

### N. Y. Loses Its Lure For Ambitious Midwesterners

By HAL BOYLE  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 28 (AP)—Coming back to the Middle West, I always wonder why people ever emigrate from here to New York. I did it myself ten years ago, and I still can't make up my mind whether it was a good idea.

For the advantages that living in Manhattan once had over life in inland towns and cities have pretty well disappeared.

### Elder Quits Medford Job

Robert "Bob" Elder, Jackson county juvenile officer at Medford, this week announced his resignation from that post and told valley friends he and Mrs. Elder plan a month's vacation starting June 1, but as yet they have no definite plans for the future.

Elder is well-known here, having served seven years as a police officer on the Klamath Falls force, a part of that time as a juvenile worker attached to the department. Elder moved to Medford several years ago and was named a member of a sub-committee of the social science research council of the Pacific coast by the University of Washington soon after taking the juvenile post. He was also state chairman of child protection for the Parent-Teachers association for two years. Elder was organizer of the Oregon Juvenile council, composed of all juvenile officers and juvenile judges in Oregon, was elected first president of the group and now serves on the executive committee. He is a past president of Medford chapter, International Footprinters, and recently resigned as secretary of the association.

### Re-Bop Bands To Get Competition

PORTLAND, May 28 (AP)—The hep-cats here are heading for a music trap with famed symphony conductor Werner Janssen in the role of the Pied Piper.

### CE Group To Give Play June Fourth

MALIN—Members of the Christian Endeavor group will present a play, "Little Miss Fortune," at the Malin high school gym Wednesday, June 4, at 8 p. m. with dress rehearsal slated for Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Tickets are available from any CE member. Sally Smalley is the chairman. Proceeds will be used to furnish and decorate the CE room in the church.

Members of the cast are Mildred Morrow, Margie Burge, Gary Freitag, Marie Field, Bertha Arnold, Ted DeMerritt, Virgie Moore, Joan DeMerritt, Janet Burge, Ralph Morrow and Larry Johnson.

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its artistic, commercial and cultural superiority over the other American cities. That is no longer true. Here in the Midwest the leading cities have their own symphony orchestras. Their women's shops carry Fifth Avenue styles. The radio programs, the movies, the magazines, the latest books—all are available here as they are in New York. And the people seem to have more time to enjoy them.

Artists Stay Home  
No longer must the struggling artist sweat out his talent in a metropolitan garret to win a name. The "made in Greenwich Village" label isn't necessary now to sell a picture out this way. The Midwest artist can stay home and paint home country scenes, because his neighbors have become art-conscious.

The same thing is even more true to writers. Many of the best don't go to New York for material; they just drop in occasionally to sign contracts and do their writing elsewhere. They spend the money, elsewhere, too.

But the main falling off in New York life lies in the field of everyday creature comforts. Yearly it is getting more crowded, more noisy, more trouble to live in.

Out here you can have a lawn and a flower bed. In Manhattan you buy a flower pot and let it go at that.

The automobile has been an instrument of liberation to most of the hinterland. In New York it is a nuisance. Insurance rates are high, parking space is all but non-existent, and a garage costs almost as much by the month as a small flat. So most families don't buy one.

This has tended to make New Yorkers more insular. They have much less first-hand knowledge of America than the Midwest farmer or city worker who puts his wife and kids in the car and drives 2000 miles or more during a two-week vacation.

Life is expanding and breaking old bonds in the Midwest and throughout the rest of the country. It is becoming rich and fuller. In New York this isn't true in the same manner. The slum clear very slowly, life rides to the subway's grind, and the concrete wilderness presses more heavily upon the spirit. There aren't enough green and growing things around. Temperatures are shorter, service is worse.

But it would be unfair to New York to say it has nothing to compensate for the lost spaciousness of living you leave behind when you come to it from the American hinterland. There is a throb and pulse about Manhattan that, once felt, you can never forget. It is a sense of being part of the craziest, most wonderful, biggest and noisiest sideshow in history.

Whether this feeling makes up for all you give up when you go there to stay is something I still haven't figured out after ten years.

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Otherwise, he is plenty eligible. Arthur Ashmore, information clerk at the court house, said the man gave his age as 95.

#### RAPID TURNOVER

ALHAMBRA, Calif., May 28 (AP)—The sheriff's office heard this story yesterday from the proprietor of an appliance store:

A motor was stolen from a washing machine, presumably while everyone was out for coffee. Later two men entered the store and offered a motor for \$15. It seemed a good buy and was purchased.

Then the proprietor found the motor was the one stolen earlier. The two men had disappeared.

#### TRAFFIC LESSON

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 28 (AP)—Police held a traffic safety school and only one man showed up. He

### Eugene Man Elected

SALT LAKE CITY, May 28 (AP)—Arne Strommer, circulation manager of the Eugene, Ore., Register-Guard, was elected yesterday to the presidency of the Pacific Northwest International Circulation Managers' association.

The association was formerly known as the Pacific Northwest Circulation Managers' association, the change being voted yesterday because of Canadian newspaper affiliation with the organization.

Other officers elected were J. A. Grant, Seattle Times, first vice president; Wilby M. Durham, Salt Lake City Desert News, second vice president; David H. Smith, Portland, secretary-treasurer, and the following directors: Eldon J. Clark, Spokane Spokesman Review-Chronicle; E. C. Aitchison, Billings, Mont. Gazette; S. E. Abbott, Boise, Idaho Statesman; and Hubert Foxall, Saskatoon, Sask., Star Phoenix.

During the session, members expressed opposition to proposed postal rate increases.

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### Jackson Grange Backs Rates Bureau

Jackson county Pomona grange has gone on record in supporting the work of the Klamath Basin Rates bureau, according to Margaret Sento of the bureau staff.

Mrs. Sento recently spent a day at Medford and presented the bureau's program to the Jackson grange. A resolution on the subject will be presented to the state grange session in Bend, and Jackson as well as Klamath grangers will support it.

The bureau is seeking to bring about equitable adjustment of freight rates in this region.

### AVIATION MEET

PORTLAND, May 28 (AP)—All phases of the aviation industry will be discussed at the Oregon state aviation council meeting here June 3, Floyd Johnson, president, said today.

George W. Burgess, Washington, D. C., aide to the assistant secretary of commerce for air, will outline the 1948 federal aviation program.

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