

Excavation Project Nears Completion North of Ashland

Ashland — Workmen of the Eugene firm of Miller and Strong are nearing the end of excavation for a new railroad bridge over Highway 99 going into Ashland from Medford, according to the Ashland Tidings.

The project, to be completed in late September, contains a divider in the new highway to go under the Southern Pacific railroad. A four-lane highway will continue from the present four-lane road in front of the O. K. Rubber Welders on Billings hill to about Sheridan st., where it will narrow to two lanes. Widening the highway on the Ashland side of the bridge will be the final phase of construction.

To Use Present Bridge

Few changes will be made in the present bridge. The new bridge will be constructed just to the east. A concrete abutment being rebuilt will act as the divider between the two bridges.

The new and the present highway will curve in order to pass under the bridge. They will come together again between the bridge and Ashland Mine rd.

The new road may be ready for use early in September and completed by the end of the month.

Bandleader Seeks His Old Clarinet

Benny Goodman, famed clarinetist and bandleader, has asked for help from the Music Mart in locating a clarinet he once owned, according to Ron Rice, manager.

Goodman, now in Hollywood, is looking for a clarinet he used to make the original recordings of his theme song, "Let's Dance," Rice said.

Rice was contacted by Goodman through Henri Selmer of Paris, France. Selmer is the maker for the clarinet, and although Goodman has newer clarinets by the same maker, he wants this particular instrument for a movie showing 1935-36 scenes. The serial number of the clarinet is No. L3682. It is a 17 key, six ring Selmer model.

If found by Aug. 31, the owner will be presented with a \$500 Selmer omega clarinet in return for the loan of the older instrument for a few weeks, Rice added.

"Goodman does not have any recollection of where he traded the instrument, but believes that it was on the west coast," Rice said.

Bank Official Slated To Talk for NOMA

R. F. McNeill, vice-president and personnel director of the First National Bank of Portland, will be the guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the Medford chapter of the National Office Managers association Monday.

McNeill will speak on personnel relations. Elwood Hedberg, manager of the Medford branch First National Bank, will be a guest of the association.

All office managers, personnel managers and business directors of all local businesses are invited. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Florence Foster, Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan, Medford 2-6201, by Monday noon. Social hour will be at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will be at 7 p.m.

BOY SHOT IN HEAD

Port Orchard, Wash. — (U.P.) — A 13-year-old Port Orchard youth accidentally was shot between the eyes Thursday while playing with a .22 caliber rifle with his cousin. Kitsap county sheriff's officers said David Whidby, who already was blind in one eye, was taken to Tacoma General hospital for surgery. Attendants said the boy's condition is good. Sheriff's deputies said it hasn't been determined whether young Whidby, or his 13-year-old cousin, Mike Moore, was holding the rifle when it went off.

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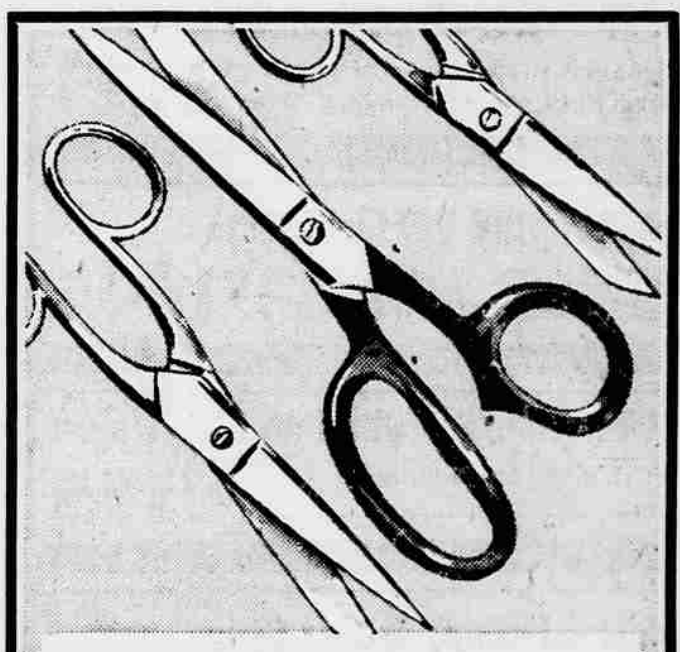
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