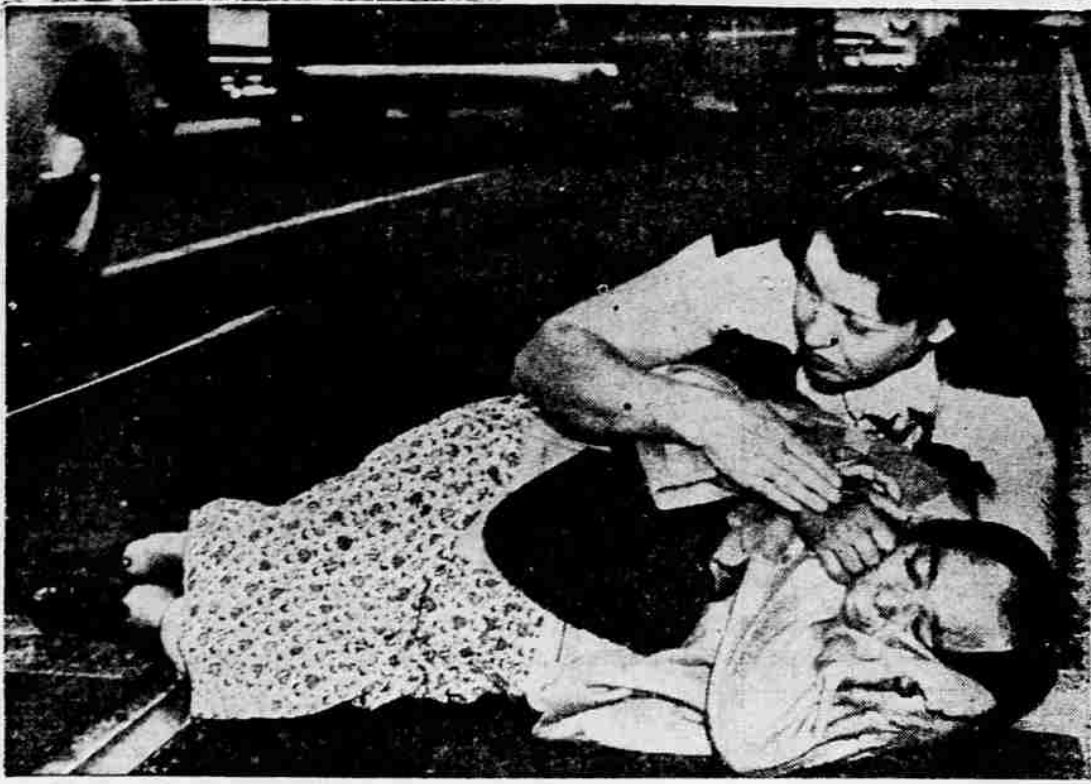




**GOOD SAMARITAN**—A passerby, Mrs. Atta Junker, protects and comforts Mrs. Casimira Garcia, 67, from passing motorists after the elderly woman was struck down in a Los Angeles street. Mrs. Garcia, hit by one of two cars that collided in an intersection, suffered leg and elbow fractures.

## Mt. Lassen, America's Live Volcano, Shasta Dam California Attractions

### Huge Power Dam, Beautiful Lakes On Motorlog Trip

The following is a condensation of a motorlog appearing in the July 15 issue of the Northwest's Own Magazine, Sunday Oregonian. It is one of a series sponsored jointly by The Oregonian and the Oregon State Motor association.

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Mount Lassen gives you some measurement of immortality, if that's possible.

Its beginning was a million years before the ice age.

Yet it is but a remnant, a part that remains of the collapsed rim of a great ancestral volcano called Mount Tehama.

Tehama was destroyed in glacial times. Cracks caused tremendous masses of it to founder and sink, leaving a rim of peaks like Lassen. A river then breached the south wall, draining out any crater lake that might have been formed after.

It is this prehistoric destruction you can visualize all around Mount Lassen today amid evidence that the area is still "alive"—boiling springs, lakes still steaming hot and hissing sulphurous vents.

As recent as 1914, Mount Lassen erupted like an awakened sleeping giant, spewing lava and ashes that have been smoldering since a time before man. It boiled over like that for seven years, throwing mud and 20-ton boulders into valleys below.

Trees on the slopes of other mountains around, five miles away and more, were felled uniformly in the outpouring lava flood.



Highway 89 from Mt. Lassen to Mt. Shasta is fast, scenic.



Lying astride the mile-wide Sacramento canyon, Shasta dam contains enough concrete for an earth-girdling sidewalk.

Before that it had been quiet for 500 years.

It was docile and slumbering, like the rest of the Cascades on whose southern edge Lassen sits, when Peter Lassen led wagon trains of Nevadans into the Sacramento valley. He had used it as a guidepost until his death by Indians in 1859. He gave it his name.

Today it stands, a 10,453-foot peak in northeastern California's skyline, the only recently active volcano in the United States.

To preserve its volcanic exhibits, Mount Lassen was proclaimed a national park stretching over 163 square miles.

It was another stop on our week-long motorlog, a 1500-mile vacation trip arranged by the Oregon State Motor association. We reached it by a 52-mile drive over highway 44, straight almost all the way from Redding, the northern hub of the rich Sacramento valley.

Redding is the gateway to the wondrous Shasta country. The great Shasta dam is only ten miles out of the city.

Jeweled Manzanita lake and its luxuriant lodge, offering every desired comfort, greets the traveler at the northwest entrance to Mount Lassen volcanic national park.

The lodge is the only service, other than rangers, operating in the park, and this under government supervised rates. You can have a tent or a cabin or a bridal suite. It opens by mid-May—or as soon as the highway to the foot of the mountain is cleared of the winter's snows.

Mount Lassen highway itself, cutting through the park, is generally closed to public travel until late June. Snow packs in 30 feet deep through the winter. It was still closed the last week of May when our white AAA motoring car reached the mountain.

It is this highway that takes you to all the remnants of the ancestral Tehama.

There are Chaos Crags, another mountain alongside Lassen, believed to consist of old lava plugs that were pushed up by the eruptions hundreds of years back.

On Lassen's lower slopes are groves of small conifers known as the dwarf forest. Some of the stunted trees are more than 200 years old.

One of the most spectacular thermal areas in the whole park is a morass of ashen ruin of hot springs, gurgling mud pots and boiling pools. They call it Bumpass Hell, and the name seems to fit.

There is an extensive area of ruin called the Devastated Area, only recently becoming reseeded with trees and plant growth. It was denuded of all its life in Lassen's last eruption.

There is a good trail, 2½ miles long—but a five-hour trek—leading to the top of the volcano.

There is a chain of emerald lakes dotted through the entire eastern section of the park open to fishing and boating.

Redding is the key to the whole Shasta country, though the hurrying traveler is rationed to but a quick sight of it.

No traveler to Redding should miss a visit to the giant Shasta dam, a 20-minute drive from the city.

Shasta spans the Sacramento river at the great valley's northernmost tip. It is the giant man-made key to the central valley of California, a land of great achievement.

By the magic of irrigation and drainage, the dam has turned a desolation of swamp and desert into an area of rich farms and attractive cities.

The great valley is 500 miles long, covering 18 counties and supporting 83 cities.

In height, Shasta is exceeded only by Hoover dam. In mass, Grand Coulee alone is larger. In beauty—none of the others compare.

## Ashland Man Plans To File for Council

Ashland — Steve Laninovich, owner of Florence Fabrics, is the second Ashland citizen to declare he will file as a candidate for the city council.

A petition in his behalf will soon be filed with the city recorder, Laninovich said. He has lived in southern Oregon since 1947 when he bought a ranch in the Siskiyou mountains. In 1949 he moved into Ashland.

Laninovich declared himself a staunch believer in youth programs. If elected, he said he will do all he can for the youth of Ashland.

A check on two other rumored candidacies proved both rumors false. Emil Kroeger, on the council until 1951, said he will not reenter the local political scene. Ed Singmaster, an Ashland insurance man, also said he was not interested in political office.

## Truce Negotiators In Secret Session

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.) — Allied and Communist truce negotiators held a 20-minute secret session Monday but apparently made no progress toward settling the prisoner of war deadlock.

Some observers believed the brevity of recent meetings indicated the two sides again have reached the "nothing new to say" stage in the talks. Sunday's meeting lasted 12 minutes and Saturday's 29. However, the truce teams will meet again at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

One side or the other soon may lift the news blackout imposed on the talks July 4. Both sides agreed to conduct the talks in secret in the seemingly futile hope an agreement could be reached more speedily than in public sessions.

### PAST RECALLED

Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) — Reminders of yesteryear are receiving different treatment in two Connecticut towns. Officials at Naugatuck have decided not to spend any more to maintain watering troughs. Litchfield authorities are rehabilitating a 200-year-old elm which was used as a whipping post.

## Historic US Document Located by Accident

Washington — (U.P.) — A simple accident has uncovered from a dust-filled drawer in a Senate file room historic U. S. documents dated back as far as 1791, some bearing the personal seal of George Washington.

Needing more space for bulging files, Senate Secretary Leslie Biffle sent his chief clerk, Emory Frazier, to investigate the possible use of an inactive file room of the Senate library.

The room was full of mail sacks, unused boxes and rows of ancient file cases that had been collecting dust for decades. Frazier and a helper found a likely spot for the incoming files, impeded only by two supposedly empty file cases which could be moved easily.

To prove that the two cabinets were empty, Frazier opened one of "about 800" drawers and there, under an "inch of dust," lay a bundle of dirty papers bound in faded red ribbon. Signatures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other famous Americans appeared clearly on the age-colored but well preserved papers.

### More Than 100

Among the more than 100 documents were nominations, executive orders and messages signed by Presidents George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Martin Van Buren, James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor and the statesmen Daniel Webster and Edmund Randolph.

One of the papers signed by George Washington called the Senate into special session (in Philadelphia) to deal with "certain matters touching the public good" and "to receive and deliberate on such communications as shall be made to you on my part." It was dated March 1, 1791.

Another Washington paper, though of routine nature, has provided historians with possibly the most valuable item in the discovery — the circular watermark of his personal seal. The seal consisted of a large circle spelling out "George

Washington" within which a female figure in classic drapery sat on a plow. Above the circle was a bird with wings outstretched and the monogram "G. W."

The most significant document historically was one written by Thomas Jefferson on Dec. 21, 1803, regarding negotiations on a treaty with Spain. In his message to the Senate, Jefferson asked that "indemnities for spoils on our commerce committed by her subjects during the late war," overlooked in the Spanish treaty, be included in the pending Louisiana Purchase Negotiations. Other documents of more than ordinary historical value were.

Nominations by Jefferson, including Albert Gallatin of Pennsylvania as secretary of the treasury; Robert Smith as secretary of Navy and Gideon Granger of Connecticut as postmaster general.

Nominations by John Adams of John Marshall, first as secretary of war and later as secretary of state when Marshall refused to leave for the first appointment. Also Adams' nomination of William Henry Harrison, later ninth U.S. President, to be governor of "the Indiana Territory."

All the documents that bore John Adams' signature were in

his own handwriting, with his signature almost twice as large as in his normal writing. The other documents were written by a clerk except for the signature of the President or statesman.

A nomination to the Senate by Jefferson dated March 11, 1802, gives a somewhat humorous insight on the day-to-day job of our third President:

"Since my nomination yesterday of Benjamin Forsyth to be master of the revenue cutter, I learn that he is lately dead, and therefore now nominate Henry

Putnam of Georgia to be master of the revenue cutter late the St. Mary's gallery."

The early papers, 30 of which President Truman examined to better understand his predecessors' daily problems, have stirred up great interest throughout the country. According to Biffle, about 150 libraries, museums and scholars have requested more information or photostatic copies of the papers.

The documents will be turned over to the Library of Congress and the national archives for preservation treatment.

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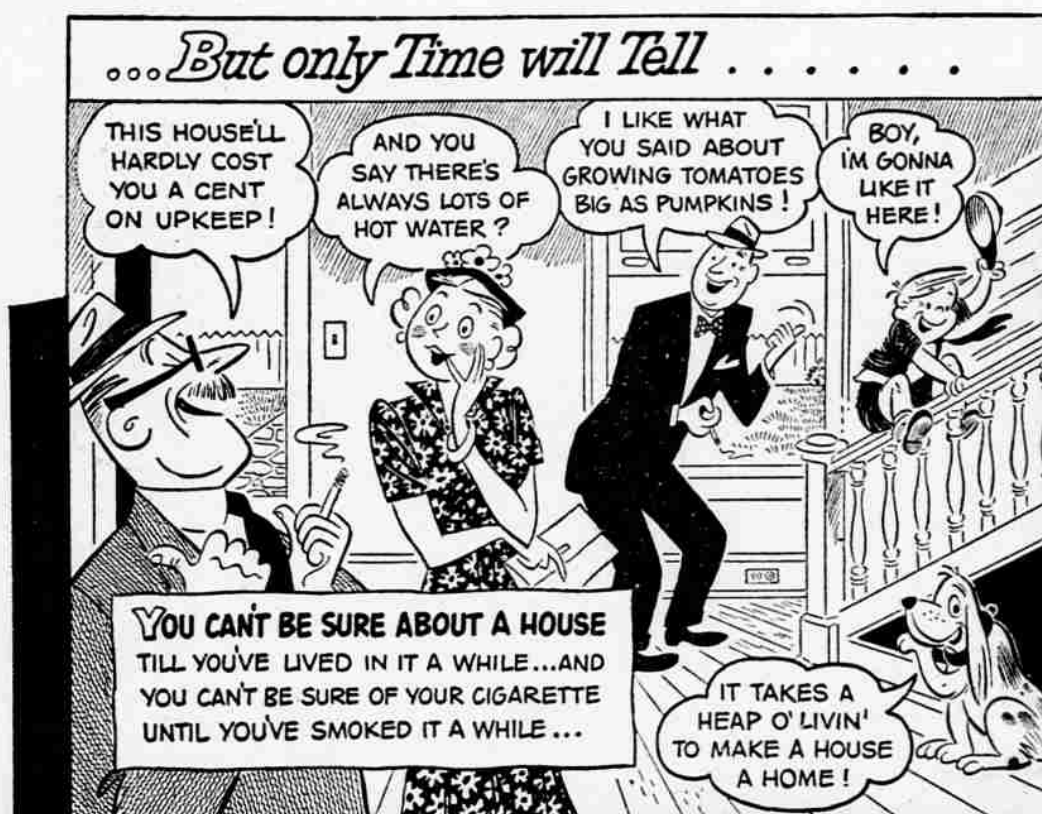
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## Long-Time Resident Here Dies in East

The death of Mrs. Leon E. Williams, 82, a long-time resident of Medford, was reported today from Royalton, Minn., by relatives.

Mrs. Williams lived at 520 South Peach until 1947, when her husband died. Mr. and Mrs. Williams moved to Medford in 1911.

Mrs. Williams was born at Dale City, Iowa, and educated at Iowa State college.

The burial service was conducted at Grace Episcopal church, Royalton. Mrs. Williams was also christened, confirmed and married in this same church. The body was interred in a Royalton.

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