

# WORK STRESSED AT CITY PLAYGROUNDS

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playground administration to schedule a kite tournament for Saturday, August 3. Only kites made by the contestants will be eligible for the competition, which will be held at the Fairgrounds at 10 a. m.

The younger children carry on most of the coping saw cutting and the kite making. Older boys and girls are provided with more difficult tasks, such as the weaving of baskets, wood turning and pushmobile construction. The weaving is done with both reed and raffia, and many of the weavers have advanced from the stage of basket construction to the formation of end-tables, stools, trays, and mats from the fibrous strands.

The general handicraft work is carried on at each playground, while the wood turning and lathe work is handled at two centers, at the Roosevelt school shop, at the Woodrow Wilson school shop. At the Roosevelt shop boys operate the lathes; and at the Wilson shop both boys and girls are instructed in advanced weaving technique.

Pushmobile construction is the craft most popular among the masculine playground contingent. The small velocipedes are made in all models. On Friday, August 3, pushmobile races will be held at the Frances Willard playground.

The finishing of all of the objects made by the handicraft classes

includes the application of oil paints. Paints and brushes are furnished by the playgrounds, and children are instructed in the proper method of applying the paints as well as the best color combinations.

In the closing program, to be held the last of August, a mammoth exhibit of all handicraft work will be presented for the inspection of the public.

Handicraft classes are conducted following times: Wilson, 10-12 Monday and Wednesday; Roosevelt, 10-12 Tuesday and Thursday; Lincoln, 1-3 Monday and Wednesday; Condon, 1-3 Tuesday and Thursday; Skinner's butte, 3-5 Monday and Wednesday; Frances Willard, 3-5 Tuesday and Thursday.

## Recent Storms Set Ten-Day Fire Mark

Breaking all previous 1935 records for ten day fire period, lightning storms in Oregon started 325 fires last week. In addition to the 125 lightning fires, careless smokers caused 21 fires and campfires 10, according to figures secured from the forest service. The extraordinary electrical bombardment occurring in eastern and southern Oregon was felt most severely on the Rogue River national forest, according to the report, where 38 fires were set on the Dead Indian, Klamath and Butte Falls ranger districts. On the Whitman national forest including part of the Blue Mountain district of eastern Oregon, lightning caused 31 fires. The Fremont forest in the vicinity of Lakeview, Oregon, ranked third as a sufferer from lightning fires.

# FAIRGROUNDS WORK TO COST \$25,000

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idea and name of fairgrounds will be dropped, according to county officials.

**Funds Sought**  
Application for funds to complete Unit No. 1 will be made immediately by the county to the WPA, County Judge Esk said Tuesday. Of the estimated \$25,000 cost of the project the county will put up \$3,500, but it is estimated that \$2,000 of this sum will be for the rental of county machinery and equipment, thus making a cash outlay on the part of the county of only \$1,500. It is estimated that the cost of materials and supplies will be \$10,000 and WPA labor \$15,000. These figures are all given in round numbers as approximately the amounts to be expended. They may be a little higher or a little lower.

The plans for the drainage and leveling of the grounds as submitted by Engineer Townsend are quite extensive, and after the first unit is completed, they call for the beautification of the tract by the planting of lawns, shrubs and ornamental trees. The present plans also call for the tearing down of the old wooden fence surrounding the tract and substituting for it a woven wire fence, thus adding much to the appearance of the entire grounds.

The plan of creating a Lane county community center on the site of the fairgrounds has the approval of the Lane county Pomona grange as well as other community groups throughout the county.

## BREVITIES

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ester Lynn E. Cronmiller, because of the fire hazard.

**PORTLAND, Ore., July 30.—(AP)—**A special Washington dispatch to The Oregonian today said that Mary's peak, one of the highest points in the Willamette valley, may be purchased by the forest service for recreational development.

**PORTLAND, Ore., July 30.—(AP)—**An attendance goal of 20,000 has been set for the all-state Democratic picnic at Blue Lake park eight miles east of Portland Sunday, Aug. 11, Dr. William Arthur Harroun, general chairman, stated today.

**MEDFORD, Ore., July 30.—(AP)—**Walter A. Herndiniski, 19, CCC enrollee from Chicago, died this morning from injuries received when struck by a falling snag in the Butte Falls area late yesterday.

# Seeing America First—

By E. H. HALL

150 miles northeast of El Paso, Texas, back in the low-lying foothills of New Mexico, lie the Carlsbad Caverns. The roads were only fair and took us out of our way and we hesitated—but everybody said to see them. Without exaggeration, I can say that if we hadn't gone we would have missed one of THE big features of the entire trip.

These caverns are not as well known as they are going to be, for a number of reasons. They were only discovered in 1901 by Jim White (still living) and first viewed by the public in a small way in 1922. The park service took them over in 1929, and then took some time to develop them, but their popularity is spreading fast. The party we were in consisted of exactly 824 people, exclusive of rangers and it was not an unusually large one. The first hour we began to open our eyes, and from then on the sights were unbelievable.

These caverns are the largest in the world. It took 5 1/2 hours to view a portion of them; the party went only 6 1/2 miles out of a total known 32 miles. One room alone is 4000 feet long, 625 feet wide, and 300 feet high, lying 750 feet below the surface above. We saw millions of stalactites and stalagmites of every conceivable size and shape. Every room was different. It seemed as though each grew more beautiful the further we went. One giant stalagmite 62 feet tall and 16 feet through, has taken 60 million years to grow. Dome shapes, icicle shapes, sword-like, branching, it would be hard to find anything more beautiful. One other member of the party exclaimed, "I'd spend my last dollar to see this," and he didn't look as though he had many dollars either. The final climax came when all lights were turned off and rangers in the distance sang "Rock of Ages." One woman exclaimed, "I believe, if I could see both I would rather miss the Grand Canyon than this." That may be a little strong, but it can be said without hesitation that to the three outstanding natural attractions of the country which everybody hopes some day to see, i. e., Niagara Falls, Yellowstone Park and the Grand Canyon, the people of the United States are going to have to add a fourth—Carlsbad Caverns.

An Austrian telephone device informs callers when a subscriber is out, stating the time of his return. A small dial is set to the correct returning time and the robot gives out the information automatically.

# CHILD FALLS OUT OF CAR, INJURED

(Special)

FLORENCE, July 30.—(Special)—A Florence physician was called upon to give medical attention to a three-year-old child, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rohre of Los Angeles, after the baby had opened the door of the family car and fallen out as the party were en route near here to their Los Angeles home. The accident happened just a mile north of town, the child suffering chiefly from scalp wounds. The accident necessitated the parents making an overnight stop here as the child's injuries required two treatments.

Miss Laura Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Davis, who were until lately residents of this place, was united in marriage on July 23 to John Bennett of North Bend, the ceremony occurring at Couville. The groom resided in Cashman when he was a lad of four years, and the couple have been visiting here with her brother, George Davis.

The W. B. Hilton family enjoyed a recent visit with old neighbors in Texas, when Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Huston and daughter were here from the big state.

The C. J. Colter and Lee Calder families enjoyed the recent visit of the ladies' mother, Mrs. Charles Wilson, from Westwood, Calif. She was accompanied by her two children and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thompson and son, also from Westwood. The latter two are still here, all other members of the party being here only for a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brynd of Portland have spent the week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brynd, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Essex, who for several years resided on the Morris ranch near the Portage, north of town, were visitors of the Morris families here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Manning and daughter Frances who lately removed from this place to Springfield, were visiting their former neighbors, the Carl Steinfeldts this week. Manning has engaged in business in Springfield.

Jack Ponsler, George Connor, Grant Colter, B. A. Murray and D. B. Hawley were appointed the committee of property owners to work with the council Friday night.

A photograph of the Bertie Hanlon leaving on his fourth trip out of the harbor here, loaded with about 350,000 feet of lumber this week, was snapped by a photographer, Mr. Myers, who has been here for several days. The picture is a good one and appeared in Friday morning's Portland Oregonian. Myers was formerly a Reedsport photographer.

Mrs. L. I. Ponsler who had visited here for a couple of months at the home of her son, Jack Ponsler, has returned to her home in Long Beach, Cal.

consideration, and that much depended upon the size and nature of the attendance.  
County surveyors have completed an ownership map of the Long Tom district, and are now working on a similar map of the Muddy Creek area near Coburg. Both are projects being encouraged by the county planning commission, and, if completed, would result in the ultimate reclamation of hundreds of acres of swamp land.

# CAFE PROPRIETOR IS FINED ON 2 COUNTS

O. L. Smith, proprietor of the Hoot Owl cafe north of Florence and which was raided by county and state officers Sunday morning, was fined \$50 by Justice of the Peace Dan Johnston Tuesday afternoon on a charge of selling beer without a state license and \$25 on a charge of operating money slot machines. He had pleaded guilty of both charges. The case against Arden Dunsuir, the bartender who was on duty at the time of the raid, and also charged with selling beer without a license was dismissed on motion of Assistant District Attorney John Bryson. It appeared that he did not know that Smith had no license. Dunsuir first gave the name of Ray Isaac.

Louis J. Quigley was fined \$5 and costs by Justice Johnston Tuesday forenoon on a charge of operating a motor vehicle without proper license plates. The fine was suspended when he agreed to get his license and plates. In circuit court Tuesday Fred Whiteaker, arrested July 30 on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, was arraigned and Judge G. F. Skipworth set Thursday at 9 a. m. as time to enter his plea.

# Miss Geoffrey Dies In Eugene Tuesday

Miss Celia B. Geoffrey passed away at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. N. Young, 1108 Olive street, July 30.

She was born in Worthington, Mass., May 16, 1867. Has lived in Eugene the last two years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church of Eugene.  
Miss Geoffrey is survived by the following: Two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Maxam of Bridgeport, Conn.; and Mrs. A. N. Young of Eugene; a nephew, B. T. Connor of Springfield, Mass.  
Funeral services will be held from St. Mary's Catholic church at 9 a. m. Interment in St. Mary's cemetery. The body will be taken from Veatch chapel on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.  
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## Officials Study Plans For Annex To Courthouse

Members of the Lane county court and other county officials were in conference a greater part of Tuesday forenoon with John Hunzicker, architect, studying the tentative plans drawn by the architect for the proposed new addition to the courthouse. The addition, designed to be fireproof, in order to protect the county's records, will be placed at the southeast corner of the building, if the WPA project for its construction is adopted.

The new addition would be three stories high, with a flat roof to conform to the rest of the building, according to the plans drawn by Architect Hunzicker. The plans call for more space in some of the offices in the courthouse and possibly the moving of one or two to different locations, but this has not yet been decided upon.

As soon as the plans are finally decided upon the project will be submitted to the WPA, county officials said Tuesday.

## Attendance Urged At Long Tom Meet

All residents and property owners of the Long Tom district should attend the meeting to be held at the Franklin grange hall Thursday, Aug. 1, according to H. E. Cully, secretary-manager of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and member of the county planning commission. Cully pointed out that the meeting was for the purpose of obtaining public opinion concerning the proposed Long Tom drainage project and to organize the community so that the project might be submitted for further

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