

Lions Install New Officers

Officers for the Central Point Lions and Lion Auxiliary were installed in ceremonies conducted Friday evening, June 24, at the Tally Ho restaurant.

Leland Knox, member of the Medford Lions club, was installing officer for both the men's and women's organizations. Don Burelson served as master of ceremonies for the event.

New officers for the 1955-56 term for the Lions club are: Wendell Panter, president; Bill Saxbury, first vice president; Don A. Faber, second vice president; Dr. C. L. Perkins, secretary; Jerry Heiken, treasurer; Larry South, Lion tamer; Clint Blithen, tail twister, and Art Rupp, Jim Glenn, Ken Wald and Richard Stratton, directors.

Officers for the Lions auxiliary are: Mildred Panter, president; Mary Jo Saxbury, vice president; Irene Mallon, secretary; Ruth Rupp, treasurer and Doreen Glenn, Lion tamer.

Those attending the dinner and installation ceremony were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mallon, Mr. and Mrs. Don Burelson, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Panter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Heiken, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wald, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sharpe, Dr. C. L. Perkins, Frank Koch, Mr. and Mrs. Art Rupp, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Blithen, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Faber, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Saxbury.

Earnings Per Hour In Oregon Ranks 4th Throughout Nation

Average hourly earnings of Oregon's 110,000 industrial production workers reached \$2.16 in 1954, highest among the 48 states, according to figures just compiled by the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission in cooperation with U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Oregon's weekly earnings average, however, dropped from third to fourth place despite a gain for last year of \$83.81 from \$82.04 in 1953. This figure was exceeded by Michigan with \$87.04, Nevada with \$86.43 and Wyoming with \$84.03. Oil discoveries helped the last-named state, while Nevada counted only about 5,000 production workers.

National averages for 1954 were \$1.81 an hour for weekly earnings of \$71.86, both slightly higher than the previous year. The work-week dropped to 39.7 hours. No annual earnings were included in these compilations.

Both Washington and California followed closely Oregon's high position, while southern states brought up the rear with 1954 average weekly earnings from \$48 to \$72.

Lumber workers in the south earn lower wages than on the Pacific Coast, as is shown by the national average for this industry of \$66.18 a week last year. Weekly earnings of lumber workers here have been averaging up to \$90.

BOY FOR INGLIS

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Inglis of Route 2, Central Point, are parents of a son born Saturday, June 25, at Sacred Heart hospital in Medford. The youngster weighed eight and one-quarter pounds at birth.

Vorheis Addresses Lab Technicians

Dr. Martin L. Voheis of Medford addressed the Southern Oregon Medical Technologists Tuesday evening, June 21, at the social room of Sacred Heart hospital.

The lecture and discussion was on the blood sugar levels in disease and injury other than diabetes. This lecture, attended by lab technicians from Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland, was especially interesting as it did not deal with methods and the routine medical laboratory procedures.

The next lecture is being planned for September in Grants Pass. This is a non-affiliated group for medical technologists, technicians and students of the field.

Traffic Conviction Nip Over 10,000 Drivers During May

Traffic convictions were handed to 10,997 erring drivers by Oregon courts during May as compared to 9,986 in May of 1954, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry said today.

The convictions brought suspended licenses to 366 drivers whose violations made such penalties mandatory, and another 151 drivers were suspended upon the recommendation of the courts in which their cases were tried.

Leading violations which resulted in suspension of driving privileges were driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and driving while suspended on a previous conviction.

CALIFORNIANS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Peterson and three children, Terry, Janice and Susan, of Downey, Calif., arrived in Central Point Sunday to visit his mother, Mrs. M. C. Gleason Sr., and family. They expect to be here for several weeks.

BABY GIRL BORN

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hadenberg of Central Point on Saturday, June 25, at Sacred Heart hospital in Medford. The baby weighed seven and three-quarter pounds at birth.

BRING GIRLS HOME

On Saturday afternoon, June 18, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Singleton and Jonny motored to Klamath Falls and brought back Judy Singleton and Nancy McKay, who had attended the Theta Rho assembly.

Mining Claim Bill Concerning Timber Passed by House

by your Congressman
Harris Ellsworth

The Mining Claim Bill which I have mentioned several times in these weekly letters was passed by the House without even a roll call vote. There appeared to be little or no opposition to it. The

bill which I and several other house members sponsored will put a stop to the attempts which have been made to obtain valuable timber land under the guise of it being a mining claim. When it is enacted this law will not prevent any genuine miner or prospector from filing on and perfecting a mining claim—but he will have to use it only as a mining claim. The Forest Service will manage the surface of the claim and be able to sell the timber on it, except such timber as is needed by a miner in developing his mine.

One question—and a good one—was raised during the debate on the bill. Congressmen Young of Nevada wanted to know if sportsmen and recreationists would have the same right to go on a mining claim filed in the National Forests as on the rest of the forests. Because of my knowledge of the wording of the bill I took the floor to assure Mr. Young and the House—also to have the record of the debate clear on the point—that the bill permits such use of the mining claim surface.

As is usual here about this time each year there is quite a conversation as to the possible date of adjournment of this session. The past few days I have been hearing pretty reliable rumors which indicate a determination on the part of the majority leadership in both Houses to adjourn before the end of July. If

that does happen it will surely mean that action on several important bills will be put over until the next session which will convene January 3rd.

On interesting fact about the present situation in Congress is that for the first time in many years the Senate is ahead of the house in getting its work done.

Congress is going to send a delegation of seven House Members and seven Senators to a conference in Paris with similar representation from the parliamentary bodies of the Atlantic Pact countries—the NATO members. I think that is a good thing, and said so on the floor when legislation to create such a delegation was debated. After all, we have conferences of the "heads of state", of the Foreign Ministers and of the executive personnel. It seems a most sensible idea for the law-makers of the countries to get together and exchange views also.

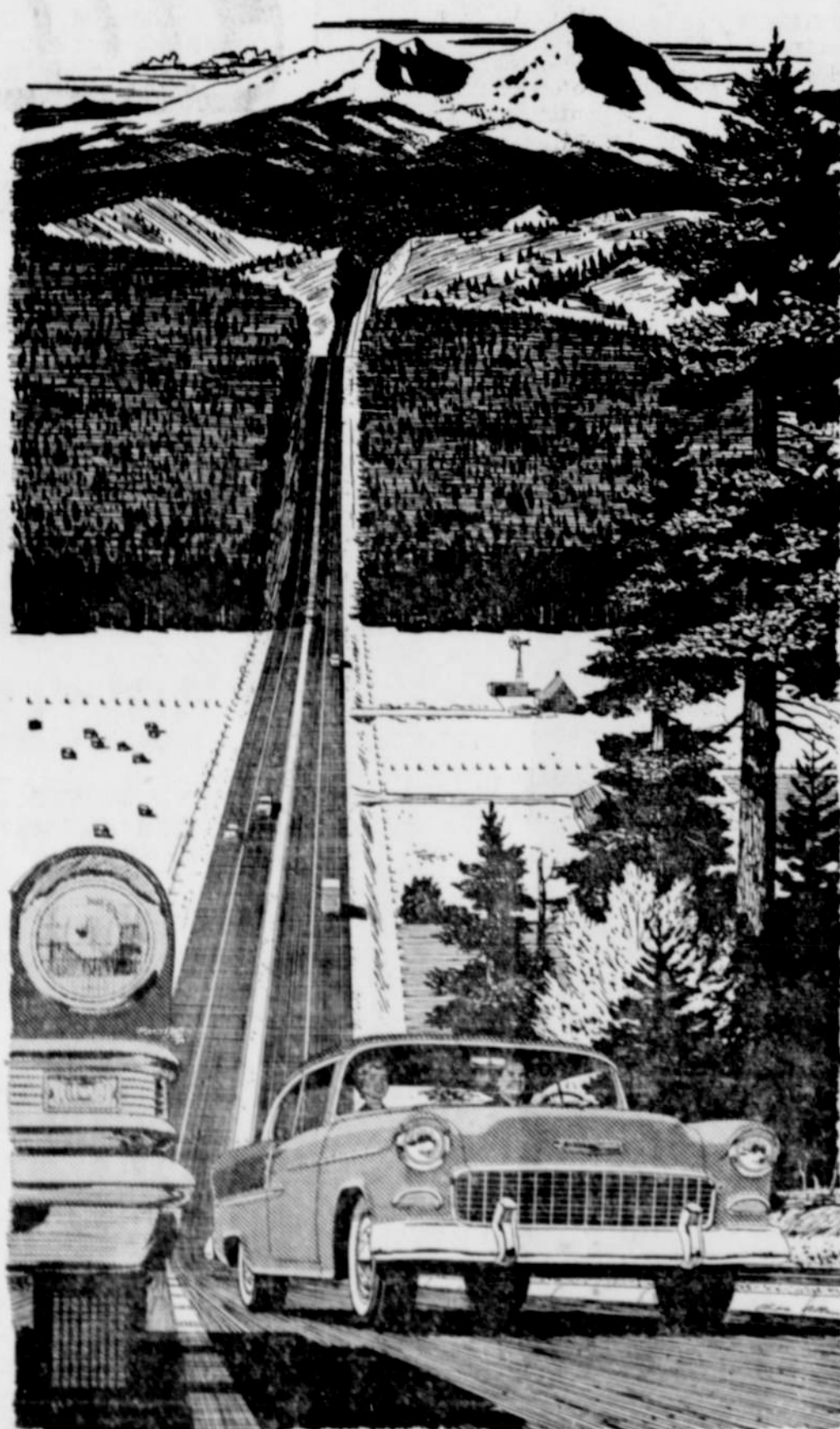


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