

### Six Members Join Toastmasters Club

The Medford Toastmasters club accepted six new members Monday night at the Medford Hotel, according to Tom Anderson, president.

New members are Dave Irving, Ernest Duce, Paul Jorgenson, Kurt Butterfield, Glen Jennings and Joe Platz. W. G. Beard, in welcoming new members, discussed the club's purpose in teaching public speaking through constructive criticism, planned programs, and participation every week.

Jack Canon, the topic master, presented two-minute topics for the members. Toastmaster Murray Dumas introduced Tom Anderson, Russ Mitchell, Doug Roach, and Cliff Ouellette, main speakers at the meeting.

General critic for the evening was Lou Skinner with individual criticism on the main speakers by Gaylen Knox, W. G. Beard, Cap Vandagriff, and Dan Hull. The program was evaluated by Robert Kyle.

Ralph Hibbs is scheduled as toastmaster for April 30. The speakers will be Al Bradford, Ron Cardon, Dan Hull and Lou Skinner.

### Tax Group Findings Reported at Luncheon

Frank Van Dyke, chairman of the legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, reported at the chamber luncheon Monday the committee's findings of a tax study.

General findings of the committee were published several weeks ago.

The tax report included nine recommendations in which the committee urged the repeal of the 6 per cent limitation, an increase in the number of qualified personnel in the county assessor's office, and the creation of a tax supervisory and conservation commission in counties of more than 50,000 population to have authority over taxing bodies within the counties.

Residents intending to file complaints concerning their taxes in order to be heard before the board of equalization are asked to file them by May 14, Van Dyke said.

### Plans Near Completion For Mock Convention

Eugene—Plans are nearing completion for the mock political convention May 11 at the University of Oregon. It will be a Democratic convention, similar to the mock Republican convention four years ago.

Delegates to the mock Democratic convention will nominate a candidate for the November presidential race. Each university living organization will represent a different state and delegate will be assigned in proportion to the actual population of the state.

## Extensive Oil Search Under Way By American Firm in Egypt Desert

By PETER WEBB  
United Press Correspondent

Cairo—(U.P.)—The world's most extensive search for oil is taking place in the Egyptian desert over one of the most famous battlefields of World War II—El Alamein.

It is a dangerous search because one false step means sudden death. There are still nearly 6,000,000 landmines, boobytraps and unexploded shells littering the area where Britain's "Desert Rats" and Rommel's Afrika Korps fought.

But underneath could be one of the world's richest oil fields. Its discovery would change the economic face of Egypt and drastically affect her policy toward both Russia and the Western world.

The search is being conducted by the American-owned Sahara Petroleum Co., representing four of three biggest United States oil concerns—the Continental Oil Co., the Ohio Oil Company, Cities Service Company and the Richfield Oil Corporation.

Already they have ploughed nearly \$20,000,000 into an exploration which extends over 90,000 square miles from the Nile to Libya. No oil has been found yet but research has confirmed the presence of rock formations which could contain oil deposits comparable to the other great Mid-East fields.

The search was described by one company official as the "most intensive ever carried out in the history of oil." There are 12 ground parties in the field and complete aerial surveys have been made.

What makes it unique is that every foot of land has first to be cleared of mines laid in a crazy jigsaw pattern by British, Germans and Italians. As one engineer put it, "You play out in that desert as though you were

in a nest of rattlesnakes."

Around El Alamein alone three thousands of war dead lie in two giant cemeteries beside the desert road there are 900,000 unexploded mines. Thousands more surround such battlefields at Sidi Barrani and Mersa Matruh—every one of them still deadly after 15 years beneath the desert sands.

Americans Clear Mines  
The mine clearing is being conducted by a crack team of American demolition experts who learned their trade from Germany to Guadalcanal. They already have destroyed 80,000 tons of mines and shells in a year.

The area cleared represents a 20-foot wide path 3750 miles long—more than the distance across the United States.

"So far we have not had any casualties," the engineer said.

"But it's a job where you can't afford to get careless."

"At first we used to lift the mines by hand but booby traps and uncertain effects of age and weather made that too dangerous. Now we blow them up with dynamite, as we find them."

The chance of discovering oil makes the risks worthwhile since it could completely change Egypt's rickety economy and provide Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser with the money he needs for such projects as the giant Aswan Dam.

It would also make him independent of both East and West and confirm Egypt's leadership of the Arab world.

While his armies face Israel in Egypt's eastern desert, the real solution of his problems may be buried beneath the battlefields where thousands already have died.

### ROMEO Saves Voice

IT'S TOUGH TO PLAY THIS BALCONY SCENE WITH JULIET HIGH ABOVE

PERHAPS THE YELLOW PAGES WILL HELP ME TELL MY LOVE

FOR SOUND EQUIPMENT IT PAYS TO LOOK IN THE "CLASSIFIED" PART OF YOUR TELEPHONE BOOK

Used by 9 out of 10 people as a guide to those who sell or serve Pacific Telephone

Find it Fast in The "Yellow Pages"

## ART CENTER MEDFORD'S ONLY EXCLUSIVE ART SUPPLY SHOP FORCED TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS FOREVER!

Mr. John Ahern says—It is imperative that I raise \$5,000.00 within the next 10 days! Take advantage of these exceptional bargains offered during the MOST DRASTIC PRICE SLASHING event in Medford's history! We are QUITTING BUSINESS FOREVER!

**SALE STARTS 10 A.M. TOMORROW!**

This entire stock of fine Art Supplies — Frames — Pictures and Collectors Items must be sold regardless of cost or loss! No holds barred, everything MUST BE SOLD! All sales are final! Be in line at 10 a.m. TOMORROW TO SAVE!

# QUITTING BUSINESS

BE IN LINE AT 10 A.M. TO GET YOUR SHARE!

<b>Water Color Sets</b> Regular 98c <b>13c</b> 10 A.M. SPECIAL!	<b>Framed Miniatures</b> Values to \$2.50 <b>93c</b> 10 A.M. SPECIAL!	<b>Lamp Shade Set</b> (Do it yourself) Reg. \$3.98 <b>\$1.93</b> 10 A.M. SPECIAL!	<b>Art Instruction Books</b> Values to \$1.25 <b>43c</b> 10 A.M. SPECIAL!	<b>Picture Frames</b> Assorted sizes Values to \$4.00 <b>93c</b> 10 A.M. SPECIAL!	<b>Decals</b> Reg. 25c <b>6c</b> 10 A.M. SPECIAL!
--	--	---	--	---	--

<b>FRAMED PRINTS</b> Values to \$19.75 ..... <b>\$8.43</b>	<b>SHOW CARD PAINTS— OIL PAINTS—PASTELS— WATER COLORS</b> <b>33 1/3% OFF</b> THESE MUST BE SOLD!
<b>FRAMED PRINTS</b> Values to \$45.00 ..... <b>\$16.43</b>	
<b>FRAMED PRINTS</b> Values to \$4.95 ..... <b>\$2.33</b> THESE ARE EXCEPTIONAL!	
<b>Tie Craft Sets</b> (Do it yourself) Reg. \$2.00 <b>43c</b> 10 A.M. SPECIAL!	<b>Telephone Pads</b> Reg. 10c <b>3c</b> 10 A.M. SPECIAL!

<b>CANVAS BOARD</b> For Oil Painting 22"x30" Reg. \$1.75 <b>\$1.13</b> A Sensational Buy!	<b>Chinese Shtai Antique Painting</b> Regular \$60.00 <b>\$33.00</b>	<b>Glassic Etchings</b> Regular \$4.50 <b>\$2.93</b>	<b>Ceramic Floaters and Vases</b> Values to \$4.89 <b>\$2.63</b> While They Last!
<b>Artists' Sketching Pads</b> 25" x 30" Reg. \$2.25 <b>\$1.43</b> Quick Action Here!	<b>Original Piranesi Etching Dated 1779</b> Regular \$45.00 <b>\$27.00</b>	<b>A Fine Collection of Unframed Prints</b> <b>40% Off</b>	<b>Unfinished Porcelain Ware</b> <b>40% Off</b> Buy Now and Save!
<b>CERAMIC LAMPS</b> Values to \$23.85 <b>\$14.93</b> Hurry To Save!	<b>Hand Colored Etchings</b> Regular \$16.50 <b>\$8.83</b> COLLECTORS ITEMS!	<b>Picture Frame Stock</b> <b>40% Off</b> Hurry to Save!	<b>ARTISTS' BRUSHES</b> <b>40% Off</b> Quick Action Here!
<b>CERAMIC ANIMALS</b> Values to \$7.00 <b>\$4.43</b> These Are Beauties!	<b>PASTEL SETS</b> Regular \$2.25 <b>\$1.53</b> <b>OIL SETS</b> Regular \$2.00 <b>\$1.33</b>	<b>Sculp Metal Sets</b> Regular \$4.65 <b>\$2.93</b>	<b>PASTEL PAPER</b> Regular 50c Sh. <b>33c</b> Sh. <b>Charcoal Paper</b> Regular 15c Sh. <b>9c</b> Sh.
<b>SHOW CASES and DISPLAY TABLES</b> Make Us an Offer	<b>Walnut Frames</b> 8"x10" <b>\$2.63</b> Reg. \$4.75 With Backing	<b>Limed Oak Frames</b> Regular \$3.49 <b>\$1.53</b> With Backing	

**TONY MANNO Says:**

GET READY FOR OUTDOOR LIVING

## Make Your Yard Less Work - More Fun

WITH A **SILEX** TRIMMER, EDGER

A well groomed yard puts the fun in outdoor living! Turns your yard into a summer "recreation room" And it's easy with this Silex electric trimmer-edger.

Tasks that once took hours on your knees are done in minutes! Around fences, trees or flagstone walks, under bushes—even on sloping lawns, the Estate does a clean, fast job. Does professional edging along walks and flower beds. Powerful, rugged, safe. Handles the toughest types of grass, yet can't harm even a new lawn.

Electricity Does The Work **\$21.95**

DE LUXE MODEL **\$29.95**

LOWEST PRICES FOR HIGHEST QUALITY

# ACME HARDWARE CO.

SPECIALISTS IN HOMEWARES!

Free Parking—Free Delivery

# THE ART CENTER

404 EAST MAIN Phone 2-4123 MEDFORD, ORE.