

Local and Personal

Surgery Patient—Convalescing at Crater Osteopathic hospital following major surgery Thursday is K. C. (Swedo) Wermark, 232 West Fifth st.

To Practice—Warren assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, in the Jacksonville Masonic temple for proficiency practice.

Honored—Howard Van Buren of Lea Motors, Medford, has been honored as one of the nation's top 100 Rambler salesmen for 1960. He received a trip to Kenosha, Wis., where Ramblers are built, then to Chicago and New Orleans. He was presented a pair of sterling silver cuff links.

Patients—Convalescing at Sacred Heart hospital following surgery are Douglas Tucker, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ned Tucker, 4913 Table Rock rd.; Melinda Burrell, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Unruh, 1404 Camp Baker rd.; and Richard L. Hughes, 736 Laurel st., Central Point. Medical patient there is Harold Hixson, box 193, Prospect.

Accidents—Oregon state police investigated two traffic accidents Wednesday. Cars driven by Lloyd Victor Bell, 17, of 4149 South Pacific highway, and Bernice Conan Higdon, 42, route 2, box 443, Phoenix, were badly damaged in a collision on South Pacific highway, officers reported. Minor damage resulted to vehicles driven by Charles Linley Ford, 1309 Thomas road, and Charles F. Hoppe, 70, of 305 Lozier lane, when they collided on Lozier lane, according to police.

Barn Fire—Ashland firemen were called to a barn fire at 505 Helman st. at 3:40 a.m. today. The barn owned by John R. Reynolds was extensively damaged, firemen said. Cause of the blaze hasn't been determined.

Windows Broken—Leo Rapp Thomas, city park superintendent, reported to city police Thursday that seven windows have been broken recently at the Hawthorne park swimming pool building. Thomas said the windows will cost about \$2.50 each to replace.

Gears Missing—Charles Lyle Hewitt, a member of the Southern Oregon Wheelers car club, told police Thursday that three sets of differential gears, valued at \$80, are missing from the group's club house at the county fairgrounds, and are presumed stolen. The differential gears are of the racing type.

4-H NEWS

Willing Workers The Willing Workers met at Mrs. John Anhorn's on Snowy Butte rd.

The meeting was called to order by Debbie Pierce. The flag salute was given by Kate Anhorn and Mary Ellen Kurz.

Under new business we decided to collect pop bottles for the March of Dimes. Our safety chairman gave a report on safety.

At our next meeting on Feb. 18 we will have a Valentine party.

Mary E. Kurz, Reporter

Obituaries

JOHN F. ERICKSON John F. Erickson, 72, of 21 South Holly st., died this morning at a local hospital. Funeral services will be announced by Perl Funeral home.

ZELLA C. GRIBBLE Mrs. Zella C. Gribble, 85, died yesterday in a Grants Pass nursing home. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m., in the Chapel of Memories, Memory Gardens Funeral home.

MRS. ANN JOHNSON Mrs. Ann Johnson died this morning at the home of her son at 2355 Roberts rd. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris, funeral directors.

Weather

Medford and vicinity: Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday. A few showers tonight. Patches of rain Saturday morning. Rain late Saturday. Low tonight 42. High Saturday 48.

Western Oregon: Partial clearing and a few brief showers and patches of valley fog tonight and early Saturday, becoming cloudy during the day with rain likely by evening. Mild temperatures except cooler tonight. Low tonight 34-42. High Saturday 48-56.

Northern California: A few showers in extreme north tonight, otherwise, fair tonight and Saturday, except areas of fog and low clouds in valleys and along coast in night and morning. Slightly cooler to night.

LOCAL DATA TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 53; above normal 12. Record high this date 61 in 1928. Record low this date 9 in 1950. PRECIPITATION: 24 hours to midnight, .52 inch. Midnight to 10 a.m., Trace.

Total this month 49 inch, 33 inch above normal. Total since Sept. 1, 6.58 inches, 2.45 inches below normal. HUMIDITY: Lowest yesterday 35%; highest this a.m. 95%.

Table with columns: City, Yesterday, Low, Precip. Includes Brookings, Crater Lake, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, MEDFORD, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Yakima, Eureka, Red Bluff, Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Denver, Chicago, Miami Beach, New York, Washington, D.C.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST (Through Feb. 8) Western Oregon—Western Washington—Temperatures above normal and more than normal precipitation in recurring rain. High temperatures generally 30-38 in western Oregon and 40-54 in western Washington. Minimums 36-46.

Northern California—Occasional rain in extreme north portion in first part of period, spreading over most of area early next week. Above normal temperatures.

Over-the-Counter Western Stocks The following bid and asked quotations, from the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., do not represent actual transactions. They are a guide to the range within which these securities could have been sold (indicated by the "bid") or bought (indicated by the "asked") at the time of compilation.

Table with columns: Common Stocks, Bid, Asked. Includes Bank of America, Calif.-Pacific Utilities, Cascades Plywood, Cons. Freightways, Conoco, Cyprus Mines Corp., First National Bank, Morrison-Knudsen, Northwest Nat. Gas, Pacific Pwr. & Lt., Permanente Cement, Portland Gen. Elec., U.S. National Bank, United Utilities, West Coast Tel., Weverhauser.

Portland Livestock Portland—(UPI)—USDA—Cattle 1700. Choice slaughter steers 25.00; high good-choice 25.50-16; good 23-24.50; standard 20-22.50; high good-low choice heifers 24; corner-cutter cows 11-12; good-choice feeder steers 20-23.50.

Investment Funds

Table with columns: Fund, Bid, Asked. Includes Fidelity, Group Sec—Avia-Elec, Group Sec—Com Stk, Group Sec—Pet, Group Sec—Steel, Group Sec—Tobac, Keystone B-3, Keystone B-4, Keystone K-2, Keystone S-1, Keystone S-2, Keystone S-3, Keystone S-4, Mass. Inv. Grth Stk, TV-Elec, Value Line Inc, Wellington.

FARM SHRINKAGE Washington—The number of farms in the U.S. decreased from 6,800,000 in 1935 to only about 5,380,000 in 1950.

SKATING

TUES. NIGHT 7:30 SAT. NIGHT DOUBLE SESSION 7:30 TO 12:30 Sat. Afternoon Children's Safety Club 1 to 4 Sun. Afternoon 2 to 4:15 PHONE 6-5664. ROLLERDROME GRANTS PASS

STAR GAZER By CLAY R. FOLLAN Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Saturday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

Local Kindergarten Program Defended By Association

Kindergartens are not a part of the Oregon system of education in many parts of the state, the Southern Oregon Pre-School association reminded residents today in a statement issued by the association officers in defense of the local kindergarten program.

A controversy over the kindergarten program locally was started last week when Clarence L. Miller told the city planning commission that some kindergartens in the city, particularly dancing-school kindergartens, do not provide adequate pre-school training for children.

Miller had been requesting a variance to operate a kindergarten in a single-family zone. The request was denied by the commission when a number of residents in the area objected to having a commercial enterprise in their neighborhood.

The Southern Oregon Pre-School association's officers are Mrs. Robert Forbes, president; Mrs. Lester Harris, vice president; Mrs. John Kent, secretary; and Mrs. Doris Burkett, Mrs. Jane Coverstone, and Mrs. Paul Ashby.

Association's Statement The association's statement follows: "There are no laws governing who shall direct a kindergarten program or what shall be taught. Because of this, a group of concerned persons throughout the state met together and formed the Oregon Pre-School association.

"A committee was elected to study the standards and procedures in all states and to propose adoption of the best of these for members of the association. Miss Jean Spaulding of the state department of education is a member of the association."

Membership in the association is open to teachers, directors, parents, students and others who are interested in the welfare of the child from two to six years of age. The association provides the opportunity for members to meet for discussion, learning and observation, and to learn from each other, from our schools and from trained people in our own and related fields. The local association is affiliated with both the state and national associations.

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Cement Makers Expect 1961 To Be Better Than Past Year

By HENRY J. BECHTOLD UPI Financial Editor New York—(UPI)—The cement makers are willing to forget 1960 if 1961 will let them.



Henry Bechtold Wall Street already has begun to feel better about the industry, according to Investor's Reader. It noted that cement stocks, which had been falling steadily since the middle of 1959, began to turn last October and have enjoyed a 16 per cent recovery thus far.

Cement makers vigorously expanded and modernized their facilities during the 1950s, first to take care of heavy postwar construction demands, and later in preparation for the anticipated soaring sixties.

But 1960 brought the industry more than its share of woes, according to the Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith publication.

It started with an almost nationwide epidemic of unseasonable weather which made the normally poor first quarter even worse. As the year went on the 18 per cent drop in housing starts added to the cement crumble.

Highways Add to Woe The hardest blow of all, the magazine said, was the slow pace of the nation's highway program which most cement makers had expected to shift into high gear in 1960.

Cement shipments last year slipped to an estimated 310 million barrels or 6 per cent below the record 329 million barrels delivered in 1959.

This combined with weak prices and rising costs brought a sharp decline in profits for most cement companies.

As if the poor business and bad weather were not enough, cement makers also were hit by a one-two legal punch. This dealt with percentage depletion, the tax write-off allowed extractors of minerals.

And most of the leaders in this industry figure this year is bound to show an improvement over a disappointing 1960.

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ducers reluctantly decided to pay the additional taxes, and they were far from light. One firm had to borrow \$12 million to pay its taxes. Several firms also cut their dividends and curtailed year-end extras.

This is why the cement makers are willing to forget 1960. They now look for increased benefits from anticipated increases in highway construction, heavy construction and housing starts. One producer sees a 5 per cent rise in cement shipments this year.

Congress Decides They also sued for tax refunds for 1951-56 when they had calculated on a kiln-feed basis—the value of the material as it is tossed into the kiln. Investor's Reader noted.

But Congress last summer passed a law establishing the kiln-feed method as the official valuation point for cement, starting the first of this year. In addition, the cement companies were given until Nov. 15, 1960 to either relinquish tax claims for prior years and agree to pay additional taxes for the years 1957-60, or continue the risky fight in the courts.

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