

Jackson Discusses Potential Of Area at Rotary Luncheon

Medford Industrialist Glenn Jackson focused attention yesterday on three "problem" elements in southern Oregon which will affect the future economy of this region.

Jackson told a Rotary club luncheon at the Rogue Valley country club that forecasts indicate there will be 150,000 people in the valley by 1972.

To prepare for the influx of population, Jackson said responsible agencies must launch an immediate study of the sewage, drainage and drinking water situation; must prepare for expansion of the municipal airport, which has now become a regional facility serving three or four counties; and must develop the year-around recreation potential of this area.

He urged those who have been

sideline "watchers" to become "doers" in efforts to prepare for the changes which lie ahead.

Turning to the state as a whole, Jackson said that Oregon has to overcome considerable "negative advertising" in attracting new industry to locate here.

"Notions persist elsewhere that Oregon is a rain forest state and is backward and undeveloped," he said.

Another myth about Oregon, he said, is that the "economy is geared to the price of a two-by-four."

In Lumber Industry
Actually, he pointed out, only 9.90 per cent of the total labor

force in Oregon during 1962 was connected with the lumber industry. Jackson county's percentage was higher, he noted, however, with 15.90 per cent of the labor force being employed in lumber work.

But he said the multiplicity of other vocations in Oregon represented a "fair balance" of occupations, and the state now has a "good growing diversity" in its economy.

Jackson, chairman of the state highway commission, said that "lack of transportation outside of the Portland area" is one of the factors which has inhibited the economic growth of the state.

However, he said, "We're gradually getting the answer to the isolation problem," and pointed out that the state's road system is now "one of the best in the country."

Prospects Appear Brighter
Prospects for the lumber industry appear brighter, he felt, noting that the "log supply is about equal to capacity at the moment."

Agriculture in Oregon "is still in the primitive stage," Jackson said. "Use of the land has not changed in the last 100 years."

He warned that by 1975, one out of eight persons in the U.S. will live in one of the three

western states, causing a rapid retirement of land from agricultural use.

He said southern Oregon is "already feeling the effects" of population shifts toward the west coast. There have been a number of large real estate transactions in the region recently, and land in many areas is becoming too valuable for such uses as cattle raising, he said.

Great Opportunity
Recreation is one of the great opportunities of the area, Jackson said.

During 1962, about \$217 million was spent for recreation in Oregon, and about \$20 million of that figure was spent in Jackson county, he said.

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ESCAPEE CAUGHT
SALEM (UPI) — Charles Joseph Egerer, 27, Eugene, who fled a state penitentiary work detail here June 27, was captured in Houston, Tex., Monday, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

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STABLEMATES — POCO BIEN of the Clyde Locklear Stable at Boston, Mass., lets out with a horse laugh as he sees the litter of 10 Dalmatian pups lined up in front of his stall at the Suffolk Downs race track. (UPI)

Eugene To Be Headquarters For Republicans

By ZAN STARK
EUGENE (UPI) — This bustling university city will become the temporary national headquarters of the loyal opposition when the Western Republican Conference opens here Thursday.

Major speeches Saturday by the two front runners for the GOP presidential nomination will highlight the four-day meeting.

New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller is scheduled to speak at noon, and Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater at 7 p.m.

Both will appear in the 10,000-seat McArthur Court basketball pavilion on the University of Oregon campus.

Popularity Contest
The stage has been set for a popularity contest between Rockefeller and Goldwater. It will mark the first time they have appeared in the same community, the same day, to speak in the same auditorium since they launched their unannounced campaigns for the 1964 GOP nomination.

Between 700 and 1,000 registrants are expected.

Oregon's Gov. Mark Hatfield, often mentioned as a vice presidential possibility, will keynote the conference Friday morning.

At least seven western governors and four U.S. senators are expected to participate in the business sessions and panel discussions Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning.

The affair will get under way Thursday night with an Oregon reception, and end Sunday morning with a business session.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a physician, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Nina Denny. (Copyright by G-men Features Corp.)

Mr. N. E. — She should let her daughter make up her own mind.

Mrs. R. Y. — My daughter is in a very confused state right now.

Mr. N. E. — I'm a widower of 53. In the course of my business I was introduced to a young lady who works as a secretary in a friend's office. We felt drawn to each other and we've had several delightful dates. Even though she's only 28, I mentioned marriage to her and, although she thinks it's possible, her mother is raising such a fuss that I'd like a showdown. Maybe she's sore that I'm not courting her.

Mrs. R. Y. — This fellow is too old for me, not to speak of my daughter. Despite what he says I'm sure he's closer to 68 than 58 — but he's a smooth talker and Ellen believes him as to age, income, and intentions. I don't. And I want him to stop pressuring Ellen. Fortunately she listens to me now, having been divorced a year ago. She was blindly in love last time, too. She's in no state to marry yet.

The Council: This time we surmise Mama knows best — but not because of the age disparity. While statistics frown on the likelihood of success in

May — December unions, there are numerous examples where the calendar doesn't count in producing true soulmates. The "rub" here is Ellen's psychological condition. If she were "in therapy" she'd be advised not to make any permanent commitments until she "finds" herself. That's our advice, and to aid her in discovering her real self, we suggest a few interviews with a therapist. Away from both her mother and her suitor, she'd hash out: Who am I? What do I need in a mate? ... Then she can view Mr. E. more clearly in terms of her requirements, his own, and those of a sound marriage. She and her mother will find that more important than age and income, are health, intelligence, empathy, trust, and flexibility.

Rogue River Man Is Flown to Hospital

Earl Flowers, route 1, box 14A, Rogue River, was flown Monday by Mercy Flights from Fresno, Calif., where he had been hospitalized since Sept. 25, to Rogue Valley hospital, where he was scheduled for surgery.

Flowers, the 162nd patient to be flown by Mercy Flights, suffered facial and chest injuries when the car in which he was riding reportedly was struck from the rear by a truck.

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