

Academic Talent Topic Of Chamber Luncheon

Ashland - The Ashland Chamber of Commerce was told that Americans aren't placing as much value on development of academic talent as they should at its meeting this week.

Speaking at the chamber luncheon in the Mark Anthony hotel, Harold Cloer, director of guidance services of student affairs at Southern Oregon college, said that 50,000 students who drop out of high school could finish college.

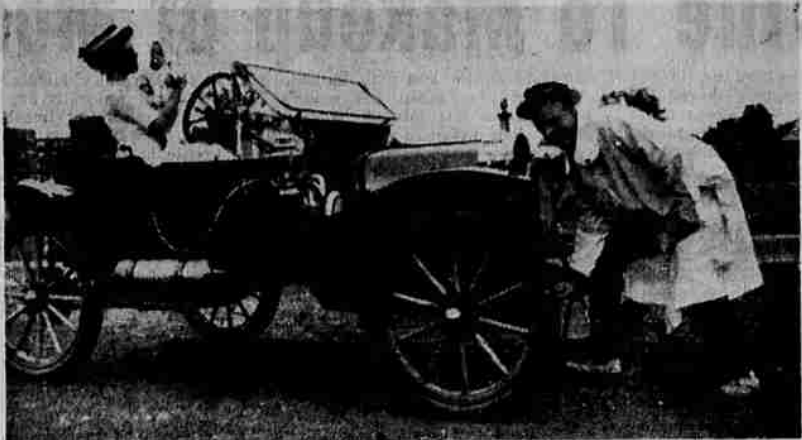
show that 30 per cent of the top ability students in high school don't go on for any advanced training.

He said that 8,000 doctor's degrees are awarded each year. However, studies show that 30,000 people could be receiving the degree each year.

"The problem is one of motivation," Cloer said. He called for more interest in academic affairs on the local level. Any solution to the problem must come at a local level, Cloer observed.

He praised the Merit Scholarship foundation, a national scholarship organization. Cloer said the Merit officials had conducted a study which showed that students favored social recognition of their ability more than monetary recognition.

EPISCOPAL BISHOP DIES
Albany, N.Y.—The Rt. Rev. Frederick L. Barry, 63, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Albany, died Wednesday.



REAL OLD TIMER—This 50-year-old Buick built in 1910 when the U of I had the world's first homecoming, belongs to Amalksen, U of I senior. It was first driven by Illinois this week end. The car, owned by his wife's great-grandfather. (UPI Telephoto)

New All-Time High in Mail Volume Reached During Year

A new all-time high in the nation's mail volume was reached during fiscal year 1960, which continued the steady upward trend of the past seven years at a rate exceeding the population growth, according to information from the annual report of the post office department.

Although subject to last minute revisions, the year's total volume of mail handled by the post office department is estimated at 63.6 billion pieces, which includes one billion pieces of parcel post. This is an increase of 25 per cent over the corresponding figures for 1953 when the total volume was 50.9 billion pieces.

During the same period, the report shows, the revenue of the department also has shown an increase from \$2,091,714,000 in fiscal 1953 to \$3,276,800,000 in fiscal 1960.

Medford Receipts
In Medford, receipts of the post office climbed from \$529,778 in 1953 to \$770,636 last year. At the present rate of increase so far this year, receipts this year will exceed \$800,000 at the Medford office, and the volume of mail handled is running 14 per cent more than last year.

The Medford postmaster pointed out that there isn't much the department can do about how much mail must be handled each day, or how many people make use of the postal service, but the department is constantly busy devising ways for handling the mail more efficiently and economically.

These are the objectives outlined by President Eisenhower when he swore Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield into office in 1953, he said.

"The human element still plays a vital part in the handling of mail," the postmaster said, "so we do make mistakes, but statistics in the department's annual report give proof that we are making progress on a nation-wide basis. While the mail volume showed an increase of 18 billion pieces handled annually, the employment increase during the seven-year period amounted to only 11 per cent."

Number of Carriers
"The number of carriers employed by the post office department has increased steadily, due to the ever expanding growth of established cities, as well as the establishment of foot carrier service in hundreds of growing towns

and cities throughout the nation. "More than 800 cities have been given carrier service where carrier service did not exist seven years ago, Central Point being one. This required the equivalent of 31,000 additional letter carriers to serve approximately 9 million more families. Total number of employees in the post office department has increased from 506,620 in 1953 to 562,868 June 30 this year. The work load during this period has increased 25 per cent," he said.

Included among items cited by the postmaster as recent accomplishments by the department were the following: Established the first large-scale program of automatic mail handling by machinery on a nation-wide basis.

Developed the "airlift" program which speeds up the delivery of approximately one letter out of every 17 on a "space available" basis.

Continued development of faster machines for letter sorting, parcel post sorting, and for mail culling, facing and cancelling.

Continued with plans for a new automatic postal substation which will vend stamps, envelopes, post cards, and writing paper, and which will have money changers for both coins and bills.

Eight Space Firms Eye Boardman Site

Portland—UPB—Seven other space project concerns as well as Aerojet General Corp. are interested in Oregon's proposed space-age industrial park at the Boardman Bombing Range, Gerald Frank, chairman of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Economic Development, said Wednesday.

Frank spoke at a discussion series sponsored by the Oregon Department of Planning and Development. He also said he has found that "a great deal of misinformation is being peddled" concerning Oregon's progress in winning industries and attracting capital. He predicted a 310 per cent growth in industry would occur in Oregon during the next 10 years with employment for 10,000 more persons.

Grange News

The Booster Night Program was held recently by the Shady Cove Grange.

A potluck supper was held in the cafeteria at the Shady Cove school.

The program was held in the school gym. It consisted of the welcome address by Master Cecil Kee. Pledge to the flag, and Prayer by chaplain Nellie Molsenbaker.

Lecturer Della A. Littlefield introduced the following guests and members: Pomona Master Bob Bitterling, who spoke on "The Grange"; Pomona Lecturer Mrs. Mable Wertz, who spoke on the lecturer's program; Cheri Watson, who gave a piano solo; Mrs. Mary Cassel and Mrs. Johnny Minor, who gave a skit; and Mrs. Earl Sheppard, who showed slides of Holland, Belgium, France, Switzerland and the Rhine.

The slides were taken by SP4 and Mrs. William Littlefield. He is stationed in France in the Armed Forces.

William Shepherd of the Shady Cove School was introduced and presented a gift of the carpenter tools for the school.

Other guests were Mrs. William Shepherd and son, Danny. There will be a potluck supper in the school cafeteria Oct. 8 at 8:30 p.m.; a social evening will follow. Refreshments were served by the C. Watsons and D. Weitmans. Several tables of cards were played by the members. The next regular meeting will be Oct. 15.

Fire Smoulders in Ship at Astoria

Astoria—UPB—A fire smoldered for two hours Wednesday in the storage room of the ship Tinian, moored at Clifton, before firemen wearing gas masks were able to get through to extinguish it.

Damage was slight and was confined to the one compartment, according to Astoria firemen.

The Tinian is a converted Navy tank landing ship owned by the Columbia River Packers Association.

Hillsboro Collision Victim Identified

Hillsboro—UPB—A man killed in a two-car collision early Wednesday was identified by state police as Everett T. Smith, who recently moved to Portland from California. Five other persons were injured in the accident.

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