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LIGHTS OR WHAT?

Last week the city council turned down a proposal by the electricity committee to install three mercury-vapor lights in the Plaza area. The negative vote of Mayor Phil Stansbury broke the 3 to 3 council deadlock to decide the issue.

Purpose of the proposal, according to Councilman Fred Homes, chairman of the committee, was to give the people a chance to see what the city's future lighting will look like and to eliminate the traffic hazard due to the lack of street lights in the area.

Homes added that the present condition of the city's budget would warrant the expenditure.

Stansbury and Councilman Fred Taylor, in opposing the proposal, declared the present status of the budget is not clear and that approval of the project should wait until May when the fiscal year's standing will be known.

As was pointed out, other projects may be equally or more important. The strong argument in favor of the lights is the safety factor, but other safety problems exist.

It must be interesting to the city safety council, PTA and other organizations to know that \$1,200 is now available to install three street lights, while last month \$1,700 just didn't exist to allow these groups to purchase traffic signals for two dangerous school crossings—even when this amount was to be repaid to the city.

Many people must be wondering if the \$50 needed to repair inadequate wiring in the city-owned hospital isn't also available now.

Of course, funds aren't adequate to take care of everybody's pet project so proposals must be judged on their relative importance in relationship to all other needs.

Civic pride has led some to demand installation of the lights to make the town appear more progressive to our neighbors. Vapor lights all over town couldn't make the town "progressive" as long as there remained dangerous unprotected crosswalks for school children to use; undermanned police and fire departments; a death-trap hospital and inadequately maintained streets.

If certain city funds are actually available, then the council should immediately put them to the best use before defense controls stop all planning. But if there is a possibility the budget may not balance when the fiscal year closes, then every effort towards economy should be made.

YOUR COUNTY AGENT:

Landscaping Meetings Discussed

By C. B. Cordy, County Agent

A project costing far less money would be one involving the beautification of the grounds around your home.

Last spring we held five landscaping meetings where the yards were staked out for planting, and in one case the yard was actually planted. This last case seemed to be so much more effective in demonstrating the principles underlying landscaping that we decided this year to repeat this type.

We hope to be able to get a house in Ashland and a house in Medford which are new and have no ornamental plantings around them. A plan will be drawn up for the home owner who will obtain the plants, and then during the demonstration they will be planted around the house. At the same time the reason for planting the various types of shrubs will be given.

In addition to these two new homes we would like to secure a home which is already planted but where changes may be needed. In this case the proposed changes would be sketched and the approval of the home owner obtained ahead of time, then at the meeting some new shrubs would be planted and some rearrangement of the old shrubs would be made, and the reasons for these changes would be given.

Professor Ben Solberg, who did the work for us last year, has very kindly agreed to come down this year and repeat these meetings. Mr. Solberg is a very competent landscape architect who has been in commercial work for years and has only recently become affiliated with the college.

Anyone who has a home that he thinks would be suitable for these demonstrations and would like to cooperate should let us know.

The meetings this year will be held March 1, 2, and 3. This will be in plenty of time to allow for spring planting after that date.

Another new development in horticulture is the use of pear by-products. We find that some of the northern districts are drying the culls in high temperature driers. This is the same type of machine used to dry alfalfa and it handles three to five dry tons to the hour. This would be equivalent to 20 to 25 tons of fresh pears per hour.

The dried pears are very similar to beet pulp in food value for livestock. This would make them worth something over \$60 a dry ton.

Here again the big obstacle is the cost of the equipment. One of these driers would cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000. It seems that any practical attempt to use cull pears will have to be on the basis of utilizing them as a source of several products such as methane gas, yeast, alcohol, and drying the final residue for stock feed. This would necessitate an investment of around \$150,000, and that is going to be quite a stumbling block to get over.

Safety Facts Given in 1950 Council Yearbook

Chicago—The safest month of the year?

Wait—don't dash for your almanac. The National Safety Council has the answer. It's April.

Last year February had 50 fewer deaths than April, but because of two less days in that month, April had a lower daily average, according to the 1950 edition of "Accident Facts," the Council's statistical yearbook. There were 6,800 deaths in February and 6,850 in April. The monthly average for the entire year was 7,600.

July was the peak month for accidents in 1949. There were 8,900 accidental deaths in that single month—1,300 more than the average.

About 13 per cent of the live weight of a pig is lard.

Early Southern Oregon

By R. M. DeMILLE

This week Mr. DeMille describes more of the incidents which led to the great wars with the Rogue River Indians and their famous leader, Chief John. Credit is again given to the Hon. William M. Colvig, who compiled much of the information in 1902.

Massacres, murders and more incidents than could be mentioned, brought on the Indian Wars of 1853.

Southern Oregon raised six companies of volunteers who served under Captains R. L. Williams, J. K. Lamerick, John F. Miller, Elias A. Owens, and W. W. Fowler. Capt. B. F. Alden, of the 4th U.S. Infantry, with 20 regulars came over from Fort Jones, Cal., and with him a large number of volunteers under Capt. James P. Goodall and Capt. Jacob Rhoades, two Indian fighters of great experience. Capt. Alden was given the command of all the forces.

The first battle of war was fought on the 12th day of August, 1853 and was an exciting little fight between 20 volunteers under Lieut. Burrell

Griffin, of Miller's company, and a band of Indians under Chief John. The volunteers were ambushed at a point near the mouth of Williams creek on the Applegate. The whites were defeated with a loss of two killed, and Lieut. Griffin severely wounded. There were five Indians killed and a number wounded in the battle. On August 10, 1853 John R. Harding and William R. Ross, of Capt. Lamerick's company, were killed near Willow Springs.

Many Incidents

The wars of 1855-1856 were preceded by a great many murders and depredations by the Indians in different parts of southern Oregon. I will mention a few.

Dyar and McKew were killed on the road from Jacksonville to Josephine county on June 1, 1855. About the same time a man by the name of Philpot was killed on Deer creek and James Mills was wounded at the same time and place. Granville Keen was killed at a point on Bear creek above Ashland and J. Q. Faber was wounded. Two men, Fielding and Cunningham, were

killed in September, 1855 on the road over the Siskiyou mountains.

Volunteers Attack Camp

On account of these various depredations, Maj. J. A. Lupton raised a temporary force of volunteers, composed of miners and others from the vicinity of Jacksonville, about 35 in number, and proceeded to a point on the north side of Rogue river, opposite the mouth of Little Butte creek. There he attacked a camp of Indians at a time when they were not expecting any trouble. It is said that 30 Indians, squaws, and paposes were killed by Lupton's men. The major himself received a mortal wound in the fight. This attack has been criticised by the people of southern Oregon, a great many of them believing the killing was an unjustifiable and a cowardly trick by Lupton.

Two days after this affair a series of massacres took place in the sparsely settled area in and about where Grants Pass is now situated. On the 9th of October, 1855 the Indians divided up into small parties and simultaneously attacked the homes of the defenseless families located in that vicinity. I will name a few of those tragic events.

On the farm owned by James Tuffs, Mr. Jones was killed and his wife, after receiving a bad wound, made her escape. She was found by the volunteers on the next day and died a few days afterwards. Their house was burned down. Mrs. Wagner was murdered by the Indians on the same day. Her husband was away from home at the

time, but returned on the following day to find his wife murdered and his home a pile of ashes.

Family Surprised

The Harris family, consisting of Harris, his wife and their two children, Mary, 12, and David, 10 and T. A. Reed, who lived with the family, were attacked. Mr. Harris was shot down while standing near his door and at a moment when he little suspected treachery from the Indians. His wife and daughter pulled his body within the door and, seizing a double-barrelled shotgun and an old-fashioned Kentucky rifle, they slammed the door shut and barred it. Then, knocking out some of the chinking between the logs of the cabin, they returned the fire. They kept this up till late in the night and by heroic bravery kept the Indians from entering the cabin or setting fire to it. Just back of the cabin was a dense stand of timber and brush and during a lull in the attack the two brave women escaped through the back door and got into the woods. They were found the next day by the volunteers from Jacksonville, Henry Klippel being one of the number.

Mrs. Harris lived to a good old age in the valley. Mary, the

daughter, was wounded in the fight. A few years later she became the wife of G. M. Love and was the mother of George Love of Jacksonville, and Mrs. John A. Hanley of Medford. David Harris, the boy, was not in the house when the attack was made, but was at work on the place. His fate has never been ascertained as his body was never found. After peace was made the Indians said they killed him at the time they attacked the Harris house. Reed, the young man spoken of, was killed in the woods near the house.

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Junior High School Honor Roll Shows Increase in Second Period

Ashland junior high increased its honor roll by seven students to a 114 total for the second six weeks' period, according to Joseph Fader, principal.

The ninth grade had 27 students with girls leading the boys, 14 to 13. They are Maxine Champion, Drusilla Datema, Mary Jean Davis, Lois Downing, Kathleen Hartley, Viola Hartwell, Jeanette McDonald, Sharlee McNeerney, Laura Millage, Pat Nicholson, and Wanda Oden.

Sue Tharpe, Barbara Wray, Katherine York, Thomas Click, Kenna Gandee, Bruce Hamilton, Bob Laws, Frank Momany, James Peter, Roger Pinkstaff, Morris Stringer, Edward Sumnerlin, Ted Tenney, Dick Thornton, Jim Watrus, and Walt McCoy.

The eighth grade had 35 students on the honor roll. They were Gail Bowdoin, Nancy Bundock, Donna Dunkeson, Marlys Elhart, Carolyn Erwin, Elaine Falwell, Toby Kay Fox, Marlene Heard, Donna Howell, Nancy Hutchinson, Lee Anne Leach, Heather MacDougal, Jackie Owings, Kathleen Reagan, and Marcene Robinson.

Shirley Rolie, Margaret Shuman, Julie Ann Smith, Margie Strader, Phyllis Walker, Rosalie Weaver, Marcelyn Bowles, Bill Finnell, Larry Kerr, Richard Lamb, Keith Lawson, Jerry Mickle, Clarence Nicks, Richard Schulz, Ted Silver, Jim Smith, and Joey Wirth.

The seventh led all grades in numbers with 52 students on the honor roll. Students making the list were Billie Jean Beagle, Carol Beare, Linda Bowman, Sharon Brownson, Alice Cane, Marshall Clary, Carolyn Crowley, Geraldine Cruson, Nancy

DeBoer, Sue Eudey, Wilhimini Gibbel, Eunice Green, Carol Hanson, Joyce Hild, June Hopkins, Claudia Johnson, Connie Kinsey, and Pat Lane.

Jean Lamkins, Deanna LeManquais, Linda Madison, Ruth McDonough, Nancy Norbury, Peggy O'Keefe, Marjorie Osgood, Sandra Owens, Doreen Phillips, Jeanette Purves, Donna Ruger, Judy Schopf, Mary Lou Sessions, Camille Thompson, Jacqueline True, Nancy Weitzel and Alberta Wiltze.

Out of the above groups the following students received straight one averages: Donna Ruger, Alberta Wiltze, Elaine Falwell and Maxine Champions.

SUMMONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY

JUANITA MILOS, Plaintiff, vs. PATRICK T. MILOS, Defendant TO PATRICK T. MILOS, THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer the said complaint; for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in her complaint, to-wit: For a decree of this Court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant and granting plaintiff a divorce from defendant; such decree further granting and awarding plaintiff the permanent and complete care, control and custody of the minor children of said marriage, Paul Robert Milos and Patricia Caroline Milos.

The date of the order for publication of this summons is December 7, 1950. The time prescribed for publication of this summons is once each week for four consecutive weeks. The date of the first publication of this summons is December 14, 1950.

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EDWARD S. RIDEOUT

The remains of Edward S. Rideout, who died in Yakima, Wash., on December 26, are being sent to the Litwiler Funeral home.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. this Saturday at the Mt. View cemetery. The Ashland lodge No. 23, A. F. & A. M., will officiate.

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by Warren Goodrich



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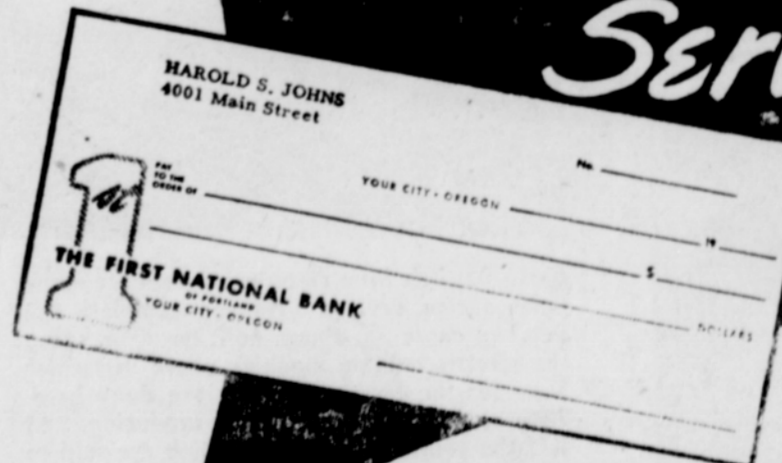
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