

### State Buys Land for Highway 99 Repairs

The state of Oregon has purchased land southwest of Rogue River valued at \$630 for the highway department for raising the grade of Pacific highway eight to 12 feet. An easement for \$969.50 has also been made.

Construction work will place the highway above high water level to prevent flooding at low points near Savage Rapids dam.

The existing concrete bridge over Savage Creek will be widened and the roadbed will be widened to provide a full 24-foot black top pavement flanked by

four foot oiled shoulders.

The majority of the purchased land is in tracts of approximately three-tenths of an acre. An average of five feet on each side of the existing highway is needed.

Land has been purchased from Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron A. Riesland, Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Tobey, Hermine Beukema, Mr. and Mrs. George J. McCaine, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Long, and an easement from Helen P. Gross of Los Angeles, Calif.

### Chamber Warns of Furnace 'Repairs'

Don McNeil, secretary-manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, today warned residents about activities "unscrupulous" furnace repairmen who are most active during late summer and early fall.

McNeil said once the "repairman" secures access to the basement, the furnace is dismantled, and the repairman claims the furnace is "in an extremely dangerous condition and is unreparable." McNeil said by means of "scare" tactics, the homeowner is induced to sign a contract for a completely new heating plant.

Some such "repairmen" pose as "official inspectors," McNeil said, or pose as representatives of governmental or civic groups in order to secure access to the furnace to dismantle it.

In some cases, he said, parties will take apart a furnace to "clean" it, then call a "heating engineer," who tells the homeowner the furnace is dangerous and unreparable.

McNeil urged residents to have furnaces serviced by a reliable firm or repairman, and ask for proper credentials in the case of "furnace inspectors." McNeil said if the resident is in doubt about the reliability and integrity of repairmen, the person may contact the chamber of commerce.

McNeil said there is a small group of "unscrupulous repairmen" who usually travel through the area during late summer and early fall.

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WINNING FIRST THREE places in fifth annual National Teen-Age Rodeo at Washington, these expert drivers hold trophies. From left: Tommy Varner, 17, Atlanta, Ga., second place; Chris Bayley, 17, Seattle, first, and Sidney Van Court, 19, Andover, O., third. (International)

### National Labor Strikes Reported on Decline

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—The threat of labor strikes causing national emergencies seems on the decline even with the advent of industry-wide collective bargaining agents.

This is the view of Dr. George H. Hildebrand, professor of economics and head of the Institute of Industrial Relations at UCLA.

Dr. Hildebrand says the trend toward industry-wide collective bargaining does pose some possibility of national emergency strikes. But, he believes, this will be offset by continued development of substitute products in the economy and by stockpiles and imports.

Industries with a high emergency potential today, according to the UCLA economist, are: critical defense products, fissionable materials, railroads, bituminous coal mining and basic steel products.

### Life Jacket Saves Young Portlander

Portland—(U.P.)—Donald Boardman of Portland, 20-year-old deckhand aboard the Corps of Engineers dredge Luckiamute owed his life today to a life jacket he borrowed while working on the dredge in the Willamette river between Buena Vista and Albany.

Boardman fell from the barge and blacked out under the dredge. Some time later a fellow worker missed him and a boat was launched to look for him.

After a second run down the river toward the mouth of the Santiam river, the men in the boat saw Boardman walking back upstream toward the dredge.

Boardman said he had blacked out under the dredge, but the life jacket buoyed him to the surface and when he came to he was near the mouth of the Santiam 200 feet downstream.

### Hodge Sentenced To 20-Year Term

Chicago—(U.P.)—Former Illinois Auditor Orville E. Hodge was sentenced today to 20 years in prison for misapplying \$816,427 in state funds deposited in federally insured banks. Ten years of the sentence would be suspended if Hodge makes good his promise of restitution.

Hodge was brought here from a Springfield hospital to plead guilty before Judge John P. Barnes to the 51 counts in the indictment.

The disgraced auditor, who also is awaiting sentencing on a state embezzlement charge, looked pale and ill. He sat with his head in his hands for most of the time while his attorney, Arthur Fitzgerald, made the plea.

### Three Vehicle Crash Reported to Police

Three vehicles were involved in an accident at the Midway four corners about 2:17 p.m. yesterday, state police have reported.

A car operated by Susumu George Higashi, 41, of Gardena, Calif., skidded into a car and horse trailer operated by Lloyd Keith Walker, 24, of 2320 Kings Highway, Medford. The impact knocked the trailer from the hitch and it rolled into a parked car registered to Oscar J. Willard, route 2, box 646A, Central Point. The car was parked in the yard at Yoakley's Little Super market.

There were no injuries. Police said Higashi was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign.

### McKay Points To Road Improvement on Coast

Coquille—(U.P.)—Douglas McKay told audiences in the coastal communities that improvement of the outmoded roads in southwestern Oregon is of paramount importance to the three major industries of Oregon.

The Republican nominee for U. S. senator said he was "very optimistic" that the coastal highway bottle-neck between Brookings and Gold Beach will be eliminated in the near future.

At the Chetco Grange near Brookings Monday night and Tuesday at Gold Beach, McKay promised he would lend his support to efforts for early reconstruction of Highway 101 in this region.

He pointed out that isolation of this section of the coast was a "serious detriment not only to Oregon's tourist trade—but to lumber and agriculture as well."

### Former Sams Valley Man Killed in Accident

Walter Straus, 49, of Sacramento, Calif., formerly of Sams Valley, was killed in a lumber mill accident where he was employed in Sacramento recently, according to word received by friends in the valley.

Straus, who moved from Sams Valley about 10 years ago, was the son of the late Dick Straus of Sams Valley.

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### Magazine Distributor Files Court Demurrer

Salem—(U.P.)—Jack St. Claire, recently indicted by the Marion county grand jury for distributing "indecent literature," yesterday filed a demurrer in Circuit Court that his sales of books and magazines did not constitute a crime.

St. Claire told Circuit Judge George R. Duncan that his indictment did not substantially conform to the requirement of certain state statutes.

Judge Duncan said St. Claire would be given 20 days before arguments would be heard.

Another distributor indicted by the grand jury, Claude Cummings, has taken similar action. Both men are free under \$500 bond.

### GRACEFUL RETIREMENT

Ithica, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Farmers make a better adjustment to retirement than other occupations, a Cornell University study shows. The school found that farmers gradually taper off work while non-farm workers are more likely to be subject to sudden compulsory retirement upon reaching a certain age.

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