

# Street Program Plans Progress on Schedule

Plans for extension of Eighth st., the top priority project in the 10-year arterial street program, and other projects of the program are progressing on schedule, according to City Manager Robert Duff.

An application for a Public Utilities commission hearing to acquire property and rights of way for a railroad crossing at Eighth st. was filed last Wednesday, Duff said.

Duff said he expects the hearing to be held in Medford sometime in the near future.

The crossing is one phase of the \$1,656,100 arterial street im-

provement program approved by Medford voters last November. Eighth st. will form a one-way "couplet" with Main st., from a junction in the Hawthorne park area west toward the city limits.

The railroad crossing is one of two barriers in the way of the Eighth st. project. Bear creek is the other.

Proceeding through the public utilities commissioner's office is a procedural phase for a grade crossing right of way at Eighth st., Duff said. He added, "if the development of Eighth st. as an arterial street is to be undertaken this year, the necessary legal requirements and acquisition rights of way must be undertaken within a very short period."

Last week state highway commission crews started engineering studies and surveying operations of the Eighth st. crossing. Preliminary conferences between city and railroad officials have already been held, the city manager said.

**Other Projects**

Other arterial street program projects scheduled for completion this year are widening Jackson st. from Bear creek to Genesee st., extension of Jackson st. from Barneburg rd. and Sunrise ave., paving Grape st. between Melrose and Stewart aves. and dedication of 10th st. between Riverside and Central ave.

The arterial street plan also calls for several other projects, including extension of 10th st. to form a one-way couplet with 11th st. and a Grape-Holly st. couplet. Arterial street development is one of three segments of a capital improvement program approved by voters last November.

## STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN  
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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# Safety Group Calls Special Meeting

A special noon meeting of the Medford Safety council board of directors has been called for Monday, May 13, at the Jackson hotel, according to Aubrey Loper, president.

Loper said the board will determine during the emergency session what action can be taken by the council to stem the rising toll of traffic deaths in Jackson county.

"The two recent fatalities involving trains have focused attention on the need for a concerted effort by the Medford Safety council and the public to take corrective action," Loper said.

The Monday meeting will be restricted to directors and safety council members. However, Loper said a public meeting may be held if it is considered necessary. Those planning to attend the meeting are being asked to make reservations by calling Miss Josephine Swayne, Spring 2-6504.

# Optometrists Attend Convention in Bend

Several southern Oregon optometrists are in Bend today attending the annual convention of the Oregon Optometric association.

The combined educational-business convalescence started Friday and was to end today. Optometrists from Jackson county indicated they planned to extend an invitation on behalf of the Southern Oregon Optometric society to hold the 1958 convention in Medford.

# Smith-Dyng Lumber Firm Opens Dealership

The Smith-Dyng Lumber company, Eighth and Fir sts., Medford, has opened a dealership in Medford for Dutch Boy paints, representing to Don Edwards, National Lead company district representative, Medford.

The National Lead company, Eugene, is supplier of the product, Edwards said. The paint now has a retail outlet in all Rogue valley cities, he said.

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# Seeding of Clouds Needed Eight Days To Suppress Hail

Cloud seeding operations in connection with the hail suppression program in this area have been necessary eight days so far this month.

Most serious threat of hail damage to pears occurred on Thursday, when some hail was reported in a few localities. A complete appraisal of damage from that storm in isolated cases is expected to start Monday.

**Threat Thursday**

A spokesman for the Water Resources Development corporation of Denver, Colo., the organization which is conducting the hail suppression program,

said as much as a half-inch of hail was reported Thursday outside the Medford area. Since the program is directed at the Medford area, it was indicated some measure of control was effected last week.

This is the fourth year the weather research group has conducted a hail suppression program here on behalf of the pear industry. The program is financed entirely by the industry without government aid.

**Ground Generators**

At the present time, about 45 stationary ground generator units and two mobile units are in use. The generators burn silver iodide. They are located in an area which extends from Montague, Calif., on the south, to Canyonville, Ore., on the coast on the west, to Fish lake on the east.

More generators will be added later in the season as roads become accessible in the higher mountains, corporation officials said.

Local hail suppression activities date back to 1949, following disastrous 1948 hail damage to fruit. Airplanes were first used to seed clouds, but later experiments and developments in the field indicated ground generators were more effective. Use of ground generators in the program started in 1954.

**Rainfall Figures**

Rainfall figures compiled in connection with a study of last year's operation indicate cloud seeding has not reduced the volume of rainfall.

Between April 1 and July 31 of 1956, precipitation in Medford was estimated at 175 per cent of normal. In the area surrounding Medford, rainfall was estimated at 150 per cent of normal. In the area including Prospect, Grants Pass and Klamath Falls, precipitation totaled 125 per cent of normal, and in the area including Crater Lake, Tiller, Wonder and Jacksonville, it was estimated at 100 per cent of normal.

Government agencies have shown interest in the local hail suppression program, and the Medford Pear Shippers association has received inquiries concerning the project's effectiveness from as far away as Argentina.

# Missing Bear Cub Found Abandoned At National Park

An 11-year-old Shady Cove boy and his pet bear cub, Smokey, were reunited Friday after an unpleasant four-day separation.

Jimmy Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Smart, "adopted" Smokey in March, after the mother bear was killed by a Shady Cove hunter. Smokey was so young his eyes weren't even open. Jimmy fed formula to the cub with a baby bottle and the two became devoted pals.

**Cub Stolen**

Last Monday night, Smokey was stolen by thieves who cut open his wire cage at the Rainbow motel, which is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Smart. Jimmy was grieved at losing his pet, but also worried about the bear's welfare since he was too young to fend for himself in the woods. A plea for Smokey's safe return, or at least for his proper care, was published in last Tuesday's Mail Tribune.

On Friday morning, Lyn Williamson, ranger at Crater Lake National park, noticed a tiny, black cub apparently abandoned on the road south of Annie Spring. He thought at first it was one of the park bears, but became curious at the animal's friendliness. Two hours went by and no mother bear returned for the cub. Williamson finally took him to park headquarters, where he and other rangers fed the hungry animal.

**Recall Article**

Then someone recalled the Mail Tribune article telling of Smokey's theft. They thought there might be some connection between the missing bear and their founding, but would not give the bear away without positive proof it did not belong in the park.

The rangers finally called Mr. and Mrs. Smart, who were eager to recover the missing cub. The Smarts and Jimmy drove to park headquarters Friday night to see the animal. As soon as Jimmy entered the room, he recognized his pet. Smokey recognized Jimmy, too, and jumped and cavorted around him, just like a pup.

"There was no mistaking it," according to Tom Williams, park superintendent. "The bear was theirs and they recognized each other."

# Darrel Brittsan Helps Raise Funds

Eugene — More than \$3,000 was raised on the University of Oregon campus here last week when Darrel Brittsan, student body president, climbed a campus tree Monday and said he would not come down until the money was raised.

The money is for restoration of the university Millrace, a stream flowing through Eugene and part of the campus.

Brittsan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Brittsan, 1229 Niantic st. Medford, climbed the tree Monday morning and said he would stay there until student contributions totaled \$3,000. He came down from the tree about 10:30 p.m. Monday.

An estimated \$3,253.08 had been raised by Tuesday to be submitted as the student part in restoring the stream. The University also will contribute. At one time the stream was used by students for boating, but in recent years it has been blocked off by debris and its banks allowed to degenerate.

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