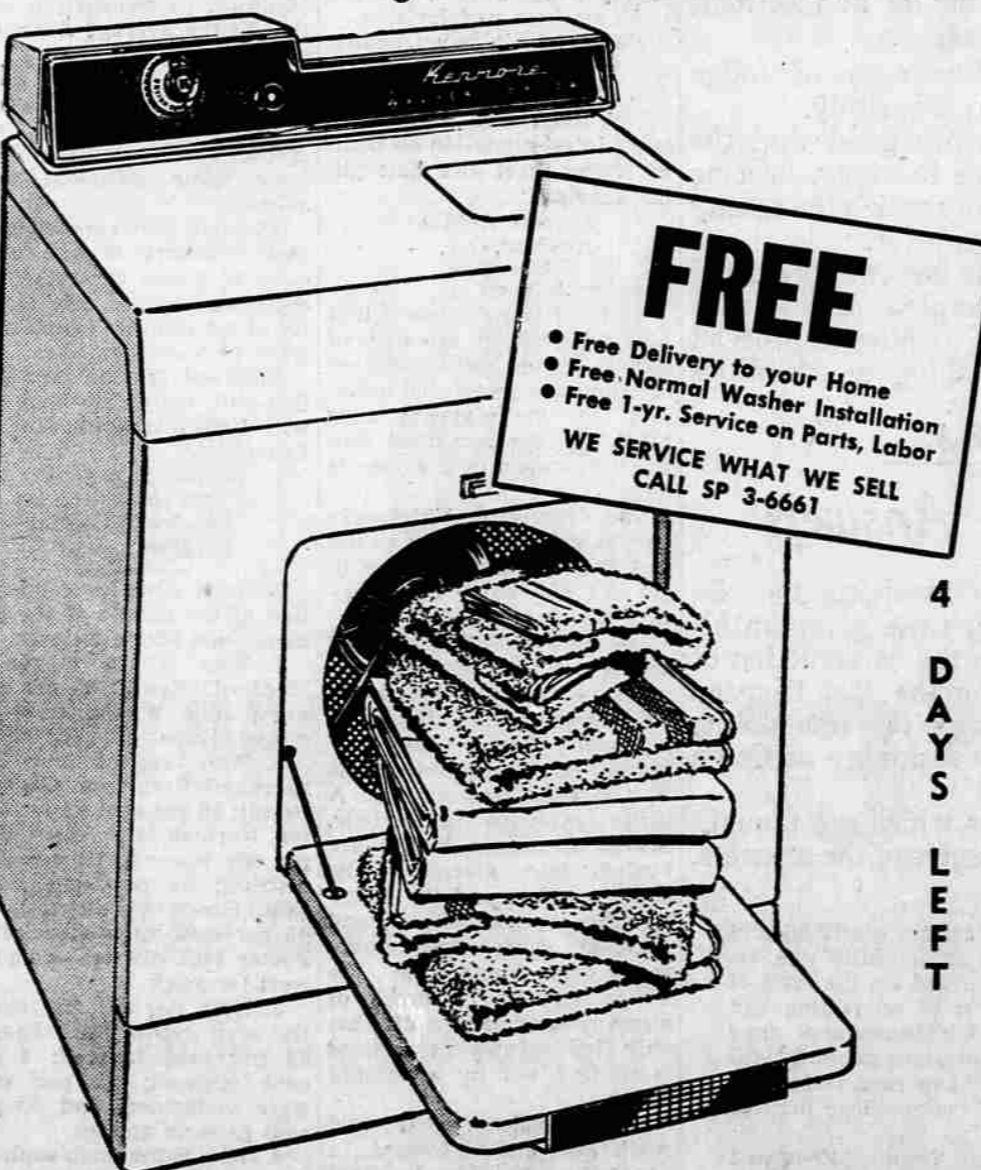
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