

Log Truck Problems Told Kiwanians; Big Investment Described

A load of logs is not as dangerous as it looks, Ted Wharton, secretary of the Oregon Log and Lumber Truckers association, declared Wednesday in a talk to members of Medford Kiwanis club.

Addressing the service club at its luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club, Wharton brought out the large investment a logger has in his business, told some of the problems of the truckers, discussed safety features of trucks and mentioned generally legislation aimed at the log trucking industry.

Laws Aimed at Loggers

The OLLTA secretary stated that bills before legislature on the trucking industry are primarily aimed at log trucks on the assumption that a load of logs is "very dangerous" to carry. Bills so far passed have

been good with their safety features, he said.

Concerning several other bills, he declared, "We do not know whether they are good or bad." Wharton reported that with Claude Davis, formerly of Medford, representing the association, the legislature is now getting the point of view of the truckers.

Favors Police Weighing

He spoke favorably concerning the bill which would put the burden of weighing trucks on the state police rather than on the highway department, bringing out that police could check as trucks were being weighed to see that other requirements were being met. The OLLTA, he reported, says that the truckers should try not to haul overloads. Wharton, however, pointed to the human element of error in trying to judge the weight of logs.

In stating that log loads are not as dangerous as they seem, Wharton discussed the construction features of trucks and explained how logs are loaded and secured. Trucks are built to haul twice the loads that are put on them, he maintained. He declared that the association is "trying more all the time to prevent poorly secured logs." Wharton stressed also that the trucker is vitally interested in a secure load to get his logs to the mill, because of his investment in his truck.

Costs Cited

The bare truck costs a logger \$24,000 to \$26,000, Wharton said. Safety equipment, insurance, licenses and PUC permit make the total investment \$27,000 to \$28,000, he reported. The average truck grosses \$20,000 per year and if the owner drives the truck himself, he may get \$6,000 per year, according to the OLLTA man. If he hires a driver, the net may be only \$2,000. Wharton, saying that no member of the association, a corporation, draws a salary, spoke of its efforts in helping truckers with safety and with public relations. He stated that there are about 450 members paying dues, and a host of associate members. However, he mentioned that the actual "man in the cab" truckers, appear to be the least interested of all. The membership has only a small percentage of the registered truckers.

Glenn Hunter, president of Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, also spoke to Kiwanians. He told of his interest in truckers getting logs to the mill and pointed to the need of the lumber industry of having a man at the legislature to get the same sort of break farmers are getting in regard to legislation.

Portland Leukemia Victim Succumbs

Portland —(U.P.)— Sharon Ann LeBaugh, 12, whose thirst for watermelon brought help from radio hams throughout the country recently, died Wednesday of leukemia.

Apple trees are related to the rose and strawberry.



IT'S ANYBODY'S GUESS—The Princess Margaret "husband-guessing sweepstakes" picked up momentum with the name of polo-playing Billy Wallace beginning to dispute RAF Group Capt. Peter Townsend as the favorite. A radio commentator claimed that Wallace, 29, step-son of U. S. writer Herbert Agar and a wealthy man in his own right, would become engaged to the princess before this summer. Wallace is shown with the princess at Ascot, back in 1951.

Five Medical Specialists Joining Ranks of Physicians In County; Vaccinations Set

Five medical specialists who are opening offices in Medford were guests this week at a meeting of the Jackson County Medical society, and it was reported that a sixth, a psychiatrist, may enter practice here.

Joining the large group of specialists already practicing in the county were Dr. Andrew D. Bulkley, pediatrics; Dr. E. L. Harlan, dermatology; Dr. Thomas C. Bolton, orthopedics and fracture surgery; Dr. Verne Larson, anesthesiology, and Dr. John Brandenberg, internal medicine and diagnosis.

Members of the Medical society indicated that if the psychiatrist enters private practice here, he also may work with the Southern Oregon Child Guidance clinic.

A schedule for administering

Salk polio vaccine in Medford schools was set up at the meeting. It included: Monday, April 18, Lincoln school, Dr. W. G. Bishop and Dr. John Welch. Tuesday, April 19, Dr. O. J. Halboth and Dr. Robert DeLorme. Wednesday, April 20, Washington school, Dr. B. Brandt Bartels and Dr. Andrew D. Bulkley. Thursday, April 21, Jackson school, Dr. W. W. Stevenson and Dr. Merle Foland. Friday, April 22, Roosevelt school, Dr. William J. Miller and Dr. John Brandenberg.

Dr. T. McGeary will be in charge of vaccinations at Talent and Phoenix schools. Inoculations will be conducted in Central Point schools by Dr. Alvin Roberts and Dr. Wayne Roberts, and at Ashland by Dr. Harvey Woods.

Children who are absent on the days that the shots are given will report to the Public Health department in the court house for their inoculations.

Officer Praised

A resolution of commendation was accorded to City Police Officer Robert Allen for his quick first aid work, which was credited with possibly saving the life of Mrs. Inez Imogene Davis, 24, of 86 Vashti way, who was seriously injured Monday in an automobile accident.

The paper of the evening was presented by Dr. Oscar Heyerman, who's subject was "Painless Myocardial Infarction." His talk was highlighted by a discussion of research work done while he was a fellow at Mayo clinic.

Hosts for the dinner meeting were Dr. Christian P. Hald and Dr. Aubrey M. Hill, both of Ashland.

Hospital for Chronically Ill Planned at Milwaukie

Portland —(U.P.)—A \$3,000,000 hospital for chronically ill with a 300-bed capacity is planned on the site of the former Matson Memorial hospital in Milwaukie by the Oregon Methodist Homes Inc.

Planned as a sister institution to Willamette View manor, eight-story retirement home adjoining the hospital tract, the hospital will be the first of its type in the entire metropolitan area, according to Rev. Edward Terry, president of Oregon Methodist Homes.

Portland —(U.P.)— Mrs. Ronald K. Campbell, Corvallis, and Mrs. Edward Hughes, Portland, will represent Oregon at the national League of Women Voters meeting in Washington, D.C., April 26-29.

Guidance Clinic Group Discusses Added Staff Needs

Need for increased staff members for the Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic association to meet the increased number of requests for consultation services, was the principal topic of discussion at the clinic's board meeting this week.

The need for additional personnel is accelerating the current Medford drive for members of the clinic association. Mrs. Earl Lawson, co-chairman of the Medford membership drive, said that the people of Medford have an opportunity to aid in the clinic's growth by joining. Those who have not received invita-

tions to join by mail may telephone the clinic's office, 3-3174, for information.

Panel Discussion

It was announced that the next activity in the campaign for members will be a discussion of the clinic on the Southern Oregon Round Table program Sunday, April 17, at 6 p. m. on KBES-TV. Members of the panel, who will explain the clinic and its place in the community, are Glenn Hale, school administrator, Eagle Point; Miss Laura York, teacher, Medford; the Rev. James Jondrow, minister, Ashland; Mrs. Dunbar Carpenter,

president of the association, Medford; Dr. John Bradshaw, M.D., Ashland; and Miss Mary Vandenberg, psychiatric social worker, Medford.

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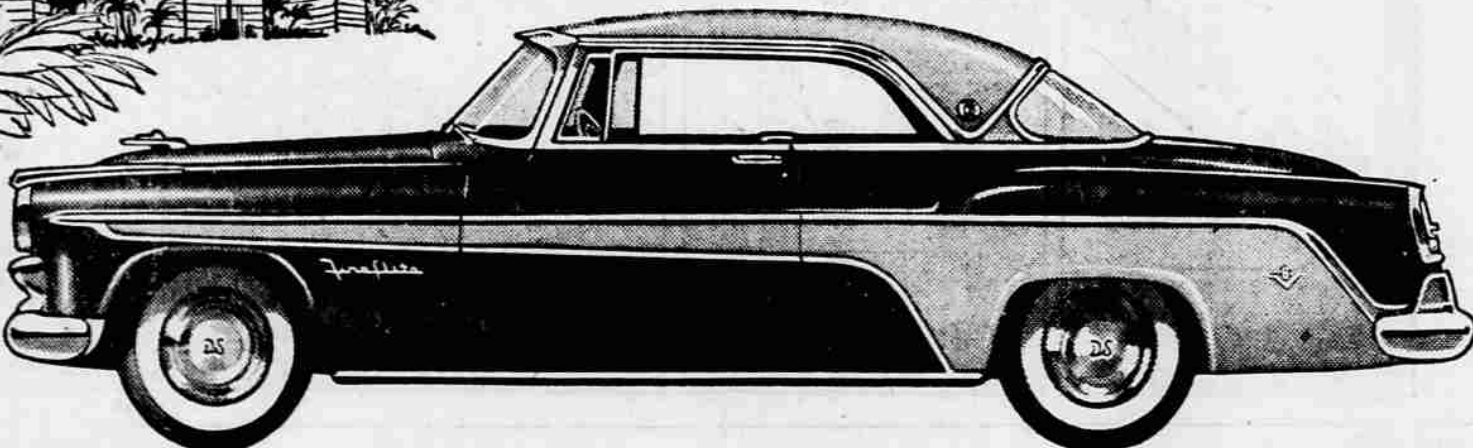
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