

# One of Toughest Road-Building Projects Slated to Start Soon

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Sacramento, Calif.—(U.P.)—In one of the toughest road-building jobs ever undertaken, California will carve a four lane superhighway at the granite summit of the Sierras.

Work on the \$6 million federal-aided project will start this summer. The result will be one of the world's highest freeways, along the craggy Donner Summit route used by travelers into California for more than 110 years.

Engineers have decided to push construction around the block in a race against mother nature. They will blast at night amid peaks towering 9,000 feet above sea level. Dangerous as this might seem, it is considered less perilous than trying to work in the 26-foot snow drifts winter brings. Work will be suspended between mid-November and the middle of March.

**Six Units Planned**  
Summer will see the start of six units, including the expansion of U.S. 40 to four lanes at the 6,000-foot level of the highway linking Floriston, Calif., and the Nevada border.

Part of the project is construction of the freeway which will carry 30,000 spectators a day from Floriston to the site of the 1960 Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley.

The new highway across the Sierra Nevada range will become part of the strategic trans-

continental network for military transport in case of emergency. But it also will bring 1.5 million vacationers and travelers into California each month.

Every obstacle nature can throw in the bulldozers' way will face construction crews — one of the heaviest snowfalls in the country, 56 feet a year, and precipitous 9,000-foot granite crags which hover over the 7,100-foot Donner Pass.

**Man-Made Obstacle**  
There will be a man-made obstacle, too. The California division of highways is considering stationing "public relations" men to save irritated motorists delayed on the present highway by one-way traffic and complete stops for blasting.

One alternative to the 24-hour summertime construction is a proposal to halt all traffic at night and do all the blasting then.

The highway is open the year

round except during blizzards of the kind which in 1952 stranded the City of San Francisco passenger train in 26-foot drifts for days. Most closings last only a few hours, but it all amounts to a \$300,000 annual snow removal bill.

**Donner Pass** was named for the Donner Party which attempted to cross it in the winter of 1846. The party traveled from Wyoming across to Great Salt Desert in the summer and arrived at the towering spine of the Sierra in the fall.

Only a few members of the party climbed the granite summit and made it to Sacramento for help during the winter. Others camped at Donner Lake near the Summit, fought off the huge snow drifts and subsisted partially on the flesh of their own dead. Of the 90 persons who set out on that first trip, only 43 survived.

## GOLD HILL Man Arrives From Canada

By MRS. CLYDE KELL  
Gold Hill—Egon Kristensen, formerly of Denmark, arrived Monday, April 15, for a visit with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Christensen at their home on the old Pacific highway.

This is his first visit to the United States. He came to Edmonton, Canada, two years ago, where he has been employed as a hystor operator. He spent one year before this in Ireland after leaving Denmark, where he was a farmer. Kristensen is the first relative S. M. Christensen has seen since he left Denmark in March 1912. Christensen, known to all his friends as 'Chris' spent some time in Montana and Illinois before coming to Gold Hill. He was employed at the Ideal Cement company 33 years before his retirement three years ago. He and Mrs. Christensen keep busy now caring for their small farm on the banks of the Rogue river north of the Gold Hill city limits.

While in southern Oregon, Egon Kristensen will also visit with the Christensens' four daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Washburn and three children, Patty, Carol and Larry of Gold Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Sam ones and two children, Billy and Marie, old Pacific highway 99, Gold Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson and two sons, Mike and Curtis of Medford, and With Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Chapman and son, Dennis, also of Medford.

The Christensens' son, Lt. George Christensen, has recently finished flight school and is now a pilot. He is stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala., where he will teach pilot instruction. At this time Lt. Christensen and Mrs. Christensen are vacationing one week in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Knox and son, Jackie, of Oakridge, Ore., spent the week end of April 13 and 14 visiting in Rogue River with her mother, Mrs. Rena Palmerton and in Gold Hill. While here they visited with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mabel Davis and son, Dick, and at the home of Mrs. Knox's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson. Mrs. Knox is the former Francis Davis.

Mrs. Jessie Hays has bought the former Judge Neevil's home on Second avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Melford Hood went to Jefferson, Ore., Friday, April 12, where they spent the week end visiting at the home of Mrs. Hood's mother, Mrs. F. B. Jones. The Hood's daughters, Helen and Susan, joined them Sunday at Jefferson and accompanied them home.

Miss Helen and Susan Hood left Wednesday, April 10, for Portland where they attended the Grand Bethel of Oregon. Miss Donna Burnett of the Upper River road and Miss Gail Collins also were in Portland for the occasion. Miss Collins was chosen to the office of grand third messenger of Job's Daughter at this meeting. Gail is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cillins of 494 Sixth street, Gold Hill. Miss Burnett and Miss Collins also returned to their homes Sunday, April 14.

Several members of Amethyst Rebekah lodge went to Central Point Wednesday evening following the regular lodge meeting, to attend lodge at the Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge. This was Friendship night at the Central Point lodge. Members of Amethyst lodge provided an Elvis Presley skit for their part of the entertainment.

Amethyst Rebekah Friendship held its regular April meeting at the home of Mrs. Paul Molloy on Second avenue Monday, April 15.

Mrs. Donald Morrow, president of the group, conducted the business session. Plans were made for a picnic for members' families in the near future.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess.

Installation of officers for the ensuing year will be held at the next meeting of the Past Noble Grands club, which will meet Thursday evening, April 25, at the home of Mrs. James Clements.

Mrs. Ernie Cooper went to Eugene last weekend to attend the Hayward relays. She was joined there by her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rossi

## BUTTE FALLS Play, Breakfast Scheduled

By MARY JO HARRIS  
Butte Falls—Headling activities for the coming week are the junior-senior play and fisherman's breakfast.

The junior-senior play will be presented April 26 at 8 p.m. at the high school gym. The play, "The Dead of Night" by J. C. McMullen, is under the direction of L. O. Machlan. Admission will be reserved seats 75 cents, general admission 50 cents and students 35 cent.

The cast includes Juanita Sheppard, Gene Henshaw, Donald Ellis, Kay Brown, Monte Facey, Joyce Irwin, Jim Irwin, Patricia Moore, Bill Irwin and Bruce Pingle. Following the play will be a cake auction sponsored by the junior-senior class. Proceeds from this evenings entertainment will be used for the junior-senior banquet and prom and the senior skip day.

The Fisherman's Breakfast, sponsored by the Butte Falls Lions club, is scheduled for the first day of fishing season, Saturday, April 27. The first breakfasts will be served at 4 p.m. at the city park, weather permitting. In case of bad weather breakfast will be served at the Union hall.

The breakfast menu will consist of ham and eggs, sausage and all of the hot cakes and coffee a person can hold. The price has been set at \$1.00 per adult and 50 cents per child under 12. Chairman of this project are Page Stauffer and Glenn Cathey.

Jesse Smith received injuries from an accident while playing baseball this past week. Jesse was taken to Medford where five stitches were taken in the cut above his eye. Jess is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Porky) Smith. He is now convalescing at his home.

With the onset of spring, the usual cold, flu and other early spring complaints have descended on this community. Two women now under doctors care are Mrs. Porky Smith and Mrs. Page Stauffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taunton left here Friday, April 12, for the Chicago area via San Francisco. The Tauntons will return to Butte Falls May 10 for a short visit before journeying on.

Thursday evening, April 18, was birthday night for Mrs. Randall Perkins at a regular Mt. Pitt club meeting. Members attending this meeting were Mrs. Lee, Jolliffe, Mrs. Gene Irwin, Mrs. Virgil Conley, Mrs. Randall Perkins, Mrs. Mammie Poole, Mrs. Henry Tygart, Mrs. William L. Harris and Mrs. Trudy Buttram, hostess.

Election and installation of officers was held at this same meeting. Incoming officers are Mrs. Lee Jolliffe, president; Mrs. F. E. Poole, vice-president; Mrs. Randall Perkins, secretary and Mrs. Don Jolliffe, treasurer. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles (Red) Capello Thursday, May 2.

The talent show and cake auction held Friday evening, April 12, at the high school has been reported as a success. This project is an annual affair given by the Butte Falls PTA to raise money.

Winners of the talent show

were, first prize, Darwin Moore, pianist; second prize, Mrs. William L. Harris, soprano soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Roger Harris, and third prize, Miss Juanita Sheppard who put on an act in pantomime of Elvis Presley.

PTA members wish to extend their thanks to everyone contributing towards this project in making it a success. A special thanks is due to all those participating in the talent show.

A Gun Shoot sponsored by the Butte Falls Gun club is scheduled for Easter Sunday at the rifle range. This shoot will start at approximately 10 a.m. Members of the Mt. Pitt club will serve in the refreshment booth. Hot dogs, chili, Easter eggs, cupcakes and coffee will be sold.

Some of the spring wild flowers have blossomed out much earlier than usual this year. Two favorites of all are lamb tongues

## Sentry Dogs Guard Sabre Jet Air Base

Niagara Falls, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Six well-trained, 80-pound German shepherd sentry dogs are part of the security force guarding operations at this F-86D Sabrejet Air Force base.

The dogs, with airman handlers, have been assigned here for security patrol, principally at night. The men, all volunteers, received eight weeks of special training with the dogs at Ft. Carson, Colo.

By use of the special security, Air Force officials hope to prevent possible espionage or sabotage. The F-86D's, part of the 15th Fighter Group, are heavily equipped with radar and armament. They maintain a 24-hour vigil over the Buffalo-Niagara area.

and orchids. The orchids have appeared in great abundance in April whereas normally very few are seen before May.

## News Briefs

**SHOT TO DEATH**  
Brookline, Mass.—(U.P.)—An attractive 18-year-old girl was shot to death in her apartment Saturday by a former boy friend who flew here from California.

Police said Jack Chester, 22, a Lancaster, Calif., factory worker, ran up to two policemen guarding the Boston A. A. marathon route and told them he had killed Miss Beatrice (Bebe) Fishman with a volley of .45 pistol bullets.

**MURDER-SUICIDE**  
West Hollywood — (U.P.) — A 78-year-old man and his wife, both suffering from cancer, died Saturday in an apparent murder-suicide pact because they did not want to be a financial burden to their son who is working his way through law school, authorities reported.

The husband apparently shot the wife and then himself, sheriff's deputies said.

**CONFESSES**  
New York — (U.P.) — A 22-year-old oil burner repair man Saturday confessed to the murders of two Brooklyn women—18-year-old Patricia Ruland and Mrs. Dorothy Campbell, 53, police said.

The man, identified by police as Thomas Joseph Higgins, said he beat Miss Ruland to death with a claw hammer after what he termed a "necking session." He also admitted that he was the slayer of Mrs. Campbell. Mrs. Campbell was found beaten to death earlier this year.

**REACH AGREEMENT**  
Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Representatives of the Chrysler Corporation and the United Auto Workers Union Saturday reached an agreement designed to settle a more than month-long strike of 4,000 workers at the company plant here.

No details were announced. The strike was over an alleged production speedup.

**SUBMITS RESIGNATION**  
Phoenix — (U.P.) — John P. Frank, Phoenix attorney, has submitted his resignation as special counsel for the Arizona Interstate Stream commission in the state's suit for Colorado river water, it was announced Saturday.

Wayne Akin, chairman of the Arizona Interstate Stream commission, said Frank gave his private practice here as the principal reason for relinquishing the \$24,000 a year position.

**ANNOUNCE CAMPAIGN**  
Washington — (U.P.) — American plywood importers announced an "all out" campaign Saturday to block legislation they said would impose "industry killing" quotas on their product.

Representatives of three import organizations said the campaign is a "factual counter attack" against the "extensive propaganda and lobbying campaign."

**THIS ONE FIGURES**  
Hollywood — (U.P.) — Director Delbert Mann stopped production on the movie, "The Bachelor Party," so actors portraying bookkeepers could go to school. Mann sent them to business school to learn the proper handling of computers.

**EAVESDROPPING USELESS**  
Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — The judge dismissed a case against R. R. Edmonds, who had been accused by Mrs. Marion Slavriomas of listening in on her telephone conversations, because the charges were "all Greek." "Why should I listen in on her," Edmonds protested, all she speaks is Greek and I don't understand Greek."

**STRANGE HIDEOUT**  
Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Edward O'Brien was rudely awakened Friday by three strange bedfellows. The bedfellows: An automobile and two auto theft suspects who crashed into his bedroom while attempting to elude police.

The deep sea diving record of 600 feet is held by a British Royal Navy seaman.

**PAIGN" of the domestic industry.**  
Domestic producers, they said, are attempting to kill off import competition by appealing directly to Congress.

**MISSILE LAUNCHING**  
Washington — (U.P.) — The Navy announced Saturday that it will build a 2 million dollar land-based missile launcher which can roll, pitch and heave like a ship.

The Navy said that the research launcher will be used to reproduce ship motions to enable the checking of guidance and fire-control systems and actual firing procedures for ship-launched missiles.

**Charles Reynolds Takes Chairmanship**  
Portland — (U.P.) — Charles H. Reynolds, since 1949 a member of the State Highway commission, took over officially as its chairman Friday as the commission held a one-day meeting here.

Reynolds, a 65-year-old La Grande insurance man, succeeds Ben Chandler of Coos Bay who left the commission March 21.

Reynolds was born in La Grande and is a graduate of Oregon State where he was quarterback on the football team.

Also present Friday for his first session was Robert Chessman, publisher of the Astorian Budget, who was named to the commission to fill the vacancy left by Chandler.

**Astoria Publisher Joins Highway Group**  
Salem — (U.P.) — Robert B. Chessman, 36, publisher of the Astorian Budget, Thursday was sworn in as a member of the State Highway Commission.

Chessman was appointed by Gov. Robert D. Holmes to succeed Ben R. Chandler of Coos Bay who had asked to be relieved of his duties.

Charles H. Reynolds of La Grande, a long-time member of the commission, was elected chairman.

Chessman's father, the late Merle Chessman, served on the highway commission for more than 10 years.

**A COOL OCCUPATION**  
Madison, Wis. — (U.P.) — The Wisconsin state bureau of personnel is offering an interesting, \$325-a-month summer job — "shade tree inspector."

**LOCKED OUT, THEN IN**  
Rochdale, England — (U.P.) — Clare Leach, 75, arrived home without her keys and found her front door locked so she decided to slide down the coal chute into the cellar. Police found her in the cellar 31 hours later. That door was locked too.

**CHAUFFEUR ARRESTED**  
Tajpei, Formosa — (U.P.) — Police reported Saturday that chauffeur Hsien Shou-shan was arrested for pawning his employer's car at a pawn shop for \$360.

About one-half of the known coal reserves of the world are located in the North American continent.

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## School News

### McLOUGHLIN JUNIOR HIGH

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company sponsored an educational assembly on April 17. Mr. Seavey, a company staff specialist, gave a 30-minute demonstration of new trends in electronic power use. He also explained the principle of long range dialing in telephone calls. His assistant, Pat, explained the system soon to be in use in our area.

The McLoughlin band will march in the Blossom Festival parade on April 27.

Counselors from the senior high school will register ninth graders, during school hours next week.

The Southern Oregon Music Contest will be held in Medford April 26 and 27 at the senior high school.

Elmer Ayres is chairman for the two day festival of band, orchestra and choir groups. Schools from Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Klamath, Lake and Curry counties will participate. The concert band, cadet band and orchestra will represent McLoughlin. An evening concert will be held for the public on April 26 at the Hedrick Junior High school.

A large percentage of McLoughlin students attended the Good Friday services at the First Church of the Nazarene. The girls' chorus sang "Were You There?" "There's a Green Hill Far Away" and "Psalm Forty-two", directed by Ray Lewis and accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Brown.

Tournaments are continuing in badminton, ping-pong and shuffle-board in the girls' PE classes.

Practices are being held for the operetta "Miss Starlight" which will be presented May 3.

A selected group of band and orchestra students presented a program over KJYC on April 18.



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