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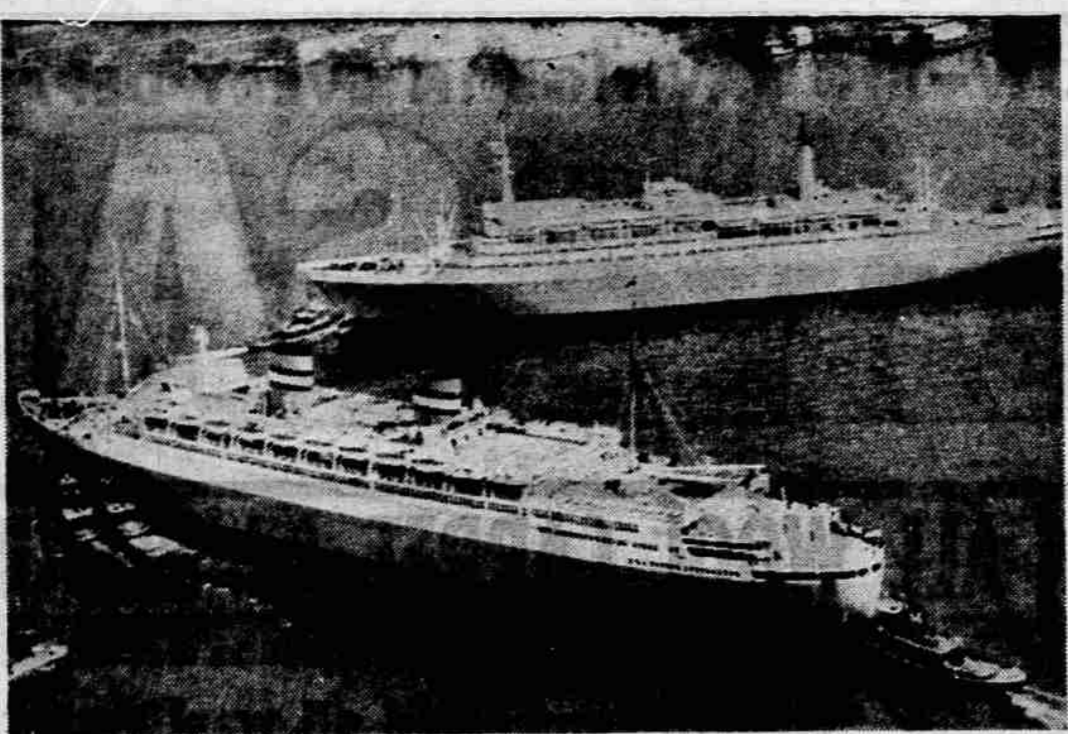
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**Slash Burning in Area About Done**

Slash burning operations in the Rogue River National forest this year are nearing completion, according to Carroll E. Brown, forest supervisor. In each of the six districts of the forest, district rangers assisted by other forest service personnel and logging crews, have been burning recently logged areas of unmerchantable debris to reduce the forest fire hazard. The work is done under controlled conditions under previously prepared plans, Brown noted. The supervisor emphasized that controlled burning of logging slash is necessary to prevent the occurrence of accidental wild fires in the highly flammable material during the dry summer months. He said 1,800 acres of slash has been burned since operations started in mid-September. Burning is expected to be completed by the end of this month.

**Science Program Starts at RRHS**

Rogue River—The travelling science program in this area got under way at Rogue River High school last week. Les Weigart, former teacher at Rogue River and Grants Pass, will spend one week working with instructors and students in the field of biology. The program is supported by the National Science Foundation with the University of Oregon as the center of the Northwest area consisting of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Utah.

**Eagle Point Residents To Vote Monday on Bond Issue**

Eagle Point-Registered voters in Eagle Point will vote at a special election tomorrow on a \$130,000 bond issue to help finance construction of a sanitary sewer system for Eagle Point.

Voting will be at the Eagle Point High school gymnasium between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The proposed sewer system and oxidation pond will take care of two to three times as many people as the city now has, Mayor Ed Putman and the council noted.

The proposal stems from requests by the state that the city install a sewer system because the present lack of an adequate disposal system is a health hazard.

**Consulting Engineers** J. W. Cunningham and Associates, consulting engineers, estimated the total cost of the project about \$164,300. However, the city of Eagle Point added \$5,700 for contingencies, bringing the total estimated cost to \$170,000.

Of that total, however, Putman pointed out, only \$130,000 will be subject to approval by the voters for general obligation bonds. The remainder of the proposed sewer system would be financed through other means.

Engineers estimated it would cost \$76,500 to construct the sewer system to the city limits, including all laterals, truck, manholes, cleanouts, and other facilities. Outside the city limits, the proposed sewer system costs are: Outfall to pump, \$11,000; pump station, \$15,500; sewer line, pump to pond, \$15,500; pond and fence, \$22,000; and

contingencies, \$12,800. Land for the pond site will cost an estimated \$11,000 the engineers said.

**General Experience** Councilmen said that it has been the general experience of other communities engaged in similar projects that consulting engineers tend to be cautious in estimates, and in many cases actual bids received sometimes are somewhat lower than the original estimates.

Of the total estimated cost, \$40,000 is a tentative amount which the city hopes to pay under the Bancroft act. Bancroft bonds are 10-year bonds figures to be assessed on a front foot basis. Figuring about 30,000 front feet to be assessed in Eagle Point, the council noted, this would figure out to about \$1.35 per front foot, if the individual elects to pay cash, or about 10 cents per front foot per year if the 10-year plan is used.

Another \$18,000 is estimated to come from hook-up charges, the council said. Hook-up charge for the school will be \$1,500 and for about 220 residences at \$75 per residence the charges will amount to about \$16,500.

**Charge on Water Bills** The council noted that the majority of Eagle Point residents who have been paying the \$2.50 charge appearing on water bills for some time will have more than two-thirds of their \$75 hook-up charge already paid.

While originally general obligation bonds of \$130,000 will be sold, the \$18,000 will reduce the amount of such bonds to be paid over a 20-year period to \$112,000.

The engineers estimated that the \$112,000 in obligation bonds at 5 1/2 per cent interest would equal a about \$770.47 per month over the 20-year period. Monthly receipts would be an estimated \$525, including the deduction for maintenance costs of \$75. The deficiency per month is estimated to be \$245.47.

**Deficiency Paid** The \$245 per month deficiency could be paid for by about a 7.5 mill tax increase, the council noted. The city, the council added, is eligible for \$23,000 in federal aid, which if it is obtained, it should eliminate the millage increase.

The council noted that the oxidation pond was chosen instead of a disposal plant because from all information available, the ponds are just as satisfactory as the disposal plants, and the initial cost is much lower. Maintenance costs also are a fraction of those for a disposal plant, councilmen said.

If the bond issue is approved, the council said it intends to enact an ordinance requiring within a reasonable length of time after completion of the sewer that all residences, house trailers and businesses be required to connect with the sewer.

The council pointed out that the consulting engineers retained have had considerable experience and are considered

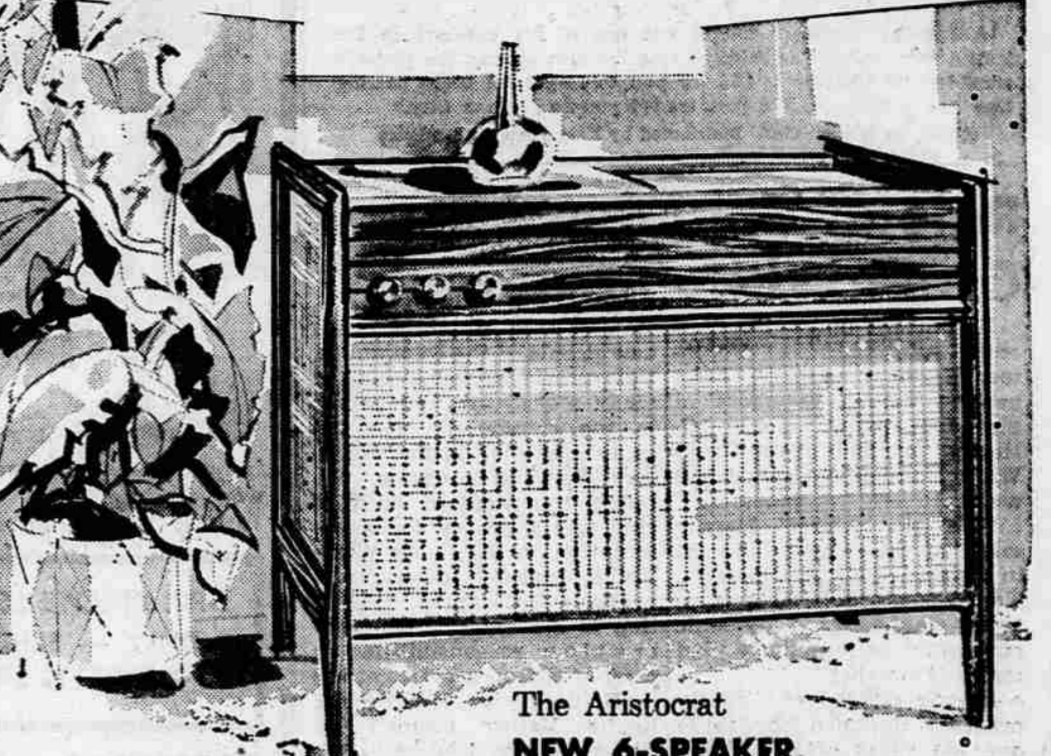
**California Men Are Arrested for Theft**

Theft of a coin changing machine early this month from the Koin-O-Matic laundry was cleared up with the arrest Thursday of Michael Leslie Brown, 18, of Ontario, Calif., and Robert Owen Zurcher, 19, Los Angeles, Calif., according to Medford police.

**LAUNCH 'LAST' SUB**

Pasagoula, Miss.—The Navy's last non-atomic submarine, the USS Blueback, was launched here Thursday. The two men were charged with the theft of a machine valued at \$125 and \$33 in change from the laundry at 512 West Sixth st., Medford.

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