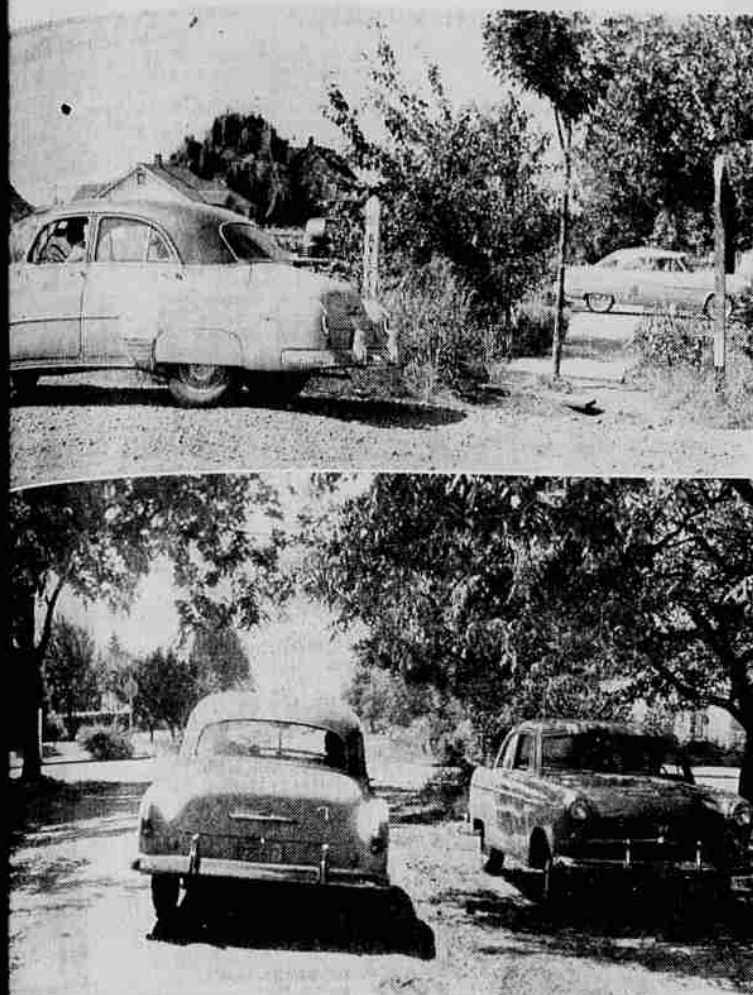




HERE'S THE STOP SIGN?—That's a question that may be asked many times as driving through the streets of Eugene during summer months. Another question that may be asked at many intersections—sometimes too late to avoid an accident—is what oncoming vehicle might be on the other side of an overgrown shrub. One example in Eugene is shown in the top photo. The question of the stop sign is exemplified in the lower shot. It's there, but shadows and leaves don't help the bewildered motorist.

Trees a Traffic Nuisance Not Carefully Trimmed

Overgrowth of trees and shrubs throughout the city is a serious traffic hazard, according to Eugene City Council members. The Engineer Lee Kies, who has been in charge of the city's tree trimming program, said that many of the trees are not being properly maintained. He pointed out that trees are often growing over sidewalks and streets, creating a hazard for motorists. Kies said that the city has a large number of trees, but they are not being properly trimmed. He said that the city has a tree trimming program, but it is not being properly carried out. He said that the city has a large number of trees, but they are not being properly trimmed. He said that the city has a tree trimming program, but it is not being properly carried out.

NEWS BRIEFS

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL—The Eugene City Council will meet at the Osburn Hotel Tuesday night to consider matters referred to the committee at the meeting of the city council.

WOODMEN OF AMERICA—The Woodmen of America will hold a picnic supper at the Osburn Hotel Tuesday night. The picnic will be held at the Osburn Hotel Tuesday night.

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AUTHORITIES BABYSIT FOR TWO LITTLE GIRLS

Two little blonde-haired girls, ages 5 and 7, were back with their parents Saturday afternoon after what Juvenile Officer Dan Swell said must have been a terrifying experience for them. Their case was brought to the attention of juvenile authorities after Eugene police reported it as a case of "abandoned children."

Police were called Saturday morning by Marie Wenner and Betty Jo Wenner, both of 643 W. 4th Ave., who reported the children had been left there Friday night and had not been seen since. The children's names, they said, were Betty Jo and Marie.

A police matron took the children through "channels," first to the juvenile department and then to the juvenile court. From there they were taken to Skipworth home.

Later in the morning the parents called for their children. Cardwell said there had apparently been a misunderstanding between the parents, whose names he did not disclose, and the baby sitters. He said the parents felt they had been misled by the baby sitters that they would not pick up the children Friday night unless they left the dance before 1 a.m. Cardwell said no action was planned against the parents, but cases like this quite often, he said.

Annex Move Under Study

Council May Act On New Proposal

Annexation of land west of Eugene, including some of the industrial area there, may be considered by the Eugene City Council Monday night.

This was revealed Saturday by several members of the council. The item, however, was not listed on the formal agenda for the session.

LEGAL QUESTION

Action on the proposal, which would probably include part of the land involved in a previous annexation election, apparently depends on legal clarification of boundaries.

There were also indications Saturday that the Lane County Commissioners and some members of a local architects' group, backing a plan for a city-county building development, might show up to make some specific proposals to the city for its part in the plan.

This stemmed from a request by the Eugene Library Board that asks the council to place a building proposal on the November ballot. The board has asked for money to build a new library on the present site.

REPORT DUE

The council will also consider the report of the city planning commission, including recommendations for re-zoning land along the west side of Willamette St. from 18th to 19th Ave.

There will be petitions for paving Lawrence St. from 11th to 13th Ave., discussion of an August 31 sewer assessment plan, consideration of an ordinance for widening of Willamette from 17th to 19th Ave., and renewal of licenses for various establishments.

Included will be licenses for several pool halls and beer licenses for restaurants.

WEATHER

U.S. WEATHER FORECAST: Eugene and vicinity: Fair Sunday and Monday. High Sunday 80, low Sunday night 50.

Local statistics: Highest temperature Saturday, 83; low Saturday morning, 48; rain in 24 hours ending 4:30 p.m. Saturday, .00 inch; total for month, .00 inches; normal for month, .38 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, minus 2.6 feet; barometer at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 29.97; humidity 35 per cent; North Northerly wind at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 m.p.h.; prevailing Friday, NNE at 6:3 m.p.h.

Sunrise and sunset (PST): Sunday, 5:07 a.m. and 7:27 p.m.; Monday, 5:09 a.m. and 7:26 p.m.

At 85, a Christy Mathewson Curve Is Possible

By ROBERT B. FRAZIER
Of the Register-Guard

Like the reports of Mark Twain's death, the reports of Judge C. A. Wintermeier's retirement are "greatly exaggerated."

Far from retirement, the old judge who will be 86 next month, still practices law in a room of his home at 1611 Lincoln and still visits the bank and the courthouse several times a week.

A former pro ball player, boxer, mechanic, steamboat hand, and locomotive fireman, he says he's far from ready to retire. In fact, he said, he has so much legal business that at income tax time this year he had to hire extra help.

Generally, though, he carries on by himself, even doing his own typing on the same typewriter he had in his first office 56 years ago. That old typewriter is only one of the many antiques in the old house on Lincoln St.

WONDERFUL CLOCK

It also contains room after room of old fashioned furniture, including an old-fashioned clock which is the most wonderful clock you ever saw. The clock originally belonged to the McClaren family, clients of Judge Wintermeier in years gone by. The family gave the clock to the judge and he wouldn't part with it for anything.

The clock, one of the "eight-day" variety which winds with a key, also tells the date, the month and the day of the week. Lots of clocks do that, but Judge Wintermeier points out that most clocks can't think by themselves. They have to be set. This one thinks.

It knows, this old clock does, which months have 30 days and which have 31. It knows that February has 28 except in leap years, when it has 29.

A BIG MAN

"We've sat up and watched that old clock on leap years," says Mrs. Wintermeier, "and sure enough, about 10 minutes after 12, it makes the change. It just knows that every four years February has 29 days."

The judge, who looks after the

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IN ONE EAR...

By BOB FRAZIER

Practically anybody can go to a school of journalism and learn that readers like to read about their pets. One of the most popular continued stories ever run in this column had to do with a smart mouse in a modest bungalow on University St. Now it's snakes.

In response to the question about the rumors of rattlers on Spencer's Butte, there has been a rash of phone calls, several visitors and one dead snake. The full story of the Snake in the Emerald Empire is too long to tell here. It will be told early next week when more entries in the Emerald Empire Rattler Derby are reported.

People, concerned about the deadly rattler, are also concerned about another menace—18th Ave., a through street by definition and a pain in the neck by common consent. The comment has been terrific. People don't like it.

Did you see in the paper that a lady who was held up last week wrote a letter complimenting the policemen for their speedy work in capturing three men and charging them with the crime? It's something that ought to happen more often. Too frequently the cops get all the nasty letters and none of the good ones.

It might be coincidence that this column has been urging the return of "High Noon," one of the best Westerns ever made. Sunday it returns to the Eugene Drive-In. Best thing about it is the Tex Ritter song, "High Noon" is "The African Queen."

Fred Chitty died Friday. Fred, as many will remember, was one of that long list of harassed newspapermen—a former publisher of the old Eugene Daily News. He went into radio after leaving Eugene, and at the time of his death was doing a bang-up job in Vancouver, Wash. A fine guy, and his death is a real loss to radio journalism.

When Joe Tabor was a little boy, he never won anything. Now the manager of the Tabor Glass Co., Joe is going to do something for some kid in a similar pickle. He has offered a prize (a pair of dress shoes) to the first boy eliminated today from the Active Club's Jalopy Jamboree.

Judge Anderson Defends Policy

Overload Fines 'Eased'

District Judge Chester Anderson last week admitted that he often suspends parts of a fine imposed for "overloading" trucks. Furthermore, he said, he'll continue to use his judgment in overload cases until he's satisfied that the legislature wants to take that power away from him.

Judge Anderson, before whom most overload cases come, was commenting upon recent statements by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton and State Treasurer Sigfrid B. Unander.

"A LITTLE HUMANITY"

Thornton had said that as he understands the law, justices of the peace and district judges do not have the authority to soften the legal penalties for overloads. Unander chimed in with the opinion that the law should be made more specific and spell out more definitely the view that Thornton holds.

Judge Anderson feels differently. He said he had talked with members of the 1951 Legislature, which was the one that passed the current overload law. The judge said he understands that the legislators meant the penalties to be maximum penalties, and not flat penalties.

"These fines are very heavy," Judge Anderson said, "and you'd probably break a lot of these log haulers if you didn't use some judgment. You've got to have a little humanity in this job. If I can't do that sort of thing (use judgment) I don't want to do the job at all," he added.

Fines are now set at \$20 for the first 1,000 pounds, 2 cents a pound for merchandise and 3 cents a pound for logs which bring the overload to from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds; 3 cents and 4 cents for those bringing it from 2,000 to 5,000 pounds over, and a flat 5 cents for those over 5,000 pounds.

Judge Anderson said his heart

Host of Famous Rodeo Stars Due in Eugene This Week

A host of celebrities in the world of rodeo will be turning up in Eugene this week for the Aug. 13-15 Emerald Empire Roundup at Lane County Fairgrounds.

First to arrive will be Mel Lambert, nationally known rodeo announcer, and Slim Pickens, famous rodeo clown. They will come to Eugene Monday, and will spend most of the week appearing before service clubs, and on radio and television programs.

Both Lambert and Pickens have appeared in several movies. Lambert is from Salem, and Pickens from Hollywood, Calif. With many years of rodeo experience behind them, the pair is regarded as tops in the field.

IN PARADES

In addition to the important part they will play at the rodeo performances Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., the entertainers will be in the parades Friday and Saturday at 2 p.m. and will be on the program at the free show at Civic Stadium immediately following the Friday Junior Buckaroo parade.

Lambert announced for last year's Emerald Empire Roundup, but this will be Pickens' first appearance in Eugene.

The pair will appear on the Bev Brunton Show over KVAL-TV Tuesday and Thursday, and will be on most of the local radio stations.

A good many outstanding rodeo performers have also indicated they will enter the Roundup, according to members of the Eugene police department and Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the benefit event.

FAMOUS PERFORMERS

Some of the rodeo riders who will be in Eugene later this week are:

Eddy Akridge, world champion bareback rider, from Beaver, Okla.

Sonny Tureman, 1948 world champion bareback rider and top roper and saddle bronc rider, of John Day.

Buckshot Sorrells, five times world champion calf roper, from Tucson, Ariz.

Bill Hartman, winner of most of the big bulldogging events this year on the rodeo circuit, from Seattle, Wash.

Sherman Sullins, top calf roper and bulldogger, from San Diego.

Jack Spurlin, top bull rider, of Portland.

Chuck Sheppard, all-time great roper and saddle bronc rider, of Phoenix, Ariz.

Bill Kunkle, leading bulldogger, saddle bronc and bare back rider, Portland.

Gene Miles, outstanding all-around rider, Tigh Valley, Ore.

These are only a few of the dozens of cowboys who will be on hand for the three rodeo performances. Some of them are expected to ride in the parade Saturday at 2 p.m., and they will be introduced at the free stadium show Friday afternoon.

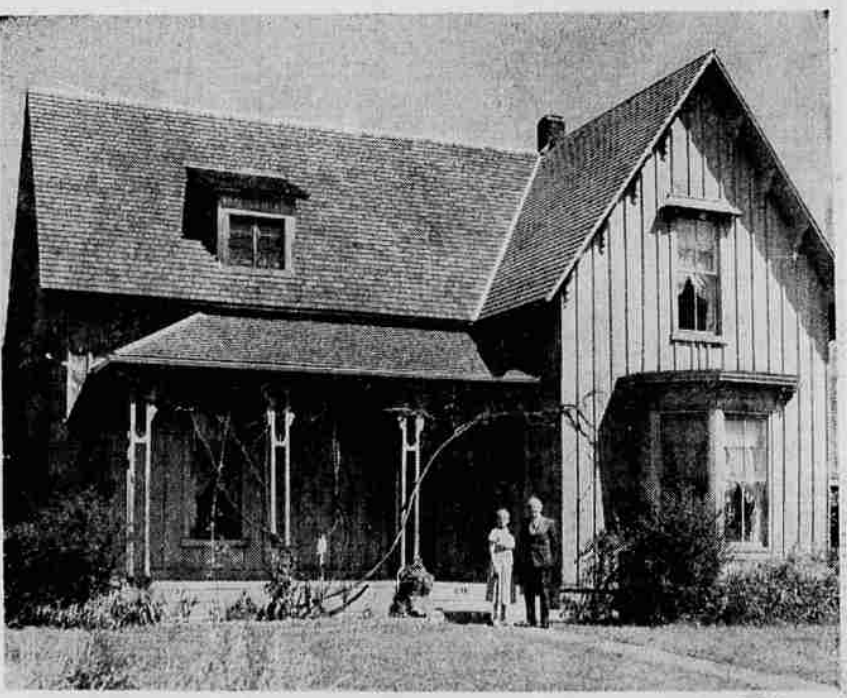
Retired? Not at All, Says Judge Wintermeier

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THE JUDGE AND MRS. Wintermeier live in this old house at 1611 Lincoln. The house was built sometime before 1865 and is put together with cut nails and wooden dowels. Formerly the old Peters house, it serves as both home and office for the judge, who keeps busy in his 57th year of the practice of law.