

For Amateurs Makes Anyone Artist
NEW YORK—Now anyone can be an artist, with a new woodcut kit for do-it-yourself enthusiasts. The kit enables the amateur to cut out framable prints, personalized greeting cards, place cards, personalized party invitations, marks and announcements.

Basis of the kit is a reinforced glass fiber block, coated with plastic, to give a smooth surface which won't absorb ink. The maker says the carving process is so simple anyone who can write can produce a wood cut. (Plasti-cut, Bassons Industries Corp., Bronx, N. Y.).

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County Building Location Studied

A definite plan for locating a new Lane County building near the present courthouse may be forthcoming within a month, Phil Gilmore, Eugene architect, said this week.

Gilmore, hired by a group of local architects to coordinate plans for a proposed city-county civic center in Eugene, has been focusing attention on the county building during recent weeks.

He said Thursday that local architects have been working out individual ideas for locating a new county building somewhere near the present courthouse, but that it may be two or three weeks before all are agreed on a joint plan.

Gilmore added that planning for the civic center, as such, is going ahead, but the architects are now down to individual problems. He said each of the projects—city library, county building, city building, state and federal structures and the cultural center—will be studied one at a time in an attempt to coordinate them with the remainder of the downtown civic center plan.

This plan was the result of long study by the local architects. They recommended a city-county center stemming from the present county park blocks and extending to the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. It extends on to the Willamette River at the east of Skinner's Butte.

Flower Craft Class to Meet

BLUE RIVER—The meeting place for the class on flower arranging and corsage making has been changed from the home of Mrs. Jessie Leaf to the home of Mrs. Grover Smith, the first house west of Elk Creek near here.

The class will be held Monday, June 14, at 10 a.m. and there will be a potluck noon lunch. All interested persons are invited.

Mrs. George Dyer of Veneta will be instructor. Lessons will be free, and material for making corsages will be for sale. Persons attending are asked to bring their own scissors, pencil and paper, wire cutters, table service, and potluck dish.

Snake Alarm

ATLANTA—The frightened telephone call from children at the T. C. Sasser home while their parents were away was convincing enough to bring Patrolman D. T. Kirkland dashing into the house as quickly as he could, with revolver drawn. Opening a closet he fired one shot at the "big snake" the children had found, smashing to bits a novelty rattlesnake made of plaster that an elder brother had tossed aside and forgotten.

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Protection Rate Cut Requested

District Objects To Proposed Levy

Representatives of the Rainbow Water and Fire Protection District Friday asked Springfield city officials for a cut in the proposed rate for city-furnished fire protection during the coming fiscal year.

The city has budgeted an estimated figure of \$8,000—based on the 4½-mill levy which a contract between the two agencies calls for—as the amount it will collect from the Rainbow District during the coming year.

This amounts to an increase of about \$1,500 over the current rate since the assessed valuation of the district has increased by \$236,000 since last year.

Rainbow board members and their attorney, Donald Husband, met informally Friday afternoon with Springfield City Manager L. B. Bartlett, Mayor Edward C. Harms Jr., Fire Chief Harry Krieger, and Councilmen Paris Breedlove and Ralph Nichols to protest the proposed hike in rates.

During the fiscal year which ends June 30, the Springfield Department has made 22 runs so far in answer to Rainbow District alarms.

The two groups agreed to consider a proposed 4-mill rate, which will figure out at about \$5,000, as a compromise. That proposal will be considered by the full city council Monday night and by the full board of directors of the Rainbow District.

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