

# Need for Technical-Vocational Training Reported in County

The need for technical-vocational training exists in Jackson county, according to a preliminary report prepared for the Jackson County Superintendents' association by a three-man committee.

The study was undertaken to determine the extent of the need for a vocational-technical educational facility in Jackson county, the committee noted, and the preliminary report does not necessarily represent the views of the superintendents' association.

The committee said the extent of the need for vocational-technical training was determined by interviews with community leaders in business, welfare, employment and education.

## Two Factors Noted

Two factors were listed in the need for such training here:

1. The need of students for additional training to enable them to obtain and keep jobs.
2. The need of the economic community for technically trained personnel.

The first is the most serious, the committee found. "Students, principals, and others associated with the problem reflect the great need for additional training for non-college students," the committee said.

"In the business community only automobile mechanics were in short supply," the committee stated. "In three other areas there were marginal needs. There is a tremendous student need for additional training and a rather marginal need for additional technically trained personnel in our area."

## Suggest Modest Program

The committee suggested a modest program for a beginning.

This would include a building for \$150,000 and a total over-all program cost for the first year of \$61,794.31. Annual operational costs for following years, discounting possible increased enrollments, would be \$1,794.31.

Only fields of employment in which there seems to be more need for personnel are in mechanical automotive mechanics, a moderate need in carpentry, highly skilled electronics personnel and business education.

"A survey of technical-vocational schools in other Oregon areas indicate their type of programming is not now meeting the needs of the non-college bound student. Tuition costs in these schools tend to discourage participation," the committee reported.

## Express Strong Interest

This year's graduating class of senior men expressed a strong interest in such a program, and about 45 per cent indicated a desire to attend if such a program were offered. The high school principals were all enthusiastic in their support of vocational education and felt an extreme need exists for this type of school," the committee said.

In projecting the cost factors, the committee estimated an evening school with 125 students enrolled, with staff varying, and a day school of three instructors and 50 students enrolled.

It was estimated that the state might pay three-fourths of the cost of the \$100,000 building or \$112,500, and local sources one-fourth of the cost, or \$27,500.

Equipment and capital outlay is estimated at \$22,500.

**Annual Operating Costs**  
Annual operating costs for a day school are estimated at \$450 per 50 students whom it is estimated would form the beginning enrollment. This would total \$22,500.

It is estimated that the state would pay two-thirds of the cost, or \$22,331. Student fees at \$60 per student for three terms for 50 students is figured at \$9,000 for the year. The local district would provide \$1,169.

Student cost for evening school is figured at \$4,687.50. This is estimated at 125 students, 50 hours per student at 75 cents an hour.

It is estimated that the state would contribute \$3,124.69, student fees \$937.50, the local district \$625.31, for a total of \$4,687.50.

## Need More Workers

Nationally, it has been estimated that by 1970 the country will need 40 per cent more technically trained workers in construction, 25 per cent more service workers in finance, insurance, government service, real estate, and selling; 25 per cent more people in distributive occupations as business leaders and managers.

Each of 16 auto and truck dealers interviewed agreed there is an urgent need for mechanics who could repair all parts of a car, the committee noted.

All competent carpenters in the area are fully employed, a labor union source told the committee. Electrical workers are needed for installation.

maintenance and operation of highly automatic electrical operations.

## Not Urgent Need

Some machine operators will be needed for working with special alloys, but this need is not as urgent, the committee learned.

In radio and television repair, training is needed for handling complicated installations.

A questionnaire was issued Jackson county high school seniors in conjunction with the survey. A total of 475 senior boys returned the survey form, and of these, 204 indicated they would participate in a post-high school vocational-technical training program. Most interest was in automotive and diesel mechanics, electronics and business education.

## Surveyed Programs

The committee also surveyed programs in Eugene, Salem, Coos Bay and Astoria.

## Bus Lines Changes Central Point Stop

The Evergreen bus stop in Central Point will be changed effective Monday, June 4, company officials have announced.

The stop will be moved one block to Third and Pine sts. in front of the Central Point city hall. The stop was previously at Second and Pine sts.

The schedule of the buses will not change, officials noted, as the six stops will continue at the new location. They are at 8:30, 9:50 and 11:20 a.m. and 1:35, 3:50 and 5:25 p.m. daily.

to determine the type of program which could best fit this area.

Besides subjects mentioned, the committee listed the following one and two-year courses which could apply here: commercial photography, general drafting, highway engineering technician, practical nursing, radio communications, radio television, technical drafting, technical illustration.

The study committee included Dealous Cox, assistant superintendent, Jackson county schools; Lindsay Vinsel, director of adult education, Medford public schools; and John Crabb, director of distributive education, Medford public schools.

## Marshall Named Representative

J. Vernon Marshall, 815 West 12th st., Medford, will represent Local 397, American Federation of Musicians, AFL-CIO, at the 65th annual convention of the union at Pittsburgh, Pa. starting June 11.

Delegates will hear reports by their president, Herman Kenin; secretary, Stanley Ballard; and treasurer, George V. Clancy. Legislation and election of officers is on the agenda.

About 1,200 delegates representing some 700 locals and the quarter-million professional musicians of this country and Canada are expected to attend. The annual convention, which has been held since 1896 except for two war-time years, is the governing body of the union.



## BIRDING

By JOSEPH HICKS

On Wednesday, May 30, 25 observers from the Thomas McCamant Bird Society participated in the annual Memorial Day Jackson county bird count. A total of 132 species were reported; this count is only exceeded by the record count of 136 species seen May 30, 1961.

The founder of this society, The Rev. Thomas McCamant, came from his present home at Hubbard, Ore., to participate in the count.

Also participating were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scott, Dr. Franklin Sturges, James Temrite, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson, Dr. John Reynolds, John Linn III, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Mentzer, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lasher, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hubbard, Betty Jo Hicks, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Joseph Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Conway, Mrs. Ray Briggs, Mrs. Howard Bush, and Ralph Browning.

Although the bird count covered representative mountain and valley terrain in Jackson county, only 12 western bluebirds were seen as contrasted with the 52 reported in 1961. This is probably the result of large losses to this species of birds caused by the preceding severe winter.

On the credit side large numbers of western tanager, black-headed grosbeaks, and western kingbirds were reported. Also heartening a report that the hermit thrushes were back in abundance on the Mt. Ashland road and were singing beautifully at the present time.

As usual the mountainous country produced some of the most interesting birds. Callope hummingbirds, green tailed towhees, mountain chickadees, pileated woodpeckers, Swainson's thrushes, American bittern and others were seen from the Dead Indian rd. and Hiatt lake area. Above Ashland, on 119 Mt. Ashland rd. there were hermit warblers, Hammonds flycatchers, Nashville warblers, evening grosbeaks, and Townsend's solitaires.

The valley floor, too, produced some spectacular birds. An eastern kingbird, a northern phalarope, a black tern, and two Wilson's phalaropes were seen in the Hoover lake and game commission area.

Also seen on the game commission pond were a white-fronted and a snow goose. A mockingbird was reported as seen near the Sacred Heart hospital. Yellow-headed blackbirds and burrowing owls were in evidence near Hoover school. The blue-grey gnatcatcher was seen and heard near the rock quarry on Roxy Ann.

There are always some birds missed on these counts. This year was no exception as eagles, green herons, chestnut-backed chickadees, and screech or great horned owls were not reported.

The participants in this annual count have increased from year to year. Undoubtedly some of this increase can be attributed to the impetus given to birding by the establishment of an ornithology course at Southern Oregon college. As our observer corps grows, our bird reporting will increase in accuracy and in totals of species.

## Evangelist Notes 'Disease of Sin'

Chicago (UPI)—Only "radical surgery by Jesus Christ" can save mankind from the consequences of the "disease of sin," evangelist Billy Graham said last week.

Graham delivered the second sermon of his Chicago Crusade before 20,500 persons at McCormick Place Convention hall. About 200 persons marched to the front of the hall to make "decisions for Christ" during the service.

Graham said he was unconcerned that there were 13,000 fewer persons on hand Thursday night than on the opening night of the crusade Wednesday.

"The second night attendance of the crusade always is the lowest. This always happens and the crowds build up and up from the second night on."

"Only an idiot," the evangelist said, would maintain that all was well in the world when there is war in New Guinea and South Viet Nam, and "murder in Algeria that we haven't seen on the same scale since Nazi Germany."

He said, "We cannot solve our problems by the United Nations or by disarmament; or by any of these things until we get down to the root of sin."

## Workshop for Area Teachers Scheduled

Ashland Southern Oregon college, in cooperation with the Oregon state department of education, and Charles P. Haggerty, consultant on the education of able and gifted children, will offer a summer session workshop for teachers and administrators on education of the able and gifted, July 16-27.

Attention will be directed to a consideration of practical means through which communities and school districts can meet the needs of their areas.

The workshop will be instructed by Dr. Leon Lessinger, director of guidance and

psychological services for the Grossmont Union High school district, California. He obtained his doctorate from UCLA and for three years was the chief research consultant to the state of California project on gifted children.

Three term hours of graduate or undergraduate credit will be given. Inquiries relative to registration, housing, and additional details about the nature of the workshop may be directed to Dr. Bill A. Sampson, director of summer sessions, Southern Oregon college, Ashland.

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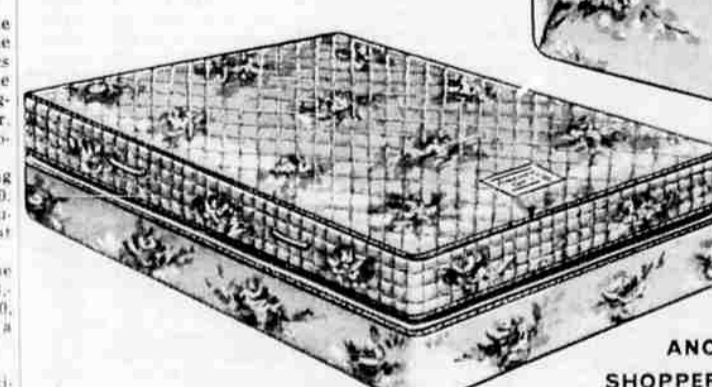
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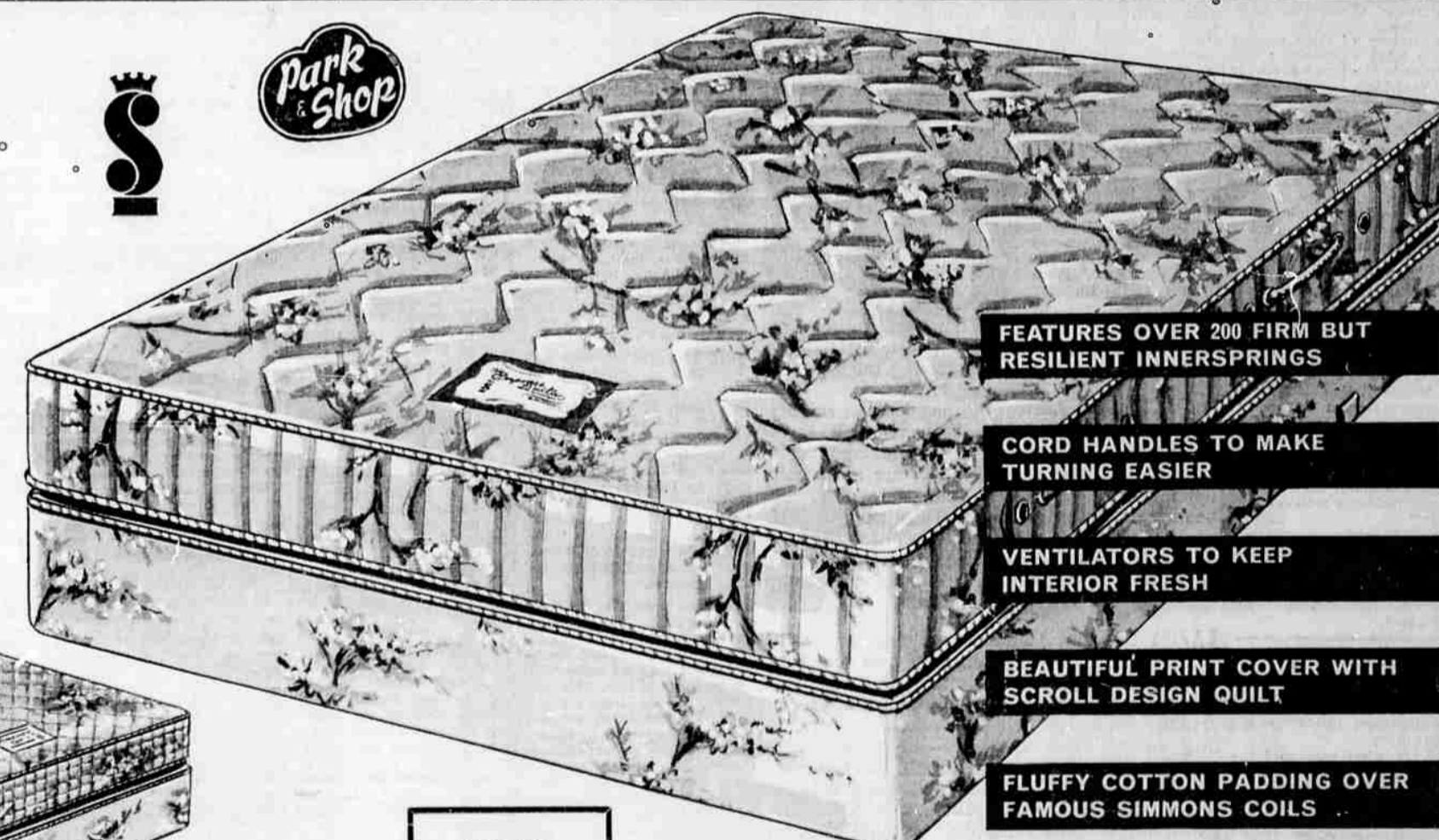
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