

Use of County's Public Library Increases 28 Per Cent in Year

The use of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county during March increased 28 per cent over a year ago, according to Omar A. Bacon, librarian.

The increase is from 21,800 books borrowed for home use in March 1960 compared to 28,000 this year. The greatest increase was in the county branch libraries, where the increase amounted to 3,900 books or 114 per cent, he said.

The March use follows the general heavy use which started with the current fiscal year last July. The home use of books increased 30.5 per cent in the nine months beginning July 1. This represents 48,500 more books borrowed from branch libraries and downtown Medford, or an increase of almost one book per person. The branch libraries increased 107 per cent and the Medford library 18 per cent.

More Using Library

Many more persons are using the services of the library now than last year. There have been 5,100 new users in the nine months, compared to only 3,700 borrowers whose registration expired. This is a net gain of 1,400 persons, or 38 per cent, Bacon noted. Each month an average of 145 new patrons are added to the total served.

Other services of the library show equal gains. More persons use the reading room facilities, and more children attend the story hour each week, he said. Publicity of the story hour had to be discontinued to hold attendance within the capacity of the library facilities.

There are many reasons for the increased use of the library, according to Bacon. The main reason is the fact that the library represents the basic source of adult information and cultural knowledge in the county.

The public library is the only agency charged with providing general information for adults, and is a supplementary source for students of all ages.

Another Reason

The next greatest reason for the rapid increase in the library use is due to the increased budget for the current year.

The city of Medford provided an increase of \$4,011, Jackson county court, \$14,404, and a state library grant \$27,000 for a total of \$45,415 increase.

These funds made it possible to open the branch libraries many more hours, start a branch in Prospect, and provide quantities of new books, pamphlets, and records to the entire county.

Since the library has been depressed for many years when compared to libraries of Klamath, Douglas, and Josephine counties, this "shot in the arm" from the increased funds produced a rapid increase in library use and users, Bacon said.

Becoming Cultural Center

As a result of the increased budget and general acceptance, the public library is on the road to equality with neighboring counties, and to the total served.

Ashland Man Pleads Guilty To Petty Theft

Ashland - Michael Bow Kin Lam, 19, of 455 South Mountain ave., Ashland, pleaded guilty to a charge of petty theft in Ashland municipal court yesterday.

Lam was sentenced to five months in jail and was ordered to pay a \$25 fine. The charge originated from the theft of an item from an Ashland grocery store April 8, Ashland police said.

becoming an effective cultural service.

The future of the public library depends on continued generous support, according to Richard H. Travis, president of the Public library trustees.

The state grant of \$27,000 ends July 1 this year. Unless local support is increased for the coming year, library service will drop back toward the limited service of prior years. Present library users will be turned away unless funds are available for more help and more books, he said.

The budget presented to the county court and the city provides for an increase of \$28,771 from the two bodies, Travis said.

City's Share

The city's share was set at \$7,159, and includes \$3,939 to improve the lights in the Medford library reading rooms. Better lighting was recommended as a result of study by the California Oregon Power company, which showed that light levels in the reading room ranged from 3 to 20 candlepower. Recommended levels range from 60 to 75 candlepower.

The county court is asked for an increase of \$21,612 for the coming year, according to Travis. The increase will be used to keep the Prospect library open for 12 months instead of 8, as this year, and to open the busy Central Point library 40 hours a week, instead of the present 30 hours.

It will also provide \$6,500 increase for books and magazines. Telephones for the branch libraries are also included.

Total Requested

The total budget requested this year is for \$120,754, compared to \$114,704 last year. A total of \$87,876 is requested from the county, \$42,303 from the city of Medford, and \$10,575 from miscellaneous fees and services. These services will include \$1,000 from Ashland public library for cataloging their adult books, and \$1,500 from the Jackson County Curriculum Materials Center for cataloging its materials.

Library fees and services is increased by \$4,875 over the budget of 1960-61.

The public library is providing an important service open to all the people of the county, Travis noted. It now has registered more than 25 per cent of the people in its area. When children under five are excluded and family cards are included, it easily directly serves half the people of the county. The other half benefit indirectly.

"It is our hope," Travis said "that funds will be available to continue our present level of service."



GREETINGS!—When the Philadelphia Children's Zoo opened for the season, a llama seemed as glad to see eight-year-old Robin Faigenbaum as she did to see him. (UPI Telephoto)

4-H NEWS

Busy Beavers

The Busy Beavers 4-H club met at the home of Charles Mose recently.

The meeting started at 7:30, and the 4-H members brought their enrollment cards to be signed by the leaders.

Planting shrubs at the Sams Valley school was discussed. Cynthia Pleasant's cousin, Maria Ysunza was visiting. Carole Jackel, Reporter

Modern architecture requires trees and shrubs and landscaping in general to provide warmth and naturalness to man-made buildings, according to the American Association of Nurserymen, whether they are homes, factories, or other structures.

WHO IS J. R.?

Measures Signed By Gov. Hatfield

Salem - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield Tuesday signed into law SB75, extending civil rights laws to all goods and services offered to the public.

Other bills signed:

SB4 - Deferring reappraisal in certain counties.

SB29 - Highway abandoned vehicle account funds.

SB30 - Chauffeurs' licenses.

SB31 - Permitting initial vehicle registration up to 15 months.

HB1320 - Chiropractors' examining board renamed podiatrists' examining board.

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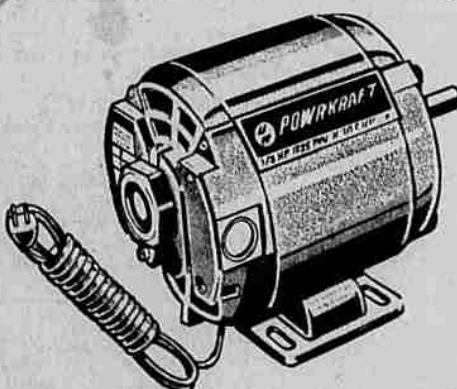
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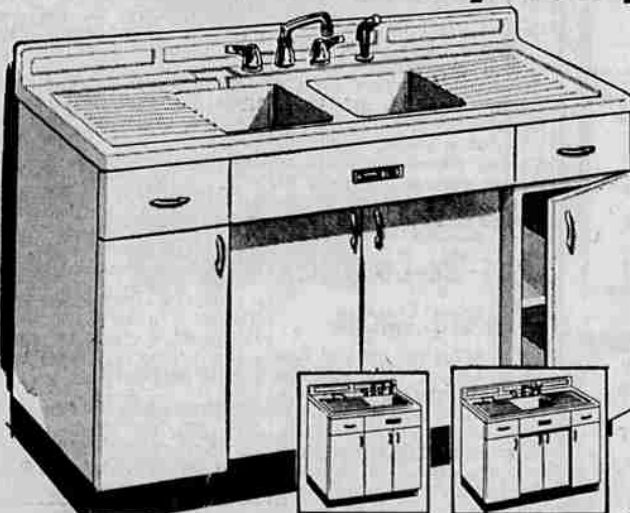
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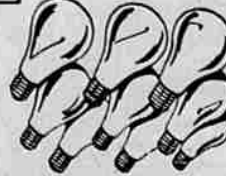
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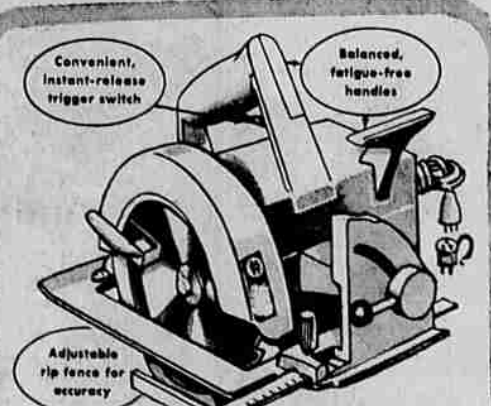


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Turkey Gets New Phone Number To Help Eviction

Massena, N.Y.—(UPI)—"Tom the Telephone Turkey" may be making a long distance move today.

Tom is a 15-pound, three-foot, wild turkey who likes the comforts of the aluminum telephone booths at Barnhart Island State Park.

Park directors, who think telephone booths should be reserved for people, are planning to net Tom and ship him off to the Thousand Islands State Park about 100 miles west of here.

The officials are depending on seven lady wild turkeys at the Thousand Islands Park to woo Tom back to the joys of forest and swamp.

Officials were going to bring a hen turkey to Tom, but the ladies turned out to be as hard to catch as Tom was to net. Park Director Charles Mitchell said.

Tom was having his troubles too. Ever since Friday when his telephone number appeared in print, his phone has been ringing almost constantly.

Park rangers discovered Monday that Tom had moved to a new booth, about a half-mile away, apparently to escape the ringing. The unsympathetic rangers immediately revealed Tom's new number - Rockwell 9-9773.

PLAYING THE GAME

Newsman Devise Game To Keep From Falling Asleep in Press Gallery

By DICK WEST

Washington - (UPI) - One of the problems that many Washington newspapermen must cope with is how to keep from falling asleep during congressional debates.

In saying that, I don't mean to imply that we journalists are unduly prone to drowsiness or that all forensic activity in the House and Senate is necessarily conducive to somnolence.

The oratory, at times, can be stimulating, or at least irritating, so that wakefulness presents no difficulty.

The problem only arises when the floor is being held by a certain group of lawgivers whose speeches, if they could be bottled, would quickly corner the sleeping pill market.

There is no written rule that I know of that expressly forbids slumbering in the press galleries, but anything more than an occasional catnap is considered bad form.

Pinch and Punch

For this reason, the gallery occupants must improvise ways of staying awake. Some of them pinch themselves, some take turns pinching each other, and some of us more scholarly types play the sponsor game.

The object of this game is to think up odd kinds of legislation that could be introduced and then pick the appropriate members of Congress to sponsor the measures.

For example, one of the players recently hit upon a proposal to change the size of coins so that dimes would no longer be smaller than nickels and pennies.

As sponsor of this measure, he selected Rep. Paul A. Fino (pronounced "Feeno"). Thus it became known, under the rules of the game, as "The Fino Mint Bill."

The real sport, however, comes from the invention of mythical bills that have co-

sponsors. In this category, the players must find combinations of congressmen to match the legislation.

Three Choices

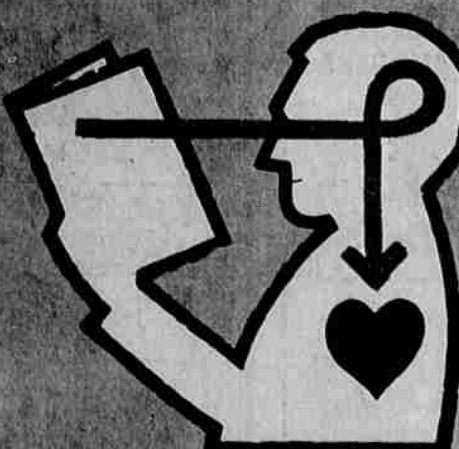
If the measure happened to deal with farming, the logical sponsor would be Sen. Norris Cotton. Then the player would have a choice of three possible co-sponsors.

He could have a "Cotton-Hull Bill," or a "Cotton-Bush Bill," or a "Cotton-Mills Bill," depending on whether he picked Sen. Prescott Bush, or Rep. W. R. Hull Jr., or Rep. Wilbur D. Mills.

Each player writes on a slip of paper a brief description of the legislation and then lists the co-sponsors. The last time I played the game, we had measures that:

- Required all homeowners to have a backyard bomb shelter; The Diggs-Celler Bill.
- Established rates for use of federal highways: The Toll-Rhodes Bill.
- Required disclosure of gambling operations: The Baring-Betts Bill.
- Set standards for carbine manufacturers: The Short-Refel Bill.
- Fixed minimum wages for chefs: The Kitchen-Cook Bill.

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