



**NEW JUNIOR HIGH**—Work on Ashland's new million-dollar junior high school was reported on schedule last week as workmen strived to complete the project by Sept. 1. Graff and James are general contractors and architects

are James L. Payne and Wayne Struble. The contract was for \$842,841 and the Ashland school district has estimated the cost of furnishings about \$105,000 and groundwork approximately \$50,000.

### National Forest Awarded Trophy For Few Accidents

The Rogue River National forest has been awarded the regional forester's safety trophy for 1959 for having the lowest accident frequency rate over a weighted four-year average, according to C. E. Brown, forest supervisor.

Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone awards the trophy annually to the forest supervisor at the annual supervisor's meeting in April.

Last year there were no lost-time accidents on the Rogue River forest. The award is based on 60 per cent for the current year, that is 1959, and 40 per cent of the average frequency rate for the three preceding years. The award is currently held by the Siuslaw National forest at Corvallis.

Accident prevention is a continuing program in which every one from the supervisor to the laborer participate in actively, Brown added.

"We are not necessarily trying to set a record, but we are interested in preventing injury to persons and the hardships that follow," he said.

One part of the safety program, of which we are not proud, is that of motor vehicle accidents. During 1959 the Rogue River Forest had 17 of these accidents resulting from dented fenders to total demerit of a vehicle. Fortunately no one was injured in these accidents. We are continuing our driver education program, and setting a goal of no lost-time accidents and no motor vehicle accidents during 1960," Brown said.

### National Senior Citizens Week To Be Observed in Area in May

National Senior Citizens Week will be observed in Jackson county May 22 through May 28, the Rogue Valley Council on Aging voted last week.

Special events to honor and entertain older men and women will be planned during the week, and churches, granges, clubs, lodges and other organizations have been asked to participate in the observance.

Suggestions for observing the week will be welcomed by Frank Glonning, chairman of the valley council, and John Gribble, secretary, at the Senior Activity Center, 601 Jackson st., Medford, council members said.

#### Delegates Selected

Six delegates were selected at the meeting last week to attend the United Medford Crusade's annual dinner Thursday night. The council is a member of the UMC.

Glonning reported on a senior center established in Columbus, Ohio, through the cooperation of the city council and the use of Federal Housing authority plan for building a community center for a housing project.

The council discussed the possibility of following such a plan to construct an adequate building on the present property to house all senior activities with provisions for a recreation room where 50 plus clubs could meet.

#### Report on Map Survey

Mrs. Harry Fuller reported on a map survey being made which will show the location of all homes of those participating in the Senior Activity Center's program and 50 plus club activities. The survey is being made to ascertain if the present location is the best to serve older residents.

Dr. Frank Roberts, recreation chairman, reported that transportation difficulties are keeping many people from participating in center activities and 50 plus club events. The number of persons participating could be doubled, he said, if transportation were provided.

Service clubs have helped the membership of the Eugene center, he said, and have provided transportation for wheel chair patients from nursing homes to organization activities.

#### Special Service Citations

Citations for special service to the council's program were approved for Mrs. Pearl Spackman for her public support and Edward Root, music director, who has developed an orchestra and conducts orchestra classes at the center.

State Conference on Aging plans were discussed by Mrs. Fred Rankin, member of the program committee of the state council. The state conference will be held in Salem starting April 28.

#### Workshops Planned

Rogue Valley Council members who have been asked to serve in panel discussions in the three community service and organization workshops include Glonning and James Pullman, community organization, with Miss Elizabeth Breckenridge as moderator; Mrs. Chester Guehes, social services, with Donald Sutcliffe as moderator; Dr. Roberts on the free time activities panel with Clayton Anderson as moderator and Mrs. Harry Fuller as recorder.

Twenty workshops are planned for the week.

### Auto-Truck Crash Claims 2nd Victim

Burley—UPI—An auto-truck collision claimed its second life Saturday. The victim was a 3-year-old boy.

The boy, Allan Wayne Spaulding, died at Cottage Grove hospital in Burley where he was taken Friday after the wreck. Also killed in the mishap was his mother, Mrs. Shirley Spaulding, 20.

#### SUGAR PRODUCTION

Nyssa—UPI—The Amalgamated Sugar company factory here produced 175,367,800 pounds of sugar in 1959-60, second largest in its history. The production is equivalent to more than 100 pounds per person in Oregon.

ned for the state conference covering all areas of need for older people, Mrs. Rankin said. Findings of the state conference will be sent to the White House Conference scheduled in January, 1961.

Omar Bacon, librarian of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County, described a book mailing service provided at the Huntington, W. Va., library. The council voted to request such service here if possible and indicated it would promote its use throughout the county for elderly people who can not get to the library.

Col. C. A. Williams, chairman of the employment com-

mittee, reported on recent hearings held by the Oregon labor commission on the interpretation of the new law against discrimination by employers toward elderly people.

#### Auto Plunges Into Creek; No One Hurt

Salem—UPI—An automobile carrying two persons went off Airport road Friday night and plunged into Mill creek near the state penitentiary. Neither the driver, Dolores Eileen Evon, Portland, nor her passenger, Ernest Grover Lane of Travis Air Force Base, Calif., was injured.



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