

# Pipes Reviews Progress Of Medford In Farewell Address as City Mayor

That the city of Medford has gone forward in much constructive progress and made many important improvements the past two years under his administration, is related in detail by A. W. Pipes, in his retiring address as mayor at the city council last night. He told that in addition to inauguration of other improvements the grand total of the city's improvement program of the past two years footed approximately \$419,000, exclusive of the general budget expense of



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approximately \$50,000, expended in the upkeep of the streets and road department. He declared that the administration's work during this period was greatly facilitated by the support of the people as a whole. His address follows:

"Gentlemen of the Council: Two years ago when the administration which now comes to a close assumed the responsibilities of our city government, we did so with a definite promise to the people of Medford that we would apply a business policy in city affairs. It is therefore proper at this time that we give an accounting of our stewardship, with a brief resume of what this council has done.

"Of the eight members of the council, the body with which we started two years ago, only four of you remain as members of the present group; two vacancies occurred by resignation and one by death, thus making a 50 per cent turnover in the council during the two years.

"We have been fortunate in filling these vacancies with men who have had a single purpose in mind in the discharge of their official duties—that of service to the community. This thought and purpose has been dominant in the mind of every member of this group, which has made it possible to tackle and to solve the problems and meet the responsibilities as they have arisen, with no regard for political effects or factional favors.

"Officials Faithful. "With this meeting we are bringing to a close the twenty-second biennial period of the municipal government of our city. We have held every regular meeting during the entire period of the administration, and in addition thereto, we have conducted twenty-five special meetings, which is equal to one full year from the standpoint of regular scheduled meetings, and we have never failed to have a quorum present for the transaction of business.

"Twenty-one mayors have served our city as its chief executive prior to the administration now closing, and approximately one hundred and seventy men have served in the capacity of councilmen, and have contributed their bit to the forward march of Medford's progress. "We have grown from a hamlet of a few hundred souls at the beginning of our corporate existence to one of the most important commercial centers of our state in 1931, with a population of fifteen thousand people.

"Early Growth Slow. "Growth in the early years of our city's history was slow but consistent, and always of a substantial character, which gave inspiration to the inhabitants of thirty years ago to look to the future with hope and confidence. "In the years of 1904 and 1907 the growth of our city began to gather impetus and this continued with increasing momentum up to the year 1910 when it developed into a building boom which collapsed in 1912, and five years were required for recovery and readjustment. Medford learned her lesson and since 1917 her consistent and steady growth has been in keeping with the expansion of the great empire of which we are the commercial center.

"Though plans of the early administrations were not as well laid out and as comprehensive as they might have been for future expansion, neither were they without vision as builders of their day, when traffic problems and the movement of the commerce of a city were of but little concern.

"As a natural consequence, we are confronted today with too many narrow and dead end streets. Subdivisions have been permitted in the years gone by without the proper coordination of streets already established, and without provision for thoroughfares leading through the city in each direction of the compass to permit rapid and easy movement of traffic and commerce.

"Perplexing Problem. "This constitutes one of the city's most perplexing problems and is one which has received a great deal of attention during the past

two years, both by the council and the planning commission, resulting in a comprehensive outline of city planning which will not only be effective in correcting many mistakes of the past, but will guide future administrations in building a city from plans rather than by haphazard methods.

"The planning commission is doing constructive work in city affairs and complete harmony exists between that body and the council.

"Several streets have already been improved by extensions and the elimination of dead ends, and others are on the program for the immediate future, most important of which are the North Central outlet to the Pacific highway and the opening of Fourth and Eighth streets across the railroad. In the very heart of the city, which is of major importance to the business and inner fire zone.

"Petitions have been filed with the public service commission for these openings and briefs are being prepared for the hearing. "These matters should continue to receive the aggressive attention of this body until the streets are opened.

"New Traffic Artery. "With the completion of the Cottage street bridge across Bear creek, the opening of Eighth street across the railroad will provide another artery of travel between the east and the west side and through the business district, thus relieving congestion at Main and Riverside and over the Main street bridge.

"The matter of sewage disposal is another major problem which has received much attention during the past two years, and upon which considerable data has been gathered in the study of various types of plants now in use. The topography of the city is such as to eliminate serious and difficult engineering problems such as confront many cities, and with the information now in hand the council can proceed in preparation for the construction of a plant to accommodate our present and future needs, with provision for the addition of other units as the growth of the city may require.

"New Park Sites. "During the past biennium we have set aside two small park sites within the city and have done considerable work in their development: one on North Riverside and one at the intersection of Ivy and North Oakdale.

"We have purchased 1699 acres on Roky Ann and are carrying on negotiations with the state highway department for 1st development. This movement was sponsored by the Lions club of our city and much credit is due them not alone for carrying on negotiations with the federal department for the purchase of this park, but also for their donation to the city of 200 acres additional land adjoining the 1699-acre tract.

"We are negotiating the purchase of the P. & E. tract consisting of 19 acres lying along Bear creek, within the city, and are making plans for developing it as a unit of the Bear creek boulevard park.

"Successful Airport. "We have purchased 230 acres for a municipal airport and have constructed one of the outstanding class "A" airports in the entire western part of the United States, which is now in successful operation. "The cost of this airport, while representing an investment of approximately \$175,000.00, was held within the \$120,000.00 bond issue in money spent by this body, all of which was judiciously invested and every dollar made to do 100 cent's worth of service.

"The cost above the \$120,000 was contributed by the water commission in extending a water line to the field, and by six oil companies who have installed modern and attractive equipment, and who pay a minimum franchise to the city of \$720 per annum. "We have completed plans and awarded a contract for the construction of a \$20,000 reinforced concrete bridge across Bear creek at Cottage street. We have reconstructed the Jackson street bridge at a cost of \$4,400.

"We carried to completion the construction of a new city fire hall a cost of \$35,000, and the purchase of two new fire trucks costing \$13,700, this improvement having been projected by the preceding administration.

"New Lights Installed. "We installed the new lighting system on Sixth street at a cost of \$17,500; constructed 18,500 square feet of concrete sidewalks fronting city lots, and 75,000 square feet fronting privately owned lots, at a total cost of \$12,200, thus providing a long felt need for pedestrians, and especially school children, to get to and from school dry-shod in sections of the city where they have heretofore been compelled to wade through muddy trails during the rainy season.

"We are informed by Postmaster Warner that the city's sidewalk program covering the past 18 months has enabled him to extend the mail service to sections of the city which could not otherwise have been accomplished.

"Streets Opened. "We have erected 100 new traffic signs costing \$1000; opened South Central avenue into the Pacific highway at a cost of \$2500; opened West Holly street from Summit to Columbus, and are now negotiating for the purchase of land to open Pennsylvania avenue to Columbus, condemned and salvaged eleven dilapidated buildings, including in this program the old Page theater which has stood as a glaring monument of rebuke to progressive Medford for the past eight years; may it be said to the credit of the owners of this property that it has been converted into a modern and attractive business block.

"We have laid 18,900 feet of

new sewer, approximately 57 city blocks, costing \$31,000, and preliminary work is being started for new sewer lines covering 15 additional city blocks; paved 25 city blocks, costing \$56,500, and survey work is now under way for the paving of five additional city blocks, graded and gravelled 12 city blocks, costing \$5,600; installed 19 new street lights in residential districts at no cost to the city; employed 100 men in removing snow from the streets last winter, at a cost of \$2500; issued deeds for the sale of 55 city lots; deeded to Jackson county a site for new shops and yard for county machinery.

"Adopt Building Code. "We passed and adopted the new Pacific building code, which means a better standardizing of all building construction in the city. We have adopted the U. S. department

# WILD BEAUTY

SYNOPSIS: Fanny Frost finds the possibility of her mother-in-law's return and runs away with a married man, Bob Daniels. But she regrets before she has been done, and returns to her husband, David, only to find that her mother-in-law is convinced she is telling her side of the story. Fanny then leaves and in New York obtains work as a dressmaker's model. A divorce is arranged, and she returns to her home town, where she meets her little daughter, Garrett Westworth, a publisher whose wife is an avowed, falls in love with Fanny, but is content to remain single as a result. Fanny visits Sheila secretly, and later Sheila runs away to visit her mother. They are respectively happy for four days before Sheila's uncle and grandmother trace her to Fanny's apartment.

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### LEONA SENDS A MESSAGE.

MRS. FROST wrote at length to her daughter Amelia, now living in London, complaining bitterly of Fanny's latest perfidy.

"Unless you could see for yourself," the letter said, "you would not believe how four days with that woman have changed our darling, gentle little Sheila. The child seems under a spell—sullen, defiant, utterly callous to appeals to her natural affections. The most we can get out of her is that she is sorry she caused us so much heart-break and anxiety but not sorry she went to see her mother. Though obviously impossible, Sheila insists that the visit was entirely her own idea. Nor will she tell us how or where that creature (I cannot call her Fanny) managed to get in touch with her."

Ten days later Mrs. Frost wrote, "I'm sorry my letter is late but we're still having a dreadful time with Sheila. As she will not promise not to run away again, we do not dare let her go any place alone—not even to school. Last Thursday as David was preparing to make his weekly call on Mary Morton, Sheila said rudely, 'When you marry Miss Mary you won't want me, so why can't I go live with my mother?'"

"David, like a ninny, meekly telephoned Mary he could not see her that evening and has not been near her since. He is of course playing straight into that woman's hands, as Sheila would never have thought of such a thing herself."

The day before Christmas Mrs. Frost took her granddaughter with her to the bank, where she drew out a number of gold pieces as presents for the servants. At the teller's window they met Sheila's bachelor cousin, Albert Brownbeck, engaged on the same errand. Albert immediately carried Sheila off to select herself a gift, promising to drive her home. Sheila chose a small red bank.

"Why, that isn't much of a present," Cousin Albert protested generously.

Sheila hung her head. "Well—if you want to, you could put something in it." Cousin Albert was never more than half bright; he slipped a \$10 gold piece into the bank. But that night, while her father and grandmother were busy decorating her tree, Sheila locked her door on the outside, hid the key, crept down the back stairs unnoticed, and caught the midnight train for New York. She was headed off by telegraph and brought home in the early dawn.

"How could you?" Mrs. Frost asked sadly. "On Christmas Eve! Your poor father—who has already suffered so dreadfully! And now you, his own little daughter, whom he adores, to break his heart!" "I guess he doesn't care how much he breaks my heart—or my mother's heart," Sheila half sobbed. "For shame!" Mrs. Frost drew herself erect. "You have to know some time. You are almost twelve years old. No matter how you blind yourself you do know in your heart how patient and good your father is—how forgiving. But there is one sin that cannot be forgiven. Can you honestly make yourself believe that we would have taken you away from your mother if it had not been necessary, if she had been a good woman?"

Late the next afternoon Sheila followed Leona the cook up to her room. Sheila seated herself on the floor, her head against Leona's knee. They sat there quietly. Finally Sheila spoke. "Leona, what is the unforgivable sin?" Leona hesitated. "That's a question that the preachers been fighting over ever since Adam and Eve sinned their selves out of the garden. As far as I can figure out, it's maybe for one person to set about to separate another (I'll be so bold

of agriculture standard milk ordinance which has in an amazing degree, during the last nine months, raised the quality of milk consumed in Medford.

"For the year preceding the adoption of the milk ordinance in March of 1926, the average bacteria count per cubic centimeter of milk consumed in our city was 180,000; today it is less than 10,000. A cubic centimeter is a drop of milk the size of the point of a lead pencil.

"On March 1, last, there was only one dairy in Jackson county equipped for the production of "A" grade milk; today there are 49 such dairies now delivering milk in Medford, and many more in the process of bringing their equipment up to grade "A" standard.

"Dairymen of the valley are showing a fine spirit of cooperation and the industry throughout

the county is rapidly attaining a position of eminence in Pacific coast competition. "The water commission has kept pace with Medford's growth, and during the biennium has laid 19,600 lineal feet (approximately three and three-quarters miles) of cast iron water mains, at a cost of \$47,300. Additional to this they have carried forward a program of clearing land at the intake of our water supply of dead brush, decayed and rotten logs and refuse, and have planted 2,000 trees in the reforestation of city-owned land in our watershed.

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## Gassy Stomachs Made Well

Every person who is troubled with gas in the stomach and bowels should get a package of Bismarck's Gas Tablets and see how quickly they will relieve all distressing symptoms. Sharp pains in the abdomen or about the heart are often due entirely to gas pressure. Sometimes the circulation is restricted, causing the hands and feet to grow numb. Usually there is much gurgling or rumbling in the bowels. Many sufferers complain of a gnawing feeling in the stomach, extreme nervousness, heartburn, drowsiness after eating, headache, dizzy spells or labored breathing.

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# LIONS INAUGURATE WEEKLY PROGRAM IN ENTERTAINMENT

An interesting series of programs for 13 weeks was begun today by the Lions club at its regular weekly session at the Hotel Holland, with a presentation of moving pictures by Horace Bromley, showing local current events, including the American Legion boat races at Emigrant lake, firemen's drill and release of wild game birds.

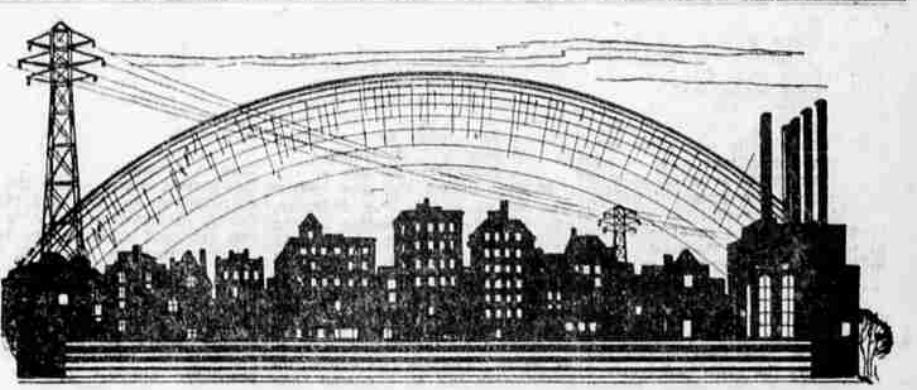
Three members of the club will be chosen for each week's entertainment. The efforts of the committee for the entire series will be judged, prizes will be awarded

# SCORES ARRESTED IN RAID ON PUNCHBOARDS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP) The town of a new district attorney was reflected in the activity of police here today in raids on punchboard operators. More than a score of arrests were made, and fines up to \$25 were imposed. Lotus L. Langley, district attorney, was sworn in Monday.

# PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE OFFERED

Basic training for public speaking will be given high school pupils in a new electric course to be offered the second semester in oral expression. Mrs. E. E. Schuler will instruct the class, which is open to upper classmen and may be substituted for an English class just as Journalism or public speaking may be. The specific objectives of the course are to offer training in vocal expression, correct speech defects, hamish affectations and mannerisms, and to establish proper habits of breathing, posture, enunciation, pronunciation and tone production. The last six weeks of the course will be devoted to reading and interpreting dramas.



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