

# State Appraisers for Freeway Active Along Proposed Right of Way in City

State appraisers for the Highway 99 freeway project have been active for several weeks in the Medford area, studying property along the proposed right of way from Crater Lake highway to Barnett rd.

The right of way generally parallels Bear creek through Medford. The appraisers have been inspecting the properties themselves, including houses or other improvements on them, and have also been checking deed records at the Jackson county courthouse. Their object is to arrive at individual appraisals for all properties that must eventually be acquired. When these have been compiled, reports are sent to Salem.

### No Deadline Yet

The two appraisers active in this area are not faced with a deadline as yet. The construction schedule calls for work on the Medford segment to begin next year, with completion due in 1962 or 1963. But funds are not yet available, even for purchasing right of way property,

and will not be until final plans for this part of the project are approved.

Hence the two men are proceeding at a moderate pace. They are called away from time to time for jobs in other areas.

It is state policy, one appraiser reports, to call in an outside appraiser—a local businessman not connected with the state—for an independent appraisal of any property worth more than \$10,000. A second local appraiser is called in under this policy if the property exceeds \$20,000. These men are known as "fee appraisers."

### Funds Lacking

But the state appraiser reports that at present funds are lacking for the services of these men as well.

The appraisal reports are reviewed by highway department officials at Salem. In the case of the freeway, a joint state-federal project under the interstate highway program, the appraisals may be studied by federal officials as well.

The next step is negotia-

tion. State agents, armed with approved appraisal values and options for the individual properties, approach the property owners and make purchase offers. The state agent, it is understood, has little leeway in the negotiations. One official here said negotiators usually offer the highest price they can at the outset.

### Reported to Salem

If the property owner accepts the negotiator's price,

this fact is reported to Salem. If the state highway commission approves the transaction, a written notice is sent to the property owner. He or she then has about 30 days to vacate the premises.

If, on the other hand, those officials feel the negotiator has been too generous, further negotiation may be undertaken.

Should the property owner refuse to negotiate at all, or should he refuse the state's

offer, the alternative is condemnation proceedings.

Once the property has been acquired, the next step is to dispose on the structures on it. These buildings are sold at public auction.

For example, one building on Table Rock rd. near Bear creek and two near Seven Oaks north of Central Point are being auctioned next Thursday.

### Bids to Be Opened

One state official reported recently that bids for construction of the segment between these two points are to be opened next month.

Normally, he explained, properties for right of way are purchased three to six months before the road work is to begin.

Funds for the freeway project, under the interstate program, are to derive 90 percent from the federal government and 10 percent from the state government. When the Highway 99 artery is completed it will link Medford with other cities all the way to the Canadian and Mexican borders.

Because of the joint participation, the U.S. bureau of public roads as well as the state highway commission must approve the plans before funds are allotted. Some difficult engineering problems have delayed final plans for the Medford segment.

The two problems giving the most trouble at present are the Crater Lake highway interchange and the East Jackson st. off-ramp.

### Off Ramp Proposed

According to plans on file for some time, interchanges permitting access and egress for freeway traffic are to be situated at Crater Lake highway on the north side of town and at Barnett rd. on the south. An off-ramp accommodating southbound freeway traffic wishing to enter local streets nearer the center of town, has been proposed at East Jackson st.

Various plans have been drawn for the Crater Lake highway interchange, but no final decision has yet been reached. It is generally assumed that the freeway will be bridge across the highway—and across the Medford corporation railroad running along its north side—between Bear creek and Biddle rd.

But the access and egress roads are causing headaches. The primary considerations, besides cost and engineering feasibility of course, are avoidance of traffic congestion and hazardous intersections.

### Plans Now on File

Plans now on file at city hall call for freeway motorists entering Medford from the north, or leaving Medford northbound, to make their connection by a road that would meet Crater Lake highway at a point between Bear creek and the Big Y intersection.

Traffic entering Medford at this interchange from the

south, or leaving Medford southbound, would be routed between the freeway and Crater Lake highway by one of two diagonal roads meeting the freeway south of the high-

## Suit Seeks Money Paid to District Manager by Firm

Mrs. Ann Todd, Eagle Point, has filed a complaint in the Jackson county circuit court against Ted. R. Flury, secretary manager of the Eagle Point Irrigation district, asking that the court order Flury to make restitution to the district all of the "public monies" paid him.

In the complaint, she said the money was paid by the California Oregon Power company. She also asked that money which should have been paid to the district by Copco for services performed by Flury, but for which Copco was not charged, be returned.

The complaint states that on Jan. 7, under Flury's direction the Eagle Point Irrigation district adopted a resolution authorizing the board to enter an agreement with Copco for sale of its water to the power company. This specified that the district agree to convey to Copco rights and easements necessary to allow construction of a power plant and facilities at Nichols Gap.

### Provisions of Agreement

The agreement provides, according to the complaint, that the district's main canal be rehabilitated and structures and facilities be replaced for delivery of water at 100 cubic feet per second from the district intake to the power plant. The district was to do the work at Copco's expense, the complaint stated. The work was to be completed by Sept. 1, 1957.

Flury was "compensated \$1,080 per year as assistant superintendent of the Nichols gap project," according to the complaint. The district was not recompensated for the work performed, Mrs. Todd charges, because "Flury did not cause Copco be charged with the costs," Mrs. Todd stated in her complaint.

"This is an inequitable and unjust contract for water users and irrigation district taxpayers plus neglected ditches of the irrigators while the equipment is being used at unreasonably low rates, inconsistent with those charged for similar equipment and services generally."

Although the contract was not completed, Flury obtained an extension of the contract to Sept. 1, 1958, Mrs. Todd charges. Although Copco still had failed to complete the contract by Sept. 2, 1958, another year's extension was granted despite the protests from taxpayers and waterusers and no additional payment was made the district, the complaint stated.

## Ruling on Alaska Courts To Be Made

San Francisco—UPI—The U.S. Court of Appeals will hold a hearing in June on the question of whether territorial district courts in Alaska have lost jurisdiction since the territory became a state.

The court set no definite date, but consolidated three cases for the hearing which raise the jurisdictional issue. Attorneys in the cases will file briefs with the court before oral arguments are heard. The appeals were brought by Audrey W. Deere, convicted of drunk driving; Curtis K. Koster, convicted of counterfeiting and forgery; and Leonard W. Parker, who faces a theft charge.

Deere and Koster are from Anchorage, while Parker is from Fairbanks.

## The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counsellors.

Emily D. — It is best for the children not to see him. Herbert F. — Must I be pushed out of the picture?

Emily D. — My husband and I were divorced a year ago after a stormy eight-year marriage. We have two children — a boy of seven and a girl of five.

My husband has weekly visitation rights and our dispute centers about this. He comes on Sunday, brings gifts for the children and takes them out for a big treat. He brings them home tired and upset and leaves me to cope with them for the rest of the week.

It is my job to work and slave for the children throughout the week, to punish them when necessary, share their troubles and go through the drab and vital routine with them. To Daddy is a necessary evil, but Daddy is a weekly Santa Claus and they adore him.

I believe that it is best for the children not to see him at all. What is happening now is that they are torn apart. I have asked Herbert not to see them for their sake.

Herbert F. — Our divorce was as much Emily's fault as mine. It's true that I was the guilty partner from a legal point of view, but she drove me to do this.

Emily has to do all the hard work in the home for the children, true. But don't I have to work hard to support them? I have had to take on additional work to support two homes. Don't I have the right to see the fruits of my labor? I love my children just as much as she does.

Emily feels that the children are her one compensation and consolation in life, but does that mean I have to be pushed out of the picture entirely? I can't afford to raise another family. These are the only children I'll ever have. I want them to know they can count on Daddy when Mommy lets them down.

Emily says that if I loved them sincerely I would not have acted as I did, but I can say the same about her.

The Council: Our sym-

thies are all with the children who are pawns in this bitter contest. These ex-partners are still fighting their martial battle using the children as weapons to hurt one another.

We can understand Emily's position. It is difficult indeed. However, her bitterness and self-righteousness are running away with her and she does not consider such simple, commonplace problems as what these children would be told if her plan were carried out.

Should they be told that their father doesn't want to see them? Surely she realizes that this untruth would cause the children serious pain and damage. Should they be told that she doesn't wish their father to see them? Surely she realizes that this would cause the children to turn against her. Should they be told nothing? Surely she realizes this would give rise to all kinds of strange ideas in their minds. Should they be told their father is dead? Surely she realizes that the lie would someday be found out and held against her.

If the happiness of the children is placed first and foremost, Emily will recognize that it is best for her to swallow her own feelings and let them love their Santa Claus Daddy. Children may appear to be easily "bought" by a doo-dad and a treat, but even the young ones are not emotional morons. They may rage against a punishment and sometimes say things that hurt a parent to the quick, but if they are given real unselfish love, they will eventually get to know the genuine article.

We can only add that Emily's obvious jealousy of the children's affection for their father is an indication that her own love for them is somewhat tainted by insincerity. To the degree that she looks upon these children as a "compensation and consolation" her love has a selfish motivation and is damaging to herself and the children. A child who is brought up to be "compensation" to a parent knows that he has been given an unfair burden and will resent it either openly or in hidden ways.

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## 4-H CLUB NEWS

### Sis-Q Guide Dog Club

Meeting and obedience trials of the Sis-Q Guide Dog Club were held in the Ashland YMCA building March 17. Mrs. Gibbs was present to judge the dogs in obedience. Those entered in the puppy class were Nyla Murray with Zaundra, Clifford Bradshaw with Zack, and Patricia Knapp with Zeno.

In the older class, over 8 months, were Janet Issi with Raven, Denny Ritter with Reve, Mary Lee Gray with Rita, Lee Jackson with Rhea, Sharon Rodrick with Meg, Dale Mitchell with Vanguard, and Howard Glascock with Vidor.

Another trial may be held at a later date. Several visitors were present and we would like to remind the public that they are always welcome. The next meeting will be held March 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ashland YMCA. Lee Jackson, Reporter.

### RECORD CORN CROPS

Washington —UPI— Government officials expect farmers to shuck around 550 million bushels of their 1958-crop corn under Federal shelters by May 31. This would be an estimated 182 million bushel increase from 1957 and would equal the 1948-49 record.

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