



WELCOME TO MEDFORD — Fred Morlan, official Kiwanis club host (center), greets Mrs. Dorothy Jean Chase of Eugene, "Mrs. Oregon" for the Centennial year, at Medford airport. Mrs. Chase's visit here this week end for appearances at the Kiwanis county fair was sponsored by Big Pines Lumber company and Purucker's Music store. Next to Morlan, smiling up at Mrs. Chase, is Mrs. Howard Phillips of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. Jack Strong of Purucker's and Robert E. Klumph of Big Pines are at the left and right respectively.

Car Vapor Blast Fatal to Woman; Husband Injured

Newport —UPI— Mrs. Alvis Westrand, about 40, of Newport, was killed Friday afternoon and her 48-year-old husband was seriously burned when leaking vapor from bottled gas in the trunk of their car seeped forward and exploded.

Mrs. Westrand was trapped in the back seat of the car and died almost instantly. Westrand escaped from the car.

The accident occurred at a Newport tire firm operated by Dave Lonergan on Highway 20. Lonergan said Mr. and Mrs. Westrand had stopped to pick up some tires they had purchased earlier in the day.

Jim Puetz, a service station operator two blocks from the scene of the accident, said the car had pulled off the highway about five minutes before the explosion with vapor coming out of the trunk. Puetz said the driver got out of the car and took out a five-gallon size bottled gas tank and closed the valve, stopping the vapor. The driver then put the gas tank back into the trunk got in the car and drove off.

Mrs. Westrand is survived by her husband and a five-year-old son.

4-H Club News

Phoenix Saddlelites 4-H Horse Club
A meeting of the Phoenix Saddlelites was held Aug. 12, at the home of Susan Griffin. An over night ride for Aug. 28 and 29 was discussed. Last minute plans were made for the 4-H Fair. Plans to entertain another 4-H club at a swimming party and dinner were made. The club received an invitation from Mrs. A. A. Griffin for a ride and banquet at the next meeting on Sept. 12. Diane Hittle, Reporter.

Happy Stitchers Sewing Club
Members of the Happy Stitchers Sewing 4-H club met during the week of Aug. 10 and finished their aprons and pot holders for the fair. Members also worked on record books so they would be finished for the fair. Cheryl Becker, Reporter.

Sen. Yturri Calls Highway Meeting

Salem —UPI— State Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) said Saturday the legislative highway interim committee of which he is chairman will meet Friday, Aug. 28, at 10 a.m. in the state office building in Portland.

Yturri said representatives from the highway department will be on hand to discuss and answer questions relating to the landscaping and tourist promotion and advertising

Haircut Price Cut By Union Effective

Albany —UPI— A one-day haircut price war came to an end here Friday.

Union barbers, who had trimmed the price of a haircut to \$1 in a move to force six other shops to raise prices from \$1.50 to \$1.75, ended the price war.

Garner Pool, secretary-treasurer of the union local, said Friday night the other shops agreed to boost prices to \$1.75 union standard rate.

Open House Set at Illinois Valley High

Cave Junction—Open house for the high school pupils and parents from Jerome Prairie district will be held at the Illinois Valley High school Tuesday, Aug. 25.

A special bus will provide transportation leaving Jerome Prairie at 7:30 p.m. and arriving at the high school about 8:15 p.m.

The purpose of the open house is to give pupils and parents an opportunity to view the school and its facilities and to meet the teaching staff. Principals Wes Peters with members of the teaching staff will greet the visitors.

Walla Walla, the name of a city in Washington state, means "many waters" in Indian.

programs that are carried on in Oregon.

Citizens' Air Pollution Committee Hears Reports on Problem, What Is Being Done

A stable air mass created by a temperature "inversion" similar to that found in Los Angeles was pointed to Friday night as a prime factor in Medford's air pollution problem by Robert Church, meteorologist in charge of the local weather bureau.

Church addressed more than 50 persons at an organizational meeting for a citizens' committee on air pollution, held at the county courthouse.

Weather bureau meteorologist Stanley J. Lacy explained that a temperature inversion occurs when air in the valley is colder than air higher up — two or three thousand feet higher.

The warmer air in effect acts as a lid, clamping down on the valley air, which cannot escape. At such times Medford is blanketed with a stable, unmoving — and often, irritating — mass of air.

It takes either a hot day or a storm to stir up the sluggish air, Lacy explained. He added that such a stable air mass is more likely to be trapped in the valley during the cooler times of the year.

Efforts Should Be Made
Those at the meeting all seemed in agreement that public efforts should be made to thwart nature's apparent smoggy plans for the Rogue valley.

Medford Lawyer Bruce

Manley, serving as temporary chairman for the citizens' group, suggested that the group at this stage should engage in fact-finding. "When we know the facts," he said, "something can be worked out."

John Hale Foster, Medford stock broker, keynoted the group's purpose, stressing that it should try to "aid and assist, rather than condemn and convict."

He said that pollutants enter the air not just from the fruit and lumber industries but also from junk yards, from automobile exhaust and from individual trash burning.

"There is responsible management of industry in the Rogue valley," Foster said, "and it is cognizant of the problem."

He added that the group had no intentions of trying to deter industry from entering the valley.

Just Beginning
Foster named Eugene as a city that had faced an air pollution problem with some

LEARNS ABOUT HIMSELF
St. Louis (UPI)—Harry E. Henson, 27, heard that police were looking for him, so he dropped down to headquarters to find out why. "I found out," Henson said on Friday after they arrested him for passing bar checks.

measure of success and said that Medford is just beginning to do what Eugene began to do eight or nine years ago.

He said that he has spoken with the air pollution control officer in Eugene and that the officer hopes to meet with the group in the future.

Dunbar Carpenter, local orchardist representing the fruit industry at the meeting, said that fruit-growers in the area are willing to do "just as much" as they can.

He said that they are trying to adopt a program to improve the situation regarding the type of heater used for smudging. He said that there is no such thing as a smokeless heater; there are only heaters that produce less smoke.

The purchase of these heaters, he said, entails "considerable" additional cost.

Economic Factor
An economic factor was also mentioned by S. V. McQueen of Kogap Manufacturing company. He said that the only means the lumber companies have to dispose of waste products is by burning.

McQueen said that progress is being made in the utilization of waste products, and that "it is not necessary to have ordinances and policemen forcing progressive plants to utilize their waste products, because costs make them do it."

He said that one problem faced by local lumber con-

cerns is that Medford is a long ways from the consuming markets and that it is difficult to overcome the freight costs of shipping chips to pulp mills and paper plants.

He emphasized, however, that each year shows an increase in the amount of waste that is put to use rather than burned.

Committee Chairmen

Some committee chairmen were named by the group. They are:

Health, Roy Lomborg; lumber, Mrs. L. E. Matheus; fruit, Miss Anna Streed and Mrs. Robert Beyer; municipal, William Doernbach; county, Bruce Manley; civic organizations, Mrs. H. P. Bosworth Jr.

Also present at the meeting were Medford City Manager Roebert Duff, County Horticultural Agent C. B. Cordy, T. M. Gerow Jr. of Grants Pass, district sanitary engineer for

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the Oregon state sanitary authority, and Donald Kent, Medford city air pollution officer.

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citizens' group has not yet been scheduled.

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