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## We Need Better Street Lights

Modern street lighting for the entire city is a worthy project for the city council to consider. The need has been great for a long time, but a recent incident on the west side of a lady being accosted on a dark street has brought the issue to a head.

The lady succeeded in driving off her assailant without receiving bodily harm herself and she gave a description to the police. But he has not been found.

The city council unanimously voted recently to put in modern lights such as on Main street near the high school and Harrison school because of the extreme darkness that creates a traffic and pedestrian hazard.

The cost for the city to do the job was prohibitive so Mountain States agreed to put in the lights with the city footing the power bill. Shortly after an individual building a new home here asked the council to put in a modern light in front of his home. Councilmen voted this down, saying if they did it for one everyone in town would want one.

Everyone in town should want one. If the cost to the city is too great, Mountain States possibly could install new lights, with the city footing the power bill. However, if even this were too expensive, at least powerful bulbs could be installed. There are many lights in town where bulbs are burned out or have been knocked out by B-B guns.

Some corners remain in darkness over long periods. One corner near the downtown area has been dark for a long time. (I note this every time I walk home from council meetings.)

We strongly recommend that the city make good lighting a project for the safety of its citizens. Or we should say, the citizens themselves should take it on as a project. After all the citizens thru taxes pay the light bill and they should have something to say about their own safety. JHG

## Hats Off to Spelling Finalists

The Cottage Grove Sentinel this week takes off its hat to the 13 finalists from grade schools in this area who will compete Friday in the second annual Spelling Bee conducted by this paper.

We note that three of the finalists were in last year's contest, with the runner-up, Ann Chapman, to be a strong contender this year for the title. Joyce Carpenter of Latham school beat her out by a hair last year.

The 13 represent the best spellers and probably some of the best all-around students in our grade schools. Last year's contest proved to doubting parents and the public that the so-called "modern system of education" with its "frills" actually does a good job of teaching the children. Their spelling proved it.

Last year youngsters spelled phonetically words far beyond their vocabulary. This year in finals held in the individual schools and witnessed by the Sentinel more youngsters, as young as the fifth graders, did this again. They spelled by thinking out the sounds words the meaning of which they did not know.

Again, may we take off our hats to these 13 and urge the public to attend our Bee on the 7th and see the finalists at work.

## Independence Comes From Helping Ourselves

In listening to the campaign issues discussed in the recent election we have concluded that a good many native citizens have forgotten just how fortunate they were in being born in the USA rather than some foreign country. After all we had no choice in the matter. It seems to us that we have grown to look on the matter of voting in a selfish light. We are often influenced by personal interest in casting our ballot rather than viewing the issue from a standpoint of voting for the candidate or the issue that will bring the greatest good to the greatest number of people. We will advance on our own individual initiative rather than on the promises of some politician. We can solve a lot of our own problems with the proper effort and we should not wait for someone else to do it for us.

We would say that the attitude of "What's in it for me," is a far greater weakness nationally than the lack of soldiers and equipment for national defense. If we are to have stronger national defense, we know that a moral rearmament would be essential.

## Drinking and Driving Don't Mix

More than 35,000 people are killed in automobile accidents in an average year in the United States. It has been conservatively estimated that a driver or pedestrian who has been drinking is involved in one-fifth of these accidents.

Any amount of alcohol in a person's blood stream has adverse effects upon the abilities needed to drive a car. Both physically and psychologically a person is affected by alcohol in ways that make him less capable of driving safely.

All the reactions, such as slow muscular reactions, coordination, concentration, vision, control, confidence, etc. have been repeatedly established by experiments on human beings who have been given moderate amounts of alcoholic beverages.

The net result of the effects of moderate amounts of alcohol on drivers may be summed up this way:

The driver's ability is worse than under normal conditions but he is very likely to believe that it is better. Scientific evidence proves his belief that he can drive better with a drink or two is a delusion responsible for accidents.

(The above is adapted from the Oregon Alcohol Education Newsletter.)

## The Communist Weekly

We had an opportunity recently to examine a copy of the Guardian, a communist weekly published in New York. We were particularly interested in the line of attack on the American way of life by this weekly, since the weekly was more or less circumscribed as to what it might say. Its publishers know they could not retain the weekly's mailing privilege and get violent on any subject.

Our examination revealed that this weekly was devoting a major share of its editorial policy toward freeing the Rosenbergs, under death sentence as atom spies. Its next major effort was trying to play up racial differences and last but not least the Guardian let it be known that its editors did not think much of either presidential candidate, thereby following the opinion of Moscow.

## THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN



## Letters to the Editor Nels John Person Can't See Judge

Dear Sir: I just finished reading "Letters to the Editor" and was particularly interested in the letter about the "recall Bayly" movement.

I do not know anything about Judge Bayly personally, but I noticed what Cal Young said about him, which was, "I've known a lot of judges in Lane county, but I've never known one before you couldn't go in and talk to."

Well, Mr. Young, I have! A claim we were settling had to be signed by a certain judge. Our attorney said he believed we were entitled to a certain amount of money, but the judge did not agree with him and the whole thing hinged on the judge. So I phoned the judge, asked him if we might come to his office by appointment or otherwise and explain why we thought we were entitled to the money we were asking.

His reply was, "Absolutely not! I deal through attorneys only!" (No wonder the Bar association is backing him for re-election.) He was very rude, and when my tone of voice matched his he slammed down the receiver. I was surprised at his attitude, because Judge Skipworth is thought of highly by most people.

If Mr. Young, or anyone else, doubts this and thinks they can get me an appointment with Mr. Skipworth, I will be glad to go see him, because I still don't think we got a square deal.

It makes me wonder what chance people have with a judge like that if they can't afford an attorney. A judge should be a servant of the people, not a servant of the "Bar association." G. Perkins

## Harris Ellsworth Talks to Lions Oct. 30

Members and guests of the Cottage Grove Lions club heard Cong. Harris Ellsworth explain the difference between the republican and democratic parties at the October 30th meeting. Ellsworth, whose home is in Roseburg, has served as congressman from the 4th district since the organization of the district.

As Cong. Ellsworth explained the difference, the republicans believe in constitutional government, where laws passed by congress govern the action of the people. Big business, as represented by the government, is not always best for the welfare of the people. Further, laws passed by congress should not be circumvented by a head of a government bureau or by some cabinet member.

Citing the example of the FEPC, which takes away the right of the individual or firm to hire or fire employees as a basic example of the violation of the individual rights, the speaker asserted his objection to a centralized government was to have the government try to solve individual problems.

The objection to many federal housing projects is that they fill only a partial need. Republicans object to such projects as the proposed Columbia Valley Authority, because the administration wants to appoint three men. The republicans believe that it would be more appropriate to let the states involved handle the affairs of the basin.

## LOCAL MAN CHARGED WITH LEAVING SCENE

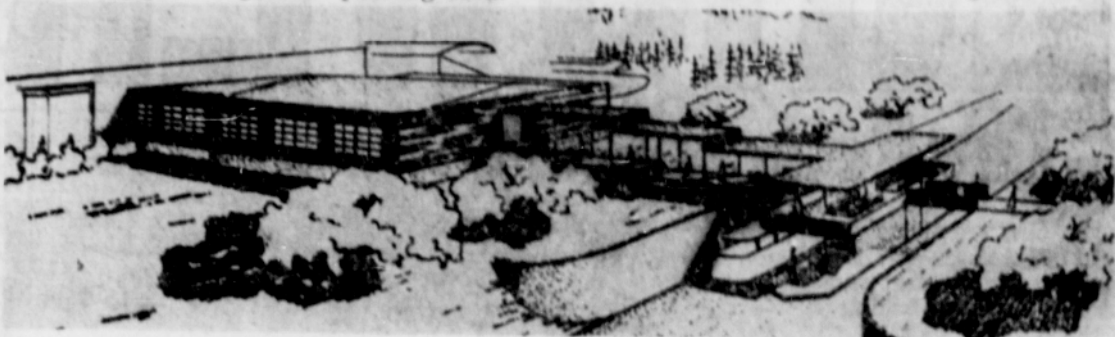
Mirchie Davis of Disston route, following an accident on the Row River road Monday, was charged with failure to stop at the scene in a complaint signed against him by George F. Yoakam, also of Disston route.

Yoakam claimed that Davis, driving a 1950 Chevrolet sedan, hit his car. Yoakam said he chased Davis and caught up with him. A warrant has been issued for Davis.

## Proposed Additions to Union High School



NEW GYM for boys with a seating capacity of 2,000, twice as much as the present one, is in the high school expansion plan. Wing on front will house music rooms for band and choral group and practice rooms. This will be built on east end of present building and will take up part of present parking area.



—Photos by Clark's Studio from drawings by Thomas A. Balchour, architect.

CROWDED CONDITIONS in the present Union high school led to plans for six additional classrooms shown in above architect's drawing. The new addition will be an extension to the present building on the West side. Front area is loading and unloading zone for buses and breezeway leading to interior. Building will be of brick to match present one.

## Arthur J. Polette

Arthur Joseph Polette, 68, 323 G street, Cottage Grove, passed away at his home October 30. He was born October 10, 1876, in Sunne, Sweden, and came to the United States 51 years ago. Mr. Polette was a contract logger and member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

He was married to Nelle S. Erickson in Portland, February 13, 1909. Surviving are his widow and one son, Lawrence A. Person of Forest Grove.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 5, at Pegg's Chapel, Beaverton, with interment in the Crescent Grove cemetery at Beaverton. Mills Mortuary was in charge of local arrangements.

There is no problem too big or too complex for all of us acting together.



## Pauline Burns

Funeral services for Mrs. Pauline Burns, 78, Lorane route, Cottage Grove, were held at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 4, at Mills Mortuary with the Rev. Emerson officiating. Vault entombment was in the IOOF cemetery.

Mrs. Burns passed away Friday, October 31, at the local hospital. She was born February 19, 1874, in Des Moines, Iowa, and had been a resident of this community for 24 years. She was married to Lyle R. Burns in 1902 in Oklahoma, and was a member of the Christian church.

Survivors include two sons: Eugene Burns of Cottage Grove and Paul D. Burns of Los Angeles; one daughter, Mrs. Eulalie Graham of Creswell; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and two brothers: Lawrence Marks of Hitchcock, Okla., and Jim Monroe of Grove City, Calif.

Services were held Monday, November 3, at 2:30 p.m. at Mills Mortuary with the Rev. Clark Enz officiating. Vault entombment was in the IOOF cemetery.



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## Richland Man Admitted To C. G. Hospital After Injuries in Wreck

Walter Saunders of Richland, Oregon was admitted to the Cottage Grove hospital Wednesday morning suffering from injuries received in an auto accident on the Umpqua highway at an earlier hour. His condition is not serious. Details regarding the accident were not available. It was said the Saunders car was practically demolished.

## Out Spin



I notice the Attorney General is calling for the deportation of a flock of foreign born anti-Americans who have been uncovered in the Communist probes. This makes more sense than an adding machine.

The United States was built by foreigners who believe in American ideals and freedom... but there's no place here for people who are interested only in wrecking the nation. We have enough headaches already without importing them. And we're a little tired of people who don't believe in the Constitution... except as something to hide behind. There is only one word for anyone who prefers another government or system... and that's "Goodbye!"

Tests at Cornell University prove that adults need spinach even more than children do. Looks as though Mom and Pop are to have to turn over a new leaf. Are you aware of a "loss of power, missing at low speeds and rough idle." These are the symptoms of valve trouble, and it means that it's time you brought your car in to us for valve grinding and carbon removal. Don't wait any longer, bring it in today at HANSEN BROS., 5th & Washington... Phone: 760.