

# Business Scene

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## Station For Liquid Oxygen Operation Now Being Built

The first liquid oxygen filling station ever installed west of the Mississippi River by Air Reduction Pacific Co. (Airco) will be put into operation in Roseburg in early August.

The new plant, to be operated under an Airco franchise by the Oregon Welding Supply Co., will employ about 18 persons, an increase of six men above its present staff.

The plant will be located in headquarters being constructed by J. A. Joelson & Sons for lease to Oregon Welding Supply Co. on a site adjacent to the east side of Roseburg Blvd. on NE Diamond Lake Boulevard.

Construction of the building, with Jack Mathis Construction Co. as prime contractor, is under way and scheduled for completion within 60 days. The 120-by-40-foot building will be of Pasco steel construction, with the office space to be in a 40-by-40 sales room in the front of the building facing Diamond Lake Boulevard. The liquid oxygen storage tank will be installed adjacent to the rear of the building.

Bill Swinford, president of the Oregon Welding Supply Co., said installation of this new plant will provide increased service facilities for the firm's clients throughout southwestern Oregon by eliminating the long-distance hauling presently required to bring the oxygen from Portland to Roseburg.

Liquid oxygen will be shipped into Roseburg from an Airco plant in Richmond, Calif. It will arrive here and be maintained at a temperature of 300 degrees below zero, then put through the heat exchanger and vaporizer in the new plant and turned into gas, which is fed into the tanks distributed by the firm.

In addition to the Roseburg office, the plant will service Oregon Welding Supply Co.'s offices in Medford and Coos Bay, as well as filling tanks for a Eugene firm. Swinford said the firm anticipates handling about a million cubic feet of oxygen per month.

One of the greatest advantages of the liquid oxygen process being installed here, he points out, is the space required. Each cubic foot of liquid oxygen provides 12 cubic feet of gas, thereby taking up only one-twelfth of the space required for gas storage.

The plant being installed here will include a 550,000 cubic foot tank. Swinford, who came to Roseburg from Portland in 1953, opened his own business, Southern Oregon Battery Co. in August, 1955. Oregon Welding Co. is a division of the battery company, with Swinford as president of the corporation and Gene Keitzman as vice president.

The welding supply division of the firm was started on Jan. 1, 1959, when Swinford obtained the Airco franchise. The Medford office was opened at the same time, and in January, 1960, the firm took over the Airco distributorship in Coos Bay. The company now operates a fleet of 18 trucks out of its three offices as well as providing all of the tanks required for the business.

Chief users of the service are lumber and plywood mills and other industrial firms, logging operations, auto wrecking yards, and hospitals. The firm also handles several other types of gas cylinders.

Swinford said the plant is being constructed in Roseburg because of its central location in the southwestern Oregon service area, and because of its steady growth pattern from the past and potential for the future. "We're a locally owned and operated company," he said. "Which has a lot of faith in Roseburg and is proud to be part of this city."

## Subdivision Set For Garden Valley

Garden Valley is to have its first subdivision. The property, most familiarly known by old-timers as the Love apple orchard is now owned by George West of Roseburg. The Roseburg Realty who is handling the division plans to have 12 tracts for sale on the 20 acres. Some of them will front along the North Umpqua.

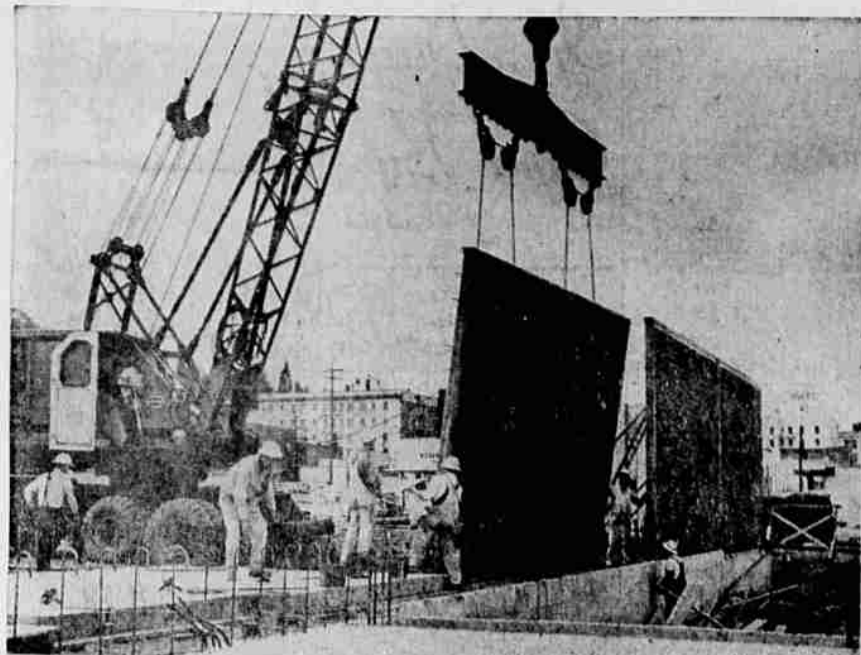
A roadway is now being built by Art Andrus of Glide. The drive will be in a circle down by the river and the center is to be landscaped plantings. A drainage system is to be constructed bordering the Bashford property, reports Adie Schneider, Garden Valley correspondent.

The first home is being constructed by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. "Bud" Good. Good manages the Roseburg Skyway. He expects to commute in his helicopter.

## DID INSPECTOR INSPECT?

LEE, Mass. (UPI) — Clarence Dixon was fined \$100 in district court recently on charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol and drunkenness.

Dixon, who pleaded innocent and appealed the convictions, is an inspector for the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.



**WALLS SET IN PLACE** — Another big step in construction of the new Safeway Store, a part of the Roseburg Plaza development, was taken this week when heavy crane equipment came into town and hoisted into place the concrete walls. The cement wall sections are imbedded with decorative stone. Teeple & Thatcher, Portland, are general contractors for the Plaza development, which includes also the new Pay Less Drug Store on adjoining property. The cement walls are now being poured for "tilting-up" for the latter building. (News-Review photo)



## California People Buy Large Ranch At Myrtle Creek

Sale of what is known as the Joe Pruitt Ranch at Myrtle Creek to a California family was reported this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Bradley Rattner of Culver, Calif., are purchasers of the 908-acre ranch property, which lies immediately to the east of the city of Myrtle Creek.

The property was purchased from Lewis Papousek. The new owners took possession June 1. Rattner is a Los Angeles business man. He and his wife have three daughters of grade school age.

The property is mostly ranch land with only a small amount in cultivation. Rattner, commented, however, that he is primarily interested in having a "big backyard."

The transaction was handled by Morris Cherrick, agent branch manager for Strout Realty.

## BOXCARS ORDERED

Plans for acquisition of 2100 new freight cars were announced today by Union Pacific Railroad.

The cars are part of an \$80,000,000 capital expenditure to be made by the railroad in 1963. They are scheduled for delivery during the remainder of this year and the first part of 1964.



**ALLEN'S WESTERN GOODS** has moved from Winston to Roseburg and is located in the former Munnell & Sherrill Inc. building across Highway 99 from the Southgate Shopping Center. The building offers Willis Allen and his wife, Frances, much larger space for display of their western supplies, and also provides space as a workshop on leather goods and items for the horse.

## Umpqua Tractor Name Changed, Fisk Reports

Ollie Fisk, owner of Umpqua Tractor Co. at 2306 NE Diamond Lake Blvd., announces that the name of the business has been changed to Umpqua Motor & Implement Co.

Fisk said the name change was made to better describe the nature of the business, which has added to its line of equipment during the past several months.

Fisk took over the business about three years ago. It previously was operated as a branch of the local Ford agency.

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**BUSINESS AND PLEASURE** are the dual reasons the three Suiter brothers who are active in the management of Suiter's Building Supply in Roseburg have become licensed pilots. Shown at the wingtip of their Cessna aircraft are, left to right, Louie, Joe and Sam Suiter, all of whom have become licensed pilots within the last two years through Roseburg Skyways. They claim they are able to handle business transactions which require them to travel to cities on the coast, in eastern Oregon and Idaho with greater speed and business efficiency by flying than they were able to develop in the past. "By flying, we're able to keep up with market outlets throughout the area without having to spend too much time away from our business," Joe Suiter pointed out. (News-Review photo)

## City Building During May Total \$166,437

Roseburg City building permits for the month of May totalled \$5 for a value of \$166,437.

New construction permits were down over previous months of this year, but were considerable ahead of May of last year when 69 permits totalled \$109,462. April permits numbered 27 for \$201,714.

Four dwelling permits and one new commercial building were included. The commercial structure is a new ice cream drive-in, being built by the Artic Circle Inc., at 354 W. Harvard Ave., a western chain of similar businesses. The permit was for \$15,800.

One dwelling permit for \$40,000, issued to R. G. Hansen at 414 W. Elizabeth St., brought the total for the month up substantially.

John Sanders took out a permit for a dwelling at 154 W. Berdine, \$16,144; W. Hallcraft, 1698 W. Lynnwood, \$13,178, and Leo Kowlewski, 235 W. Center, \$16,570.

Other permits for miscellaneous work numbered 50, for a total value of \$64,747. Of this amount \$41,429 was for plumbing.

The Artic Circle building was coming along fast this week as block walls were nearing completion.

## School Building At Glide Ups Permits In May

Permit to construct a new elementary school at Glide in the sum of \$234,532 swelled Douglas County building permits to a total of \$318,282 for May, a report of County Planning Coordinator James Slattery reveals.

Only one new commercial permit was issued, that was for a nursery at the Feed & Seed Store in Canyonville of Horace Thompson and Jim Burwell. The permit was for \$8,000.

O. P. Van Horn of 4503 NE Stephens St. took out a permit for \$1,000 for remodeling of his Derriek No. 1 Service Station at that location. Van Horn has just completed a remodeling project on his Derriek No. 2 station in Roseburg on SE Washington Ave.

Four dwelling permits were issued for \$49,000. They were issued to Bob Colley, of 1015 NE Cedar for a new home in Charter Oaks; Donald A. Bovee, of 640 W. Kenwood, home on Harland St.; Sidney L. Hall, Winston, home on Lot 11, Plat F, Orchard Tracks near Thompson Rd.

Permits for three carports and garages was issued totalling \$1,000.

## Liquor Commission's Actions Are Reported

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission reports the following actions:

• Refusals on application for new outlets: Audra and Carol Rea, Lookingglass Store, Roseburg, Route 4, Box 616, Package Store Class A.

• Grant on application for greater privilege: Roseburg Country Club, Route 2, Box 727, Roseburg, Class B dispenser.

• Commission action on violation hearings: Harris Whitaker, The Friendly & Elbow Room, 1253 SE Stephens, Roseburg, 20 days suspension as of June 11.

• Vernon and Maxine Woodruff, Idle Hour Tavern, 216 SE Jackson St., Roseburg, 10 days suspension as of June 11.

## Ted Hornschuch Joins Strout Realty Company

Ted Hornschuch of Roseburg, well known in Roseburg for sales work and formerly Standard Oil Co. representative here, is now associated as a salesman with the Roseburg office of Strout Realty.

## Ralph Cake Will Become Chairman Of Equitable Board

Ralph H. Cake, president of Equitable Savings & Loan Association, has announced that he is to become chairman of the board and chief executive officer and that Harold H. Cake, is to become president effective July 1.

Growth of the association, which operates a branch in Roseburg, has made necessary a division of responsibility. The contemplated change will permit him, he states, to spend more time in planning broader aspects of the operation and relieve him of some of the administrative duties.

Ralph Cake has served on the board of directors since 1922, was made executive vice president in 1933 and president in 1938. Harold Cake was appointed to the board of directors in 1946, became a vice president in 1953 and two years later was made executive vice president.



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## Local News

**Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams** and sons, Roger, of Rolla, Mo. have left for their home, following a week here visiting Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. Flossie Van Blaricom.

**Vince Wroble**, representing Dr. Frank Merker, manager of the Roseburg VA Hospital, presented certificates of recognition at the World War I Veterans and Auxiliary state convention in Grants Pass Thursday.

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**Mrs. Duane Brady** will spend the coming week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ellison, while her husband enrolls at University of Oregon summer school sessions and makes arrangements for moving to Eugene for the summer.

**Mr. and Mrs. George Shambrook** and daughter, Barbara, of Tucson, Ariz. and the former's mother, Mrs. J. L. Shambrook, of Canyonville, spent Thursday here visiting Mrs. T. B. Virden on SE Kane St. Shambrook is a cousin of Mrs. Virden.

**Mrs. William D. Domenighini**, the former Carol Aiken, and two children of Hayward, Calif., are spending two weeks in Roseburg visiting the former's mother, Mrs. James Aiken Sr. Mrs. Aiken and son, Jerry, went as far south as Redding, Calif., to meet Mrs. Domenighini and children and brought them to Roseburg.

**County Judge V. T. Jackson**, commissioners Elmer Metzger and Ray Doerner attended dedication of the W. M. Tugman state park at Eel Lake Thursday afternoon. Others attending from Roseburg included State Game Commissioner John P. and Mrs. Amacher; Charles S. Collins, executive vice president of the Cal-Ore Recreational Development District, and son, Charles C., Wilbur Wieprecht, executive secretary of the Douglas County Park Department, and Charles V. Stanton, editor of The News-Review. Mr. Amacher was one of the three principal speakers, representing the Oregon Game Commission of which he is a member and is former chairman.

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