

JACKSON BRIDGE AND PARK PROJECT CLOSELY RELATED

Mayor Meeker Points Out Needs Of Two Special Vote Issues.

Two of the six contemplated civic improvement projects to be voted on at a special city election June 12 are closely associated, according to Mayor Clarence A. Meeker, who points out that construction of a new bridge across Bear Creek at Jackson street will be doubly needed with improvement of the new park on the banks of the creek.

Traffic over the bridge is already too heavy for the old, narrow structure, the mayor states, and with improvement of the park, traffic will be increased even more. Jackson street is the only other street of Medford besides Main that runs east and west from one end of the city to the other and in recent years traffic on the street has increased greatly, the mayor points out.

The present Jackson street bridge was formerly the one across Bear Creek at Main street, and was moved to Jackson when the present concrete bridge was constructed at Main. It is badly in need of major repairs which would cost a large share of the price of a new one, officials state.

Park blueprints and plans have been received from Reginald Parsons, Seattle and Medford business man who is aid-

ing the city with the park planning, Mayor Meeker said today. These plans call for location of the swimming pool in the north-east corner of the park, which is to extend from bridge to bridge along the banks of the creek, and the mayor believes that summer traffic to and from the park will run largely on Jackson street.

Both the bridge and park projects are thought to be popular with Medford residents. For many years past residents have talked of the need for a large city park and after the special levy to defray costs of a swimming pool was voted, a group of residents donated funds for purchase of the Bear Creek tract for the park.

Discussing the proposed bond issues, Mayor Meeker pointed out that the carrying charge on the entire bond issue for all six projects can be taken care of for not to exceed a mill and one-half tax levy, while the city has been paying a three-mill levy for the past two years to raise \$62,500 for the swimming pool. This will all be in the hands of the city treasurer this coming fiscal year when the special levy expires. Actually, there has been a decrease in taxes on city property in recent years because of the added valuation of city properties, the mayor declares.

Each project is to be voted on separately at the special election. Cost of the park improvement is set at \$75,000 and the bridge cost at \$35,000.

GOLD PIN AWARD TO MATT M. BAKER

An award for 10 years driving without accident has been given to Matthew M. Baker, McAndrews road, by the Railway Express company of Medford, F. P. Franks, local express agent, said yesterday. Baker has been with the company 17 years.

The award, in the form of a gold pin, was presented to nine company drivers in this particular division of the company.

P.-T. A. Activities

Washington P.T. A. Mrs. Robert Church was installed president of the Washington Parent-Teacher association at the last meeting of the year held Friday at the school gym. Mrs. John Drew was installed vice-president, Mrs. W. T. Frost, treasurer and Mrs. John Redden, secretary. Installation was conducted by Mrs. A. H. Puhl, Mrs. Rollin Jones, retiring president, presented corsages to her officers, committee members and teachers.

Mrs. Church led reports and discussion of the district convention held recently in Ashland, assisted by other delegates, Mrs. Lynch, accompanied by Mrs. Larson, sang two songs. Mr. Dodge's room won the room prize for attendance.

Refreshments were served by mothers of children in Mr. Dodge's room.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

HOLBROOK, DOVER NAMED VET BODY; MEETING CALLED

Frank Holbrook, Medford, and Floyd K. Dover, Grants Pass, are members of the new advisory committee to the state director of Veterans' Affairs, authorized by the 1945 legislature, according to an announcement made from Salem yesterday. Holbrook will represent the Disabled American Veterans and Dover the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Holbrook and Dover have called an open meeting of all county veterans for Thursday night in the Medford armory at which problems coming under the state department of veterans' affairs will be discussed. The meeting is set for 8 p. m.

Other members of the committee are Harry V. Reed, Portland, representing the United Spanish American War Veterans; John Walker Jones, Milwaukie, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Eugene K. Oppenheimer, Portland, American Legion; William F. Toomey, Portland, World War II veteran, and Carl F. Freilinger, Portland. The appointments were selected from recommendations made by the various veteran organizations, the release states.

The department of veterans' affairs is charged with the duty of organizing and coordinating federal and state laws pertaining to war veterans and their dependents and also will administer the act providing for educational assistance to veterans and another providing for loans up to \$3,000 on homes or farms.

BRAKE TESTS FOR CAMP WHITE CARS

Camp White, May 23—(Sp.)—All privately owned cars belonging to servicemen and civilian workers on this post are due for thorough brake check-ups in the next two weeks. Col. John R. Young, camp commander, said today in announcing War Department plan of cooperation with the nation-wide brake emphasis program of the International association of Chiefs of Police.

He has instructed all owners to bring their vehicles to the provost marshal's office between now and June 7, where they will have careful brake tests under the supervision of Capt. Leopold E. Fritze, post provost marshal.

The accident record throughout the Ninth Service Command has decreased 35 per cent during the first quarter of this year compared to the first three months of 1944, and the current brake test program is expected to further reduce this figure.

Hollywood, May 23—(U.P.)—Movie Star Clark Gable faced the cameras today for the first time in three and one half years.

Captured by Americans



Leni Reifenstahl (left), actress and one-time reported girl friend of Adolf Hitler, and Dr. Robert Ley, former German labor front leader, pictured after their capture by American troops.

NEW SNOW DELAYS CRATER OPENING, LEAVITT STATES

Considerable snow has fallen in Crater Lake National park in recent days and will probably delay opening of the park according to E. P. Leavitt, park superintendent.

Average snow depth at headquarters May 19 was 83.9 inches, Leavitt said, this being about 10 inches more than the measurements showed May 9. Water content of the snow was 40.6 per cent and density was 48.6 per cent, he said. Probably 12 to 13 inches of new snow fell between May 9 and 19, he reported.

The measurements were made during a trip to the park made to escort Leo A. Borah, representative of the National Geographic society. The trip was made with Tucker's "sno-cat" and in the party were Borah, Leavitt, A. R. Work, who drove the machine, Robert Duff, Arnel Butler, Bob Stevens from Medford and Thomas C. Parker, assistant superintendent, and Ranger Bob Briscoe of Klamath Falls who they met at the park entrance. Borah returned to Klamath with Parker and Briscoe.

Leavitt states that Joe Dixon, field naturalist for region four of the park service is continuing his research on mammals of Crater Lake park and is now at Ft. Klamath. He will follow the receding snow line in the park and will probably continue his research through the spring and summer, the superintendent states.

Paris, May 23—(U.P.)—Five United States senators, on a tour of the European theater, planned to visit Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower at Reims today.

LAST RITES FOR COUNTY PIONEER

Funeral services were held this afternoon at Ashland for Frederick Talley Sturgis, Talent, county pioneer who passed away Sunday in a Medford hospital. A native of the Applegate district, where he was born Nov. 18, 1872, Sturgis had resided almost his entire life in the county and for nearly 40 years lived on a ranch in the Elk Creek district.

As a youth he spent a few years in Susanville, Calif., and in 1896 was married to Ida Sulvan, who passed away about five years ago. In 1943 he was married to Minnie A. Zimmerman, whom he had known since childhood.

The deceased was a life-long member of the Jacksonville Masonic lodge. At the time of his death he was employed at the Suncrest Orchards, Talent.

Survivors are his wife and a brother, the latter residing in Marshfield.

SUIT TO VACATE GOLD HILL CAFE

A suit to force vacation of a Gold Hill restaurant was filed by Susie Coy and Maude Coy Robinson against Vaughn Quackenbush and Ruby Quackenbush with the county clerk Tuesday. The complaint charges that Mr. and Mrs. Quackenbush leased the restaurant with an option to buy, that the lease has expired and that the couple refuses to either purchase or to leave.

The two owners further stated in the complaint that John F. and Gertrude E. Moore wish to buy the restaurant.

MARINE BAND HAS MUCH TALENT; TO BE HERE MONDAY

The marine band from Klamath Falls, scheduled to appear in Medford next Monday as part of a big war bond rally, was formed shortly after the first group of returned veterans arrived at Klamath Falls by T. Sgt. Jack Zamsow. Since that time the boys have played for various functions throughout Oregon and have been acclaimed by musical authorities as one of the top service bands in the country.

Master of ceremonies is Pfc. Dick Nason, former radio announcer and script writer, and Nason also writes all the shows for the band. Vocalists with the band are Carl Nagel, tenor who sticks to "mom and dad" favorites, and Cookie Blanchard, diminutive marine sergeant from Louisiana who has mastered "scat" singing and who does it with so much body movement that he is described as the "boy who can't keep still."

The men are to give a street concert on Main street between the two banks at 4:30 p. m. Monday and that evening will give a concert in the Holly theater. Appearance of the band here is being arranged by the Elks lodge and the county war finance committee.

TOWNSEND CLUB FESTIVAL Moscow, May 23—(U.P.)—A Berlin dispatch said today that some bus lines now were operating in the former German capital.

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