

Eisenhowers To Have First Real Home at Gettysburg Farm

Gettysburg, Pa. (AP) — President and Mrs. Eisenhower, who have spent their adult lives always living at a temporary address, soon will settle down in the "first private house they have ever known." The outgoing president and his first lady have long relished the idea of making their permanent home at their 500-acre farm here. They also are firm on their notion of privacy.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters just before the couple spent their first night in the newly renovated farmhouse in March, 1955: "This is the first private house he and Mrs. Eisenhower have ever known, and there



RAISER OF CATTLE — President Eisenhower, shown passing some cattle during a walk on his farm at Gettysburg, Pa., raises Angus cattle. When he bought the farm in 1950, it was primarily a dairy operation. The President and Mrs. Eisenhower plan to make this their first real home since their marriage when he retires early next year. (UPI Telephoto)

will be no inspection of the house now or ever."

Since that time only invited guests have entered the attractive white brick and field stone home with 14 rooms and eight baths. It is

only from Eisenhowers friends and other sources that the public has gotten any idea of the interior of the 100-year-old house.

The farm was bought in 1950 from Allen S. Redding for \$24,000. The Eisenhowers immediately began renovating the main house and acquiring more land. The changes to the house, which took until 1955 to complete, cost at least \$150,000.

Perhaps the most famous room is a glassed-in sunporch overlooking part of the Gettysburg Civil War battlefield. Many of the world's great — Khrushchev, Churchill, Nehru, Adenauer and Lord Montgomery — have sat there and chatted with Eisenhower.

One of the attractions of the house is a white marble mantel in the living room. It was originally installed in the White House in 1854, removed during the administration of Chester Arthur, located by a second-hand dealer a few years ago and presented to the Eisenhowers on their 38th wedding anniversary by the White House staff.

The farm also has a white clapboard feeding barn, a smaller breeding barn and a guest house. The president

now raises Angus cattle, but when he bought the farm it was primarily a dairy operation.

The president plans to make his home a real home and not have it double as an office. It was learned recently that Eisenhower has decided to rent working space on the campus of Gettysburg college.

Airport Traffic Is Down During Month

Passenger traffic at Medford's municipal airport during November was down from both the previous month and the same month during 1959, according to Airport Manager Gil Gutjahr's monthly report.

A total of 4,136 passengers were facilitated at the airport last month compared to 5,029 during October and 4,750 during November, 1959. The total number of landings and takeoffs at the airport were also down. There were 2,922 flights recorded last month compared to 3,787 during October and 4,039 during November of the previous year. Some 744 of last month's flights were commercial.

Mail traffic was up with 20,366 pounds being recorded during November compared to 19,171 during October and 18,590 during November, 1959.

Both air express and air freight were down during November. A total of 12,393 pounds of freight were recorded last month, compared to 13,525 pounds during October and 18,085 pounds during November, 1959. Airport revenue during November totaled \$4,372, including \$616 in landing fees, according to the report.

Station Attendant Shot at Portland

Portland — (AP) — A service station attendant was shot through the wrist early today when two holdup men robbed the station and escaped with about \$50.

Lawrence McGrew, 23, staggered into a nearby restaurant, said, "I've been shot," and collapsed.

McGrew was taken to Emanuel hospital.

Congestion Noted At Intersection

Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe has proposed that motorists in the downtown Medford area refrain from turning right at the intersection of Main st. and Central ave., in order to avoid considerable traffic congestion at that intersection.

Thorpe suggests instead that motorists who want to get from Central ave., to west Medford turn right at Fourth st., and proceed west to Grape st., before joining the Main st. traffic.

The Central ave.-Main st. intersection has a designated right turn lane, Thorpe points out, and adds that it will still be legal to make right turns at the intersection. However, Thorpe says "we anticipate an unusually large vehicle load (at the intersection) and it will save everybody time if motorists will by-pass it."

If motorists so choose, he said, they can proceed through the Central ave.-Main intersection and then turn right at the next westbound through street which is 11th st.

The unusual amount of congestion at the Central ave.-Main st. intersection is only temporary and traffic will probably revert to normal after the Christmas rush is over, according to Thorpe.

Story Hour Set Tuesday Morning

The regular pre-school story time in the children's department of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county will be Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Harold Smith will be guest story teller, and the program will feature Christmas stories. "The Night Before Christmas" by Clement Moore will be done.

The setting is appropriately enough before the Christmas tree grove in the children's department. The tree trimmings were done by Girl Scout Troop 181 of St. Mary's school, Mrs. Ron Caperna, leader.

In addition to the stories the program will include rhymes and simple games for little children.

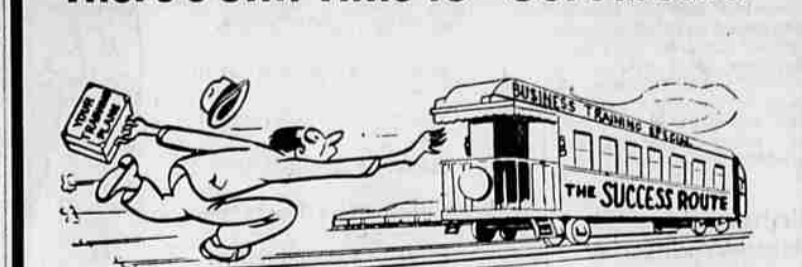
The children's department opens at 10 a.m. daily to enable mothers and pre-school children to browse during school hours.

Savings Bond Sales Reported on Rise

The holdings of United States savings bonds have risen above the 43 billion dollar mark for the first time in the bond program's history, it was announced today.

Sales of the bonds throughout Oregon for November totaled \$2,571,504 up from the same period a year ago. Jackson county's sales for the month were \$77,473 compared to \$62,931 for November, 1959.

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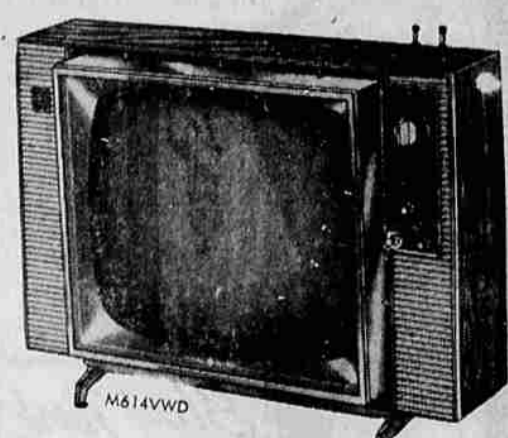
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