

# Out on a Limb

By BOB WALTERS

## A Rift in Ashland?

Down in Ashland, a lot of people seem to think relations between their city council and school board aren't quite as good as they should be.

That's a polite way of saying they're lousy. This may or may not be true. From what I've seen and heard, however, it holds on at least one issue—extension of a street to provide access to the city's new million-dollar junior high school.

Two streets, Iowa and Quincy, have been considered. The board wants to extend Iowa and the council favors Quincy. Also involved is a third "group," apparently in some sort of "advisory" capacity—Southern Oregon college.

The rift, if there is one, was opened about 16 months ago when the school board was looking for a site for the new school. Board members were making inquiries pretty much on the Q.T. because they didn't want prices to skyrocket.

When it found a desirable site, the board checked with the city superintendent to see if adequate street, water and sewage facilities were available or could be made available. The superintendent said "yes."

At about that time, during one of its twice-monthly meetings, the council discussed the board's activities in connection with finding a site for the school. At least one councilman took a dim view of the board's methods and, consequently, a story in the Ashland newspaper the following day gave many people, especially one school board member, the impression that the council was trying to run the board's business.

Things started popping. The board member, who was then chairman, called the councilman who allegedly had made the statements and proceeded to burn his ears for a few minutes. They supposedly ironed out their differences shortly thereafter, but whether anything was solved is, to put it mildly, debatable. Then came the business of extending a street, an issue which still is very much unresolved.

Where does the college fit in? Well, it seems the powers that be at SOC want to build a 10,000-seat stadium on college-owned land in that same area and extension of Iowa st. just does not fit into their plans. One Ashland official—I'll call him "a highly reliable source," since that's exactly what he is—says the college at first gave its verbal "promise" not to oppose extension of Iowa. About two months ago, however, SOC pulled an about-face and came out for extension of Quincy.

The city planning commission then recommended extension of Quincy and the council quickly gave its tentative approval.

And that's where it stood until one Ashland resident, Parker Hess, began wondering what was going on. Since he lives in the area concerned, he felt he had a right to know. So Mr. Hess attended the June 21 council meeting and proceeded to ask a few questions and state a few of his views. Among other things, he said the college was being "heavy-handed" in its methods of planning a stadium, that property holders in the area were worried about what was going to happen and that extension of Quincy had been approved by the council "for selfish interests, for the college."

A stadium for SOC would be "fine," Hess said, but he added that "I don't think we should build all of Ashland around the college."

The council decided to give the matter further study. At its next meeting, held July 5, it was told by the city superintendent that Lithia Lumber company, owner of the property through which Iowa st. would be extended, was not at all interested in selling.

The council decided to keep studying. I'm told that several Ashland residents are circulating petitions favoring extension of Iowa because they feel extension of Quincy would hurt home owners in that area. It should be pointed out that extension of Iowa would come close to, but would not touch, college property.

And from all indications the college might not be able to build its stadium for perhaps another decade. Councilman Don Lewis, SOC's business manager, said at the June 21 council session that the college "can't pinpoint a spot for a stadium" because "we don't know ourselves—we don't have the money."

Meanwhile, work on the new junior high is nearing completion and nearly 700 students are expected this fall. An access route is needed—no official has opposed that. The problem is selecting one.

Last Monday night the school board voted to call for a formal meeting with the council to discuss the problem. A school official says the board wants "to go on record" with its reasons for favoring Iowa st.

This might be interpreted as putting the council on the spot. At any rate, the council is expected to reply to the board's "invitation" at its meeting in city hall tomorrow night. It could be interesting.

## CP Manager Moves To New Building

Central Point—Moving into offices of city hall in the new \$14,444 City Center building are city manager Lyle Paul and his staff. The new offices at 250 East Pine will occupy the east side of the building with the library on the west. The police department has also moved from its former location in the old city hall into the building formerly used by the library. The buildings have been joined, making one building house city hall, library, fire and police departments.

All departments are now in use although work on the building has not been completed. A dedication service will be held upon completion. New hours for the city hall are from 9 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Dr. Durno Will Speak At Eagle Point Grange

Dr. Edwin Durno, candidate for Congress from the Fourth Congressional district, will speak at the combined meetings of the Eagle Point and Lake Creek granges on Aug. 2, the grange officials have announced.

Dr. Durno will speak about the Republican convention at 8 p.m. in the Eagle Point grange hall. Grange officials have invited the public to attend.

## Shakespeare Festival

Central Point—Forty-five students from Crater High school, Central Point, will attend the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, according to information released by the festival box office.

The group, under the leadership of Bill Russell, will attend the festival July 29 and will see "The Taming of the Shrew."



TOGETHER AGAIN—Charles A. Kell, 79, long time resident who pioneered the garage and service station business in Gold Hill, shows his brother, John Kell, 81, pictures of his seven children in a family album. When the two brothers last saw each other 53 years ago, they each had only two children. John Kell is the father of ten children.

## Brothers Reunited After 53 Years

By MARY KELL  
Mail Tribune Correspondent  
Gold Hill — Charles A. Kell, 79, of Gold Hill, and his brother, John Kell, 81, from Blyth, Calif., had a lot to talk about when John visited here recently. The two brothers had not seen each other since they were young men, fifty-three years ago in March of 1907, when Charles left Eros, La., to come to Gold Hill.

John, the eldest of six, planned to leave Los Angeles, Calif., by jet airplane following his visit here with Charles. He planned to fly to Michigan to visit the other three brothers and a sister whom he had not seen since leaving their home state of Michigan over fifty-five years ago. They are George Kell and Clyde F. Kell, both of Detroit; Howard Kell, Harrisville and Mrs. Roy Routley (the former Margaret Kell), Port Huron, Michigan.

Their father, William J. Kell, was a native of Canada. They said that he spoke three languages fluently. Their mother, the former Cleo Young, was a daughter of a Hollander.

Numerous Memories  
Charles and John recalled numerous memories of their mother, when they were youngsters growing up in their home town of Raeber, Mich. Among these were various chores, including the fun they had at the Alcona county fairs when they helped her make ice cream in a ten gallon freezer to be sold by the dish. They said they would never forget the horse-radiash that had to be dug by them, because their mother sure knew how to prepare it for the table.

When they were not in school or helping their mother with chores, they assisted their father in his grocery store and meat market business. They learned to do different types of manual labor by working for other people after they finished their education in Raeber.

They spoke of the wages and cost of living when they were teen-agers compared to those of today. They were paid 25 cents per day for doing a hard day's work. Two dollars a week with room and board was considered good wages, they said. When learning a trade they earned three dollars a week, and said that usually half of this was paid in beef. John recalled that during this 1890 era when they were teen-agers, three dollars would buy a 100-pound pig.

Move To Louisiana  
John married Harriett Cartright in 1900 and Charles married Delia McKinnon in 1902 at Saut St. Marie, Mich. About 1905 the two couples moved to Eros, La., from Michigan. John was employed in the logging and lumber camps and Charles followed the blacksmith trade for which he had been trained in all phases, including fancy iron work.

Charles said that in those days, fancy iron fences, porch railings of various designs and ornamental iron trees with hammered leaves and fruit were popular.

In the spring of 1907, Charles and his family left Louisiana to come to Gold Hill. His uncle Charlie Young had come here from Michigan in about 1887 and was established in the hotel business.

Charles resumed his blacksmith trade, only this time his work consisted almost entirely of shoeing horses and wagon work. In about 1910 he began working on automobiles, and went into partnership with Frank Childers.

First Automobile  
The first car that he worked on (in 1907 shortly after coming to Gold Hill) belonged to his uncle Charlie Young, who owned the first automobile in Gold Hill. It was a one cylinder, chain driven Oldsmobile with solid rubber tires. Charles said this was a pretty classy vehicle in those days.

## Applegate Stockmen Criticize BLM; Ask for Improvement

By MAUDE ZIEGLER  
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Applegate Valley — Taking a dim view of any tangible assistance yet received from the Bureau of Land Management in regard to betterment of the cattle range, local stockmen welcomed the several possibilities for improvement outlined by Ernest Black, for-

ester from the Medford bureau office when he spoke at a Farm Bureau meeting held at the grange hall Friday.

Range fences, cattle guards and development of water-holes from springs and seepage, Black named as possible projects which could be carried on with a small portion of the money received by the county from public domain grazing lands.

Stockmen aired several grievances at the meeting. One was cutting the number of head of cattle a permittee can graze and allowing another stockman to add to his range rights as a result. "We are law abiding citizens and when our cattle are taken away from us, our living is taken away," was the way one rancher summed up the problem.

Brush Is Menace  
Ever increasing brush fields on the forest lands were named as another menace. Difference of grazing policies between the forest-service and bureau of land management, both of which stockmen must operate under, was termed another problem.

Pointing to the impossibility of maintaining the require-

ments when cattle graze over these lands which adjoin in checkerboard fashion, one stockman said, "Our cows don't know where they are walking."

In reply to these difficulties Black said that the O and C act of 1937 set up O and C lands for timber management first and that grazing is subordinate. He added that grazing lands may be used for grazing only if it does not encumber growing and harvesting of timber, adding that timberland is producing better than 50 per cent of the living of people of Oregon. He said that when the BLM requests range improvement on the budget it is always slashed and there is no money for range development as in eastern Oregon.

Black said they rely heavily on local people to supply information to help them in getting out leases. "We are not going to take the initiative," Black added, saying they have neither the time nor money. "If changes come, they have to be from public opinion and acts of Congress," he stated.

No Real Solution  
When a rancher said the BLM program is based on

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work accomplished many years ago, Black said his agency is a stewardship of God-given timber lands. He said there is no real solution to the brush problem, which has been under study for eight years at the Cascade Research center at Roseburg. He said herbicides are not advisable because a fire hazard of dead brush is left.

Black brought to mind the vast differences in western Oregon grazing which of necessity is brush and timberland, and that of the grass lands of eastern Oregon and other states.

One aid being prepared for stockmen is a detailed map of plots delegated to each leasee. This will prevent overlapping of assigned areas. The map is being made by Ron Smith, assistant unit forester, who also attended the meeting and gave information.

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