

Mother Says Accident Victim Much Better

Mrs. Eugene Washburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Amidon, 730 West 11th street, and sister of Mrs. Leo Cook, 815 Narrigan street, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Bend several weeks ago, is "much improved," her mother reported Saturday.

Mrs. Washburn is still in serious condition, but now is semi-conscious part of the time, Mrs. Amidon said, and has said a few words and recognizes her family. She will have to stay in St. Charles hospital, Bend, for some time yet.

The other members of her family, also injured in the same accident, have all left the hospital but are still under medical care, Mrs. Amidon said. They are Washburn and the couple's children, Edward, Carl and Michael.

The Amidons returned to Medford Friday after seeing their daughter, but will return to Bend the first of the week.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays

Jacksonville Waits Report on Water

Jacksonville — Jacksonville is expecting a report soon on a preliminary survey of its water supply, according to Mayor Albert Hackert.

The engineering firm of Cornell, Holland, Hayes and Merrifield of Corvallis contracted to complete the survey 200 days from last October, Mayor Hackert pointed out. He said the firm is studying all the alternatives and will pick out the two "most reasonable" ones, together with recommendations, and will present them to the council.

Study Three Plans
The different plans under study are a connection with the Medford system, another reservoir supplied from either of three sources, and the drilling of wells, the mayor, added.

"We hope to get this report as soon as possible," he said, "so that the proposals can be put on the regular November election ballot. We will have to vote a bond issue whichever plan is adopted."

Mayor Hackert noted that the city had been working on its water problem for "several years," and that there had been a water shortage "for some time."

Fourteen privately owned toll roads still exist in the United States, most of them access roads to mountain tops or seashore resorts. Their total length is 7 1/2 miles.



GRIM JEST FEATURES SIGN on Sioux City, Ia., store as Missouri River rises inexorably toward greatest flood level in generation, forcing thousands from homes. (International Soundphoto)

Italy's Land Plan Upsets Communist Party Discipline

Grosseto, Italy — (U.P.) — The Italian government's land-for-the-poor program has upset Communist party discipline in this Red-dominated farm area of small farms.

The government has started the distribution of small farms to the landless peasant of this region. Communists are urging party members to refuse the grants to the land, reclaimed from once malaria-ridden marshes, on the ground that it is no good.

Officials in charge of the program said that so far only one Communist peasant has turned down an offer of a farm for his own. Two days later, he changed his mind and said he wanted it after all.

financial aid will be more effective if the peasants work together on a co-operative basis at the outset.

Peasants Admonished

Giuseppe Medici, chief of the local land program, and minister of agriculture Amintore Fanfani told the 178 peasants: "Remember to be successful on your new farms, you must collaborate among yourselves. Don't shut yourself up on your own farm."

Fanfani said 108,560 acres of land have been distributed since the program started almost two years ago and that the figure will reach 173,000 acres by then end of April.

Land that has been earmarked for expropriation totals 1,973,850 acres in the Italian peninsula, Sicily and Sardinia.

Eagle Point Dog Law Said Often Violated

Eagle Point—Numerous violations of the Eagle Point dog ordinance, in effect during April, May and June, have occurred this month, according to Sam F. Coy, recorder-treasurer.

Coy pointed out that "the law was going to be enforced" during the early garden season and that it is unlawful for dogs to be loose on the city streets and alleys during the above period unless accompanied by their owners. All dog owners are liable for damages caused by loose dogs, he added.

Penalty for a first offense, the recorder continued, is the impounding of the dog, and fine and costs amounting to \$5.50. This would be raised \$1, he said, for second and successive offenders.

Coy noted that city dog owners have already had one notice to keep their animals from violating the ordinance.

Woodworkers Threaten Strike

Portland — (U.P.) — The CIO International Woodworkers of America said Saturday its members will strike April 28 if employers in Pacific Northwest forest industries fail to grant their new contract demands.

A referendum vote recently approved granting the regional negotiating committee authority to call a strike if no agreements were reached.

Thus far, the union, which represents 50,000 loggers and forest industry workers on 700 operations, has signed only with Weyerhaeuser Timber company. It has been conferring with the Willamette Valley Operators association. No other negotiations were reported.

Tuesday Meeting Set By J'ville Budgeters

Jacksonville — The citizen's budget committee will meet with the mayor and council to discuss departmental requests for the next fiscal year on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the city hall, according to Mayor Albert Hackert.

He pointed out that the city charter calls for a committee of three to work with the council on budget matters. The committee members are Howard Lewis, P. E. Matheny and Dick Souza.

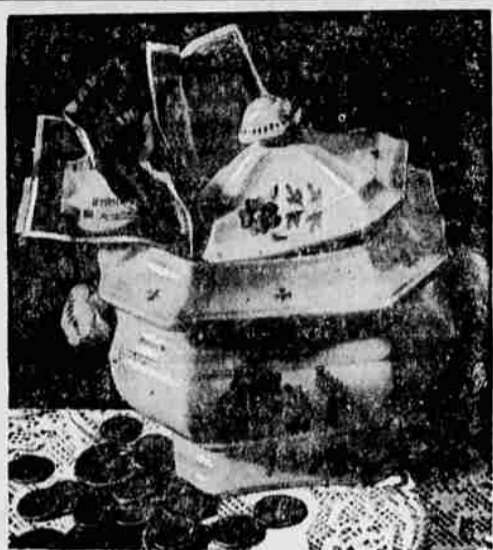
Following study and recommendations, the budget will be announced and published between June 1-15, the mayor said.

Tuesday's meeting was postponed from April 15 because the mayor is recovering from a recent operation.

Budget Committee Named at Eagle Point

Eagle Point — The citizen's budget committee for the next fiscal year was announced Friday by Sam F. Coy, Eagle Point recorder-treasurer.

The six-man committee includes Walter Young, G. Francis Putman, Lyle Van Scoy, C. P. Henderson, Roy Ashpole and Ben Bekker. The terms of



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The desire for land is powerful among Italy's peasant and sharecropper class. The government is counting heavily on the land reform program to woo them from Communism.

Called "Revolution" Premier Alcide de Gasperi, who came here to present farms to 178 peasants, told them the expropriation of land from the wealthy for assignment to the poor was a peaceful revolution which deserved their full support.

Speaking in an area where the Communists outpolled his Christian Democratic Party by four to one in last year's local elections, de Gasperi said: "This is a peaceful revolution which gets results without shedding blood."

The premier assured the peasants that the land reform would continue. The council of state in Rome followed up his promise by rejecting charges by landowners who have lost part of their estates that the expropriation was unconstitutional.

Peasants Jealous
The difficulties confronting the program do not come only from Communists or the wealthy landowners, however. The peasants themselves are so jealous of the land they get that they spurn appeals for co-operative operation with their neighbors.

That has been especially true here in Tuscany, where the individualism that marks Italians in general is especially strong.

Government officials said it is an uphill right to persuade the peasants that state help in the form of technical, economic and

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Young, Putman and Van Scoy expire in one year while the latter three hold appointments for two more years.

The committee will meet with the council to discuss the budget requests for the next fiscal year at a date to be announced in the near future, Coy said.

Bolivia has two capitals—one legal, the other in fact. Sucre is Bolivia's legal capital and the seat of the republic's supreme court. La Paz, by virtue of greater accessibility, is the seat of the executive and lawmaking branches of the government.

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