

Film Dealing With Urban Planning Is Scheduled at GP

Grants Pass City Manager Hugh McKinley has invited city officials, council members and residents to attend a film, "Our Living Future," in Grants Pass dealing with urban renewal, comprehensive planning and neighborhood improvement.

The movie will be shown at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, in the Grants Pass High school auditorium. The film was prepared by Life magazine in cooperation with the American Council to Improve Our Neighborhoods.

The showing is sponsored by the Grants Pass Active club in conjunction with the Grants Pass city administration. The film deals with what American cities are doing to cope with municipal problems.

Writer, Lecturer
David Keith Hardy, writer and lecturer, will narrate the story. Many of the pictures in the film were photographed in several cities across the country.

Active Club President Chris Hansen, Grants Pass, said the aim of ACTION in making the film available is to arouse interest in local phases of what ACTION calls the three R's for American cities, replan, renew and rebuild.

ACTION is a national non-profit organization intended to help communities help themselves in fighting blight and renewing blighted areas. Life magazine prepared the film as a public service contribution to ACTION's program.

Publicity Chairmen Named for Decisions

Ashland—Dr. Clifford Miller and Dr. Frank Haines, of the Southern Oregon college faculty, have been appointed to handle all TV and radio publicity for "Great Decisions . . . 1957," an eight-week program beginning Jan. 20, which will focus attention and provide facts on eight key foreign policy issues the United States face in 1957.

The eight issues will be weekly topics for TV and radio broadcasts, newspaper features, public school study, forums, and informal discussion groups.

Dr. Miller will handle all TV programs to publicize and explain the program, and Dr. Haines will handle all radio work for it.

"Great Decisions . . . 1957" is open to every individual and organization. By listening to TV and radio programs, reading the paper, or using special materials for discussions of the issues with neighbors and friends, the individual citizens will be able to examine the facts and form opinions on key foreign policy issues.

Polish Premier Dodges Prediction on Election

Warsaw—(U.P.)—Polish Premier Josef Cyrankiewicz refused to predict Tuesday night the outcome of next Sunday's general elections.

"Only God knows," he told newsmen at the reception given in honor of visiting Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai.

"But we have no contact with God," one newsmen replied.

"But we have," the Polish premier said.



PROUD PARENTS—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and his wife, Jean, play with their newly adopted five-week-old daughter, Tierney Elizabeth, at their home in Washington. The baby was adopted from the New York Foundling Home.

Area Firm Named In Damage Suits

Harry R. Morris, doing business as the Oak St. Tank and Steel company, Oak and A sts., Ashland, has been named defendant in two separate complaints filed in circuit court this week.

The plaintiffs are seeking a total of \$8,063.54.

The complaints resulted from a fire allegedly started by the firm on July 1, 1955. Plaintiff in one suit is Great American Insurance company. The other suit was filed by Margaret C. Whittle and the U. S. Sire Insurance company.

Great American Insurance company charges the defendant with "carelessly and negligently" starting a trash fire on the plant premises, Oak and A sts., in Ashland, at 4:45 p.m., July 1, 1955. The company further charges the defendant with failing to watch and tend the fire and disregarding dry conditions and low humidity when starting the blaze.

The plaintiff states the fire spread to a warehouse owned by a client of the company, White Fir Lumber company, 258 A st., Ashland, and destroyed a variety of building supplies within the warehouse. The company is seeking \$4,563.54 damages.

Mrs. Whittle and the U. S. Fire Insurance company listed the same charges of negligence in connection with the fire, which they claim destroyed a 30 by 94 foot frame warehouse at 237 A st., Ashland, owned by Mrs. Whittle. They are seeking \$3,500.

Representing plaintiffs in both cases is Stanley C. Jones.

Celilo Buildings Burned in Error

The Dalles—(U.P.)—Army Engineers today blamed a "regrettable error" for the destruction by fire of part of the Celilo Indian village above The Dalles dam.

Negotiations were underway between the government and the Indians for purchase of the village and wreckers employed by Army Engineers apparently anticipated the sale and burned six of the 40 buildings today before they were stopped.

Know Government Week Is Designated

The week Jan. 13-19 has been chosen Know Your Government Week by the U. S. Civil Service commission, it has been announced.

The week was chosen because Jan. 16 is the 74th anniversary of the Civil Service act. The act established the federal competitive civil service which now embraces 85 per cent of the more than 2,000,000 government employees.

The law also established the principle that persons working in government career posts should be selected on the basis of merit.

The Civil Service act provides for competitive examinations open to all citizens, and making appointments from those graded highest in the examinations. The examinations give every citizen an opportunity to compete for federal employment.

Highest Total
Prior to 1939 the highest total government employment was 907,000. During World War II it rose to a top of 3,786,600. After World War II it dropped just below 2,000,000, rising again during the Korean emergency to over 2,600,000. On Oct. 31, 1956, there were about 2,410,000 employees.

During the week the Civil Aeronautics administration combined station-tower at the Medford airport is open to visitors.

The Federal Airways System also has announced career opportunities to aeronautical, civil, electronic engineers, electronic technicians, radio communicators and air traffic controllers.

For additional information Grant Bourquin, chief combined station-tower, Medford airport, should be contacted.

Arson Suspected in Syracuse Church Fire

Syracuse, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Authorities today checked the possibility an arsonist touched off a general alarm fire Tuesday night that destroyed a 50-year-old Methodist church, damaged another church and ruined three office buildings in the heart of this central New York metropolis.

Three firemen were injured when a church wall collapsed during the blaze which raged out of control for four hours. Five others were treated for frostbite incurred while fighting the fire in sub-zero weather.

Fire Chief Francis R. Ferren, who ordered an immediate investigation, said he was "skeptical of all church fires in this part of the country."

President Renews Promise of Buying Strategic Metals

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower renewed an administration promise today that a long range purchase program for strategic metals and minerals will be presented to Congress.

The President noted in his budget message that the stockpiling program of past years is "nearing completion." He said Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton is preparing the new program.

Seaton, himself, said at the time he was sworn in that he would have such a program worked out.

"In the meantime," the President said, "a program authorized in the past session of Congress will provide \$91 million of assistance to segments of the mining industry in adjusting from defense needs to normal marketing conditions.

To Support Exploration
"The Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines will also continue their activities in support of exploration for new deposits, development of improved mining techniques, and effective utilization of mineral resources."

The program authorized by the last Congress called for purchases of tungsten, asbestos, fluorspar and columbium—tantalum and would expire under present law in December, 1958.

The \$91 million for the program would be made up of \$21 million already appropriated, an additional \$40 million proposed in the budget for fiscal 1958, and a further \$30 million the budget indicated would be requested later.

Austria Saturated By Hungary Refugees

Vienna—(U.P.)—Austria said today it has reached "its very limits" in coping with the problem of Hungarian refugees, and refuses to accept any returnees who have moved to other countries.

Minister of Interior Oscar Helmer told the Council of Ministers Tuesday that the country had spent \$7,150,000 during the month of November, and that expenditures for December—still undetermined—were much higher. He said Austria spent \$2 million for refugee accommodations alone.

Leak in Superheating System of Submarine Seawolf Poses Problem

Washington—(U.P.)—The Navy is wrestling with the problem of what to do with an atomic submarine that won't run without leaking.

At this point, the Navy is undecided whether to plug up the leaks or get a new nuclear engine for the atomic submarine Seawolf. The leaks are in the Seawolf's reactor cooling system.

If the leaks are plugged up, the Seawolf will never run at peak efficiency. If a new atomic reactor is ordered, there will be months of delay and millions of dollars additional cost before the Seawolf can put to sea.

The seemingly ill-fated Seawolf has been sitting at a Groton, Conn., dock of the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp. for weeks while the Navy tried to figure out what to do with the 3,260-ton submersible. It originally had scheduled to put to sea weeks ago as the Navy's second atomic-powered submarine.

The leaks developed last summer when the reactor was turned on for the first dockside tests. The leaks were not in the reactor proper but in the superheating system which is used to heat up the steam and thereby give greater power to the turbines.

The difficulties in the superheating system have set the Seawolf schedule back months. It now seems probable that it will be weeks before dockside testing of the reactor will be resumed, and it is possible that the Seawolf will never put to sea with her present power plant.

While no final decision has been made, it seems likely that the Navy will decide to seal off the superheater part of the nuclear power plant. This would have the effect of lowering the power output of the reactor by about 20 per cent, but would permit the Navy to run the reactor for test purposes.

After the tests had been completed, the Navy could then replace the reactor with one of the type used in the first atomic submarine, the Nautilus. In this way, the Navy could salvage an expensive hull and make the Seawolf into a useful weapon.

Nautilus Successful
For the "guinea pigs" of its atomic fleet of the future, the Navy decided to try out two fundamentally different types of reactors in its first two atomic-powered craft. The Nautilus reactor uses pressurized water as a coolant to transfer heat produced by the reactor into steam to drive the turbines. The Seawolf reactor uses liquid sodium as a coolant. Sodium is a highly corrosive element, a factor which led to the leaks in the superheater.

The Nautilus reactor has performed better than the Navy's fondest expectations. After cruising over 50,000 miles in two years, the Nautilus is about to be refueled for the first time.

As a result of the successful

experience with the Nautilus, the Navy settled on the pressurized water type reactor—at least for the time being. Thirteen other atomic submarines either authorized or under construction, as well as the huge atomic carrier to be requested in next year's budget and the atomic cruiser already authorized, will all be powered with this type reactor.



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