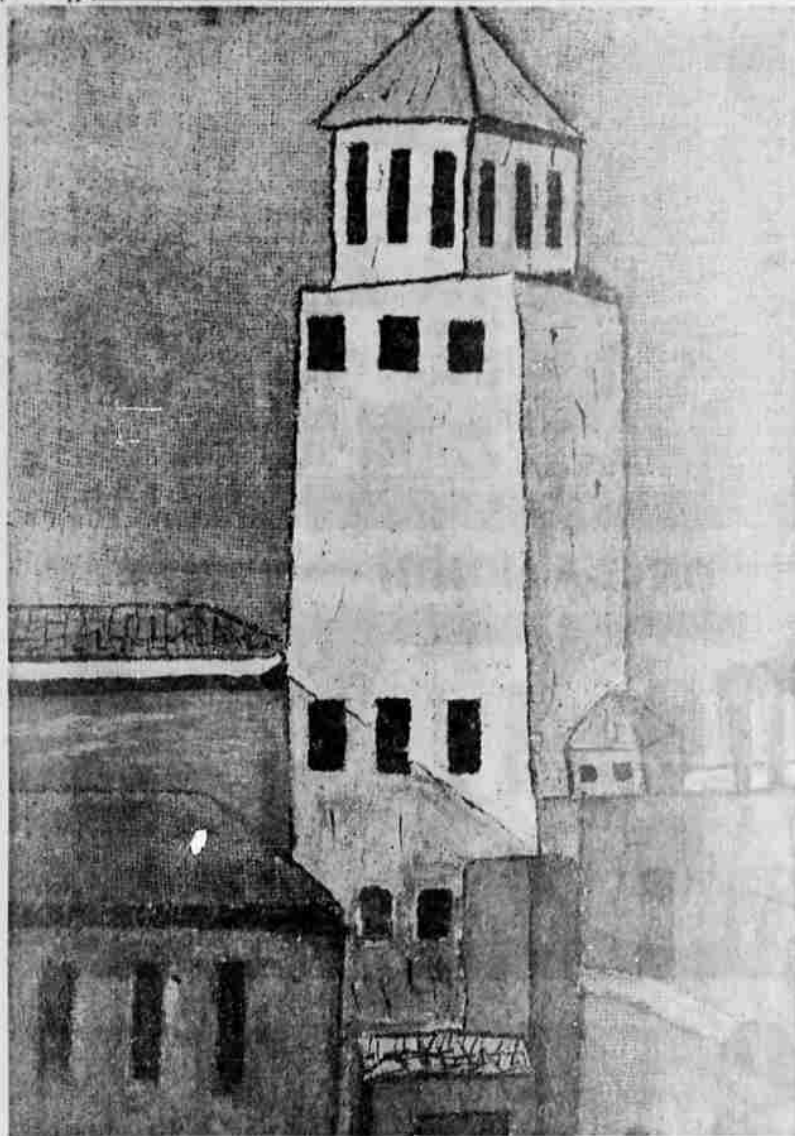




IN GALLERY—This painting by Bill Minne, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross A. Minne, 224 Vancouver ave., is hanging in the Junior gallery at the Nelson Gallery of Art in Kansas City, Mo. Entitled "Buildings," the watercolor utilized dark purple and sand colors on canvas. The painting was entered in the regional Scholastics Art Award program in Portland. There it won

gold key and blue ribbon awards. It then was sent to New York, where it was awarded an honor prize by Hallmark Cards, which co-sponsors the art project. Young Minne received a \$100 purchase award from Hallmark. A freshman at Hedrick Junior High school, Minne has studied with Mrs. Catherine Fonken.

Doolittle Again Heads Air Guard

Salem, Ore.—Col. Gordon L. Doolittle, Portland, is returning after a five years absence to again become commanding officer of the Oregon Air National Guard, State Adjutant General Paul Kliever announced Monday.

Doolittle will succeed Col. Waldo E. Timm, Portland, who has been commanding officer for the past four years. The change is effective Aug. 1.

Doolittle was commanding officer and chief of staff for air five years ago when he left for a one year tour at the Air War college in Alabama, and four years of active duty in the Air Force.

In addition to the other titles, Doolittle, combat fighter pilot in World War II, will become base detachment commander at Portland Air Base. Timm has been called to Washington, D.C. and will begin a four year tour of active duty.

Goldwater To Address Oregon GOP Rally

Portland (UPI)—Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) is scheduled to address a "Welcome to Oregon" Republican rally and picnic at Lewis and Clark college here Sept. 3.

It will be Goldwater's second visit to Oregon this summer.



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Above-Average Rating Given City for Business

Medford is given an above-average rating for business vitality in Sales Management's annual report on buying power, recently released. The majority of local families, it shows, earned more and spent more in the past year than did families in most parts of the nation.

The economic doldrums of the previous year, when business was sputtering along in low gear, locally and elsewhere, were wiped away thoroughly by the strong upturn that took place in the last quarter of 1961.

Presented in Report
Facts and figures detailing income and spending per household, and the way they varied from community to community, are presented in the copyrighted report.

In Medford, the resurgence of consumer buying produced a sales volume in local retail stores of \$89,555,000, an increase over 1960's total of \$88,665,000.

On the basis of population, the amount was well above what should have been expected. Reckoned in that way, local retail business should have amounted to only .0133 per cent of the national volume. Actually, however, it went to .0117 per cent.

Consumer Hesitant
The fine result was achieved despite the effects of the recession, which carried over into the first few months of 1961. The consumer was still hesitant and cautious in his spending during that period.

Not until the latter months of the year did he fully come out of his shell and let loose with his dollars. What would have been a moderate year for business was suddenly transformed into a good one.

The upsurge was made possible by better earnings, on the average.

The survey shows that net income locally, after payment of taxes, totaled \$52,862,000, compared with the 1960 figure of \$50,395,000.

\$6,293 Per Household
It was equivalent to \$6,293 per household, an arithmetic average obtained by dividing net income by the number of households.

The excess of sales over income shows that people from the surrounding area shop in the city.

The comparative standing of each community with respect to business activity, taking account retail sales and population, is shown through an "index of sales production."

The index rating of Medford is given as 238, or 138 per cent above the national average.

The town of Assisi in central Italy has changed little in appearance since the middle ages when it was the home of

St. Francis. It has little commerce or industry and most of its income is derived from tourists.

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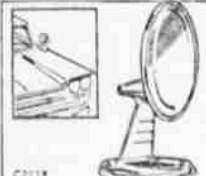
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