

# Valley Manor Site May Be Announced Soon, Rotary Told

The location of a new \$2,000,000 six-story Rogue Valley Manor will be announced soon, Walter Higgins, executive director for the group planning retirement home here, told members of the Medford Rotary club Tuesday.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting at the Jackson hotel, Higgins outlined plans for the project near Medford or Ashland, Rogue Valley Manor trustees, most of whom are from southern Oregon, are surveying suitable locations which will require from 25 to 30 acres.

**Growing Demand**

The new retirement home, patterned after the Willamette Manor near Portland, and others in California will be in every respect a "club for retired people," Higgins said.

With 15,000,000 citizens now over 65 years of age, and the population of elderly people increasing rapidly, there is a fast

# Changes Proposed In Regulations for Gillnet Fishermen

Astoria—(U.P.)—A joint meeting of the Oregon Fish Commission and the Washington Department of Fisheries here yesterday produced a number of proposed changes in 1956 regulations, particularly for gillnet fishermen on the Columbia river.

The meetings continued today in Vancouver, Wash., with final changes to be decided on Jan. 10. Commissioners discussed a proposal to let the spring salmon season below Bonneville remain from April 30 to May 27, but to eliminate the last two weeks of the season upriver from the dam. This, commissioners said, would allow more escapement of fish if the spring freshet failed to materialize as it has for the past three years.

**Five Days Off Fall Season**

For the fall run, commissioners proposed to cut five days off the beginning of the season below Bonneville to make it run from Sept. 15 to Dec. 1, instead of from Sept. 10. Below Bonneville the season would start Sept. 10, but weekend closures would be extended from 48 to 72 hours for the whole period.

Another suggestion would extend the fish sanctuary from 15 to 23 miles above the dam and also enforce 72-hour closures upriver.

Commissioners discussed a plan to cut one month off ocean troll fishing so that the troll season would run from April 15 to Sept. 30. This would be taken up at special hearings for troll fishermen to be held here Jan. 3, at Newport, Jan. 4, and at Coos Bay on a date yet to be announced.

**Mesh Net To Continue**

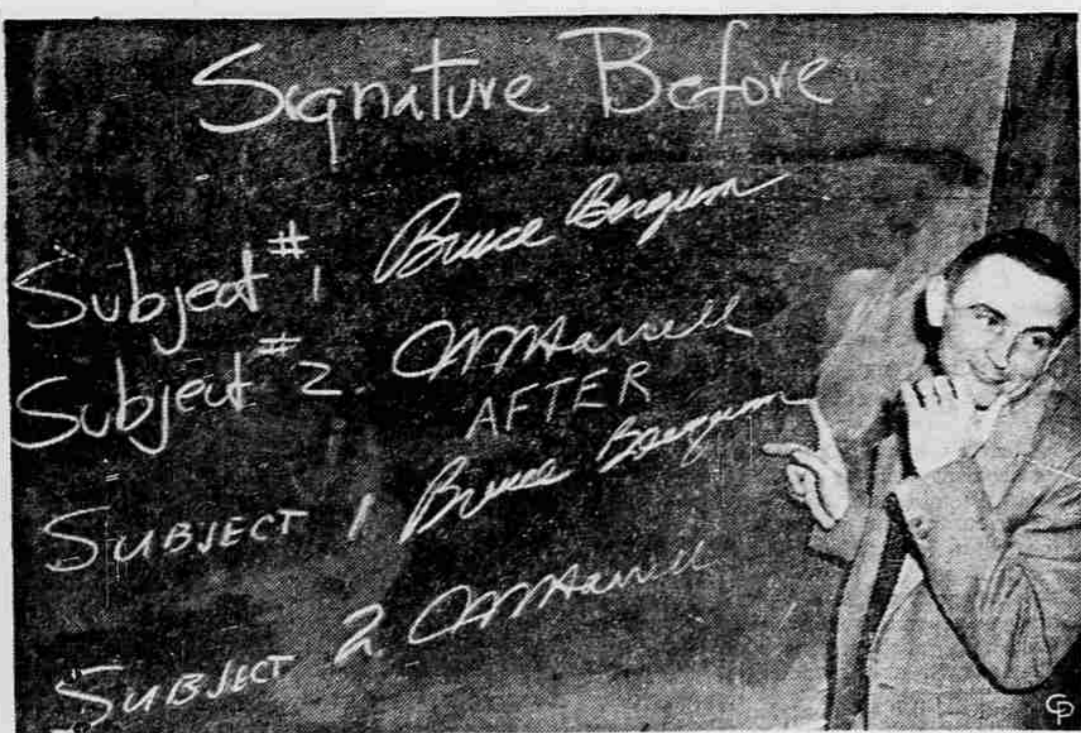
For blueback, which ran much better than expected this year, commissioners propose continuing to use a 5-14 inch mesh net for the first eight days of the season below Bonneville and then fish with any net. The season would run from June 20 to July 15.

Above Bonneville, the proposals call for a season starting July 4, use of the minimum net

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# Shift in Emphasis in Mining Claim Probe Seen by Writer

A shift in emphasis in the Alserena mining claim-timber sale controversy was indicated today in a dispatch from the Oregon Journal's Washington correspondent, Roulhac Hamilton.

Hamilton quoted Sen. W. Kerr Scott (D-N.C.), chairman of the congressional committee investigating the matter, as saying he "does not think" the interior department's grant of the patents "was illegal."

Hearings on the granting of patents to 15 claims in Jackson county are to resume in Washington early in January. The matter figured prominently in the congressional election campaign of 1952.

**Turn To Assays**

Hamilton said: "The statement that Scott does not regard as illegal the granting of the patents by Interior Secretary Douglas McKay and Undersecretary Davis, former solicitor of the department, indicated that the future of the probe may turn on the validity of the assays on which it was determined mineralization of the lands involved was sufficient to justify issuance of the patents."

He reported that Robert Redwine, chief counsel for the senate section of the joint investigating committee, has gone to Mobile, Ala., where a private company made the assays on which the patents were based, to look into "a number of unanswered questions."

**Shift in Approach**

The Journal correspondent says that it thus appears the congressional investigators now appear to be preparing an effort to show that there was something wrong with the assay reports on the basis of which the patents were granted — rather than attempting to build a case designed to show that McKay and Davis, urged by Congressman Harris Ellsworth, did something "illegal."

This would mean, Hamilton said in his Page 1 story, that the January hearings would not be devoted primarily to what Scott has called a story of influence and pressure, of "high level interference" with the processes of government.

Instead, the correspondent said, it would be devoted, centrally, to the question whether there was a good mineralization sampling of the controversial Jackson county public timberlands, and whether the assay report was bona fide.

**Had No Choice**

He continued: "If the assay report was bona fide, both sides now seem to agree that McKay and Davis had no choice, under the controlling law, but to issue the mining patents, even though the applications had been rejected previously."

"And Chairman Scott, at least, appears to think that McKay and Davis had a right to assume the genuineness of the assay report — in the absence of then-existing information to the contrary — since he says that in his opinion there was no question of the legality of their actions in issuing the mining patents."

Hamilton's story concludes, "So what has started out to be a big early-session Capitol Hill 'spectacular' next month, may turn out to be merely an investigation of the technical questions whether: (1) There was a proper mineralization sampling of some 400 acres of public lands, and (2) whether a private metallurgical firm made a correct and valid assay report on the basis of those samples."

# Liles Guilty In POW Actions

Fort Lewis, Wash. — (U.P.) — A 10-man court martial board today found Lt. Col. Paul V. Liles guilty of "bringing discredit on the military service" for his actions while being held as a prisoner of war in Korea.

Liles, 39, of Birmingham, Ala., was the first West Point graduate ever to be charged with collaborating with the enemy.

The court martial board ruled that Liles aided the enemy by making recordings "inimical to the interests of the United States."

The board then retired to begin deliberations on Lile's sentence.

Lt. Col. Leslie E. Dixon of Baton Rouge, La., Liles' defense counsel, said the defendant was ready to accept whatever sentence the court martial board passed.

**\$750,000 Approved To Dredge Columbia**

Washington—(U.P.)—A fund of \$750,000 was approved yesterday but the Bureau of the Budget to start dredging operations next spring to deepen the Columbia river channel to 8 feet.

The appropriation had been held up pending clearance by the bureau of project plans.

The hopper dredge Essavon, largest in the world, will be moved from the east coast to start the project and will be assisted by the west coast's largest dredge, the Biddle, according to Army Engineers.

Additional funds to carry on the project would be asked when Congress convenes in January.

# Background on Ford Stock

By UNITED PRESS

Ford Stock Background — Americans get their first chance next month to buy a chunk of the Ford Motor Co., a \$2,000,000,000 giant that ranks as the nation's 13th largest corporation.

Ford—the world's second biggest auto maker—has been privately owned since its founding in 1903 by the late Henry Ford Sr.

When Ford founded his company in a small Detroit plant with a hand made, two-cylinder, eight-horsepower car, a dozen friends put up \$28,000 in cash for 1,000 original shares.

**In Sole Control**

By 1919 Ford had bought them all out and was in sole control of his company.

Now Ford stock is being made available to the general public for the first time. The offering will be made in January—possibly the week of Jan. 16.

Actual seller will be the Ford Foundation, biggest philanthropic trust in the world, founded in

1936 by the Ford family. The foundation will sell initially 15 per cent of its Ford stock to diversify its holdings and help finance its recent \$500,000,000 grant to 3,500 colleges and 615 hospitals.

The stock sales is expected to net the foundation around \$400,000,000, making it one of the biggest common stock offerings in history.

**Shares From Late Fords**

The foundation received its 3,089,980 shares from the late Henry Ford and his son, the late Edsel Ford. These shares will be split 15-for-one prior to the offering.

Final details of the offering, including the price of the stock, still remain to be worked out between the foundation and the seven big investment banking firms which will manage the offering.

The sale also meant that Ford had to issue a financial report revealing its sales and earnings. This information has been one of the world's best kept business secrets.

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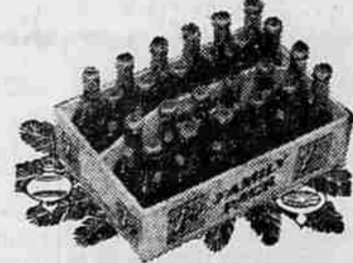
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