



WORK IS again progressing on the Boring Rd. interchange, "Blood Alley". The work was started over a year ago, and most recently has been delayed by a construction strike. The intersection got its name "Blood Alley" following several deaths caused by accidents. (Post photo)

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Berry pickers happy

Raspberry pickers are happy. The crop is good and the berries are large. The rain came at the right time. However, because of the previous hot weather the season will be shorter but the tonnage normal.

Reed Ellis of the Gresham farm labor office said Wednesday morning he was about 100 pickers short on orders that have come to his office.

He said one problem is that the strawberry and raspberry crops are overlapping. The picker shortage is in the rural areas, Pleasant Home, Kelso, Sandy and Boring areas. Some pickers don't like to drive that far, Ellis said. Housing is limited and available in Clackamas County only.

Berry acreage has decreased in the area in the past five years. According to Carl Lyski, a major grower, strawberry acreage is now about 60 per cent and raspberry acreage about 75 per cent of five years ago.

The Flav-R-Pac plant in Gresham closed last year but there are still enough packing plants to handle the crops, Lyski said. Some of the workers went to other plants and some were left without jobs in the industry.

This week's Lesson-Sermon at First Church of Christ, Scientist explores the subject, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" The Bible states, "Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands."

From the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy this passage will be used, "The true theory of the universe, including man, is not in material history, but in spiritual development."

The word "astronaut" is of Greek origin and translates literally into star sailor.

Timber prices reflect home costs

Jack Mahaffy, builder, says that people must learn to live together. The tendency to want homes isolated on large tracts of land is not feasible, he says.

In talking to the Gresham Real Estate Marketing Association Thursday, Mahaffy said that people who move to areas with wide open spaces soon learn that the cost is high. People learn that they cannot afford to buy the surrounding land to maintain open space. Then there comes the cost of building schools and a sewage system.

Mahaffy says that there must be a greater effort to keep the cost of homes from getting too expensive. Lumber costs are a big factor in the increased cost of homes, he said. Japan is outbidding U.S. builders because it is paying more for timber than the finished lumber costs in the U.S.

He believes Sen. Bob Packwood's bill controlling log exports to Japan will pass but this will not be the full answer. The State of Washington is against the bill because there much of the timber is owned by the state. In Oregon the timber is largely owned by the federal government. Also Washington uses the sale of timber for school support. It totalled \$65 million last year.

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Such regulations would add tremendously to the cost of a home, he said. Appliance dealers also may be required to extend their warranties. All these factors will increase the cost of owning a home, Mahaffy said.

Another world supply of lumber may come from Siberia, Mahaffy said. He said South American lumber is plentiful but it is hard to work with because it twists.

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Students attend

A full day science workshop at MHCC was held June 8 for Gresham Highland Grade School sixth graders, groups C and D. Groups A and B had attended the workshop earlier in the school year.

The MHCC science department opened their facilities to the Highland students, creating a learning situation for the sixth graders.

One of the most popular talks was a planetarium show and solar observatory presentation given by Bob Anderson, MHCC faculty member.

The department included separating light rays using a spectroscope and matching the spectrum or light "finger print" to a chart of identified spectrum. Students worked with the concept of radioactivity by measuring the radiation of familiar household objects, as well as radioactive elements, using a Geiger counter.

Dave Korwin of MHCC presented geology specimens and answered the sixth graders' questions about them. Other demonstrations from

Art exhibit

A clothesline art exhibit by amateur artists will be featured at Blue Lake Park Sunday.

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