

Plans for Driver Improvement School Explained at Meeting

Plans for a driver improvement school, to be started under Medford police department auspices about the first of September, were explained to a group of about 30 civic leaders, organization representatives and police officers, Friday night.

Policeman Capt. Clyde Fichtner and Municipal Judge Miss Noreen Kelly, who developed the plans with the cooperation of Mayor John Snider and Police Chief Charles Champlin, discussed the program, and demonstrated how the school will be conducted.

Judge Kelly said it will be for two classes of drivers, those who wish to take it voluntarily to improve their driving capability, and those who will attend under the direction of the court, following their arrest and conviction of a traffic violation.

Not Punitive

Not all convicted traffic violators will be assigned to the course, she said, but only those whose attitude indicates they would derive some benefit from it. The school is definitely not intended to be punitive, the judge declared, but rather is being started in an attempt to correct driving attitudes, and to improve drivers' knowledge of traffic safety procedures.

According to Mayor Snider, the plans have been drawn up after lengthy investigation of the success of similar projects throughout the nation, although it is one of only a few in the

Pacific Northwest. They have met with considerable success in the east, it was reported.

Erring drivers brought before the court can be induced to attend in several ways, Judge Kelly explained. A portion of a fine could be suspended pending successful completion of the course; drivers' licenses could be suspended if the course is not taken, or the case could simply be continued for sentence until after completion, she stated.

Increased Fine Schedule

Consideration is being given to increasing the fine schedule for some offenses, particularly for some violations, she said.

Captain Fichtner explained that plans have been under way for some time for the school, and the reasons include an increasing number of accidents, and a higher accident rate. He said it may eventually be possible to tie the course in some way with the Medford high school driver training course.

It would be held one night a week for two weeks, with two complete sessions each month.

The police captain then gave those attending a "sample class" as planned for the course, which included the following points:

Three Reasons

There are three reasons for bad drivers, (1) physical or mental limitations, (2) lack of knowledge or skill, and (3) improper attitudes. It is the second and third points which it is hoped the school will help correct.

In 1956, 40,000 Americans were killed in traffic accidents, 1,500,000 were injured, and billions of dollars in property damage and lost time were caused in Oregon that year, 421 were killed in 68,299 accidents, and 17,298 were injured; in Medford 1,075 accidents resulted in one death and 164 injuries. Vehicle registration in the state now totals 832,128, and in Jackson county alone, 37,521.

In Medford last year there were 242 rear-end collisions, 155 intersection accidents, 215 turn-

ing accidents, and 135 accidents involving parking of cars.

Captain Fichtner also showed a film on driving privileges and the driver's license, and displayed demonstration boards, giving stopping times at various speeds, and movable model cars to illustrate points in his lecture.

In discussion following the demonstration, problems of presenting the course to the public were discussed, as well as how to obtain assistance in making it effective. It would affect Medford residents chiefly.

Travel Editors to Visit in Valley

Four travel editors from newspapers in Texas, Oklahoma, Ohio and California will visit in southern Oregon Monday.

They will be guests of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at a picnic luncheon at Touvelle State park at noon and dinner guests at Mcn Desir dining inn later in the day.

Monday night they will attend the performance of "King Henry VIII" at the Shakespearean festival in Ashland.

Making the visit will be Mrs. Shirley Ing, the Dallas Times-Herald; Mrs. Felecia Henderson, the Tulsa World; Lloyd Stoyer, the Beacon-Journal of Akron, and Michael C. Bird, the Independent of Pasadena.

Their stay here is part of a two-week tour of Oregon, which is arranged annually by the Pacific-Northwest Travel association, of which the chamber is a member, according to Don McNeil, chamber manager.

The group will arrive from Grants Pass following visits in eastern Oregon and the Klamath Falls area and will continue on their trip Tuesday, McNeil said.

Officials Consider Portland Freeway

Portland — City, county, state and federal highway officials are studying the feasibility of the development of a multi-million dollar north-south free-state highway commission said Friday.

The freeway would provide motorists with a new route on highway 99 through the city along the Willamette river's east bank. Other details of such a project were not available, W. C. Williams, state highway engineer, said.

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River Hearings to Remain in West

San Francisco — The hearings on the Colorado river suit will not be moved to New York, Special Supreme Court Master Simon H. Rifkind has announced.

Rifkind said Friday he had received universal opposition to the move and has "yielded to the views of the parties" and has "abandoned the notion of a move to the East."

Following his decision, attorneys for Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and the Federal government, all parties to the suit, discussed the time they will need to complete the case.

Rifkind said that at least 12 more weeks of hearings will be required before the case is submitted to a decision.

The United States would consume seven weeks; Nevada would use 10 days; Utah and New Mexico take three days each, and California and Arizona consume the remainder in rebuttal testimony.

Rifkind said that at the end of the present session on Aug. 23, the court would have a two-month recess.

Arizona filed the suit in the U. S. Supreme Court in 1951 as an original action to quiet title to more than 3,800,000 annual feet of water from the Colorado river. California, a defendant in the action, claims title to 5,362,000 acre feet of water.

Tribute Paid by Neuberger to Wilson

Washington — Retiring Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson has been paid warm tribute by a frequent severe critic of the Eisenhower administration.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) told the Senate Friday that the Eisenhower Cabinet has been "lacking in candor and courage" but "courage and bluntness have been traits of at least one member. That man has been Secretary Wilson."

He said Wilson "has not hesitated to offend powerful groups politically. He has not hesitated to speak his mind to congressional committees, when those committees occasionally consisted of men who were not above bullying or browbeating a witness."

"I salute Secretary Wilson for these personal characteristics of forthrightness and candor, without necessarily endorsing all of his policies in the Defense Department," he said.

Neuberger also voiced admiration for Wilson's "charming wife, who was not afraid to place loyalty and love of her husband above fealty to the President, and who spoke up in defense of her mate."

Slowness in Lumber Prices Continues

Upstate lumber market news letters reported continued slowness in lumber sales and prices last week.

Crow's Lumber Price Index, Portland, said overproduction is still reflected in prices offered, with price drops for some items of production. Random Lengths, Eugene, confirmed the overproduction estimate, saying that until supply and demand are stabilized, no foreseeable upward trend in prices is in store.

"The recent FHA decision to lower down payments and boost the maximum interest rate on insured mortgages brought cautious comment from industry spokesmen," it said. "Most are doubtful that it will trigger a spurt in home building, but might result in a slightly improved market."

Willamette valley and Portland lumber sales and prices are generally indicative of those in southern Oregon, although local industry spokesmen say that the situation here, because California markets are closer, has been somewhat better.

Conference Slated On Election Laws

A conference between Mrs. Beth P. Hopkins, Jackson County clerk, and the new state director of elections has been scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 8 a. m. Secretary of State Mark Hatfield has announced.

Freeman Holmer, state elections division director, and Mrs. Hopkins will discuss the new state election code passed by the 1957 legislature. The new statutes represent the first major overhaul of the election laws in four decades, Hatfield said.

Hatfield appointed Holmer July 1 to succeed David O'Hara, who retired at the age of 70 after serving as elections registrar for 42 years.

HIROSHIMA VICTIM DIES

Hiroshima — Yoshitaro Mizunaga, 72, died here Friday night of a tumor of the liver, the seventh victim this year of the A-bomb dropped on Hiroshima 12 years ago. Doctors said his liver ailment was caused by radiation from the A-bomb blast.

Auction of Surplus AF Equipment Slated

An auction sale of surplus equipment valued at \$4,000,000 will be held at McClellan Air Force base Aug. 24, according to an Air Force news announcement.

Items to be sold include road building equipment, jet-aircraft engines, electric power generators and a wide variety of commercial hardware.

Slot Machines Are Ordered Destroyed

Pendleton — Umatilla county District Attorney John E. Walker, Friday ordered 49 slot and pinball machines destroyed after defendants failed to appear in court to answer charges of operating the machines illegally.

The orders for the machines to be destroyed were signed by District Court Judge Paul Thahofner here.

On July 24, state and city police and Umatilla county sheriff's deputies raided cafes, taverns and hotels in Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Milton-Freewater, Hermiston and other cities for the machines.

Attorneys for the defendants failed to show up Friday, and bonds for the defendants of \$50 each was declared forfeit.

The machines, valued at more than \$10,000, will probably be destroyed this week, according to Sheriff Roy Johnson.

Supplies Flown to Victim of Accident

San Diego, Calif. — A Coast Guard patrol plane took off Saturday to drop medical supplies to a fishing boat 125 miles west of here for a fisherman who reportedly lost a leg in an accident yesterday morning.

The fishing boat, the "Stika," radioed for aid and identified the injured man as Robert Gull, 30, of San Bruno, Calif. The report did not give details of the accident.

Rough water made a sea plane landing in the area impossible. A 95-foot Coast Guard cutter was sent to meet the "Stika" and pick up the injured man.

Borgward Dealer Is Named in County

The Darrell Miller company, Medford Oldmobile dealer has been named Jackson county dealer for the Borgward automobile, according to Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Portland dealer.

The Borgward, a "precision-built product of West Germany," has a wheel base of less than 102 inches, an over-all width of 67 inches and height of just under 58 inches. Suspension is independent, with coil springs and hydraulic shock absorbers, according to the new dealer.

He listed among the car's features a low center of gravity, anti-sway bars, wrap-around windshield, four-speed transmission, a turning radius of 18 feet and reclining seats.

Models include station wagon, sedan, coupe and sunroof.

Copco to Build New Building in Yreka

Yreka — A service center to house offices, warehouse, garage and storage for the California-Oregon Power company is to be erected at Main and Center sts. in Yreka, according to C. W. Patton, district manager.

Bessonet Construction company, Medford, was awarded the contract.

The center is to "better serve the needs of the area and is an expression of confidence in the continued growth and prosperity of the community," Patton said.

Quarantines Placed on Northeastern Oklahoma

Vinita, Okla. — Officials Saturday slapped new quarantines on Northeastern Oklahoma as a deadly cattle disease they thought was under control yesterday morning.

Transportation of livestock and produce from a wide area of Southeastern Kansas into Oklahoma was prohibited after at least one confirmed case of anthrax was found near Parsons, Kansas.

This disease has killed more than 425 animals in Northeastern Oklahoma since its outbreak about two weeks ago.

Fire Destroys Tavern South of Corvallis

Corvallis — Fire early Saturday destroyed the tavern at Bob's corner on Highway 99W, seven miles south of Corvallis.

A small grocery store and service station were saved by firemen from Corvallis, Pilot-math, and Monroe.

Cause of the fire was not known but Bob Allison, owner of the buildings and operator of the tavern said it appeared to have started in the kitchen of the tavern.

The entire interior of the tavern was engulfed by flames by the time firemen arrived. It was discovered by Mrs. Billie

Randolph Collier to Seek Re-election

Yreka — California State Sen. Randolph Collier will seek re-election to the state senate next year, he announced last week.

First elected in 1938, Collier became nationally known through his work to improve the California highway system.

Poole visiting at a residence nearby. The tavern had been closed for about 45 minutes when the fire was discovered at 1:45 a. m.

Loss was estimated at about \$15,000. Allison said part of the loss was covered by insurance.

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