



CHECKER CAB—The Courtesy Cab company of Medford has added a "Checker cab" to its fleet of taxicabs. According to John Hill, (pictured standing by the cab) the vehicle is made by a firm in Kalamazoo, Mich., especially for use as a taxi-cab. It is higher, wider and more interior room than the average passenger car; and the back door is wide enough to facilitate a wheelchair. Hill said Checker cabs are widely used by companies in the East, but not so much on the West Coast. He said if the cab proves acceptable to the Medford public, the company may convert its entire five-car fleet to Checker cabs.

Tri-County Outdoor Education Council Meets in Ashland

Ashland—A tri-county Conservation Outdoor Education Council was formed last week at Southern Oregon college when representatives from Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties met on the college campus.

Alexander Petersen, head of the SOC department of physical education and health, was named chairman. Alf B. Mekvold, Jackson county superintendent of schools, William Schoenleber, Grant's Pass school board member, Elizabeth Brixner, Klamath county schools curriculum director, and Bruce Davidson of the Josephine county court, were named to the council.

The meeting was the second of those interested in promoting outdoor education within the last month. Besides school personnel, persons connected with parks, recreation, forests and land management attended.

Asa Twombly, Union Creek ranger; Ross Youngblood, bureau of land management; Ralph Jones, superintendent of schools of Grants Pass; William Ward, director of laboratory experiences at SOC; Dr. Irene Hollenbeck, professor of science at SOC; and President Elmo Stevenson of SOC, with those named to the council, constituted the group which aims to promote this new phase of education.

An action program was developed after the historical aspects of conservation and outdoor education had been presented by Dr. Peterson. The council was formed, and it was charged with the task of carrying on pilot programs within the year in all three counties.

Camp sites which can be used by school children on the year round basis will be studied, selected, and developed. The college will help

develop some outdoor specialists and will sparkplug the pilot programs for next year.

The location, selection and development of suitable sites will need to be a cooperative endeavor involving school districts, communities, counties, college, and interested citizens including parents, it was pointed out.

Conservation-outdoor education programs have spread from the middle states to the eastern and now into the western part of the country. California has several school districts carrying on a year round outdoor program. More than 250 school districts over the country have such programs.

West Side school in Medford conducted a pilot program in 1957. The Prineville schools and some in Salem have similar programs and this year the Springfield schools will conduct outdoor education as well.

'Beehive' Activity Noted at Domiciliary

White City — Beehive activity in the morning hours is the word picture of the Veterans Administration domiciliary, White City, as the housekeeping and other hundreds of chores are performed by the veteran members.

But Postmaster Art Scarseth scratched his head Thursday morning and wondered what to do with a post office receiving shipment of a hive of the real thing—bees.

Seems that Daniel Franklin, domiciliary member is branching out his enterprises. Not long ago he received 500 sweet potato plants and now comes the honey makers.

Scarseth's dilemma posed a problem — what if they should get loose in the seven miles of corridors in the domiciliary and get mad.

He solved it by calling the security guards who conveyed the buzzing shipment to a spot half a mile from the station grounds where Franklin, his sweet potatoes and bees are in production.

Two Valley Men To Attend Meeting Of Inspectors

Walter D. Jensen, local federal-state shipping point inspection service supervisor of the Oregon department of agriculture, plans to attend the annual division conference in Salem May 16 and 17. William Monroe, assistant supervisor, also will participate.

The yearly conferences are held to develop and improve inspection work programs to benefit the consumer and the fruit and vegetable industry.

State supervisors and their assistants, together with state and federal officials, will review activities of the past year; discuss new and revised U.S. grades and standards; examine problems relating to state fruit and vegetable inspection personnel; and outline plans for the 1961-62 work programs.

Panel discussions, moderated by officials, will cover methods of inspection and grading of pears, apples, potatoes, onions, and topics relating to processing and marketing of fruits and vegetables.

Principal conference speakers from the state department of agriculture will be J. F. Short, director; Hugh Taylor, chief of the plant industry division; and M. D. Murphy, federal supervisor. M. C. Erickson, USDA district supervisor fruit and vegetable division, and Edgar Johnson, assistant district supervisor, both from San Francisco, will discuss possible improvements in the inspection service.

Two Portland Men Arrested in Medford

Two Portland men were apprehended early Friday morning in Medford in a car which had been reported stolen from Salem.

Charged with concealing stolen property and lodged in the city jail are Sam Sloan Jr., 21, and Jimmie Lee Miner, 21. The two were arrested about 2:20 a.m. when police spotted them sitting in the car near a downtown church.

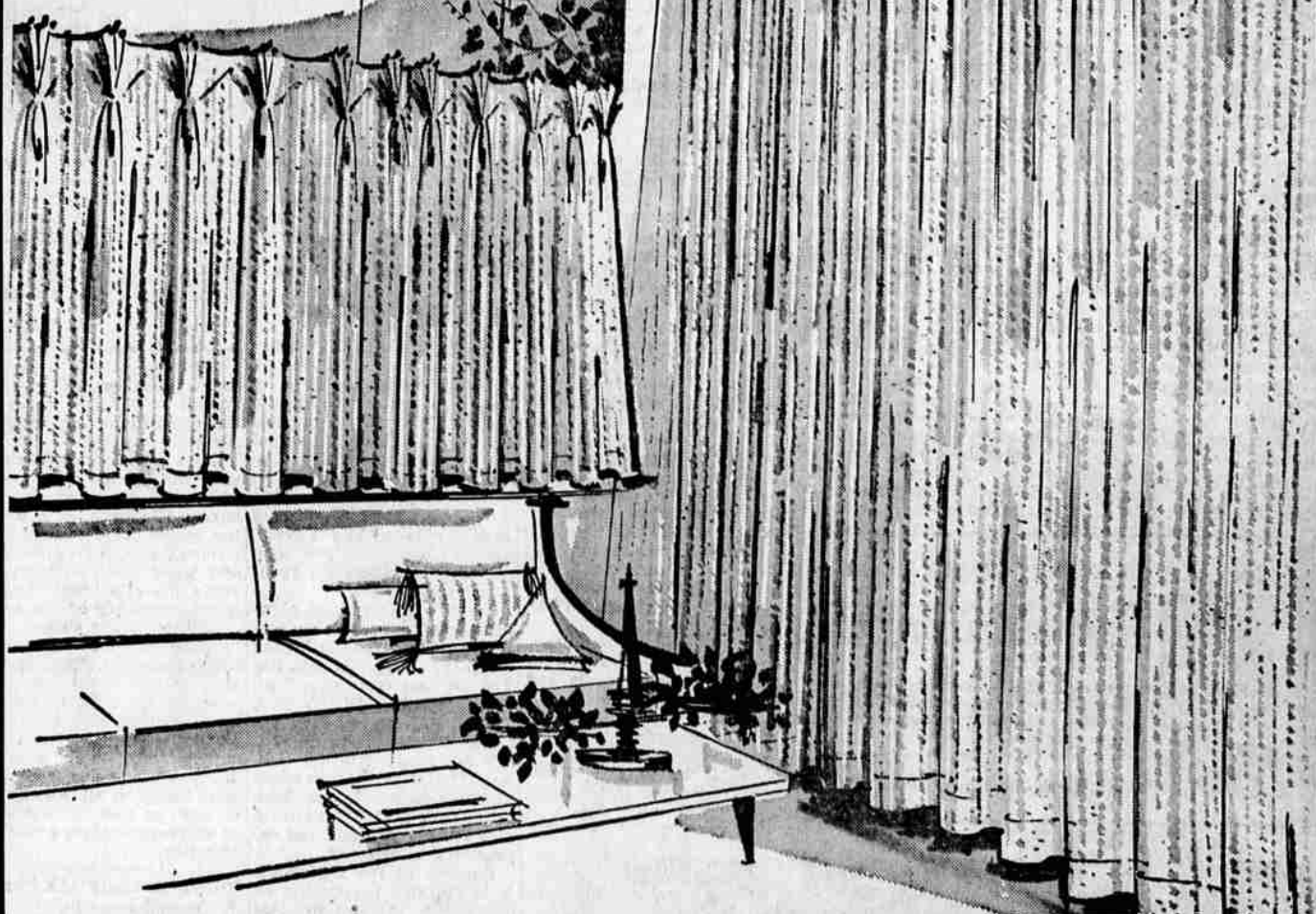
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