

Rogue River Rural Fire Department Buys New Truck

Rogue River - The Rogue River rural fire department will have a new tanker-pumper combination fire engine in the near future, Assistant Fire Chief Douglas L. Buckle has reported.

The rural fire protection board of directors has awarded the contract to Coast Apparatus Inc., Martinez, Calif. The custom built vehicle will be mounted on a General Motors chassis with a V-8 engine of 165 horsepower.

The tank of 800 gallon capacity will be made of hot dipped galvanized steel to ensure freedom from rust. It also includes twin electric reels for easier handling of booster hoses, one 2 1/2-inch hose connection on each side and one 1 1/2-inch connection at the rear for maximum efficiency, Buckle said.

There will be also one 3-inch suction hose connection at each side, and one at the front of the truck for greater water availability. All controls are grouped at the panel on the left side for one-man control of all functions. A two-stage pump, capable of 250 gallons per minute at 150-pound pressure and high pressure fog at 600 pounds pressure will cover various fire-fighting requirements, he explained.

The fire truck will be equipped with the latest type of electronic siren which can be converted to a super loud speaker for any emergency such as flood warning. All other necessary equipment such as lights, ladders, extinguishers and booster hose will be supplied by the builders.

"This truck was specially designed to help overcome the manpower shortage inasmuch as it will be a complete department by itself," according to the assistant fire chief.

More volunteer firemen are needed, especially during daylight hours, Buckle said.

The apparatus will be acquired under a rental-lease-purchase agreement. No additional funds will be raised through higher taxation, the assistant chief explained. Current revenue plus additional revenue from a contemplated addition of territory to the district will finance the new equipment, Buckle said.

Payment in full should be completed in 5 1/2 years after delivery, expected within 90 to 120 days.

SOC Graduation Scheduled June 5

Ashland - The 34th annual commencement exercises for Southern Oregon college will be held Sunday, June 5, beginning with an alumni breakfast in the college commons at 8 a.m., according to Mrs. Mabel W. Winston, dean of women and general chairman of the event.

Baccalaureate services will be conducted in Churchill hall auditorium at 9:30 a.m. with seniors and faculty scheduled to line up at 9:20 a.m. for the procession.

Traditional commencement exercises will begin at 4 p.m. in Lithia park with Dr. George Glen Kendall, president of Chico State college, presenting the main address.

Open house for graduating seniors will be at the home of President and Mrs. Elmo N. Stevenson, 610 Elkader st. from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and the reception for seniors, parents, friends, and faculty will follow the commencement exercises at the park.

4-H NEWS

Mt. Wagner Saddle Tramps

The Mt. Wagner Saddle Tramps 4-H club held their last meeting at Judy Bagley's home. Record books were handed out, and we had a test on the parts of a wagon, saddle and harness. After the meeting was adjourned, refreshments were served.

Starlene Wilkins, Reporter

Eagle Point Needle Crafts

The Eagle Point Needle Crafts 4-H club was held in the high school recently.

We had our mother's day tea. The girls served soft drinks, tea and punch. Mrs. Huffman invited Miss Norma Hague. She talked about 4-H work.

Mary Kathryn Sanders, Reporter

Mobile, Ala. - OPE - The city-county personnel board said Saturday it would decide next week if community center director George Jones was justified in firing Evelyn Cooper on the ground that "her everlasting talking takes up most of her working time and keeps her from doing any tangible work."

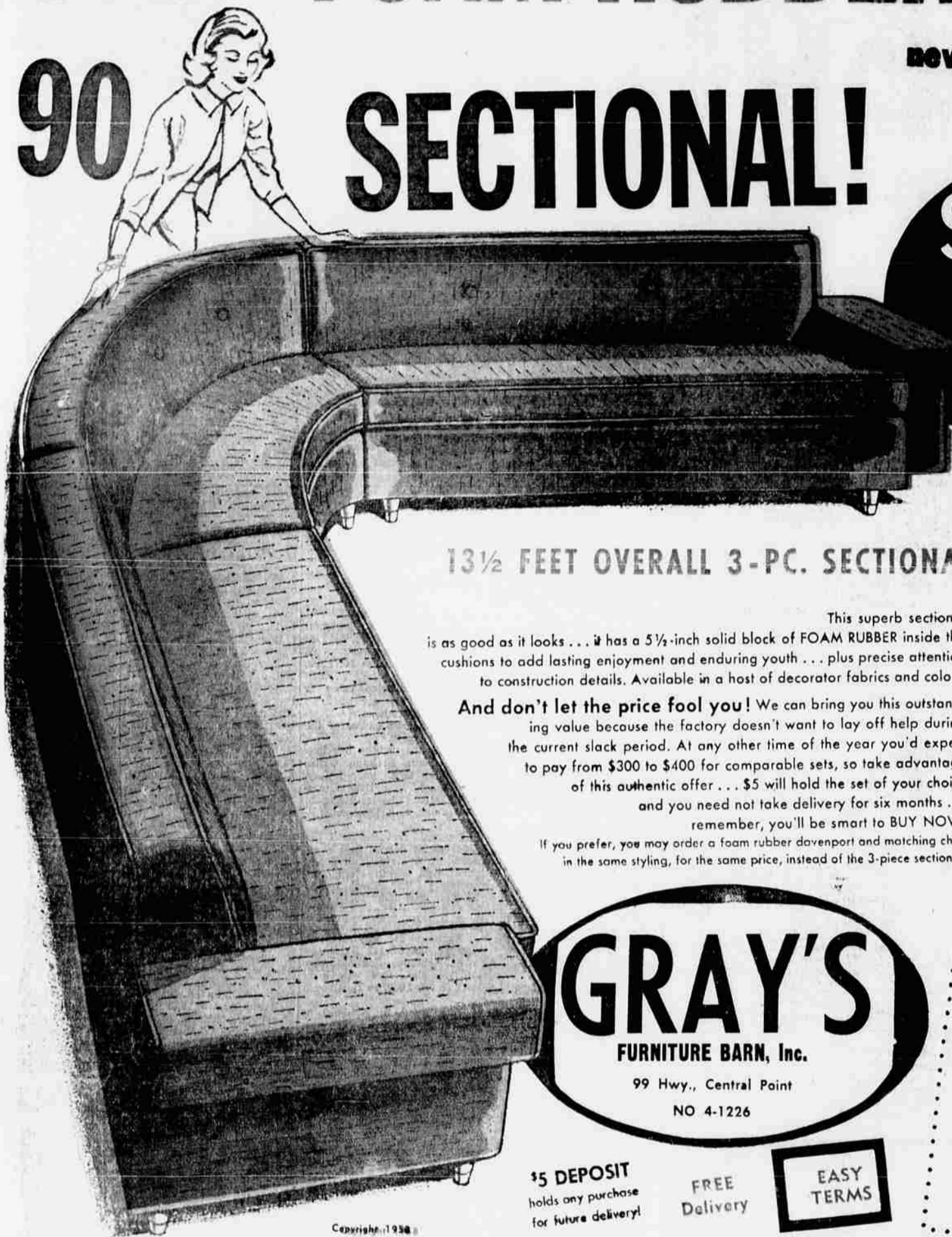
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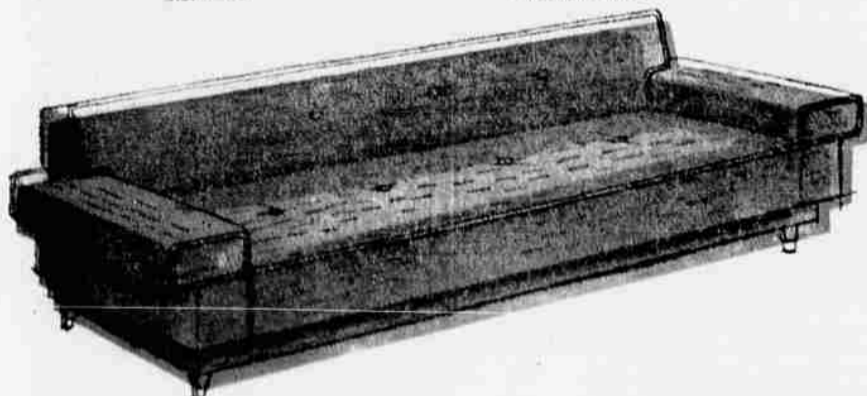
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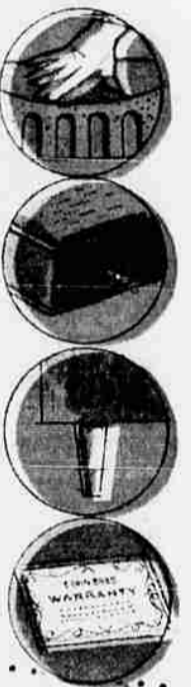
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