

### Increases Noted In Requests From Branch Libraries

A significant increase in requests from Jackson county branch libraries for material from the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County is shown in the January report, recently released from the headquarters library.

It shows 406 requests, compared to 294 in January, 1962. The branch use in general shows an increase of more than 19 per cent over figures for one year ago.

The juvenile department also shows a growth in excess of the adult sections for January.

The use of books from the juvenile department increased 8.57 per cent over January 1962, and circulation of all materials from the juvenile department, increased 12.66 per cent.

The grand total for all departments in the summary of circulation increased from 27,985 for January, 1962, to 28,876 for January, 1963.

More increase of interest was shown by adults in magazines and pamphlets than in books. The latter figures, however, were already higher, books continuing to be the most wanted item in library service.

Adult circulation of fiction totaled 9,911, of non fiction 7,317. The total for all materials circulated through the adult departments was 19,550 for the month of January. For the period extending from July, 1962, to January, 1963, it totaled 118,828.

### SP Diesel Unit Hits Large Truck

Portland - (UP) - A Southern Pacific freight train diesel unit smashed into a large semi-truck loaded with plywood and blocked traffic on a Portland thoroughfare for more than two hours early today.

No one was hurt in the crash at southeast Grand and Division.

Driver of the truck, William Roscoe Fishback, 35, Milwaukie, was carried nearly 300 feet down the tracks in the smashed cab of his truck. The trailer unit of the truck was shoved against another train that was stopped at the crash scene.



**MAIDEN FLIGHT**-The new Boeing 727 jet airliner is shown flying high over Washington state during its maiden flight. The new jet is designed for short to medium

### Barber Shop Group Organizes in Area

A Medford chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America was formed here recently at a preliminary meeting of interested men at the Jackson Hotel.

Temporary officers were elected to head the chapter. They are Bob Hershner, president; Dean Voss and Hubert Sharp, vice presidents, and Jerry Ernst, secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting of the chapter is scheduled Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. at the Crater High school at Central Point.

Applications from additional charter members will be received at the Crater High school meeting. Interested persons are asked to contact the secretary, Jerry Ernst, by telephoning 773-4887.

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### Pacific University Dean of Students Quits

Forest Grove - (UP) - C. Bryce Dunham has resigned as Dean of Students at Pacific University to take a position as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Miami, Fla.

His resignation is to be effective in June.

### Churchill Named Honorary Citizen

Raleigh, N.C. - (UP) - North Carolina beat Tennessee to the punch Wednesday and became the first state to bestow honorary citizenship upon Sir Winston Churchill.

The legislature, in a joint resolution, praised Churchill, whose mother was an American, as "the most eloquent champion of the free world" whose World War II leadership helped "save mankind from the tyranny of dictators."

The Tennessee legislature had been considering a similar resolution for some time and passed it Tuesday, but it was "temporarily misplaced" and needs the signature of Gov. Frank Clement to become effective. The North Carolina resolution required no gubernatorial signature.

### Railway Clerks To Meet Mediator

Chicago - (UP) - A federal mediator planned to meet with representatives of the railway clerks today to discuss their demands for job assurance with the Southern Pacific railroad.

The railway clerks have threatened to strike for the past year in the dispute arising from automation.

The mediator, Frank O'Neill, met with railroad negotiators Wednesday morning, union negotiators in the afternoon and railroad officials again at night.

O'Neill said he had "no comment" on any progress.

A strike by the 11,000 railway clerks would keep 39,000 other Southern Pacific employees home and tie up the line's operations in seven western states from Texas to Oregon.

The clerks want job retraining and replacement of men displaced by automation with other jobs on the line.

**ADD AUTOMATION**  
New York - (UP) - Cherry orchards are turning more and more to machine pickers. The mechanical tree-shaker does the work of about 80 handpickers. Harvesting costs are reduced to \$20 a ton from about \$60.

### Sunday Closing Law Rejected In Montana

Helena, Mont. - (UP) - Montana's House of Representatives, for the second time in the 1963 session, slammed the door Wednesday on Sunday closing legislation.

The House refused to consider a Senate Sunday closing bill on grounds the measure was introduced in the Senate after the House had killed similar legislation. Under House rules, it would have taken unanimous consent for the bill to reach the floor, and the question was greeted with a chorus of disapproval.

**Regional Movement**  
Sunday closing has been a regional movement this year, with bills introduced in the legislatures of Utah, Washington, Oregon and Idaho as well as Montana. Idaho's house killed the legislation but bills were still alive in Washington, Oregon and Utah.

In Montana, it was one of the hottest and bitterest issues of the session and produced a deluge of an estimated 10,000 letters, telegrams and petitions favoring Sunday closing.

Basically, the Montana proposals would have closed most of the larger retail stores on Sunday. But it was no "blue law." Its long list of exceptions included taverns.

As one clergyman who opposed it said, "You could buy beer but not a Bible on Sunday."

### New England Gets 14-Inch Snowfall; Temperatures Skid

**By United Press International**  
A harsh storm buried New England under 14 inches of snow and pushed temperatures downward today across the eastern half of the nation.

The storm coated highways with ice and snow. Twenty-five cars piled up in a single crash at Columbus, Ohio. Five St. Vincent College students were injured when their car ran into the rear of a tractor trailer near Greensburg, Pa.

**Girls Injured**  
A woman bus driver and 11 teen-age girls were taken to a hospital after their school bus and several cars tangled on a suburban Buffalo, N.Y. highway. Residents of Attica, N.Y. took several students into their homes when they became stranded on their way home from school.

Varying snowfalls swirled out ahead of the latest cold push, with five to nine inches of new snow piling up along the southern edge of Lake Michigan. Chicago received up to two inches of snow during the morning rush hour.

Gusty, high-altitude winds forced scientists at Palestine, Tex., to postpone launching the giant Stratoscope II balloon package for the 12th time.

Special guards in Tokyo subway stations have the job of shoving riders into the jam-packed cars.

### Squirrel Takes Over City Square

Tyler, Tex. - (UP) - Northeast Texas' most pampered quadruped is Shorty, the squirrel, darling of the Smith county courthouse plaza crowd.

Oldtimers swear Shorty has lived on the courthouse square for 12 years. When the old courthouse was razed and replaced across the street by a new building, Shorty moved into a split-level hackberry tree and took over sovereignty of the old square.

But the townspeople lost no time in making him more comfortable when his sight failed—as it will with squirrels as old by squirrel standards as Shorty.

Contributions gave him a king-sized bird cage stocked with goodies and containing the nail keg home he has occupied for some years. The nail keg gives him a warm home, the cage provides safety to suit his blindness, and a plastic cover is placed on the cage each cold night to keep the breezes out.

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