



EXCAVATION UNDER WAY—Excavation is under way for the foundation of the National Guard armory at the old county fairgrounds site on Highway 99. The building will replace the old armory on North Bartlett

st., which was extensively damaged by fire several years ago. Cement work is expected to begin next week. Contractors for the project are Wiley Co., Ashland, and L. C. McLaughlin, Medford.

Jury Deliberating in First Federal Court Case in Session Here

A federal court jury deliberated about 4:30 p.m. yesterday to consider the case of Mrs. Alvera E. McDonald vs. Sears Roebuck and Company, in which Mrs. McDonald seeks \$5,136.50 for damages she claims resulted from a fall in the Sears Roebuck store here October 25, 1955. The jury was expected to reach a verdict this afternoon.

The case was the first to be heard by Gus K. Solomon, federal district court judge from Portland, who arrived Monday to hear 10 federal court cases. Pre-trial conferences were held Monday in the federal court room of the Medford post office, and the case now under consideration by the jury began Tuesday morning.

Attorneys Listed
Mrs. McDonald is being represented by Robert Dickey, Medford attorney, Otto Frohnmayer, Medford, and John Gordon Gearin, Portland, are attorneys for Sears Roebuck and Company.

In the pre-trial order, Mrs. McDonald stated she suffered a sprained right knee in a fall in the Sears Roebuck store. She contends the company was negligent in permitting a cigarette butt to be placed and remain on the floor, failing to give warning or notice of a dangerous condition, failing to remove the debris and covering the surface of the floor with an excessive amount of wax or wax-like substance, causing the floor to be slippery.

She seeks \$56.50 special damages for medical attention and x-rays, \$100 special damages for loss of time from work and \$5,000 general damages.

Sears Roebuck contends in the

pre-trial order that Mrs. McDonald was guilty of negligence in failing to keep proper lookout or paying heed or exercising reasonable care for her own safety. Mrs. McDonald denies the company's contentions stated in the pre-trial order.

Jury to Determine
The jury will determine:
1. Whether or not the defendant was guilty of negligence and if so whether or not the defendant's negligence was a proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries and damages.
2. Whether or not the plaintiff was guilty of negligence and if so whether her negligence was a proximate, contributing or concurring cause of the plaintiff's injuries and damages.
3. The nature and extent of the plaintiff's injuries and damages.

Serving with Judge Solomon for the federal court term are Roswell DeMott, clerk; Verne O. Bishop, deputy clerk; Walter H. Hadlock, chief deputy U.S. marshal; Gordon Griffiths, court

Smith Broadens Thornton's Power

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith today broadened the attorney general's investigation of alleged violations of the criminal laws in Lane county, if the attorney feels such action is necessary.

In a letter to Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, Gov. Smith said "if the present executive order dated April 27, 1955, is not sufficiently broad to already permit such action by you, would you please draw an amended order for my consideration with sufficient authority to insure justice in all phases of the Lane county investigation."

The April 27 order directed the attorney general to "take full charge" of investigations of certain alleged law violations.

Gov. Smith said he had received a letter from Lane County District Attorney Eugene V. Cenn requesting that the attorney general be directed to conduct an investigation of matters involving a jury list and jury

panel in Lane county. Cenn recently failed in an attempt to get the Oregon Supreme Court to dismiss the Lane grand jury for alleged "irregularities" in its formation.

reporter; Mrs. Helen Bradley, secretary; and Harold Hart, clerk, all of Portland; and Paul Hanlin, deputy U.S. marshal, Medford.

Veterinarian Added To Agriculture Staff

Salem — (U.P.) — Dr. Charles York, a Modesto, Calif., veterinarian, has been added to the State Department of Agriculture, Dr. K. J. Peterson, chief veterinarian, reported today.

York will replace Dr. Fred L. Hutton, who resigned recently to engage in private practice in Tulsa, Okla.

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Ike Not To Intervene In Behalf of Wiley

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower said today he does not plan to intervene in Wisconsin's Republican primary battle on behalf of Sen. Alexander Wiley.

Wiley, a down-the-line administration supporter, faces a tough battle against Rep. Glenn R. Davis (R-Wis.) who recently won the endorsement of the state GOP committee. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy is backing Davis.

Mr. Eisenhower told his news conference he does not believe a president should interfere in a primary contest in his own party, but should confine himself to supporting the party's nominee finally chosen by the people.

A reporter asked Mr. Eisenhower how he squared this position with the blessing he be-

Bids Called For Armory Bonds Here

The Medford city council last night called for bids for the purchase of \$40,000 worth of armory construction bonds to finance the city's share of the new Medford armory now being built.

Bids will be opened at the council meeting July 3. The bond issue, approved by a recent vote of the people, will be repaid over a 10-year period at \$4,000 annually starting June 1, 1958.

The new armory is to be erected on a city-owned site at the fairgrounds, and will be paid for by the city, county, state and federal governments at a cost of some \$348,000. The new structure, on which work started last month, will replace the old armory which was largely destroyed by fire several years ago.

Auto Passengers Die As Jet Hits Vehicle

Minneapolis — (U.P.) — An Air Force F-89 jet fighter killed two persons last night when it crashed through a fence at the end of a runway and slammed into an auto.

The dead were Mrs. Clair Usher, Minneapolis, and her daughter, Rita, 5. Three other passengers in the auto were injured. The plane's pilot and radar operator were treated and released.

Five-Month Road Death Total in Oregon Now 147

Salem — (U.P.) — Twenty-five traffic deaths in May brought Oregon's five-month traffic death toll to 147, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry reported today.

The death toll is now nine more than for the same period of 1955.

Pope Pius Restricts Audience To 10 Minutes

Vatican City — (U.P.) — Pope Pius XII restricted his twice-weekly general audience to a brief 10 minutes today because of his weakened condition.

The 80-year-old pope expressed his regret to 10,000 pilgrims in St. Peter's basilica that his "present condition" did not permit him to address all the groups. He confined his message to a few general words followed by the papal blessing.

Greeters Committee Plans Farm Tour

All Jackson County Chamber of Commerce members are invited to join the Greeters committee on a tour Thursday morning June 7, of the W. C. Higinbotham dairy on Taylor road, north of Central Point.

Those who want to make the trip should contact the chamber offices so transportation can be arranged. The group will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Medford hotel and bus transportation will be used.

The greeters are cooperating with the agricultural committee on this event and members of the Jackson County Milk producers league will be hosts. Refreshments will be served at the farm.

Change in Traditional Gift to Bride Sought

Manila, P.I. — (U.P.) — Military authorities made a move today to get prospective bridegrooms of the primitive Kalinga tribes to find a substitute for the "traditional" gift they bestow on their brides-to-be.

The traditional gift is the head of a Christian.

"The custom is a menace to peace-loving Christians," said one official.

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