

**Sign Limitations Along Freeway To Be Discussed**

Limitations of interstate signing in Jackson county along the new freeway will be discussed by state highway representatives at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 9 in the county courthouse auditorium, County Judge Earl Miller announced Friday.

Judge Miller said he has mailed out invitations to various Jackson county cities and organizations interested in the sign policy along the new freeway to attend the meeting.

"Purpose of this meeting is to discuss with various public officials and interested service groups, the limitations of interstate signing in Jackson county and to explain the limitations of interstate signing and certain national policies under which the highway department operates," the county judge wrote.

J. A. Head, assistant traffic engineer of the state highway department, will attend the meeting, Miller said.

The highway department will have detailed signing plans for all interchanges along this highway and will have lesser detailed information available to all other interchanges along the highway, Miller said.

"They specifically wish to discuss the sign destination messages, route numbers that the highway department has selected tentatively and to obtain the thinking of those present regarding their selection," the judge added.

"The county court urgently requests you to attend this meeting as it will be of great importance to all municipalities located along the freeway through Jackson county," the judge's letter said.

**Arson Suspected in Two House Fires**

Two minor fires, possibly the result of arson, in residences next door to each other were reported to Medford police and the fire department early Saturday morning.

The first fire was reported at 1:16 a.m. at the home of Dolores Joan Wadell, 405 Earhart st., and the second was reported at 1:30 a.m. at the home of Evelyn Neva Martin, 403 Earhart st.

The fire at 403 Earhart st. started in a garage immediately adjacent to the house. Evelyn Martin told police she was awakened by the smell of smoke and she woke her brother who extinguished the blaze.

Firemen were called to put out the fire at 405 Earhart st. They said the fire apparently was caused by a lit cigarette thrown onto a porch rug.

Police are investigating the possibility that the fires were the result of arson.

Damage resulting from both fires was reported to be minor.

**Oregon Woman Dies In Colorado Crash**

Castle Rock, Colo. — (UPI) — An Oregon woman was killed Friday in a spectacular one-car accident on U.S. 85-87 south of Castle Rock.

Sophia Polales, 27, Salem, suffered fatal head injuries when she lost control of her

northbound car. The vehicle knocked down five guard rails and then skidded off a bridge. The woman was thrown to the pavement.

**Howard Prairie Concession May Have To Be Moved**

Johnston Stores, Medford, concessionaire at Howard Prairie reservoir, may have to shift its concession location due to the ever lowering water level in the reservoir, County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen and the county court agreed Friday.

The small store and boat rental and servicing station has been located near the concrete boat ramp but may have to be shifted to the small peninsula or island almost directly across from the present location, it was explained. The water there is somewhat deeper and easier in which to launch boats.

Carstensen said a layer of gravel was spread from solid ground through the muddy shore out into the water, but this seems a waste of time and material. A gravel road was extended out into the lake from the present concession spot to make it easier to launch boats, but the shallow depths made this impractical. He said an alternative would be for the contractor to keep rolling the gravel from the lake edge out farther as the water lowered.

The water-skiers are entering the lake at the island, it was noted. The concession stand is on skids and could easily be shifted to a better location, members of the county court pointed out.

Meanwhile a county road crew is asphaltting the Dead Indian rd. approach to the lake. This should be completed by next week end, Carstensen said.

**Explosives Truck Escorted to Park**

Medford police, anxious to avoid a Roseburg-type disaster, arranged for a truck containing 4,000 pounds of explosives to park outside the city early Saturday morning instead of in downtown Medford.

Police had been alerted by Robert Stanley Serrak, dispatcher for the Consolidated Freight company in Medford, that a truck containing "cannon ammunition" would arrive in Medford from Portland about 4 a.m.

The truck arrived at the freight yard on schedule and was promptly escorted by police to the ball park on highway 99 south. A Consolidated employee was directed to attend it until it was scheduled to leave town later in the day.

**Municipal Court Fines Are \$3,503**

Medford's municipal court collected \$3,503 in fines and \$495 in court costs during the month of June according to Municipal Judge Alan B. Holmes' monthly report.

The largest single amount of fine money "collected during the month was \$595 for basic rule violations, of which there were 52 convictions. Second largest amount was

\$400 for driving under the influence of convictions, of which there were six.

The largest number of violations for which fines were levied was improper parking, 94. Fines amounted to \$257 for these violations.

In addition there were three racing convictions, \$60, and two reckless driving convictions, \$26.

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**Accused Murderess Tries to Hang Self**

Salem — (UPI) — Mrs. Carol Irene Hankel, 47, Salem was bound over to the Marion county grand jury Friday on a first degree murder charge after what Sheriff Denver Young described as a "feeble attempt" to hang herself in her jail cell.

Young said the woman looped a bedsheet through some

bars and around her neck. The incident occurred Friday morning. A matron cut her down.

Later Mrs. Hankel appeared before District Judge E. O. Stadler in a 1½ hour hearing dominated by prosecution witnesses. No defense witnesses were produced.

She is charged with the slaying of Mrs. Helen Sarah Ped, 43, following an argument over the affections of a man.

**Airline, Pilots Agree on Contract**

Portland — (UPI) — Northwest Orient Airlines and the Airline Pilots association reached an agreement on an 18-month contract here Friday.

The agreement, covering the crew complement, terms of pay, rules and working conditions, paves the way for the inaugural by the airline and trans-Pacific DC-8C jet service.

**Crews Mop Up Logging Fire**

Coos Bay — (UPI) — A crew of some 150 men were mopping up a fire at the Weyerhaeuser logging operation 20 miles from here Saturday.

The fire, which started Friday morning, spread to 30 acres before it was brought under control. Two planes worked on the firefighting operation.

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