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er conditions which oc- er winter. He said the although removing 18 of earth from the ditch wasn't digging a deep The ditch was only be- ed" of brush and grass, ended.

TS RECEIVED

hile, several Springfield learning of the project, before the court Friday C. F. Huser, owner of tract south of the ditch the Northgate home de- project is underway, court the ditch was be- ed into a "traffic haz- and would injure his

rs appearing included ld Mayor B. P. Larson, ld City Manager L. B. Robert Carmichael, ld city attorney, and Buford, planning consult-

TION LOSS SEEN

said Saturday the pres- an open drainage ditch e front of his Northgate ent could mean 10 per his planned dwellings ot qualify for FHA in- ans.

would mean that the City ngfield would lose up to in potential assessed " he estimated.

said Ralsh's project was en the ditch, but an "at- o divert water."

r said the ditch in ques- not "a natural drainage " He added: "The county ays the problem can best d by running a ditch behind the houses on the north side of "Q" St. where there is already a natural drainage area."

ROAD PROJECT INVOLVED

Maclay said the county is interested in widening "Q" St. and that the court has been negotiating for right-of-way. "If we have a big ditch along the road," he commented, "there won't be enough room for a widened road."

Huser told the Register-Guard he is willing to donate 45 feet on the south side of "Q" St., but not with an open drainage ditch there.

Maclay and Bayly both stated Saturday the county "isn't in the drainage business."

Bayly said at Saturday's public hearing that "drainage in itself is not a county function. Our function is to build roads. Drainage is a problem for the people."

Bayly added, however, that the county should handle drainage which is directly concerned with protection of roads.

Most of the property owners along "Q" St. favored continued cleaning of the ditch, the same as Raish.

Here are some comments of the owners:

"It was a good idea to clean the ditch. It must be opened up. We can't all live in a house-boat."

Another comment: "The water is hip-deep in the winter. If the area isn't drained, school buses will quit picking up kids there."

And still another: "There is too much water. I've seen what looks like a lake in the area. You could run a motor boat on it."

During the hearing Raish charged that the Springfield delegation "had pressured" Maclay and Bayley into stopping the ditch work. Both denied this.

SHOWING OFF the first crocheted table cloth entered in the textile division of the Oregon State Fair, Joyce Keightley, Fair Lovely, leans languidly against one of the towering oaks on the grounds. The 1952 exposition is set to open its annual eight-day run on Saturday, Aug. 30.

Two Corners To Get Signals

Construction of traffic signals at the Polk and Jefferson St. intersections of 6th and 7th Aves. has been ordered by the Oregon state highway commission.

Eugene City Manager Oren L. King Saturday reported that the commission has awarded an $8,315 contract to C & S Electric Co., Eugene, for installation of the new stop-go lights.

The project will include interconnection of the new traffic signals with those on Blair Blvd., to permit synchronization of the various sets of singles.

Fire Destroys Mill

ROSEBURG (AP)—Loss was estimated at $50,000 Saturday in a fire that destroyed the Husey and Sims sawmill at Lookingglass, eight miles west of here.

Price of Spanish Bases Rejected

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—The United States has no intention of paying the lofty price Francisco Franco is asking for use of Spanish air and sea bases, it was learned Saturday.

The State Department has instructed its negotiators in Madrid to tell the Generalissimo his demands are almost wholly unacceptable.

The negotiations, aimed at setting up another point in the European defense system, have dragged on fruitlessly for more than a year and are expected to be further snarled by the U. S. stand.

In an extraordinary memorandum recently, the Franco government made clear its own position:

- That Spain would refuse the U. S. request for peacetime, stand-by use of bases even though this country is ready to spend cash to put them in shape.
- It later would consider working out an agreement on possible use in wartime.
- Meanwhile, it demanded immediate delivery of the $125,000,000 in U. S. foreign aid earmarked for it in the Mutual Security Act.
- Asked for substantial military assistance to rehabilitate its run-down armed forces.
- Demand the United States sign a full-scale military alliance roughly giving Spain the same guaranttes accorded American allies in Europe.

U. S. officials hit the ceiling at these stipulations and instructed their negotiators to turn them down, point by point.

Eugene Fuchsia Society flower show today at Skinners' Butte Cottage. 12 noon to 8 p.m.

Telegraph Was Invented By Russian, Is Claim

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian named Z. Y. Slonimsky was the real inventor of the first telegraph, the Soviet Army Newspaper Red Star announced Saturday, a good dozen or more years before Americans thought of it.

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THREATENING

Weather Bureau forecast for Eugene and vicinity: Partly cloudy Sunday, with little change in temperature.

Statistics: Highest temperature Saturday, 80; low Saturday, 50; rain in 24 hours ending 5:30 a.m., Saturday, trace; for month, trace; normal month, .49 inches; stage of river, 7.0 feet at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 8 p.m. Saturday; prevailing Saturday,

Rise and Sunset (PST): 5:26 a.m., and 7:02 Monday, 5:27 a.m., and

A ODD FELLOWS presented seven vet- s to members who had continuous membership of to 40 years.

Grand Master Charles P. Eugene made the pres- Dr. George A. Simon H. Starr, both past Grands of Spencer Butte accompanied him on the

KENZIE Grange will annual picnic at Armitage day at 1 p. m. Coffee cream will be furnished Grange.

PENDENT Order of For- will have its annual picnic Armitage Park, begin- 10 a.m. There will be a dinner at 12:30. Members to bring their own table

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FOUR 6-WEEKS-OLD kittens will be given away by the nurses living at 1137 Hilyard. Anyone interested is asked to call 5-9355 or stop by the nurses' home.

CAMP AND AUXILIARY of the United Spanish War Veterans will have a potluck picnic dinner in the yard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Helterbrand at Springfield Sunday at 1 p.m. Those attending are to take their own table service. If there is rain the dinner will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Bldg. in Eugene at 1 p. m. Monday.

UNITED RAILROAD Operator's Crafts have scheduled a picnic for Sunday, Aug. 24, at Armitage Park. All interested are welcome. Dinner is at 5 p.m., PST.; bring table service and a covered dish.

THE EUGENE Fuchsia Society is holding a flower show at Skinner Butte Park Cottage from noon until 8 p.m. Sunday. No admission. The public is invited.

TWO TEEN-AGE boys who ran away from home in Yreka, Calif., were picked up Saturday by Eugene police, and were being held in the juvenile quarters at the jail awaiting arrival of their fathers, who were scheduled to pick them up Sunday, local officers reported.

U. S. Steel and CIO Agree on New Contract

PITTSBURGH (AP)—U. S. Steel Corp., biggest steel producer in the nation, reached complete agreement with the CIO United Steel workers on a new contract Saturday.

The giant firm was the last major producer to come to terms with the union. Earlier Saturday, Crucible Steel Co., of America also signed a formal pact with the union.

Petition Seeks 2-Way Traffic

A petition asking reestablishment of two-way-traffic on Willamette St. between 13th and 14th Aves. will be presented to Eugene's City Council Monday night.

Signed by 12 property owners, all of those directly concerned, the petition urges that the traffic control change be made upon completion of the current project to widen the paved surface of Willamette south of 13th Ave.

The Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor assembly room at City Hall. Most of the evening's agenda will be made up of routine items.

School Board Faces Routine Items Monday

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Eugene School Board is expected to be routine Monday night.

The members will consider charges for the use of school facilities next year by outside groups.

Other business will include a report on the instrumental music program by Supervisor Byron Miller and a study of tuition rates for non-District 4 students.

MacFadden, 84, Plans Jump in River Seine

NEW YORK (U.P.)—Bernarr MacFadden, 84-year-old physical culturist, said Saturday he probably would make a parachute jump into the River Seine three or four days after his arrival next Wednesday in Paris.

MacFadden will fly to the French capital Tuesday "to get away during the presidential campaign."

He said he planned to jump into the widest part of the Seine to celebrate his 84th birthday.

CORNY TITLE!

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department has put out a pamphlet with the title: "Cultural and pathogenic variability in single-conidial and hyphaltip isolates of hemlinthosporium turcicum pass."

It's about a corn leaf disease.

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Geographers Hold Meet

NGTON — No people on better informed on geog- n Amricans, Dr. Gilbert r has told the seventeenth al Geographic Congress, g here for its first meet- the United States since

and pictorial writing urhstones of American al education, he told 1,000 geographers from ons who are attending sessions at the Statler

ed of the vital part ay, Dr. Grosvenor con- en in 1899 he was en- Dr. Alexander Graham the founders of the Na- Geographic Society, of is now president, to raphy interesting and

TRAVEL CLASSICS

the geographic books een tested and had con- years to be widely read ed," said the speaker, States delegate to the

cluded Darwin's 'Voy- e Beagle,' Dana's 'Two ere the Mast,' 'Joshua Sailing Alone Around d.'

is there in Herodotus' written 2,000 years ago, h life to the book that ved 20 centuries and is strong?

is the secret of each of geographical books, and women turn to them through the decades and the centuries?

"It is the accurate, eyewitness, firsthand account," Dr. Grosvenor said. "It is simple, straightforward writing that seeks to make pictures in the reader's mind.

"Pictures are the secret, for the mind must see it before it can believe."

PHOTO PIONEERS

He noted that the National Geographic Society has never limited its membership to technical geographers. Its magazine, which he has edited for 53 years, has pioneered the use of photographs while stripping its accurately written texts of technical verbiage. The public demand for geography thus presented, he asserted, is proved by the Society's present membership of 2 million.

The nation's daily newspapers, books and other periodicals were given a full share of credit for guiding people to knowledge of what he called "this thrilling world." Dr. Grosvenor said that geography, more than any other knowledge, has the power to "enrich the lives of those who devote themselves to its study."

The seventeenth Congress is a constituent part of the eighth general assembly of the International Geographical Union, a body which was organized in 1922 and which has sponsored the Congresses since that date.

FIRST WAS IN BELGIUM

The first Congress convened in 1871 at Antwerp, Belgium. The eighth, in 1904, traveled to several different American cities for its sessions, and was known to geographers of the day as the "Peripatetic Congress."

Registration of delegates took place yesterday. Sessions will be held every day through Friday, when the final General Assembly will take place. Some 300 learned papers are scheduled for presentation and publication.

The United States government has given the Congress official sanction by designating the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council to represent it in deliberations of the International Geographical Union.

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