



STRANGE BIRD—A visitor in the neighborhood of Mt. Pitt and Winchester aves. last week was a friendly "character" by the name of Jose, a pet crow belonging to the Hams Meier family, Lozier lane, Medford. Jose, it was learned, takes off right after breakfast every morning to visit people, whose company he seems to prefer over his fellow-birds. Above, Doug Cepurna, Mark Robertson and David Summerer, who live on Mt. Pitt ave., seem much entertained as "Mr. Bird" makes a game of pecking at freezer cartons they are holding. Meier has placed yellow legbands on the crow and painted his tailfeathers red to reduce the possibility of someone taking a potshot at him during his wanderings. At home, the bird's companion is a black poodle, Meier said.

Possibility of Hospital in Orbit to Treat Certain Types Of Patients Being Considered

Washington—(UPI)—The possibility of shooting a hospital into orbit around the earth has been raised by the House Space committee.

The committee, in a report on life sciences and space, said people with certain types of cancer or heart conditions may some day be placed in space for medical treatment.

"The possible therapeutic effects of weightlessness are still to be explored," the report said.

Not Inconceivable

"Although experience may show the disadvantages are greater," the committee continued, "it is not inconceivable that in time some types of coronary cases will find relief by being sent to a space station in free fall around the earth."

Concerning cancer victims, the report said that perhaps "some ingredient in the spectrum of radiation reaching a space ship" will be helpful "if the patient is sent up to a space station for therapy."

More mundane health benefits, which already have come from space research, also were outlined by the committee.

The report said a drug developed from a missile fuel already has been used to treat certain kinds of mental illness and that new "long-life, efficient valves, developed for space purposes, may soon be used in defective hearts."

Again looking into the future, it said researchers had just started working on artificial hibernation techniques for long-term space voyagers.

"This work," the report said, "is still at the early stages but one can foresee that not only might this solve problems of astronauts but it might make a contribution to curing some illnesses, handling patients in long involved operations, where hypothermia or even quick freezing of the whole body might overcome the effects from prolonged chemically-induced anesthesia."

Mechanical Stomachs

In yet another direction, the committee said research on mechanical stomachs — to allow space travelers to exist in their hostile environment — may lead to "mechanical devices to prevent death."

The report also noted that work designed to protect men against the effects of space radiation "may lead to a better appreciation of the problems of background radiation on earth, and also lead to drugs which reduce the harmful effects of fallout radiation from nuclear weapons."

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Deposits in Medford Bank Show Increase

Total deposits of \$840,101, 573 and loans amounting to \$510,274,206 were recorded Oct. 3 by the 84 offices of First National Bank of Oregon. Ralph J. Voss, bank president, said following a call for statements of condition by the comptroller of the currency.

The figures represent increases of \$7,086,830 in deposits and \$3,166,657 in loans since the June 15 bank call, and a decrease of \$16,206,773 in deposits and an increase of \$28,856,257 in loans compared to one year ago, Voss said.

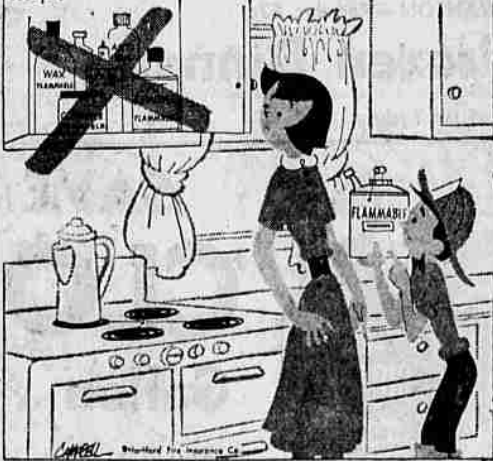
Figures released by the Medford branch of First National show that on Oct. 3, deposits at the branch were \$25,016,752 and loans were \$18,001,211, according to J. A. Moore, vice president and manager.

Released at the same time were comparable totals for the branch for a year ago. On that date, deposits were \$26,277,542 and loans totaled \$16,247,511.

Figures released at the Central Point branch show that Oct. 3 deposits at the branch were \$3,113,298 and loans were \$2,608,479, according to F. C. Ayres, branch manager. Comparable totals for the branch a year ago show that on that date deposits were \$3,227,916 and loans totaled \$2,333,421.

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