

Local and Personal

Auto Theft—O. L. Wells of Ashland told state police that his 1950 blue-green Chevrolet sedan was stolen from the Midway Auction on Table Rock rd. Friday. The car had not been recovered by noon Saturday, officers said.

Homecoming Set—Former residents of Fort Jones, Calif., have been invited to the second biennial homecoming at Fort Jones, Calif., Sunday, Aug. 31. Additional information may be obtained from Edward Goodwin, SPring 3-5595.

Stand By—City firemen were dispatched to the city airport Friday afternoon to stand by while a transport plane came in. The plane, which had radioed that its landing gear might not be properly locked, landed without incident.

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Son Born—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Richard Morse of Nampa, Idaho, are parents of a son, Brian Paul, born Aug. 17 in Nampa. Mrs. Morse is the former Phyllis Archibold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Archibold, 2451 Roberts rd., Medford.

Obituary

PATRICIA JO-ANN MARRINGTON
Funeral services for Patricia JoAnn Marrington, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Marrington of Gold Hill, who died Saturday in a local hospital, will be held at the graveside in Siskiyou Memorial park at 3 p.m. Monday. The Rev. John Iig of the Sacred Heart Catholic church will officiate. Chapel Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia JoAnn was born Aug. 11, 1958. Besides her parents, she is survived by her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Marrington, Central Point, and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Criss Davich, Medford.

News About Servicemen

GRADUATES
Richard W. Atkins, apprentice petty officer second class, of 720 West 13th st., Medford, was scheduled to graduate Friday from recruit training at San Diego, Calif.

SERVING IN EL TORO
Marine Sgt. Warren K. Lundquist, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lundquist of 220 Portland ave., Medford, is serving at the El Toro Marine Corps air station, Santa Ana, Calif. His wife is the former Miss Patricia M. Earp of Ashland.

GRADUATION
Two Medford youths were scheduled to graduate from the Naval Training center in San Diego, Calif., Friday. They are William J. Reich, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Reich of 232 South Grape st., and Joseph C. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin D. Lewis of 20 Hamilton st.

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Shakespearean Festival Schedule

Sunday—Troilus and Cressida
Monday—Much Ado About Nothing
Tuesday—King Lear
Wednesday—Merchant of Venice
Thursday—King Lear
Friday—Troilus and Cressida
Saturday—Much Ado About Nothing
Curtain: 8:30 p.m. nightly. Buses leave Medford hotel at 7:30 p.m. and Jackson hotel at 7:35 p.m. nightly.

Trucking Lockout Enters 14th Day

San Diego, Calif. — (UP) — The strike lockout in the for-hire trucking industry in 11 western states moved into its 14th day Saturday with no let up in sight.

Negotiations, which got underway before federal mediators only last Wednesday, broke down Friday with the announcement that they had been called off indefinitely because representatives of the Teamsters Union and the trucking industry showed no signs of coming to an agreement, according to mediator George Hillenbrand of San Francisco.

Births

REAVES, To: Mr. and Robert, 1453 Poplar dr., Medford, Aug. 23, 1958, girl, 7 1/2 pounds, at Rogue Valley hospital.

CHISM, To: Mr. and Mrs. Charles, 2467 Barnett rd., Medford, Aug. 22, 1958, boy, 6 1/2 pounds, at Rogue Valley hospital.

GOUTERMOUNT, To: Mr. and Mrs. Harold, 712 Crater Lake ave., Medford, Aug. 22, 1958, boy, 7 pounds, at Rogue Valley hospital.

BOEN, To: Mr. and Mrs. Gus, 2305 Barnett rd., Medford, Aug. 23, 1958, girl, 7 1/2 pounds at Rogue Valley hospital.

Cities Spend Six Billion on Projects

Chicago—(UP) — American cities plan to spend six billion dollars for public works projects during the next five years.

Leading in number of projects are drainage or storm sewer improvements, with 479 listed. A survey of more than 900 cities with 10,000 or more population was made by the 1958 Municipal Yearbook. The survey shows nearly 800 cities have a professional planning agency, with all those in cities of more than 250,000 having a full-time director.

Second most popular type of project is street improvement, with 430. There are also 353 water supply and distribution projects planned. 311 public building projects, 241 off-street parking garages and 189 street lighting extensions. Signs of the times: Some cities are planning marinas—sort of waterfront motels, fuel and food facilities for pleasure boats.

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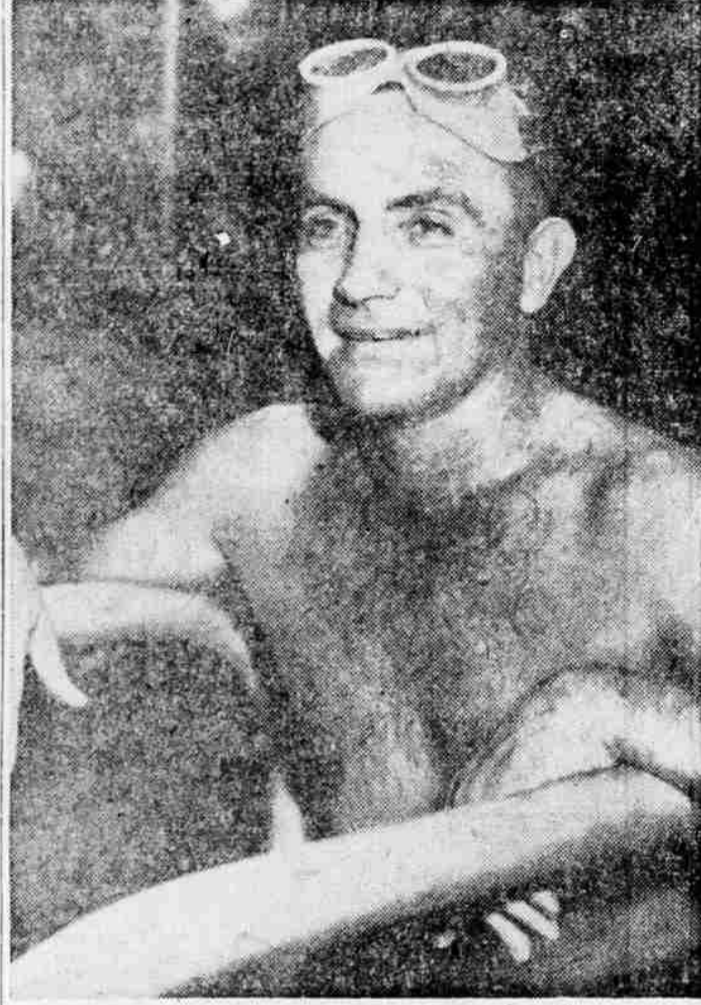
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DO-IT-YOURSELF DENTIST — Seven-year-old Debbie Scott, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was told by her mother that dentists pull out teeth with "something that looks like a pair of pliers." Debbie beat the dentist to the punch, and the next time her mother saw her, this is how she looked.



CHANNEL SWIMMER—Paul Herron of California gets in some practice at a pool in Cliftonville, England, prior to an attempted swim across the English Channel. He will enter the water at Cape Gris Nez, France, along with an Argentine and a Mexican swimmer, for the swim across to England.

Denver—(UP) — Abandoning its policy against hiring laborers 50 years old and up, the city of Denver recently instituted a physical agency test for job applicants.

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East Pakistan Reports Claim Water Cures All

Editor's note: From remote East Pakistan came reports of a faqir, or Moslem religious man, who was able to cure the incurably ill. United Press International correspondent A. G. Hazari travelled hundreds of miles, mostly by country boat, to find out about it.)

By A. G. HAZARI
Dacca, East Pakistan — (UP) — Each day on a hillock five miles from here a young faqir sits beneath a banyan tree and bids hundreds of weary old men, lame beggars and palsied women to drink the "curative" waters of a waist-deep muddy pond.

The faqir, a 20-year-old, unimpressive looking ex-boatman, squats restlessly near his bamboo hut, waving his hands nervously at the crowd without saying a word.

A small sign, written in Bangali, hangs on the side of the hut: "We all depend on Allah. He who comes the first day shall wish in his mind whatever he has to and then come tomorrow for the water. After that come every alternate day for a week, then twice a week. After that, if not cured there will be no cure for him."

A two-mile-long column of men and women weaves toward the hut through the green fields. These pilgrims have come to be headquarters of a new Moslem religious man who, they are told, can cure them of blindness, acute stomach pains, tuberculosis and leprosy.

All carry small bottles to be filled with dirty water from the pond where the faqir daily pitches in vast quantities of fruit which his followers have brought him.

Along the way, I found small shops which had shut up overnight to sell food and drink to the pilgrims. I saw the exposed food stuffs, the lepers, the carrier birds, the mongrel dogs and the flies which inevitably accompany such road-side places.

Is a modern miracle taking

place or is this some more Himalayan humbug with which this sub-continent has been long familiar? Reports have it that an old man now can see hazily through his formerly sightless eyes and that his wife was cured of her terrible itching. Stories were many but none could be confirmed.

Fraud or not, the faqir does not charge any fees and has refused many presents offered him by "cured patients." He eats fruit sparingly at night and rarely speaks except when a photographer levels a camera at him. "Don't photograph me. It will harm you," he shouts and hurries inside his hut.

According to a neighbor, the faqir, who is known as Farviq Akmal, was a quiet, meditative youth who lost his mind two years ago and wandered off.

Last November he returned and sat beneath the banyan tree for more than a month. Word went around that he had a mysterious stone which he ordered cast into the pond. He then asked people to drink from the waters to cure their incurable diseases and to fulfill their unfulfilled desires.

Now they come from all over, the poor and rich, the ignorant and the educated, to make a pilgrimage to the dirty pond alongside the banyan tree.

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Rail Man Attacks 'Bootleg' Trucks

San Francisco — (UP) — "Bootleg" lumber haulers are taking a big bite of the Oregon to California wood freight, according to a railroad witness at an Interstate Commerce Commission hearing here.

F. N. Bigelow, manager of the Pacific Southwest Railway association, testified Friday that a large number of trucks without I.C.C. authorization are engaged in the lumber traffic between Southern Oregon and the big Southern California - Arizona market.

The Southern Pacific Railroad is seeking I.C.C. approval for a reduction in rates on lumber from Southern Oregon

which would put that producing area in competition with Northern California. Bigelow said the proposed rate reduction would help the I.C.C. put the unauthorized trucks off the highways.

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