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MENACE IN THE FAR EAST

It seems that while the world is turning its attention to the troubled situation in Europe that most of us are forgetting the one thing that at present seems to threaten peace in the Pacific. This one thing is Japan.

Japan has taken the idea that now is the time for her to gain a foothold in the Far East and she seems to be taking steps to attain this end. Now that Great Britain is going to be—at least it is the next-predicted move of Hitler—busy defending her own islands that she will not have time nor men to defend her possessions in the Far East, and France is no longer a recognized state, the Japanese are taking steps to move in.

If all the things Japan hopes for come true then we will have this matter on our hands very soon. President Roosevelt has warned Japan the United States will tolerate no such moves in this direction if it will have a bad effect upon our country. However, the Japanese seem to be completely disregarding the President's warning.

If Japan does get French Indo-China—and they have dispatched warships to that territory already—the next step would probably be a grab of the Dutch East Indies. This small group of islands have long been the goal of Japanese imperialism. If they take steps to take over these islands then the United States will have to make a definite stand one way or another. We get much raw materials from this group of islands and some of them seem to be at the present very valuable to our country.

Not only would this group of islands give Japan some very much needed oil but it would give them a much stronger position to move into other possessions of other nations in the Pacific. The Japanese value the oil and other raw materials of the Dutch East Indies very highly and will probably make every effort to get control over them. Reports have it that the people of these islands have their oil fields mined and ready to blow up if such an attack does come from the outside.

The fact that the U. S. fleet that has been stationed in Hawaiian waters left there for an unannounced destination seems to indicate that the government of the United States is keeping a close check on the activities in the Far East. There are other indications that our government is watching the activities of Japan with an eagle eye and it is doubtful any actions of the Japanese are unknown to the officials at Washington.

If we should be involved in the European struggle then it seems certain that Japan would take quick action. However, as long as we keep our nose out of the affairs across the Atlantic, they will more than likely think twice before taking action that would draw the ire of our nation.

Radio reports Wednesday evening indicate that Japan has already started activities in French Indo China and have thrown a blockade around Hong Kong. These activities may make for many rapid changes in the picture in the far east in the next few days.

Midget Auto Races To Be Held July 4th At Lane Fairgrounds

Lane county's long-awaited midget auto races will be presented by Bobby Rowe and his Oregon association drivers at the Lane county fairgrounds the afternoon of July 4. The races next week have taken on considerable more importance than the first scheduled meet, rained out on Memorial Day after 3,000 spectators had packed the covered stands.

When the first midget car rolls out on the fifth-mile fairgrounds track for time trials, starting at 1:30 p. m. the dirt track is expected to be in perfect condition. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, sponsoring the meet, have been working for more than a week breaking down the hard surface of the track and wetting and repacking the oval to give the 20 or more drivers who will compete a hard level track that will allow the cars, some capable of 120 miles per hour, every opportunity to establish new records.

While the time trials are scheduled to get under way at 1:30, the first actual competition, the helmet dash, will not start until an hour later.

The sponsors, who will present an unusually fine display of fireworks at the fairgrounds in the evening—free to the public—expect a crowd of approximately 5,000 spectators.

Saginaw

At the annual school meeting held recently, Harley Williams was elected director for three years and Martin Olsen reelected clerk for one year.

Mrs. Lawrence Montieth and daughter Iris spent Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Montieth's sister, Mrs. Ben Jackson of Walker. Lawrence Prine had to have his right eye removed recently after an emery wheel broke and a piece of the wheel cut the eyeball.

Levi Russell is ill with quinsy. He went to the hospital Tuesday to have his throat lanced.

The Friendly Neighbors club met last week with Mrs. Levi Russell. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ray Stewart, July 11.

Mrs. Bill Day of Grants Pass and Mrs. Morris and children of Cottage Grove visited Sunday morning at the Lawrence Montieth home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rand and children attended the funeral of Mr. Rand's

sister-in-law at Roseburg last week. The little Rand girls remained to visit with an aunt at Roseburg for a week or more.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Benston, Mrs. Lowell Benston, Mrs. Howard Keene and Iris Montieth attended the funeral of Mrs. Clara Taplin Perini in Cottage Grove last week.

Pete Hayes of Cottage Grove was a guest at the Lowell Benston home Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keene of Thornton Corners and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Keene of Creswell spent Saturday evening at the Howard Keene home.

Virgil Pollock has accepted a position at the Safeway store in Cottage Grove.

Rousing

Joe: "I'm glad that you have been getting to work on time lately."

Jim: "Yes, sir, I bought myself a parrot."

Joe: "A parrot? I recommended that you get yourself an alarm clock."

Jim: "I had an alarm clock, but soon got used to it. Now I set the clock beside the parrot, and when the alarm goes off, what that parrot says is enough to rouse the whole block!"—Bagology.

Small Principality

The principality of Liechtenstein is only slightly larger than Staten

Airline Network

There is a 35,000-mile network of regularly operating airlines in the United States.

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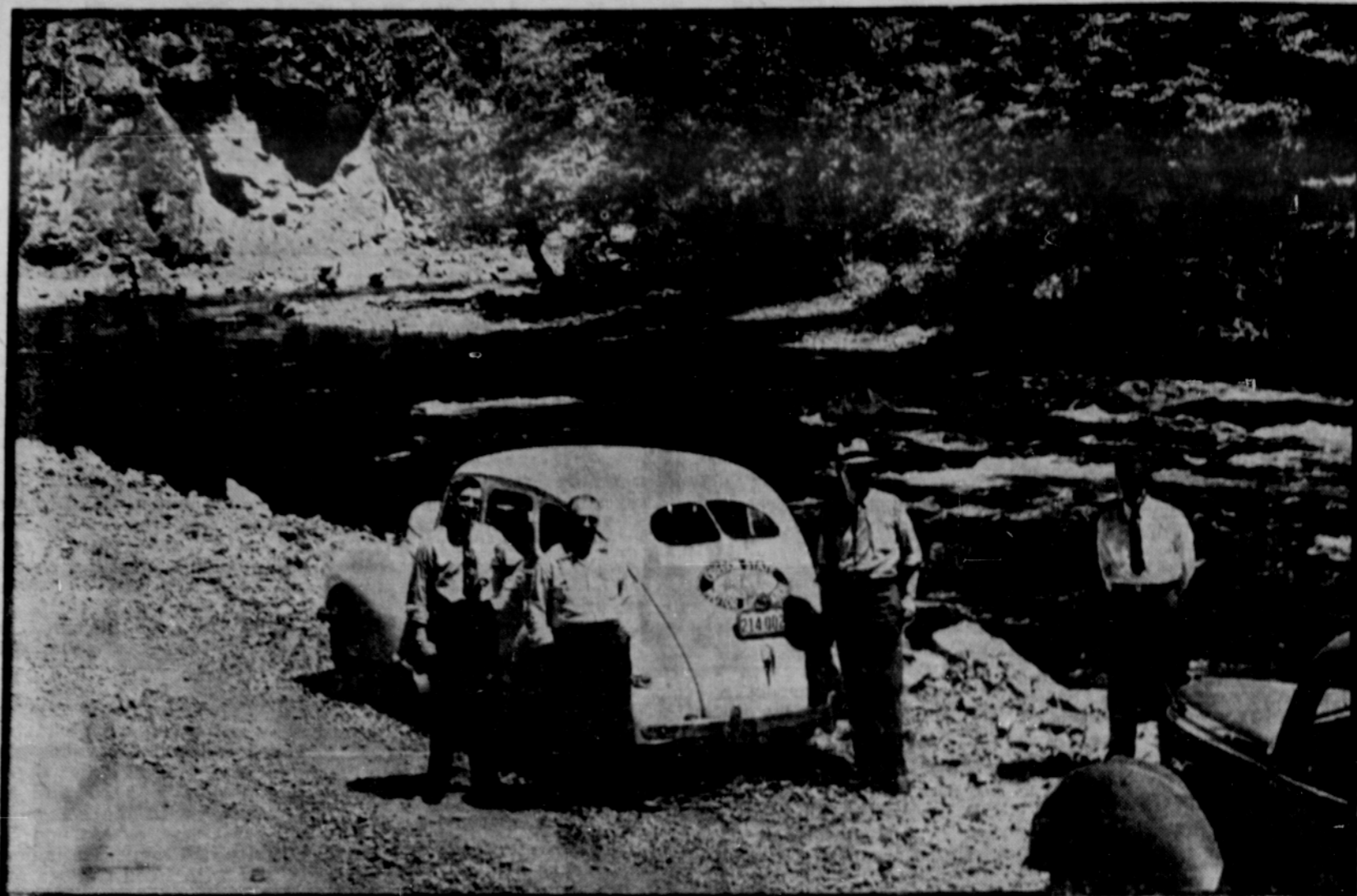
Good 5-room house and good out-buildings. Good orchard and 4 acres strawberries.

Will sell or trade for land around Cottage Grove.

Am in the market for a place in this part of Oregon.

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WE MODERNS INVADE A PRIMEVAL DOMAIN



Into the primeval forests bordering the North Umpqua a new highway has been built. It will take modern motorists flying through country in the matter of minutes where once it took

hours, days and weeks. Above, the motorlog party pause on the edge of the North Umpqua.

The following article, presented in co-operation with the Oregon State Motor association, is one of a series designed to promote travel in the Pacific northwest. Today's article has been condensed from a motorlog appearing in *The Sunday Oregonian* June 9.

BY HERMAN EDWARDS
Staff Writer, The Oregonian

OF ALL THE STORIES of heroic figures that I loved as a boy I still cherish the tales about old Bill Bradley, a semi-legendary, bearded giant of a man who lived in mysterious solitude in the dark forests of the wild North Umpqua river country.

Bill Bradley had one of his several mountain homes at Bradley flat on the North Umpqua ten miles above the mouth of Steamboat creek. There, more than 30 years ago, a horse kicked Bradley to death and he was laid to rest in a grave in the quiet glade.

I wonder what Bill Bradley would say, and what the Indians, whose bones long ago mingled with the dust of Caps Illahe, would say of modern times that have brought roads and automobiles into their primeval domain. What would they think when caravanning automobiles stream across Bradley flat this coming June 21 to dedicate a new road that forever will end the isolation that, to them, was the charm of their rugged country?

It was a preview of this car-

van trip, for which the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce has invited Governor Sprague, state highway officials and chambers of commerce of Klamath Falls and other cities, that the motorlog automobile of The Oregonian-Oregon State Motor association made the 92-mile run over the new North Umpqua road be-

tween Roseburg and Diamond lake.

Between Roseburg and Steamboat creek, distance 45 miles, the road has been completed for some years, a co-operative project by the forest service and Douglas county. Construction above Steamboat, started in 1934, has been entirely by CCC

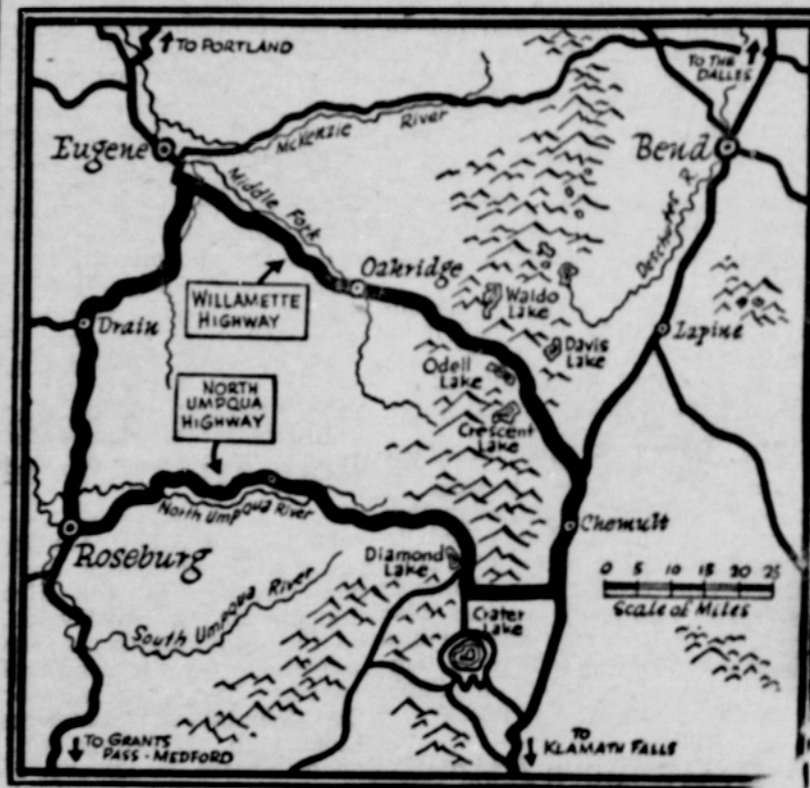
crews for the 23 miles between Steamboat and Big Camas ranger station.

CCC road and powder crews and bulldozers were rushing work on the mountain grades to get them ready for the caravan. The dedication will be a triumphant occasion for central and western Douglas county residents who feel that they have reclaimed a long-lost possession. Now they may reach Diamond lake, which is in their own county, without having to go through two other counties on the way.

After a pleasant dinner at the Diamond Lake lodge, the motorlog car departed to make a loop of the journey by way of the new Willamette pass highway.

At the junction with the Willamette route, marked as state highway 58, we were an even 94 miles from Eugene and on a highway which, with completion of a final 3½-mile link, probably by the middle of this month, will provide a high-speed transmountain artery of primary importance in the state's highway system.

The Willamette highway will have its official opening probably about the same time as the North Umpqua dedication. For our motorlog trip, and until the final construction link is welded, there is a 16-mile detour between points just west of the grade summit and 15 miles east of Oakridge.



The route taken by the motorlog car is mapped above

Thornton Corners

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fetter and children, who were called to Glenullin, North Dakota, by the illness of Mr. Fetter's mother, returned last week from spending three weeks there.

Mrs. Herbert Neal and two sons of Yuba City, California, arrived Thursday for an extended visit at the home of a brother of Mrs. Neal, W. L. Whitlock, and with other relatives in the vicinity. On Sunday Mrs. Neal and sons, together with the Whitlocks and a brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wicks and sons of Dorena, picnicked west of Cottage Grove on the old Whitlock home place. Mrs. Neal is visiting this week at Dorena with her sister, Mrs. Wicks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jackson and son Milford of Portland were week end guests of Mr. Jackson's aunt, Mrs. Frank Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Keene and family of Creswell and Mr. and

Mrs. Claude Willey and daughter of Sutherlin visited Sunday at the W. A. Keene home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mullen of Wewela, South Dakota, who had visited here at the home of their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gierau, for the past three weeks, left Wednesday of last week for their home.

Miss Joanne Premazzi accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Martin Foster of Cottage Grove to Salem Saturday and returned Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Mills, mother of Mrs. R. C. McNew, is reported quite ill at her home.

O. W. Neet of Dexter has been a visitor at the home of a son Harry.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Trent and Mary Trent, accompanied by B. F. Bowers of Mosby Creek spent Sunday afternoon up the Willamette.

1,500 CCC Camps
A total of 1,500 200-man CCC camps and approximately 100 smaller camps are now in operation.

Journey of a Shrapnel

A small fragment of shrapnel, which penetrated the ear of a Turkish soldier 27 years ago, has been extracted from his thigh at Istanbul. On its slow journey through his body the fragment caused the man no pain until a few weeks ago, when his legs began to ache.

Artificial Jute

Artificial jute has been developed in Germany, it is reported to the American Chemical society. Production of the new brownish fiber called "zelljute," will, it is estimated, exceed 12,000 tons in 1940, or approximately 10 per cent of the present jute demand.

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