

Passenger Traffic Increases During June at Local Airport

Passenger traffic at the Medford airport increased by 517 during the month of June over the same period a year ago, according to the monthly report of municipal activities by City Manager Robert A. Duff. A total of 7,100 passengers was reported.

For the same period, 5,493 landings and take-offs were reported at the airport and 29,746 pounds of air freight were handled. The city received a total of \$3,536.22 in revenues from airport building and land rentals, landing fees, and other miscellaneous items, according to the report.

During June the city's building department issued 154 permits with a total valuation of \$1,038,070. Fees collected amounted to \$3,939.60.

Single Family Dwellings

New single family dwellings accounted for the highest number of permits with a valuation of \$289,800, while six new businesses accounted for \$590,400 in valuation, the highest category.

Municipal court received \$3,824.25 in fines during the month for 544 violations. Im-

proper parking, which accounted for \$255.25, was reported in 121 cases to lead the list of violations.

Eighty-five violations of the basic rule resulted in \$870 in fines and was followed by 48 citations for overtime parking.

Five violators of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, netted \$450 in fines, while \$363 was received for 42 violations of drunk in public.

Further breakdown in the municipal court violations and fines included 34, disobeyed traffic signal, \$325; 32, no operator's license, \$147.50; 14, failed to yield right of way to a vehicle, \$262.50; and 7, illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, \$245.

During June, the city engineering department completed construction of the sanitary sewers on State and Olympic sts. in Mont Crest park.

Construction on the Kenwood-Grandview sewer system was reported as 95 per cent completed with construction on the Berrydale sanitary sewer, which started in May,

reported progressing on schedule.

Street paving construction was completed on Alameda st. between Olympic to Morrison sts.; Eastwood dr. and Eureka circle in the Earhart park subdivision; State st. between Morrison and Olympic sts.; and Siskiyou blvd. in the Earhart subdivision.

Construction Started

Construction was started on curbs and gutters at the municipal airport, with street paving starting on Beekman st. and reported 60 per cent completed on Olympic st. Eight st. curbs from Bear creek to East Main st. were

also completed, it was reported.

During the month, the fire department responded to 70 alarms in the city with 8 alarms reported in the rural district.

Within the city, 11 alarms were in dwellings, 16 were trash or grass fires, 3 car fires, 7 miscellaneous fires, and 26 gasoline spills flushed. The department also stood by once at the airport and one false alarm was reported.

In Rural Area

Within the rural area, one barn, one garage, two dwellings, two grass fires, and one child rescue were reported.

The department also gave mutual aid once to the Central Point Rural Fire department.

During June the board of directors of the Medford rural fire protective district met jointly with the rural budget committee and adopted the proposed budget.

Bids were opened June 17 for fire apparatus which will be studied and a report made at a later date.

Attends Conference

During the month, Chief Gordon Barker attended the annual conference of Oregon Fire Chiefs at Eugene and Assistant Chief Earl Harrison

attended a seminar in Portland sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission.

One fireman resigned, the first in four years, and was replaced by a fireman on a temporary basis since the civil service eligible list did not carry the name of any persons who desired appointment at this time, the report showed. An examination to create a new list for firemen and captains will be held Aug. 1.

The fire marshal made 55 inspections during the month and issued 57 orders for the removal of fire hazards. There were 873 fire permits issued.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

The Praying Mantis 'Preys' on Other Insects

A never-satisfied appetite, along with a mean and deceitful disposition, is a terrible combination. Perhaps this is what makes Mrs. Rearhorse the worst sort of cannibal. For she's a character whose cannibalistic tendencies prompts her to eat her children if they are in her way, or her husband - and right on his "wedding night," too.

This tropical insect which has lately even invaded non-tropical regions, is certainly peculiar in many ways. Of course, not all peoples who have come in contact with the "rearhorse" call it that. Scientifically it is a mantis, or more commonly designated as a "praying mantis," not because it prays, but only because its general resting position is slightly significant of a "prayerful attitude."

known to deliberately wait at a flower for a bee or some other insect to approach, then the "rearhorse" impales the luckless victim with its greatly enlarged, spine-armed forelegs. Once seized, the insect is pulled to the creature's mouth, which is located on the underside of the head like that of the shark.

The mouth is equipped with powerful biting mandibles. The head of the "rearhorse" is triangular, with black, prominent eyes that have a strangely intelligent look. This insect possesses the peculiar ability of turning its head, unusual in insects, but made possible because the head is attached to a distinct neck.

The female praying mantis is often three or more inches long with a slender body whose color usually matches her surroundings. She is nearly invisible in the leaves where she hides.

The position of the body gives the insect the appearance of "rearing," hence the name "rearhorse." Some unfortunates believe the insect can "spit saliva" and is believed to "kill mules," so they call the mantis, "the mulekiller." However the "rearhorse" is harmless to people or to mules.

Because of its appetite for insects, and the great number necessary to satisfy its hunger, probably came the reason for the belief that it was against the law to kill one. But there's nothing on the law books about not killing them.

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Borate Assists In Controlling Fire

Five plane loads of borate slurry were dropped on a forest fire near Hildebrand by planes of the Medford Air Service late Thursday.

Officials of the Klamath Forest Protective association had requested assistance from the Rogue River national forest personnel, local forest service officials reported.

About 30,000 pounds of the chemical were dropped. The fire, which twice jumped out of control in two days, was reported completely contained by fire trails early Friday. It has burned more than 2,600 acres of timber and brush.

It was reported that the fire still was in danger of breaking out again if a shift or increase in wind occurred.

Another 300-acre blaze on the Klamath Indian reservation was in the mop-up stage and 12 separate fires in the Klamath Falls area since since Tuesday have burned 3,000 acres.

Washington—(UP)—Congressional conferees have agreed on a compromise \$3,556,200,000 foreign aid authorization bill.

APPLEGATE VALLEY Pre-Fair Set at School

By MAUDE ZIEGLER

Applegate Valley-The Applegate Valley 4-H pre-fair will be held at Ruch school grounds Friday, July 31, beginning at 10 a.m. Livestock exhibited will include sheep, hogs, dairy and beef, and home economics clubs will display cooking and sewing, according to Mrs. Harlan Cantrall. There also will be judging contests.

Mrs. Fred Straube will be in charge of the lunch, and all voluntary assistance with the lunch will be welcome, the leaders say. A good turnout is expected for the fair, which is alternated annually between Ruch and Applegate.

ing trip to Willow Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivah Uhr and grandson, Eric Uhr, have returned to Mancherle, Wash., after spending two weeks here as guests of their daughter, Mrs. Clifford Jones. The visitors went camping at Squaw lake, and visited at Diamond Lake and in Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Leon Offenbacher and sister, Mrs. Norma Lugenbeel of Grants Pass made a 10-day trip to Los Angeles and other areas recently, where they visited relatives. They also visited Dr. and Mrs. Robert Tolle, former residents of this area, and were accompanied on their return by the Tolle's daughter, Christine, who will remain here for several weeks.

Prompt Payment Procedure Noted

Prompt payment of social security benefits is the number one objective of every district office, according to Edward Jacobson, district manager of the Medford social security office.

To accomplish this objective, all persons should contact their local office within 90 days before they actually retire or become eligible for benefits.

Early filing of claims will give the district office and the claimants ample time to establish necessary earnings information and required proofs. This advance filing procedure permits certification of the claim for payment, and the issuance of benefit checks at the earliest possible date.

Jacobson suggested that claimants bring proof of 1958 earnings and proof of age, if available, on their first visit to the district office. Early receipt of this information may further reduce the waiting period between filing and payment of benefit checks.

George Liberace To Pay Alimony

Indio, Calif. — (UP) — Band leader George Liberace, brother of the famed pianist, must pay his wife \$500 a month alimony pending hearing of her divorce suit.

The violinist and his wife, Jayne, both appeared in court here Friday but didn't speak to each other.

Mrs. Liberace filed suit July 1 charging George with cruelty. They have been married more than seven years.

Mrs. Liberace also won exclusive use of their Palm Springs home.

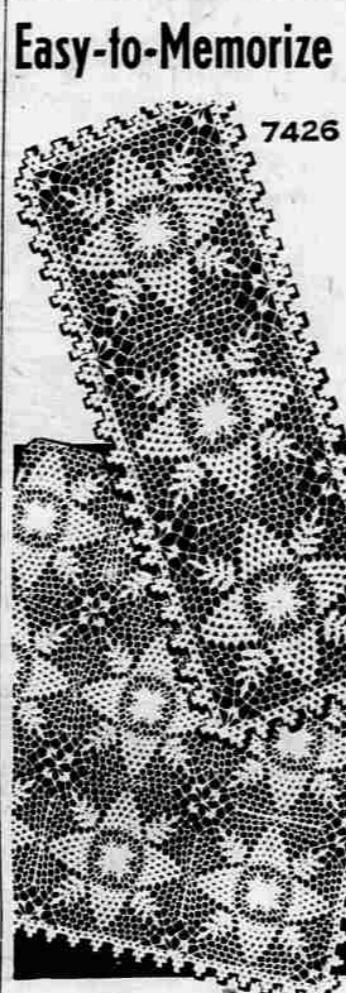
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Fencing on Pools Required by Bill

An ordinance requiring the fencing of privately-owned swimming pools in the city, "sufficient to make such pool inaccessible to small children," was passed by the city council last night.

The ordinance applies to all "excavated or portable swimming pools, fish ponds, or other artificial bodies of water 18 inches or more in depth."

Compliance with the ordinance must be made within 60 days of its effective date. The effective date of an ordinance customarily is 10 days after it is passed by the council.

The motion before the council last night called for a four-foot high fence or wall around pools but Councilman Al Bradford, Ward II, asked for an amendment lowering the required height to three feet.

Bradford said that many private pools are on the front or side of residences and that a four-foot fence might be unsightly. He suggested that a three-foot fence would be just as efficient. The motion as amended was passed unanimously.

An employee in the building department estimated that there are about 50 pools in Medford.

Klamath Falls—(UP)—It is estimated by Great Northern railway that its single track across the Lake Ewuna trees, which burned Thursday, will be back in operation within a week.

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