

Oregon Traffic Toll
Jan. 1-18, 1966: 15
Jan. 1-18, 1965: 28

Roquish Ramblings by Norma Jean

-- This week we bring you a story that really happened in Long Beach, California... on Medicare!

A Long Beach attorney attempted to qualify his mother for Medicare, which is, as I recall, for those over 65 years of age. She is 91, but unfortunately can't prove it, for she was born in a ranchhouse near Waco, Texas, on January 1, 1874, and they weren't issuing birth certificates at that time at that place.

When the son made the application, the Long Beach office of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in the Social Security office demanded proof of his mother's age. He explained by letter there was no documentary proof and that she had outlived anyone who might have personal knowledge of her arrival. With the copy of the letter he sent a copy of his own birth certificate, proving that his age is 76.

Now to you and I, a 76-year old son is proof enough his mother is older than 65. But not to the federal government. It says right here in the rule book that certain kinds of proof are acceptable and the age of a son is not one of them.

He sent that letter with his birth certificate on September 19. On September 21 the office answered him with another letter requiring documentary proof of his mother's age. It read pretty much like the first letter.

The attorney tried old Texas marriage certificates, but the one signed by his mother didn't list her age. On September 24 he got another letter from the Medicare crew, asking for proof of age.

The attorney tried the Los Angeles Register of Voters, but those records to vote in 1944 showed only that she registered, which proves that she must be 42 or older, but not that she is 65 or older.

As a last resort, the elderly son had asked the local office to send an investigator to look at his mother and determine for himself if she was not old enough to be covered by Medicare. It still remains to be determined by the government if a person can have a mother older than he is. I can hardly wait.

Well last week we plead for a few small supplies for our Rescue Aid truck... so far none have been forthcoming. We are not asking those of you who have contributed so generously in the past. But how about you folks who haven't? It is YOUR truck you know... let's keep it in order so we may use it! We're still looking for a flash camera.....

Also the newly organized Boy Scout Troop 40 is badly in need of some underlayment and floor covering in their scout shack where meetings are held. Anyone have some old plywood of floor tile around? The scouts could use it. Or a donation would be appreciated. Donations may be left at the Times office or call Mr. Olsen at 664-1409 or Mr. Fuller at 664-1373. Remember- donations such as this will help you with your income tax too!

One local fellow was more than a little annoyed when a neighbor telephoned at 3 a. m. and complained, "Your dog is barking so loudly I can't sleep."

The neighbor hung up before he could protest. The following morning at 3 a. m. he called his neighbor to report, "I don't have a dog!"

And so it goes.....

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School Bond Election Called Game Council to Meet

DISTRICT 6 SCHOOL BOND ELECTION FEBRUARY 24
The Board of Directors of School District 6 held a special meeting last Monday evening and voted to hold a school bond election February 24, in the amount of \$1,977,825,000 for needed plant construction. The amount will finance construction on the proposed Junior High School on Scenic Avenue. The land was purchased last year. The new building would accommodate 800 students, be comparable in size to the present high school and would also relieve the present shortage in facilities throughout the school system. Also it would build the following at Gold Hill: 6 classrooms and a library at Patrick and double the size of the gym at Hanby. Sam's Valley Elementary would be completed as it still needs dressing rooms, a walk-in freezer, bleachers, a covered play area and paving.
The present school bus garage located in Central Point on Fourth Street across from the present Junior High will be doubled in size. This is needed to perfect the investment of \$180,000 in buses and equipment.

Traffic Deaths Increase in County

According to year-end figures released by the Traffic Safety Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Jackson County recorded 50 traffic deaths for the year of 1965. This represents an increase of 127% over the 1964 figure of 22 deaths. The increase was given an added shove by a late year bus accident that claimed 14 lives.

Records for the years 1936 through 1965 show that the 1965 of fatalities of one year in the county. The lowest number of deaths recorded in any one year period was ten, recorded in 1938.

The Traffic Safety Division also stated that 1965 represented the worst driving year in the history of Oregon, with 682 deaths occurring. This represents an increase of over 100 deaths from the 1964 state death total.

Residents from Jackson County cities killed in Oregon traffic numbered: Ashland 2; Central Point 2; Medford 13; Prospect 1; Trail 1; and Gold Hill 2.

The Division urged all Jackson County motorists to exercise more driving care in 1966 to help curtail the grimly rising highway death toll in the state.

Set Meeting Date

A meeting of the newly formed Independent Conservatives will be held in the Richardson School in Central Point on January 25, 1966 at 7:30 pm. This group recently came into being and is a political action group. In the forth coming meeting the group will consider a report from the Committee on By-Laws and also a report from the Committee for the formation of a platform.

All interested conservatives are invited to come.
Carroll Powell, chairman.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTS

The Central Point Volunteer Fire Department elected new officers for the coming year at the regular meeting in the fire hall January 5.

Noel Moore was elected president, Jerry O'Conner new vice president, Paul Emery, Secretary and Eloy Sutton, treasurer.

DUNCAN TO SPEAK

Congressman Robert Duncan will speak on "Washington Scene, 1966" at 1 p.m. Friday at Churchill Auditorium on the Southern Oregon College campus. The public is invited at no charge.

JEWETT PTA TO HEAR SPEAKER

Jewett PTA will hold a meeting the evening of Jan. 20th. This is a family type program, and should be attended by children as well as adults.

Mr. Claude Haggard, safety specialist for Pacific Power and Light will be guest speaker. His speech and demonstration is both entertaining and informative. It is designed to help us live safer electrically.

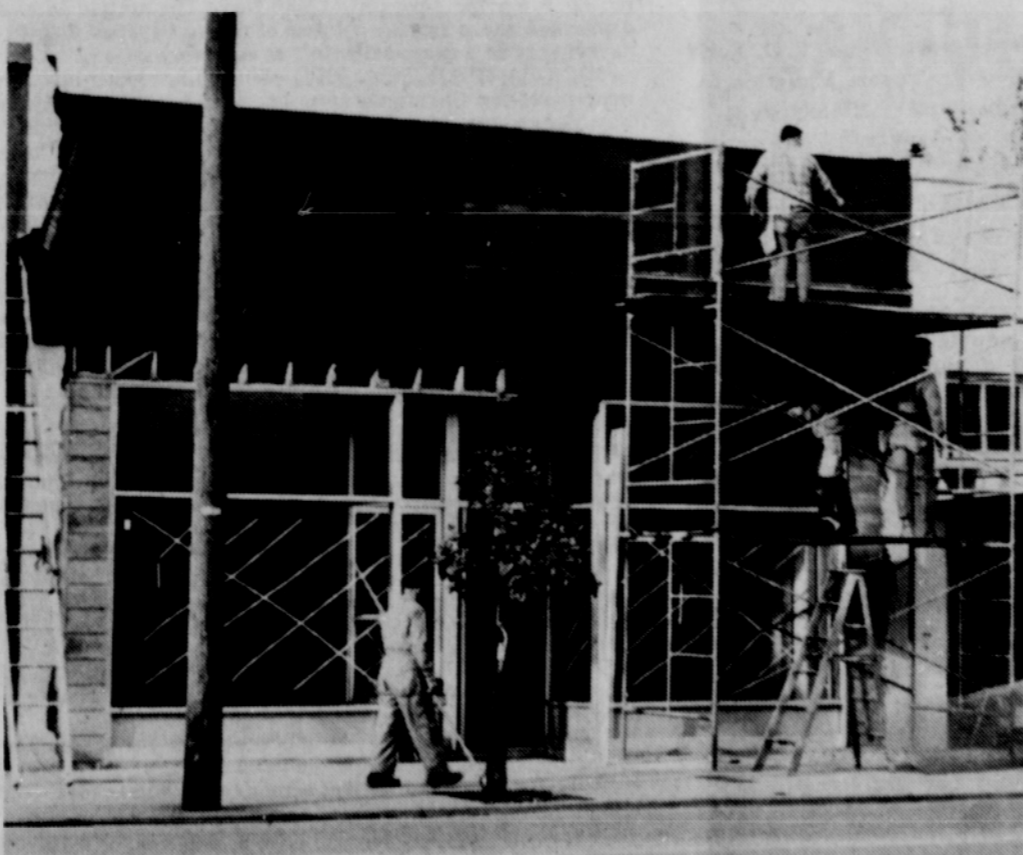
The evening is arranged so that children will not be out too late. Refreshments will be served at 7:15, a short business meeting at 7:30, followed by the electrifying "Mr. Hazard," himself.

Local Boys Nominated for Naval Academy



Oregon Senator Maurine Neuberger Solomon has nominated two Crater High boys for the U. S. Naval Academy. Shown above are Charles Lusk (checked sweater) and Richard Rehfeldt. Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rehfeldt and Charles is the son of Captain (USMM Retired) J. G. Lusk and Mrs. Lusk, both families of Central Point. The boys will compete with 18 other young men in Oregon of which three will be selected.

Front of Building Being Completed



Our neighbor across the street is getting its face completed. We do not know yet who the tenant or tenants will be but it is going to be an improvement to Pine Street when completed.

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Motorcycle Requirements Increased

Operators of Oregon's two and three-wheeled vehicles are going to have to prove they know how to operate not only these vehicles but a full size car, too, in accord with a law scheduled to take effect soon.

Riders of these vehicles may obtain a form from the Department of Motor Vehicles on or after January 17, on which they can inquire what steps they need to take to comply with the new motorcycle licensing law.

The law, which takes effect July 1, requires motorcycle operators to have a special endorsement on their driver license.

The form can be obtained from any field office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or from a driver license examiner.

The department will then advise the would-be applicant what tests must be completed before the endorsement can be issued.

Oregon has more than 30,000 licensed motorcycles, but the department says it does not expect that it will have to give tests to that many people, since most of them are probably already licensed to operate a motor vehicle.

The law requires a motorcycle operator to first pass all tests, including a behind-the-wheel driving demonstration in a four-wheeled vehicle, before being tested as a motorcycle operator.

Conservatives Elect Officers

A new group called Independent Conservatives was formed and the preliminary organizing began at a meeting held in Central Point last week. The chairman is Mr. Carroll Powell, vice-chairman, Mr. Ray Ridge secretary, Mrs. Ray Ridge; treasurer, Mr. Laurence Cuffell. Committees were appointed to draw up a platform and make the by-laws. There will be another meeting of this group on Tuesday, January 25.

Baby Popularity Contest Starts Next Week



Dear Little Friends:

My name is Kent Anderson. I have been asked to invite all little boys and girls age four or under to register next week at the Central Point Times office after next week's paper comes out. Of course you can't come in alone but have your folks bring you in so you can enter our Kiddie Kash Contest which will be explained in next week's paper. I can't be in the contest because my daddy works for the paper. I'm going to be sort of a front man I think--like I am now.

See you next week,
KENT

SITES FOUNDATION MEETING

Members of the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation are reminded of the regular monthly meeting date, Monday, Jan. 24th, at the City Hall, 7:30 PM. All members are urged to attend as there are a number of important things to be discussed and decisions to be made.

MT. ASHLAND WEATHER AND SKI REPORT INVITING

MT ASHLAND — 120 inch pack. Clear, light southerly wind. Big and little T-bar operating during the week. Road good, watch for ice last one-half mile. Lodge, snack bar and ski area open 9:30 to 4:30 seven days a week.

District 6 School Bus Garage



This is the present Crater High School bus garage. More space is needed. It is planned to double the size of this building if school improvement bonds are voted on favorably Feb. 24.

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