

Oregon Still Growing But Pace is Slowing

PORTLAND (U)—Oregon is still growing, but the fast post-war population increase is slowing down. That's the estimate released Thursday by the state Board of Health.

In the year from July 1, 1951 to the same date in 1952, the population increased only 34,000, the board estimated. That was a 2.2 per cent gain compared with 3.1 the year before.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said the board makes the population estimate from a complicated formula based largely on school population. It has been remarkably accurate in the past, he said.

Dr. Erickson said there had been a definite slow-down in migration into the state. The rate of births over deaths also has decreased, he said.

The estimate puts Portland's population at 247,246, an increase of 1.8 per cent in a year. Multnomah County population outside Portland on the other hand went up 2.9 per cent to 105,036. Lane County increased 3.8 to 139,167 and Marion County 1.8 per cent to 105,844.

Sherman County continued to drop in the population list—off 6.3 per cent in the estimate. That put its population last July 1 at 3,022.

The rest of the state, all percentage increases, unless otherwise designated, followed by the board's estimate of total population:

State, 2.2, 1,602,000; Baker down 2.4, 15,545; Benton 3.4, 24,848; Clackamas 0.3, 55,973; Clatsop 2.3, 20,411; Columbia, 0.1, 21,599; Coos 7.3, 45,732; Crook down 2.7, 9,194; Curry 0.3, 6,994; Deschutes down 2.3, 20,220; Douglas 4.5, 62,663; Gilliam down 7.5, 2,863; Grant down 3.8, 4,567; Harney 2.9, 5,972; Hood River down 5.5, 11,733; Jackson 2.8, 62,972; Jefferson 2.3, 5,937.

Klamath Josephine 3.7, 29,112; Klamath down 1.7, 41,971; Lake 3.5, 6,756; Lincoln down 0.1, 22,213; Linn 1.4, 58,366; Malheur down 4.0, 22,923; Morrow 5.7, 5,081; Polk down 2.3, 25,997; Sherman down 6.3, 2,022; Tillamook 2.0, 21,156; Umatilla 0.6, 47,517; Union 2.8, 18,738; Wallowa 0.2, 6,534; Wasco 10.5, 17,032; Washington 4.5, 66,928; Wheeler down 2.6, 3,470; Yamhill down 0.4, 32,401.

California Tax Men May Aid Poor Working Girls

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The working girl has found unexpected allies in two California tax committees who have proposed to alter some of the income tax rules which have been infuriating her for years.

These two knights in shining armor, Glenn Graves and Hugh Mahon of San Francisco, have proposed in letters to their senator and congressmen that secretaries, stenographers and other women office workers be permitted to deduct beauty costs from their income tax, holding that it's just as important for an office girl to look her best to hold her job as it is for professional glamor girls such as stars of stage, screen, radio and TV.

They also think a working mother should be allowed to deduct the

wages and keep of domestic help, babysitters and outside care and education of children.

This latter point is one which already has been brought up in Congress, with conspicuous lack of action, and one on which most of the women's organizations in the country are firmly united.

The income tax laws state clearly that a deductible business expense is one which is necessary to one's means of livelihood. Such things as entertainment of customers, upkeep of car used in business, office expenses and so on are called legitimate deductions. But the internal revenue boys so far have refused to admit that the cost of a nurse, babysitter or nursery school is an expense necessary to the income of a working mother.

Let's take a look at the economic status of the average stenographer. Let's say her salary is \$50 a week. The average may be slightly lower in small towns. Sally Stenog takes home only \$39.15 of her \$50 salary, after Uncle Sam takes a bite of \$10.10 for income tax and 75 cents for social security.

She spends a minimum of \$1 a week for carfare, at least \$2.50 for the beauty shop average of \$5 a week for lunches, and probably \$1.50 a week for cleaning and pressing—keeping her clothes neat as required to hold her job. This is another \$10 a week, which must come out before she starts to pay her room rent and board. Or she has \$29.15 left for living expenses.

Out of this she must buy clothes, which cost her more than if she stayed at home.

Now suppose Sally is married to a young man also just getting a foothold in the business world, making perhaps \$75 a week, and suppose, as usually happens, the young couple has a baby.

BABY CARE
Before she can go out and take a job to aid the family income Sally will have to pay for someone to take care of the baby. If she hires a full-time nurse, or housekeeper, the cost will be more than she earns as a stenographer, probably. If she compromises on a day nursery the cost will be at least \$10 a week, perhaps more.

Add to that the fact that the amount she can add to her husband's income will put the family in a higher income bracket.

A job in this case would be a luxury, and would cost Sally and her husband more than it would for her to stay at home.

So she thinks it's high time somebody, like the chivalrous tax consultants, started helping heaven protect the working girl.

Landlady Sues Mario Lanza
LOS ANGELES (U)—Mario Lanza's landlady wants \$19,801 for back rent and damages to his leased home.

In a suit filed yesterday, Mrs. Kathryn Gustin said the tenor has lived in the Beverly Hills property two years. Her complaint asserted he is \$1,100 behind in rent payments and has caused considerable damage to the property, including furniture and art objects.

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CLEARING SAGEBRUSH OFF THE LAND was more of a chore a few years ago than it is now. This old photo, taken in 1904 on the Hammond ranch below Merrill, shows Eugene Hammond

standing on the brush busting rig behind a twelve-horse hitch. Photo from E. M. Hammond

Deadline Near On Alsike

Saturday noon is deadline for signing up of farmers for FMA market supports — loans or purchase agreements — on alsike clover.

Approximately 3,000,000 (M) pounds of alsike is still in Basin warehouses, as far as local alsike-men can figure. Some 2,000,000 (M) pounds, probably less, has been moved out of here to date.

A little bit of movement from here was low-grade, low priced seed which was exported. Some of it reportedly went to Germany.

Support prices as set by the Production and Marketing Administration for alsike are 25 cents per pound. Various rules regulate eligibility for taking out loans or purchase agreements under the program, and may be obtained at the FMA office in the Tower Theater Building here.

A year ago Klamath's big crop of high quality, high-yielding alsike seed—the largest production area in the country—saw 40 cents per pound and better for most local sales. This year's crop, approximately the same size, developed in a national market apparently flooded with high alsike yields, and consequently the lower prices.

Loans on the crops are good until April 30 this year.

Conservation program sign-up deadline is also tomorrow.

Baby Death Charge Made

CLOVIS, N. M. (U)—Christine Weigl Sturm, 27-year-old practical nurse, is held under \$5,000 bond today, charged with second degree murder in the death six years ago of her infant child.

Sheriff Val Baumgart said late yesterday that a handwritten manuscript led officers to the grave of the infant in the earthen floor of a garage. The Sturms formerly lived in an apartment over the garage.

The sheriff said that the manuscript was at first believed fictional, but was found later to be substantiated by facts.

He estimated that the baby was buried in February, 1947, about three months after Mrs. Sturm married. The Sturms were divorced three weeks ago.

Mrs. Sturm pleaded innocent through her lawyer. A hearing has been set for Feb. 4.

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Crime Wave Hits Baltimore

BALTIMORE (U)—A wave of murders and robberies in the city's sixth largest city has touched off an angry reaction that spread today from the homes of wrathful citizens to the Executive Mansion and through the halls of the State Legislature.

The granddaughter of an early Maryland governor and her 65-year-old companion died under pitiless bludgeoning of an axe-burglar.

A gentle, widely admired librarian was senselessly slashed to death in a 75-cent robbery.

These recent crimes and dozens of other burglaries, robberies and knife assaults have alarmed the city's law officers and citizens.

"Send half of the criminals to the pen for 30 years and hang the other half," wrote one indignant Marylander to a member of the state lawmaking body.

Baltimore women going out these evenings to solicit contributions for the Mothers March on Polo are accompanied by police officers, firemen and volunteers from the civil defense minute men.

Yesterday, five civic leaders of Baltimore called upon Gov. Theodore McKeldin to demand an anti-crime program. Even before their visit, the governor had promised "the full facilities of the state" in a drive on crime.

His visitors complained that magistrates sometimes fail to provide sufficiently severe sentences and of a need for more police.

A special Maryland Senate committee has scheduled a meeting for next Friday in an attempt to find a solution to the burgeoning crime problem.

Attending will be ranking police officials, state's attorneys and judges from Baltimore city and from Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties.

Meanwhile, state lawmakers at Annapolis report an unprecedented

'Protection' Fund Appealed

WASHINGTON (U)—A Chicago tavernkeeper who listed \$24,000 in protection money payments in his income tax returns has appealed in tax court here against government back tax and fraud claims.

The appeal was from James G. Beale. The government's \$19,903 claim involved his taxes for the years 1946 through 1950.

In each of those years, Beale deducted from his taxable income \$4,800 as protection money payments, the kind you make to gangsters so they'll leave you alone.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue has disallowed the deductions. The government brief against Beale in tax court did not say why the claims were disallowed.

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Vienna Woods 'Off Limits'

VIENNA (U)—The famous Vienna Woods, which inspired waltzing Johann Strauss, are forbidden territory for Americans stationed here.

All but a fringe of the beech and chestnut-covered hills which comprise the Wienerwald, as the woods are called here, are in the Russian occupation zone of Austria. Under the rules of the four-power occupation of Austria, the greatest part of the woods are off-limits not only for troops of the Western nations, but for all American, British and French tourists visiting Vienna.

Only by risking Russian arrest and detention for two or three days can Westerners ski on the highest peaks of the woods in winter or hike in summer to the pretty wine-growing villages hidden deep among the green hills.

But even under Russian control, the Vienna Woods have not lost their attraction to the Viennese. They still are the city's biggest playground in summer and winter. They are, in fact, even more popular today than before the war, because shortage of money prevents most Viennese from spending week

Pioneer Movie Figure Dies

LOS ANGELES (U)—Death came yesterday to Herbert Lubin, 66, pioneer movie executive.

In 1916 he was associated with the Metro Company, and from 1924 to 1926 he was with First National Pictures. Afterward he helped plan and finance the Roxy Theater in New York City. He retired four years after its opening.

FAROUK'S QUEEN reveals her real romance

A 16-year-old schoolgirl caught the eye of Egypt's playboy king. In a year, she'd left her fiancé and was wearing the world's oldest, most glamorous crown. Now in exile, Princess Nariman sheds the veil of Moslem secrecy to describe the great love she "never dared hope for." Don't miss *My True Self* in the February Ladies' Home Journal... on sale now!

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