

FLASHBACK

Albanian college student seeks way to stay

100 years ago

May 26, 1921 — Plan Patriotic Decoration Day Parade Monday

Members of all patriotic and fraternal organizations of Redmond will participate in a Memorial day parade Monday morning, according to arrangements perfected yesterday by American Legion committees.

The program announced for the day provides for the parade to start from the Knights of Pythias hall at 9 o'clock. The marching bodies will pass up Sixth street to "G" where transportation will be provided to the cemetery.

It is planned that the program shall occupy but a half day, and the services at the cemetery will be short. Arrangements have been made to have prayer led by the Rev. J.W. Cabeen and a short address by the Rev. C.M. Brown.

A firing squad from the American Legion will give a salute over a grave to be prepared in honor of the unknown dead.

A special invitation is extended by W.I. Smith, in charge of the program for the day, to the veterans of all wars who are now living in Redmond or vicinity, and to gold-star mothers.

75 years ago

May 30, 1946 — More to Police Work Than Pouncing on Drivers at Stop Signs, Says Chief

There is a little more to being a policeman in Redmond than to just sit around at some intersection and wait for an unwary driver to ignore the stop sign, according to Chief of Police Jess Edgar.

Ever since the department was increased from three to four men several weeks ago it has been under scrutiny by budget makers and others, and Edgar has been called upon numerous times to explain just why it is that four men are need to fill on on the 24-hour per day, seven-day per week schedule.

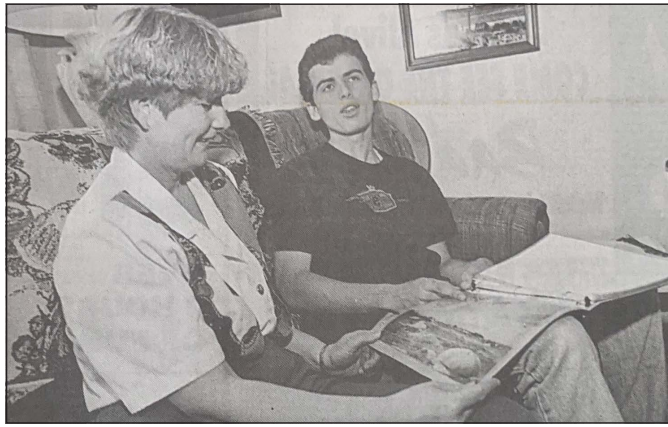
Edgar explains that in the first place, the actual hours of scheduled time on patrol duty or in the office represent only part of the time that is demanded of the officers, since they are always on standby duty and are subject to call 24 hours per day.

The process of arresting people and putting them in jail is actually only a minor part of the police routine, Edgar explains. The police have to be their own jailers, bailiffs and bookkeepers in each case, and have to follow through on each arrest until the case has been cleared through court and all the penalties have been enforced.

Meanwhile the officers are busy chasing dogs, running the dog pound, rounding up stray cows, horses and chickens and riding hard on peddlers. There are occasions when these peddlers are as hard to keep track of as a colony of ants. Some of them pretend they never heard of the city's "Green River" ordinance, and are sometimes at work in several parts of the residential districts at once before the police get tipped and start tracking them down.

In their daily work the police license bicycles, inspect trailer houses, settle family fights, enforce traffic rules, building and sanitary regulations, and do a variety of work connected with state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Redmond police are their own stenographers and bookkeepers for the most part, and have to work out their own finger print records, accident reports, receipts, complaints and other papers, and have to do



Spokesman file photo

Andi Dede shows sponsor Anna Jeffrey photos of bunkers in his homeland of Albania.

their own filing and indexing.

These duties are all in addition to their regular job of patrolling the city, Edgar explains, quieting drunks, checking doors and lights, keeping an eye on the hobo jungles and generally enforcing the traffic ordinances.

50 years ago

May 26, 1971 — Statistics dampen chances of four-lane Highway 97

Any hopes Deschutes County residents may have held for a four-lane highway between Redmond and Bend were dampened by the recent arrival of a statistical report from the Oregon State Highway Division. Cost of modernizing the 14 plus miles to full fourlane standards would cost approximately \$8 million, according to R.L. Porter, state highway engineer, who pointed out that from 1968 through 1970 inclusive, only three fatal accidents occurred on the section. Two were caused by vehicles running off the road at night, and a third involved a pedestrian during darkness.

Porter included statistics showing that from 1965 through 1969, the Redmond-Bend section of Highway 97 had experienced between 1.55 and 2.78 accidents annually, compared to 2.40 to 2.98 on other primary rural nonfreeways, statewide.

Average daily traffic along the stretch varied from 5600 at Redmond's south city limits to 4550 approximately midway and 5300 just north of the junction with Sisters Highway near Bend.

Porter listed 19 jobs, bearing comparable deficiencies, to illustrate the relative rate of usage along the highways. They varied from 1700 vehicles daily along the Camas Mountain section of the Coos Bay-Roseburg highway to 15,000 on the Santa Clara-Eugene highway. Of the 19 jobs listed, 10 were more heavily used; nine less traveled.

The report was forwarded to the Redmond Chamber of Commerce by Sen. Gordon W. McKay, who along with Rep. Sam Johnson, had contacted

pertise in, the English language got him to America and into Central Oregon Community College.

But will it be enough to keep the Albanian student here?

Dede hopes so, because getting an education is something he and his family value above all else.

Especially a degree from an American university.

But Jim and Anna Jeffrey of Redmond, his foster family this year, are unable to sponsor him next year.

Dede met the Jeffreys when they were on a mission to Albania. He acted as their interpreter, something he had done many times before, and they became friends.

Dede took English for eight years in the European nation's version of middle and high school. He found he not only liked foreign languages, he was good at them.

His work as an interpreter gave him a chance to talk to many different English speakers and he got even better.

And at age 19, Dede is still amazed he ever got a chance to talk to foreigners.

When he was growing up, Albania was a closed, communist country. Because of its strategic location, due east of the heel of Italy's boot, the country was carefully guarded and isolated from all Western

nations.

History and geography lessons in school were focused on other communist nations. Watching Italian television or listening to capitalist radio stations could land one in jail. Anyone speaking a foreign language was immediately suspected of being a CIA agent.

But in 1989 and 1990, Dede's second year in high school, "everything changed," he says.

Borders were opened, travel was allowed, new experiences unthought of before democracy were possible.

For Dede, the opening of the county meant the opportunity to come to America.

"It's good to live in times of change. You learn a lot," he said, while admitting his can also be confusing. "It's like a coin, flipping from one side to another mentally."

But for Albania, or Shqiperi, (pronounced *Shiperee*, the country's real name, according to Dede,) some things haven't changed.

His family is "not at all rich," he says, even though his mother is a doctor and chief of chemotherapy at an Albanian hospital and his father is a television journalist and researcher for the department of education.

Dede says "it is very hard to

find jobs in my country, and even if you work very hard, you may not have much."

And that's one of the things he likes best about America.

"If you are a very hard worker," Dede says, "you get something."

His family, which also has a daughter in college in Albania, is a classic case — and unable to help financially with Dede's expensive American schooling.

Since the breakup of communism, the wealth in Albania has gone to businessmen.

"They have Albania now in their hands," he says, shaking his head.

But Dede's chin comes up when he describes the things he loves about his homeland and that he hopes will never change. Things like family.

"Here at age 16 or 17, children say bye-bye to their family," he said. "At home, we stay with our families, sometimes until we are married.

Divorce is uncommon, and Dede appreciates the plight of the single parent.

"How can you do it by yourself?" he asks.

In addition, he says his family measures wealth differently. "You are rich if you speak two or more languages," he said. "At home, if you don't have school, you are nothing."

Porter after receiving copies of the resolutions, requesting the Highway 97 construction, which had been sent to the State Highway Division by Bend and Redmond Chambers and the Deschutes County Advertising Committee.

Sen. McKay pointed out that "Of course, the problem is, as in every area of highway construction, the lack of funds. There are many deserving and needed highway construction projects and mainly the highway division has to rely on basis of need and priority."

25 years ago

May 29, 1996 — Albanian college student seeks way to stay

Andi Dede's love of, and ex-

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