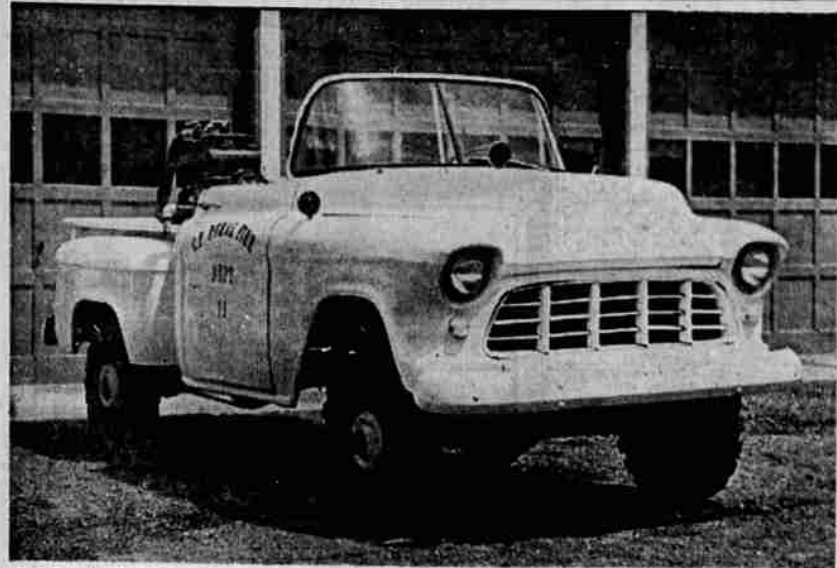




FIRE FIGHTER—This grass fire fighting rig, put together by volunteer firemen of the Central Point rural fire protection district, is now in service after two months of work. The rig was built up from a totally wrecked four-wheel drive 1956 Chevrolet truck, bought from a junk yard. A tank was installed on the back along with a portable pump. The new equipment replaces a 1943 military jeep and was provided at considerable saving to the district. Total cost was \$635 with part of the funds provided by sale of the jeep. It is figured that a new truck so equipped would cost about \$4,000.

THE WEEK IN CALIFORNIA

Unemployment Declines; SRI Predicts Population Increase

By United Press International
Gov. Edmund G. Brown announced that unemployment fell by 81,000 in California during April.

The jobless level dipped from 8.3 per cent to 7 per cent of the work force during the month, the Governor said. "Only in two other years has there been a larger March-to-April decline in unemployment since the end of World War II," Brown said. "This is a heartening sign that our efforts to drive down unemployment in California are hitting home," he said.

"We will continue to act on every front to bring this level down even further."

Brown said Irving Perliuss, director of employment, had reported to him that while unemployment was decreasing, employment showed an overall increase of 67,000.

Institute Prediction
From the Stanford Research Institute came a prediction that California's population, now 15.7 million, will grow to 19 million by 1970 and 24.7 million by 1980. The 12-man team which conducted the study predicted

ed that California will continue to grow at a faster rate than the rest of the nation, but at a slower rate than during the past decade.

The report was begun in 1958. It said the rate of economic expansion during the 1950s was based on rapid growth of defense and aircraft industries in California.

But it said that no other basic industry with such massive growth potential in the next decade was found in the study, indicating the future rate of growth will be slower.

Forecasts Are Lower
SRI's population forecasts for the next two decades were lower than the estimates in most other studies. The institute said its forecasts were based on the availability of jobs in the state rather than on birth and migration patterns.

The report said the rate of increase in economic expansion would be greatest in the south coastal area around Vandenberg Air Force base and in the Sacramento area. Elsewhere, there were these developments:

Water: William E. Warne, state director of water resources, predicted that "a dry, dusty summer lies ahead for much of California south of Sacramento." Warne said "the rainy season is now over, and our earlier predictions of a dry year have been irrevocably realized."

He claimed that the state's few April showers were generally deficient and were of little value to areas south of the Tehachapis. The northern portion of the state and areas served by water stored in Shasta reservoir will have generally adequate supplies this season, Warne said.

However, his forecast was that the San Joaquin Valley and central coastal areas will have "extremely deficient supplies for the third consecutive year, with supplies this year comparable to those of the record low years of 1924 and 1931." In the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley, Warne said, runoff of the Kern river this year is expected to set a new record low.

South of the Tehachapis, he said, "the drought continues unabated, and imported supplies continue to be necessary for survival."

Moss: Daryl Moss, a 15-year-old honor student, was found guilty of first and second degree murder in Weaverville for the fatal shooting of his mother and father. Superior Judge Harold Underwood announced the verdict at a brief non-jury trial, highlighted by the defense stipulation that the youth had slain his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Veril Moss, a spokesman for the state department of corrections said that Moss would go to Deuel Vocational Institution near Tracy, Calif., which handles young men between 18 and 25 years of age.

Benicia: The defense department reaffirmed its decision to close Benicia Arsenal by a gradual process that will eliminate 1,700 jobs in the San Francisco area over the next three years. Benicia was on the list of 73 military installations which Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara said March 30 would be closed.

Rocket: An American rocket powered by an atomic reactor may leave a launch pad sometime in 1966-67, Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, predicted. Seaborg said in a San Francisco speech that scientists at the Los Alamos, N.M., laboratory have developed and successfully ground-tested three experimental reactors.

School News

St. Mary's School

Reported by Eileen Pullman
Student body officers for the 1961-62 school year, elected May 9, are president, David Lowry, junior; vice president, Douglas Snider, junior; secretary, Marylee Lowry, sophomore; treasurer, Paul Elliott, junior; and yell queen, Laura Batzer, sophomore.

Class presidents were also elected last week for next year. Leading the Class of 1962 will be Susan Reavis; the Class of 1963, Barbara Lewis and James Calhoun; and the Class of 1964, Jeff Randolph and Bob Viola.

The seniors observed their annual Skip Day May 10 at Shasta lake, California.

St. Mary's grade and high school students had a holiday Ascension Thursday, May 11.

Walker, Ashland

The three first grades took a trip to Millard Tinker farm. They saw all kinds of farm animals. Many kind neighbors in the Valleyview area donated animals and time.

Walker school will have a visitation day for children in the Walker district who will be six on or before Nov. 15. Next year's first graders will visit the first grade classrooms while their parents discuss school policies with Mrs. Ethel Mae Kanceller, school nurse, and David Hill, principal. Refreshments will be served by the PTA.

Miss Lois May's second grade boys and girls have been making paper mache birds. They have made robins, cardinals, crows and other birds recently studied. The

class planted a garden in the room. The flowers and vegetable are growing. The class will demonstrate ball handling skills May 19 during the Music-PE program at the high school.

Johnny Delsman brought two small rabbits to visit the room.

Third grade students in Mrs. Alta Lisonbee's class presented "The Busy Bees Pioneer Program" recently for their parents. Miss Shirley Irwin, student teacher, assisted with the program.

Mark Herndobler, class president, greeted parents, and each child reported on a phase of the unit activities. Songs, pioneer dances, and creative stories were presented, and things made by the class were explained.

During the unit, the class made a window mural showing the pioneers' route from Independence.

Mrs. Reva Bayless, Mrs. Trubee Bell, and Mrs. Kittie Robertson's classes planned a trip to the Medford airport Friday as a culmination of their transportation unit in social studies. At the airport they visited the weather station and tower.

Mrs. Trubee Bell's fourth

grade received a letter last week from Ralph A. Dungan, special assistant to the President. The letter expressed appreciation for the class's friendly thought in writing to John F. Kennedy when he became President of the United States.

Thanks to an excellent repair job on an aquarium by Billy Center's father, Jack Center, Mrs. Bell's fourth grade has made a lovely terrarium, complete with little pool, miniature plants, and a tiny tree frog named Harold. The class has been fascinated watching nature's water cycle inside the terrarium, for a constant "rain storm" keeps the air moist and warm and the earth wet.

The fourth grade has also made an exhibit of foods good for healthy living. An attractive counter of paper mache foods, plus illustrated posters describing them, have helped the class appreciate the value of proper eating, in a productive and pleasant fashion.

On Thursday night, the three fifth grades of Walker school had a skating party. It was the second skating party of the year. Fifth grade teachers and parents accompanied them.

John Cady's class had a Hawaiian luau at lunch Friday. A typical Hawaiian menu was planned and prepared by the class.

Committee chairmen for

the luau were Marsha Kaegi, food; Jim Williams, program; Susan Poulsen, decorations, and Linda Lyda, cleanup.

Marvin Gettling's room is studying terms on space. They are looking up words like "elliptical," "astrobology," and "curvature."

All sixth grades at Walker school spent Monday afternoon at the new junior high for a visitation day. The group was greeted by Willard Smith, principal, and members of the student government.

A short discussion on the various classes and activities was presented, and a tour of the new building was conducted for the visiting classes.

Mike Bevins and Mike Hussey report that Walker school boys and girls have started on intramural track. Track events are the soft ball throw for distance, shotput, 40 and 60 yard dashes, hurdle dash, broad jump, and high jump.

Track coaches are Miss Aileen Inlow and Lyman Pruitt. A large group of students have turned out for the intramural activity and are preparing for a city track meet to be held at the high school toward the end of May.

Don Cowan, director of the YMCA, and Bruce Burns, summer camp director, spoke to the fourth, fifth, and sixth

grades and showed slides of a day at the Diamond Lake summer camp. They gave information concerning fees, safety precautions, and food for the camp.

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins
(Register and Tribune Syndicate 1961)

'Ali Baba, Baa, Baa'

Was Stomper and Pest
It was a peculiar coincidence that there happened to be exactly 40 of his associates, even though they were not thieves.

That fact plus the plaintive call he uttered, left no doubt that his name should be, "Ali Baba, baa, baa." His "baa baa" also turned out to be as effective in demanding that the kitchen door be opened as was the original Ali Baba's "open sesame" in opening the door to the treasure house.

For "Ali Baba, baa, baa" was a pet sheep whose cloven hooves always rattled on the farm house back porch just before he insisted, by pitiful bleating, that he "wanted in." He was born in a sheep barn and became an orphan at the tender age of three days. To save his life he was carried to the farmhouse and fed with a bottle. The farmer's wife named him, and "Ali Baba, baa, baa" became the pest of the household.

Stomped Around

Dog-like, he trotted along behind any human he could catch up with. When no one was close enough, he stomped around on the back porch, tipping over everything, butting into the screen door, demanding entrance into the kitchen. Once inside he was worse than the "bull in the China shop."

Unlike any dog, "Ali Baba, baa, baa" never obeyed a command. "Stop, quit, don't" or "get out," even when shouted in an angry voice, were always completely ignored. He would neither come when he was called or go when he was dismissed.

He always wanted his own way. He would suffer no interference with any plans he had. He was a pest always present, always ready to dash into the kitchen, or to tip over whatever was upright on the back porch. The porch became his "stomping ground," and he insisted that it be kept entirely clear of everything except himself.

Fact Ignored

"Ali Baba, baa, baa" completely ignored the fact that

he had been born a sheep. He retained no remembrance that he was born in a sheep barn; he retained no relationship with his species.

He had become a "porch stomper," a pest, a noisy nuisance. He lived on the porch; spent his days and his nights there; all times except when he blundered his way into the kitchen.

"Ali Baba, baa, baa" was rightly named. He was 40 kinds of trouble. A pet lamb that glorified in always being where he wasn't wanted, doing things he wasn't supposed to do.

Elk-Trail Eighth Grade Banquet Set

Elk-Trail—Members of the Eagle Point High school faculty will speak at the annual banquet of Elk-Trail school eighth grade Thursday, May 18. The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. at the school.

Speakers who will explain the district's high school program to students and their parents attending the event will be Richard Traylor, high school principal, and William Hall, Nat Etzel, Vern Steward and Dale Bates.

Traylor will introduce a number of outstanding high school seniors who will tell what the high school program mean to an incoming freshman.

Civil Service Seeks Securities Investigator

Qualified applicants are still being sought by the U. S. civil service commission for filling securities investigator positions with the Securities and Exchange commission. Applications must be filed with the executive secretary, board of U.S. civil service examiners, securities and exchange commission, 425 Second St., N.W., Washington, D.C. Additional information may be obtained from L. B. Nelson, examiner for the civil service, Medford post office.

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Local Students Get Fellowships

Portland — Two Medford medical students at the University of Oregon medical school have been awarded \$800 summer research fellowships to take part in research programs at the school this summer, according to Dr. David W. E. Baird, dean.

Thomas A. Gail, sophomore, will study in the department of bacteriology under the supervision of Dr. Ernest A. Meyer, instructor in bacteriology. Gail is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Gail, 416 South Groveland ave., Medford.

Richard H. Johnson, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Perry M. Johnson, will learn research techniques in psychiatry under the direction of Dr. Richard F. Thompson, assistant professor of medical psychology. Johnson is a junior medical student, working for his master of science degree also.

The fellowships are designed to give a student an opportunity to test his interest in investigative work, to examine ideas and questions which excite his curiosity, to develop skills in research technique, and to inquire more deeply into a field of interest to him, Dr. Baird said.

Funds to provide the 21 fellowships awarded this year were derived from grants by the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, Rybke Fund, Lederle Foundation, and Tobacco Industry Research Foundation.

Both Gail and Johnson are 1954 graduates of Medford High school. Johnson received his premedical education at the University of Oregon, Eugene, and Gail studied at Willamette university, Salem.

Medford Graduate Retires From Service

Lt. Col. Jack L. Paxton, who graduated from Medford High school in 1933, recently retired after many years service with the Army.

The officer enlisted in the Army in 1933 at Vancouver, Wash., after two years' service with the Oregon National Guard. He had been assigned as personnel officer, second Howitzer battalion, 1st artillery, Ft. Lewis, pending approval of his application for retirement.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Paxton and their four children have been residing at Federal Way, Wash. They plan to move to Seattle.

LEGAL NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the Jackson County Court on or before 10:30 A.M., May 17, 1961, for electrical work, including installation of new fixtures and removal and relocation of several existing fixtures for the Curriculum Materials Center and the Civil Defense Department in the Court House Annex, Medford, Oregon. Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained at the County Clerk's Office or the Curriculum Materials Center.
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