



CENTENNIAL MAIL — Ernie Hood, Jackson county Centennial coordinator, hands a packet of "Centennial Mail" to Miss Oregon, Mary Ellen Vinton, is helping boost the state's 100th birthday celebration. Hood on stage coach seat at Centennial lead-

July 1 Mentioned As Possible Opening for Jackson St. Pool

City Manager Robert A. Duff told the Medford parks and recreation commission last night that July 1 would appear to be the earliest possible date for opening the proposed West Jackson st. swimming pool.

But, in answer to a question that followed, he held out hope for its completion by June 1 if a stock design furnished by a swimming pool company were agreed to. "It looks like July 1 would be the earliest date we could have the pool," Duff said at first.

Ask For Ideas

He told the commission he has sent letters to local engineers and architects asking them to submit ideas and sketches for the pool by March 23. He said he has also written to several swimming pool companies. These, he noted, could probably provide "canned" plans and specifications.

If an engineer or architect is to design it, he explained, it would take them more time to draw up plans and specifications. Asked whether the pool could be completed by June 1, a ready-made design from a swimming pool company were used, he replied, "It might be."

The suggestion last week of constructing a more expensive indoor-outdoor pool for year-around swimming has apparently gone by the boards for now. It was not mentioned in the course of the meeting, and three commission members approached afterward said they had not heard of any favorable interest in public financing of such a project.

Swimming Season

The commission discussed last night the possibility of extending the swimming season at the Hawthorne park pool if qualified personnel and money could be found. Darrell Huson, city recorder-treasurer and swimming pool director, said an earlier opening was preferable to a later closing. Glenn Linn, commissioner member, recommended that the commission look into possibly opening the pool for the last two weeks of May, when it might accommodate a number of school functions.

Linn reported that some 30 people, including the Eugene Garners and other members of the Welcome Wagon club, visited Prescott park on Roxy Ann last Sunday. He said they sowed 400 packs of wildflower seed and cleared out brush and debris from one picnic area.

Linn suggested that he and fellow-member Verl Walker could draw up an inventory of what needs to be done in the park. He said there are certain things, such as maintenance tasks and improving appearances, that service clubs and other interested groups might undertake, while other improvements including new facilities would be up to the city.

Sprays Area

Huson reported that the city sprays one picnic area every year to combat poison oak, and has succeeded in reducing the infestation. But, Duff pointed out, the shrub is rampant elsewhere.

The commission took notice of the survey of pollution in Bear creek undertaken by the Oregon Sportsman club of Jackson county this week. Commission President Russ Jamison spoke of the creek's potential as a fishing area for youngsters, and suggested that the council take an interest in the survey.

Duff said he would check with City Water Superintendent Robert L. Lee about providing water for the proposed neighborhood park on Union ave. The commission

studied a plan for the park drawn by Ned Langford, city planning technician.

To Visit Lots

Commission members agreed to visit city-owned lots on Effie and Bessie sts. with an eye to possible recreational use. The city council last fall asked the commission to look over these lots and decide what might be done with them.

Members reported on several offers to the city, including the sowing by airplane of poppy seeds on Roxy Ann, the donation of a shuffleboard and equipment by the Golden Age club and the donation of a "genuine" log

Winning Books Are Available Locally

Two books which recently won national prizes in the fields of fiction and non-fiction are available at the Jackson County Library, Librarian Helen Webster announced this week.

The books, winners of 10th anniversary National Book Awards in New York March 3, are J. Christopher Herold's non-fiction work, "Mistress to An Age," and Bernard Malamud's collection of short stories, "The Magic Barrel."

The non-fiction jury said Herold's biography of Madame de Staël was "a witty, beautifully controlled, and highly entertaining account of one of the most remarkable women in history." The citation to Malamud for his fiction winner read: "A work radiant with personal vision. Compassionate and profound in its wry humor, it captures the poetry of human relationships on the point where reality and imagination meet."

The National Book Awards, which were made for the first time in 1950, are sponsored by the American Book Publishers Council, the American Booksellers association, and the Book Manufacturers' Institute. The winning books were selected by an independent panel of judges in each category.

Ford Plans Small Car for 1960 Sales

Detroit—UPI—Ford Motor Co. told its stockholders today it plans to introduce a small, American-built economy car sometime during the 1960 model year "barring change in the market or other circumstances."

The announcement was the first official statement by a major automobile company which indicated it was convinced at the present time, at least, that there was a market for smaller cars.

Ford, along with General Motors and Chrysler, previously revealed they were developing a small car which would be introduced if there were indications the market for them existed. But all of the companies insisted they still were not convinced the market existed.

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cabin now situated in the hills above Ashland through the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites foundation.

Jamison reported that Medford corporation, which offered the city an antique logging locomotive last month, has since offered an alternate locomotive, one that is now operational. The first one, it is understood, cannot move under its own power.

The Southern Pacific railroad has offered to supply sections of track as one means of getting the locomotive to its proposed destination, the West Jackson st. park, according to the report last night.

People Interested

Jamison said local model railroad enthusiasts are interested in this project, but added that vandalism can be expected to be a serious problem.

Mrs. Edith Eden, vice president of the commission, urged that city officials explore the possibility of asking the state highway department to tear up its paving in the center of the intersection of Eighth and King sts. and restore that point as a triangular park area.

She pointed out that this is next to the Jackson county courthouse, and that the present expanse of pavement is unattractive.

The highway department's plans for improving Eighth st., which included black-topping the triangle, were approved at city hall before the work was completed last year. Mrs. Eden called this an oversight.

Convention Plans Discussed by Group

Plans for the Northwest Osteopathic association convention were discussed at a meeting of the Southern Oregon Osteopathic association auxiliary recently.

Members of the auxiliary also folded cancer bandages, and heard a report by Mrs. Milton Snow, president-elect of the Oregon Osteopathic association, who attended the executive board meeting at Eugene.

Mrs. W. W. Howard became an honorary member of the auxiliary, and donations were made to the student loan, progress, and scholarship funds of the American Osteopathic association.

Dr. Casterline Talks At Society Meeting

Dr. Ray Casterline spoke on conditions of the heart at a meeting of the Southern Oregon District Dental Society this week at the Rogue Valley Country club.

His talk included special emphasis on how heart conditions are applicable to dentists to dentistry.

Dr. Paul Walker was introduced as new state representative from Oregon to the American Dental association convention in New York.

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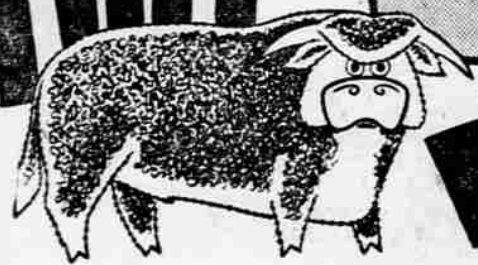
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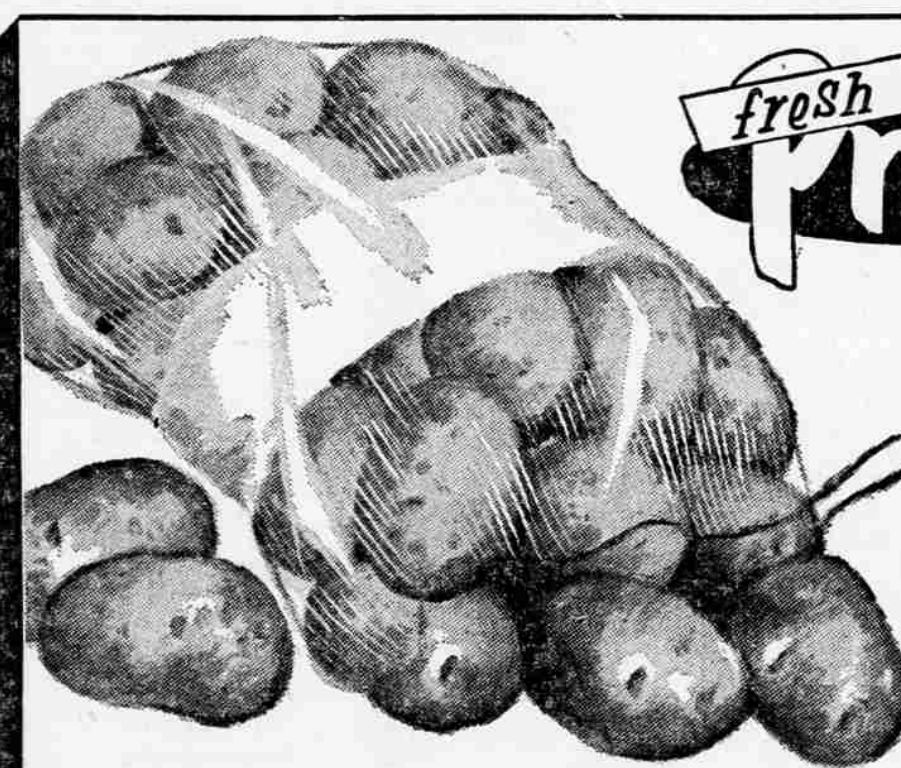
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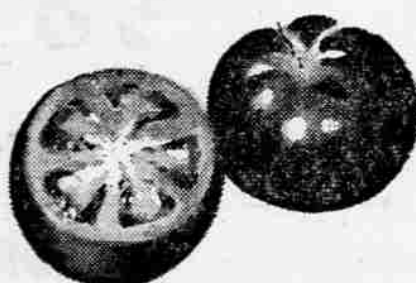
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