

### Truckers Urge Attendance At Meeting Of Highway Interim Committee, May 3

GOLD BEACH—at a meeting of a number of truckers belonging to Southern Oregon Truckers League, here Friday night, it was emphasized that all truckers who possibly can, should attend a meeting of the highway interim committee booked for May 3, at Medford. Many important matters concerning the future of the log-hauling of the state depends upon this meeting and one to be held later at Roseburg.

In discussions matters concerning log hauling, the truckers admitted that a number of their group had "put black eyes" on the industry by their unco-operative attitudes on the highways, and by a display of road hoggishness. This practice, it was pointed out, did not come from the truck owners themselves, but from the inexperienced drivers many had been forced to hire during the labor shortage.

George Burr, of Coquille, truck salesman, talked to the drivers about over-all load lengths and of the arrests being made by the highway patrolmen who have used jump scales "the truckers' delight," to base convictions upon. It has been proven in too many cases that these scales have been inaccurate. In many instances it has caused many arrests to be thrown out of court, and in a number of instances the arresting officers have been made the butt of jokes.

"The average trucker," Burr pointed out, "does not try to break any law. He is usually careful in placing his load, but the insane 'length-laws' has caused the average trucker no end of worry."

"It seems that the present law governing over-load and over-height, and over-length, is made not to conserve highways, but to add to the fines which come from arrests."

"Attend these meetings of the interim committee, there be ready to express your beliefs before the group, and then watch how the 1953 legislature will clarify the new laws," he concluded.

### Pfc Lee Smith Now Serves In Japan

WITH THE U. S. FORCES IN Japan—Pfc. Lee J., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith of Brookings, recently graduated from the Far East Command Chemical school at Camp Gifu, Japan.

Before his present assignment Smith was stationed at Camp Cooke, Calif. While in civilian life he was a student at Brookings.



**QUEEN FOR A YEAR**—Marilyn Graffis, College of Pacific senior, has been crowned Miss Sperry to reign over a year-long program of festivities in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Sperry division of General Mills. The 21-year-old music major will appear on TV programs, in sports shows, parades and community events in western states to tell the dramatic story of founding a flour company in the gold fields of Stockton, Calif.

### Local News

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Henry left for Lemon Grove, Calif., after enjoying a two-weeks visit with their son, Alvin Henry, and his family, on the Winchuck.

### Weather Report

For the week ending on Sunday:

	Max.	Min.	Rain
April 7	62	45	....
April 8	63	39	....
April 9	59	42	....
April 10	64	41	....
April 11	60	42	....
April 12	56	44	.04
April 13	54	44	.54
Rainfall for week			.58

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hanscam and family spent Easter at Grants Pass visiting Mrs. Hanscam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Welch.

Pfc Tony Felipe arrived recently from Fort Sheridan, Ill., where he is a radio operator, on a 12 day furlough.

John Arlandson took over the

management of the Shell Service Station from Wesley Kindel last week. John had been employed there for the past several months.

Among those from Smith River attending the Easter Cantata Sunday evening, included: Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Knudson, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Layman, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moss.

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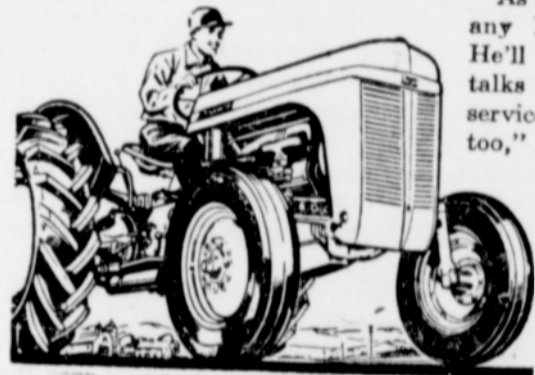
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