



Landscaping Job At SOC Awaiting Clement Weather

Ashland—The coming of spring will permit continuation of the landscaping program at Southern Oregon college, according to Donald E. Lewis, business manager. The project has been delayed by inclement weather.

Progress has been made in front of the new library building with the moving of the Kerr duplex apartments. The area vacated and the present parking lot will be graded and a broad mall constructed from the library to Siskiyou boulevard. Work on Field

Extensive work is also planned at the newly developed athletic field, Lewis explained. Lowell Ager is staking out the new baseball diamond located on the recently annexed property adjacent to Walker avenue. Fifteen thousand yards of earth will be moved to prepare the ground and it is hoped that the area can be seeded this spring.

Two new tennis courts will be constructed adjacent to the present courts fronting Wightman street. They will be of asphalt and enclosed with steel screen similar to the present courts.

Concrete curbing will be constructed around the quarter mile track and the football field will be reseeded this spring. Chet Correy, superintendent of Lithia park, is in charge of the program.

CLASHES WITH LAW
Malone, N. Y. (U.P.) — A runaway truck had a real clash with the law. First it struck an automobile owned by Supreme Court Justice E. C. Lawrence. Then it ran into District Attorney Robert Moore's car.

be an air-conditioned compartment for dogs. Also, there will be a dog-doctor aboard to fix sore dog-nails, busted legs or to smoke out painful cases of canine bellyache.

And as for sea-sickness, the builders claim there shouldn't be any.

But that remains to be seen. I've been aboard ship when even the crew stuck a neck over the side.

NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN—These valley businessmen attended the evening class in salesmanship at Southern Oregon college during winter quarter. Eight night classes are scheduled for the spring term which will begin Monday.

A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

BY HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington—(U.P.)—The finest ship this country ever built has very few hunks of wood aboard her. Specifically, the butcher's chopping block and a couple of pianos.

That's the word from the Maritime Administration and the U. S. Lines, which collaborated in putting the S.S. United States together. The S.S. United States will be mostly steel and will cost around \$70,000,000. Launched last year, she will be on the high seas in the early summer.

The idea about no wood is very sensible indeed. Steel doesn't burn. Even the toilet seats are of non-inflammable plastic. The United States Lines purchasing department is shopping around for checker boards that won't attract a flame. There will be about 30 of these aboard.

Contrasting Shades
Some of the samples which have been submitted are a departure from the usual kinds, which, as you know, are made

of red and black squares. The samples without any paper or wood are of contrasting shades of gray.

The new vessel is being fitted for her maiden voyage right now at Newport News, Va.

Originally she was designed as a troop ship. Then along came the war in Korea and there was a wait to see if she would be needed immediately. It became apparent she wouldn't.

Can Be Reconverted
So the outfitting for passenger service began. But, the designers tell me that it would be but a matter of days before the United States could be dragged off the waves and reconverted for troop-carrying if the need arises.

There have been stories about the money we had to pay to rent the "Queens"—the Elizabeth and the Mary—from Britain during the war. They did us a lot of good, but the government estimates that the rental on those mighty vessels amounted to a lot more than the \$70,000,000 price tag on our new first lady of the seas.

Air-Conditioning for Dogs
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