# CITY COUNCIL TOLD TOWN LIFE COSTS CAUSE MIGRATION

## Expense of Paving Borne by Property Owner in Medford; Country Paving Free

Many Medford residents have moved to the country where virtually all the advantages of the city are available at less cost and ways and means should be sought to put town costs on a par with rural costs, Gerald T. Latham of 519 Park avenue told the city council last night.

Mr. Latham expressed these views at an informal hearing on the Park avenue-Catherine street and Dakota avenue-Beekman street paving petitions. All property owners concerned had been invited to the conference to state their attitude on the proposed improvements after hearing the estimated costs. There was no unanimity on either proposed improvement, opposition being expressed by a number of property owners to each project. The whole matter was referred back to the streets and roads committee for recommendation.

**Equitable Means Needed.**

Mr. Latham said that road and highway costs in the country were not nearly so much as in the city and he suggested that more equitable ways of paving city streets should be found. He added that while he personally was in favor of the proposed Park-Catherine paving proposition, there were "lots of people who cannot afford such costly improvements." He said he favored improvements for the advancement of the community, but he counselled that thought should be given to the migration of city dwellers to the country to escape burdensome taxes and assessments.

Mrs. Walter Inch of Catherine street, who has been petitioning the council for two years for the street improvement, also spoke against any fiscal policy that was liable to deprive people of their homes after they had spent their lives in building them up. Her remark was understood to refer to the loss of homes through inability to pay assessments or taxes.

"Country people tell me," Mrs. Inch said, "that they have paved highways that are paid for by the state gasoline tax. Why can't that be done in the city?"

**Long Sought Goal.**

Councilman J. F. Erickson told Mrs. Inch that Mayor C. C. Furnas and the council had been working for years in an effort to convince the legislature that the cities of the state should share in the gasoline tax revenues for the construction and maintenance of city streets.

"It is a matter of educating the people so that they will realize that the gasoline tax revenues belong as much to city people as to country people," Mayor Furnas said in explaining what must be done before cities will be able to share in the revenues. The Leagues of Oregon Cities has been working for several years in an effort to procure a share of the tax for city streets, the mayor pointed out, adding that "we think that it is only just that the cities should receive a part of the gas tax."

The mayor stated the council was aware of the burden of property taxes and assessments and was doing all in its power to make the burden as light as possible.

**Petitions Cited.**

It was pointed out during the course of the conference that the petitions for the street improvements originated not in the council but among the property owners themselves.

City Superintendent Fred W. Scheffel estimated $3.56 a front foot as the minimum cost of the Dakota-Beekman improvement and $4.27 for the Park-Catherine improvement. The mayor pointed out that these were only estimates, subject to a contractor's revision up or down. "The actual costs might be a little more or a little less," he explained.

"You gentlemen," said Mrs. Marie Otterdaye of 845 Dakota avenue, had better be making up your minds now it's going to be a little less."

Councilmen George T. Frey and J. Frank Reinhart were absent.

# Willkie and McNary Discuss Campaign

Wendell L. Willkie, Republican presidential nominee (right), confers with Senator Charles L. McNary, vice-presidential nominee, at Washington. Their discussion was private but spectators overheard pleasantries about their farms, Willkie's in Indiana and McNary's in Oregon.—(AP) Photo.)

# 87 GIRL SCOUTS NOW REGISTERED FOR LAKE CAMP

Paid registrations have been received for 87 girls for the Girl Scout camp at Lake o' the Woods, it was announced today at the Girl Scout office. The office also announced the camping dates have been definitely set for August 4 to 11 and August 11 to 18. If 30 girls desire a third week of camping, the extra period will be August 18 to 25.

The following girls have registered for camp since the last list was published:

Patsy Marx, Barbara Earl, Elaine Winkle, Myrli Ball, Beatrice Howard, Mary Jo Plymale, Mary Adams, Doroles Wolff, Marcella Wies, Marjorie Jewett, Lavonne Cassman, Louise Baxter, Eva Beck, Eisel Beck, Geraldine Yoakum, Claire Lee Ogle, Barbara Sands, Janey Allen, Harriet Houghton and Janey Lou Houghton.

Girls going to camp August 4 may send their bed rolls on the supply truck, if the rolls are left at scout headquarters before August 4

On the opening date of camp no noon meal will be served and campers are not permitted to arrive at camp before 2 p. m., as the Boy Scouts are checking out on that date.

# FRENCH OFFICERS ENTER PALESTINE

Ankara, July 10.—(AP)—Persons returning from Syria reported today that about 6,000 French officers, including the staff of General Eugene Mittelhauser, had crossed the border into Palestine and joined British military forces there.

Tension was reported growing in Syria as the result of Arab disorders, a division of sentiment among French troops and expectation British forces might move in from Palestine.

**Teachers May Get Raise.**

Portland, July 10. (AP)— Portland's 1600 school teachers will get a one per cent pay raise next fall if the school board approves Chairman Harry M. Kenin's resolution Thursday.

# COUNTY ANSWERS TOM TAYLOR SUIT

Jackson county has filed a separate answer in the suit of Thomas L. Taylor, orchardist, against the county, the county agent, and three fruit inspectors, for $30,000 for alleged damages due to the destruction of six acres of pear trees, under the blight control law.

Jackson county, in answer, contends the county agent and fruit inspectors in destroying the asserted blight infested trees, were not acting as agents of Jackson county, but were under orders of the Oregon state board of horticulture. It is further asked that the suit, insofar as the county is concerned, be dismissed and costs and disbursements be assessed to Taylor.

The trees in the Taylor orchard, located on Bear creek near this city, were removed in December, 1937, after, it is claimed, due notice had been given of intention to remove the asserted blight infested trees.

# GIANT PINE LOG HANDLED BY MILL

A giant sugar pine log, thought to be the largest ever milled in southern Oregon, and probably the state, was cut this week by the Medford Corporation (Owen-Oregon Company) sawmill.

The log scaled 5,038 board feet. It was 16 feet long, with a butt measurement of 9 feet, 2 inches, and a top measurement of six feet nine inches.

The log was from a tree in the Butte Falls district, near the Mosquito ranger station. General Manager James H. Owen said it was as large if not larger, than the mammoth sugar pine pointed out to tourists on the Crater Lake highway near Prospect.

# ANSWER FILED IN SUIT OVER HEDGE

Blanche Virgin, sued by Gilbert Stuart and wife, for $500 damages for the alleged removal of a privet hedge between the property of the litigants, filed answer in circuit court yesterday.

The answer sets forth the privet hedge was "crooked, thin, unsightly, valueless and on her land." It is also claimed the hedge gave no "privacy" to the property of the plaintiffs, as alleged.

The defendant also states removal of the hedge was not done in malice but for the purpose of building a stone wall on the true property line to beautify her property.

Mrs. Virgin is represented by Attorney H. K. Hanna, and the plaintiffs by Attorneys Porter J. Neff and Otto Frohnmayer.

**Holman for Probe.**

Washington, July 10.—(AP)—Senator Holman (R.-Ore.) interrupted an attack on immigration law administration in the senate yesterday to declare his support of a measure calling for investigation of immigration of aliens into the United States.

Last year in Oregon the U. S. grazing service licensed 155,918 cattle, 11,953 horses, 536,852 cheep for a total of 704,723 animal units to 1646 livestock operators.

# Radio Highlights

By Associated Press.
(Time is Pacific Standard.)

The concluding concert of 16 which Arturo Toscanini has conducted with the NBC symphony orchestra in a tour of South America will be broadcast by WJZ-NBC from Rio De Janeiro tonight. It will run from 5 to 6:45.

Tonight: Europe—CBS 4:55, 6:30; WJZ-NBC 6; MBS 6, 6:20; NBC 8.

MBS—Democratic convention preview.

Thursday: Europe, subject to change—NBC 4 a. m., 9:45 a. m.; CBS 4 a. m., 2:45 p. m.


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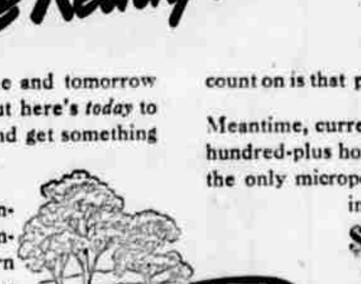


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