

### Klamath County Board Plant Sold

Klamath Falls — (UPI) — Boise Cascade Corp. has purchased the John-Manville Corp. insulating board plant 22 miles north of here.

Purchase price was not revealed. It was estimated that the plant was worth \$12 million. Operations at the plant were discontinued last May 4 following three years of partial operation.

A spokesman for Boise Cascade said there were no immediate plans to put the plant back into operation. He said some of the equipment would be removed and taken to other Boise Cascade facilities.

### OSU DUE GRANTS

Washington — (UPI) — The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced Thursday that it will give training grants to Oregon State university.

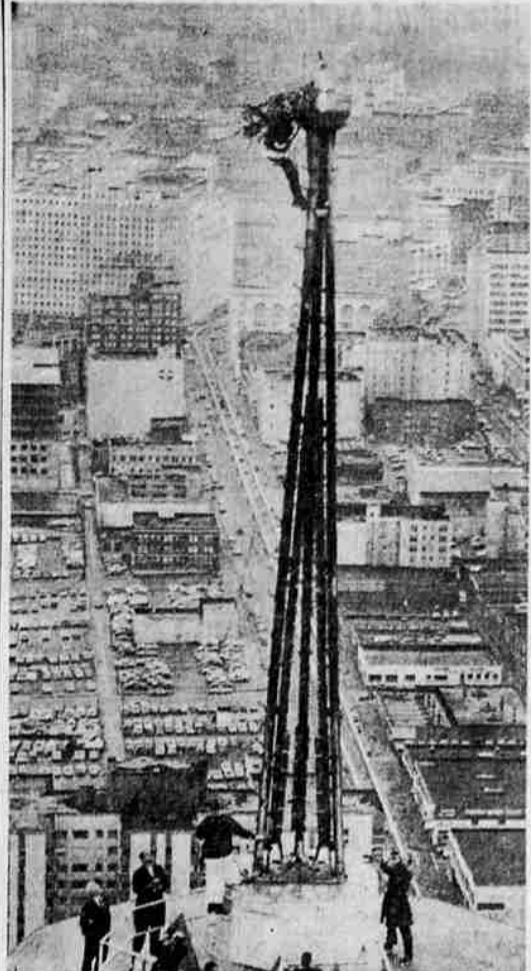
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### Portland Applies for Loss Reimbursement

Portland — (UPI) — Portland city officials announced that they have applied for \$410,000 from the federal government to reimburse the city for some of its Oct. 12 windstorm losses.

The application was made under provisions of the National Disaster Act and was supervised by Portland Civil Defense Director Jack Lowe.

## Stutterer in Need Of Cooperation in Home Environment

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Stuttering is a serious difficulty for about 1 per cent of the population. However, all parents should be aware of methods to prevent this problem.

Stuttering refers to a defect in rhythm which could be hesitation, repetition, or complete blockage.

There are many ideas concerning the causes of stuttering, but there appears to be agreement on the treatment. Learning to talk is a complicated process. It involves the

organization of many physical and mental skills. In early stages of talking, a reasonable amount of stuttering is normal. It is called non-fluency and is probably due to a lack of word knowledge and organization.

**Closely Connected**  
A parent who draws attention to these symptoms may be starting to develop a stutterer. Pressure, frustration and the resulting tension are closely connected with stuttering. Research has shown that stutterers are generally tense, self-conscious and sensitive. Their home background is one which tends to lead to this condition.

Unfortunately fear of stut-

tering leads to more stuttering. An individual becomes increasingly aware of his problem. He becomes afraid to speak. He avoids words

### Pilot Bails Out Of Crippled Jet

Edwards AFB, Calif. — (UPI) — Milton O. Thompson, the only civilian selected as pilot for the X20 (Dynasoar) Project, successfully parachuted Thursday from a crippled F104 jet over the Mojave Desert.

Thompson, 36, was taken to the base hospital for examination, but had no injuries, according to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The aircraft crashed at the edge of Rogers Dry Lake bed after Thompson parachuted at an altitude of 20,000 feet.

Thompson, Lancaster, Calif., was on a flight to check weather conditions for today's scheduled X15 stability test. The cause of the crash was not immediately determined.

with which there is difficulty. He tends to become restless and uneasy, especially in situations where he lacks confidence.

Since the home is important in this area, you should attempt to create a calm and pleasant atmosphere. Avoid hustle-bustle. Pressure should be kept at a minimum. Constant bickering between parents or children causes tension. Avoid saying "don't" too often. You shouldn't be a perfectionist, but you shouldn't be too lax. Discipline should be consistent. "Flying off the handle" today, for something which was overlooked yesterday, is confusing to the child.

Praise for success may be just as bad as criticism. It draws undue attention to speech. Talk pleasantly with your child. Instead of correcting his speech mistakes, you should allow him to hear you talk properly. This should be done in normal conversation, not through direct teaching or training.

**Headed for Trouble**  
The child who must show off for visitors may be headed for trouble. Rather, let him talk naturally. Let him dis-

cuss, freely, those things which he finds easy to talk about.

When should help (speech therapist, doctor, etc.) be sought?  
Perhaps, just the fact that you or your child feels there is a problem means that advice may be helpful. Don't hesitate to seek help if your child uses gestures such as hitting something with his hand to help him start talking.

Stuttering which is the result of a particularly frightening or upsetting incident needs immediate attention. The treatment will probably be

aimed at rest and relaxation. Stuttering appears to involve emotional problems. Parents should provide a pleasant home environment. Understand that perfection is not the aim. Not everyone will be an outstanding public speaker. Many individuals stutter to some extent. The frequency and situation determine if it is a real problem.

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## Social Security Tax Rates Slated To Change Jan. 1

New social security tax rates go into effect Jan. 1, according to Edward B. Jacobson, district manager of the Medford social security office.

This is one of the regular tax increases, provided by law, to cover payment of retirement, survivors, and disability benefits, and all administrative costs of the program.

For employed people, the new 1963 rate will be 3 1/2 per cent on the first \$4,800 in yearly earnings. The employer will contribute a like amount. For the self-employed, the new rate is 5.4 per cent of the first \$4,800 in yearly net earnings. Wages and self-employment earnings of more than \$4,800 a year are not taxable for social security purposes.

**What Increase Means**  
In dollars and cents the social security tax increase means that an employed person earning \$4,800 or more a year will pay \$174 in social security tax instead of the \$150 he paid on the same amount of earnings in 1962, an increase of about 46 cents per weekly pay period.

The tax for self-employed people with earnings of \$4,800 or more a year will be \$259.20 per year instead of \$225.60 paid in 1962, or an increase of about \$2.80 per month for the 12 months of each year.

Jacobson noted that the new social security tax rate applies only to wages paid and self-employment income earned after Dec. 31.

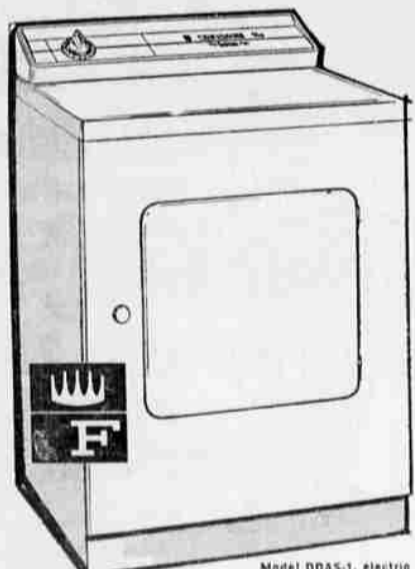
The present rate of 3 1/2 per cent on wages is applicable for wages paid in 1962 even though they are not reported by employers until early 1963. The current rate of 4.5 per cent for the self-employed is likewise applicable to self-employment income earned in 1962 but not reported until 1963.

### Oregon To Receive Radiological Grant

Washington — (UPI) — Oregon will receive a \$15,000 grant from the federal government for the new public health service radiological program in the nation, Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) has announced. The program is designed to assist in the development of state capabilities in the field of radiological health.

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