

## Field Consultant Reported Impressed With Medford Transportation Program

Urban transportation problems were discussed by city administrators when John E. Slayton, field consultant for the American Municipal Association, visited Medford last week.

The AMA has a one-year program under way to encourage cities in the U. S. to work out comprehensive traffic programs and studies. The association has recently issued a series of pamphlets that cities may use to assemble traffic and planning facts needed to reach conclusions as a basis for community action.

Mayor John W. Snider, president of the League of Oregon Cities, said following Slayton's visit that the publication, "Better Transportation for Your City" was discussed. The book was prepared in 1958 by city officials through the nation.

**Contributing Member**  
A contributing member of the measurement of existing traffic service committee was

Medford's Public Works Director Vern Thorpe. He is said to be one of two committeemen in the state, the other being a state highway engineer in Salem.

The handbook was prepared by the national committee of urban transportation systematic collection and analysis of basic facts.

In studying Medford's traffic problems, Snider said that a 50 per cent increase in traffic volume is expected by 1970 in Medford.

Although the freeway is expected to remove 18 per cent of the downtown traffic, he explained there is still a need for careful traffic planning.

**Favorably Impressed**  
Slayton is said to have been "favorably impressed" with Medford's transportation program, according to city officials. Slayton's purpose of his nationwide tour was to visit the principal cities in each state to make them aware of existing transportation problems.

The national committee helps to review any problems that do occur, then assists the cities in outlining a plan of action. Chief responsibility is left to the cities, however.

A program started in Medford in 1957 appears to put Medford "ahead" of many other cities in transportation development, Snider said. The ten-year plan has been used as a position to work from.

Slayton was "very satisfied" with Medford's progress and had "no further" recommendations," Snider added.

City planners are now studying new and better transportation advancements, including a system of street "classification" and "designation." They are using the national publication as a guide in street planning and land useage. The handbook is one of a series of publications on this problem.

## Teen-Agers Hurt In Auto Accident

Two teen-agers were taken to the Ashland General hospital Friday after their car failed to make a curve and plunged over an embankment.

The accident occurred about four miles south from Highway 99 on the Toleman Creek rd., according to state police.

Driver of the vehicle was Steward Alois Hedges, 17, of 60 Alida st., Ashland. His passenger was Karen L. Brown, 15, of 945 Garden Way, Ashland.

Neither was considered seriously injured, Police said.

Mississippi river levees-dikes to prevent flooding stretch for about 1,800 miles.

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**CONFISCATES CANNON**—Frank Carter, Jacksonville police chief, shows the handsome muzzle loading cannon which was confiscated early Saturday morning from two Medford boys. The barrel is made from a pipe, with a 3/4-inch bore, mounted inside a larger pipe. Springs and recoil rods have been welded to either side. The weapon was loaded by first tamping a paper wad down the barrel. Black powder was then poured in to the rear chamber and plug screwed in place. The shot was a ballbearing held in another paper wad.

## Police Confiscate Homemade Muzzle Loading Cannon

A homemade muzzle loading cannon was confiscated from two Medford youths Saturday morning by Jacksonville and state police.

The two boys, ages 14 and 15, were discovered with the weapon at the old Opp mine about one mile outside of Jacksonville on the reservoir road.

A group of four young people were exploring in the mine area when they saw what looked like a machine gun pointed out of the door of a shack.

Upon closer investigation they saw what looked like a man lying on the floor of the shack. The four youngsters then went to get help in Jacksonville.

Frank Carter, Jacksonville police chief, and state patrolmen found the two Medford boys at the shack, where they had camped out overnight with the cannon in the doorway.

The boys said that they had made the gun from scrap parts they had scavenged. Welding for the weapon had been done by a friend, they told police.

When state police asked them why they didn't build something more constructive, they said that they had made "go-carts," little chain driven racers, but that this had been too expensive.

Their total investment in the cannon, they told officers, was only \$5 or \$6.

Extensive research was done to determine the proper powder load and design of the gun, they said. The basic idea for gun design came from an encyclopedia.

Police, who experimented with the weapon, said that it would shoot a three-quarter inch ball through a 6 inch thick timber at close range.

A report of the incident will be turned over to juvenile authorities.

## DEMOCRATS FOR DURNO

A Democrats for Durno club has been organized in Medford under the chairmanship of Mrs. Win Tibbett, 2904 Sylvia rd., Central Point, according to Manville Heisel, Jackson county chairman of the Durno for Congress committee. Mrs. Tibbett will also aid in organizing similar clubs in other counties of the fourth congressional district. Interested persons should contact the new chairman at NOrmandy 4-1754.

## Dam Site Study Starts This Week

Coquille - Preliminary study of the Buzzards Roost dam site, located approximately seven miles up the Illinois river from Agness, will begin this week.

The Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative filed an application with the Federal Power commission in May of 1958 for a license to build a dam in the Bald Mountain-Buzzards Roost reach of the Illinois river.

The core drilling and aerial mapping, which is to be started, is part of the exploration necessary to provide data for the commission.

Preliminary plans call for a structure between 400 and 500 feet high. This would create a reservoir which would extend some 15 miles up stream from the dam.

Peak capacity is estimated at approximately 150,000 kilowatts.

A re-regulating dam is also included in the plans as well as fish handling facilities.

Bruce Shavere, general manager of the Coos-Curry Electric company, said that such a structure could be of tremendous benefit to the entire Rogue river system. Besides the recreation and water conservation values, such a project would stabilize the flow of the Rogue to a large extent, he said.

This would tend to decrease the temperature of the water, which at the present time is reaching dangerous highs in relation to good salmon propagation, he said.

Spring attracts thousands of eastern city dwellers to Great Smoky mountains and Shenandoah National parks, the most visited of all United States parks. Great Smoky park alone has nearly as many tree varieties as in Europe.

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## The Medical Roundup

by *Walter Alvarez*  
Emeritus Consultant in Medicine  
Emeritus Professor of Medicine  
Mayo Clinic

### WHY AN EXCESSIVE FLOW OF SALIVA?

Some people tell me of spells they have in which their saliva keeps running so steadily that they have to keep swallowing. At night, they can hardly get to sleep. As many say; otherwise they are very well, and their physician can find no disease in them.

The suggestion I would make is that they keep a record to see if, shortly before the salivation came, they ate some particular food. Years ago, I used to be much annoyed by attacks of salivation. Then, when I kept a record, I found that with the salivation I had a canker sore in my mouth. Also, I found that always before the spell I had eaten chocolate. Some 20 years ago I quit eating chocolate, and since then I have been free from canker sores and from salivation.

**Is There a Diet for Kidney Stones?**

Many people ask me for a diet for kidney stones, but I cannot send one, if only because there are several types of kidney stones made of different chemicals. Theoretically, there should be different diets for different stones; actually, I am not sure that diets do much good. Expert kidney men tell me that they have learned most about why stones come to certain people by looking all ways for signs of disease in the little parathyroid glands that lie just behind the thyroid gland in the neck.

### Home Care Cuts Cancer Patient Cost

Chicago (Science Service)—The burdensome cost of cancer is reduced and patients' morale improved through a home care program of the George Washington University Cancer Clinic, Washington, D.C. The program includes regular visits by physicians, nurses and social workers.

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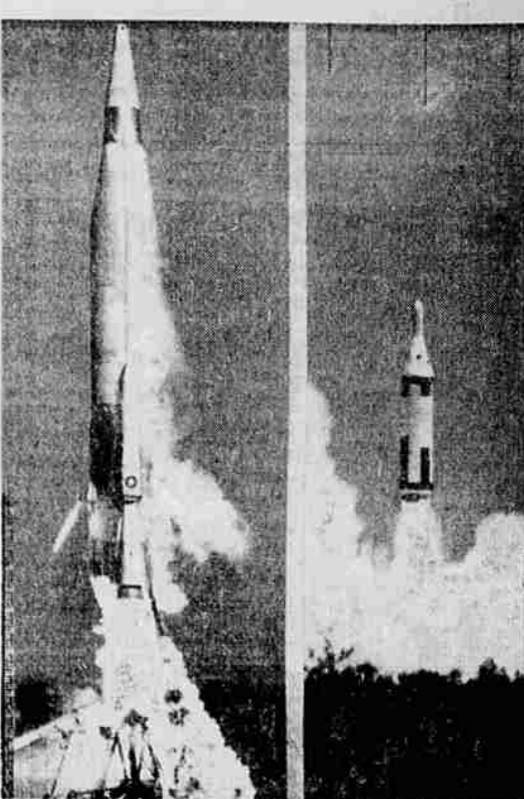
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These glands are important because they preside over the chemistry in the body of lime (calcium). If disease in these glands leads to the piling up of calcium in the blood, some of it may crystallize out in the kidneys—thus producing stones. Sometimes a diseased parathyroid gland has to be removed by a surgeon.

**Excessive Use of Salt**  
Mothers ask if they should fuss at a son who, the minute his food is put before him, and before he has tasted it, shakes a lot of salt on it.

I doubt if she should fuss at him, but recently I read a paper by a physician who said he had studied a number of these heavy salters and they had a decided tendency to develop a high blood pressure. I am sorry to say I do not know if, as yet, this observation has been well confirmed.

Dr. Alvarez' booklet on weight control may be obtained by sending 25 cents and a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.



**SUCCESSFUL MISSILES**—Two missiles took part in one of the most successful days in rocket history at Cape Canaveral, Friday. Atlas (left) traveled 5,000 miles over the Atlantic in the second success of the week. Polaris was fired more than 1,000 miles. Echo I balloon satellite was launched earlier Friday for three successes in a single day.

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(Answer to last week's adv.)

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