

Beautiful City Is Goal of Tree Committee



SHADY STREET—Pin oaks along Queen Ann ave. in Medford are a fine example of planned tree plantings, although they were set out many years before the organization of Medford's street tree program. The trees were planted by

John F. Reddy and his family and Mr. Reddy's daughters remember how, as little girls, they carried water to them in buckets to keep the small trees alive.



CHECKS TREE—Jack Creager, manager of Pacific Telephone Northwest in Medford looks at one of five Italian buckhorn trees that have been planted in front of the firm's business office on north Bartlett st. The thick green foliage of the buckhorn makes dense shade though the tree itself does not grow large. It is the tree selected by the Medford street tree committee for Bartlett st.



WATERS TREE—Bill McGill, employee of the Harley Weisel Texaco service station at Eighth and Grape sts., Medford, waters a young scanlon maple tree that Weisel planted in the parking strip in front of the station about two years ago. When tree roots get big enough frequent watering is not necessary, but water is needed often by small trees during hot weather.

UN Official To Speak at Roundtable

Paul B. Edwards, resident director of the United Nations at Manila, Philippines, will speak at the Medford Chamber of Commerce roundtable at the Jackson hotel Monday noon.

Edwards is en route to the Philippines following his annual report to the UN headquarters in New York and his conference with Ambassador Adlai Stevenson. UN affairs in the Philippine Islands, Formosa, Korea, and Hong Kong are under his direction. He recently traveled extensively in the troubled areas of Vietnam and Laos.

His remarks will be general in nature, and he plans to devote most of his time to answering questions from the audience.

BOURGUIBA LEAVES

New York — (UPI) — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba left for Europe Saturday after a 10-day official visit in which he exchanged renewed pledges of friendship with the U.S. government and discussed North African problems with U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

Shady Cove Clinic Set for Children

Shady Cove — The annual Shady Cove pre-school and well-baby clinic will be held Thursday, May 18, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the school gymnasium.

Children who plan to enter the first grade next fall are eligible to attend, and immunizations will be offered. Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county public health physician, will be the examining doctor.

Children six months old to school age are eligible to participate in the well-baby clinic. Appointments are preferred.

Additional information may be obtained by telephoning Mrs. Ed Leaming, TRinity 8-3472, Shady Cove.

Lever Puller Brings Trucks

Boston — (UPI) — At the Boston Museum of Science visitors are urged by numerous signs to pull levers or press buttons to observe the wonders of science.

A foreign visitor whose English was limited, pulled a lever yesterday and brought a dozen fire trucks speeding to the museum.

More Than 1,000 Trees Planted in Four Years of Work

Wouldn't it be nice if every street in Medford were lined with beautiful green trees—even streets in the downtown area?

This was the thinking of several hard working and dedicated people, who in 1957 were instrumental in getting Medford's Street Tree program started.

Now, four years later, with between 1,000 and 1,500 new trees planted, the goal remains the same. Street Tree Committee Chairman Mrs. O. A. (Edith) Eden said the goal is to make Medford "a much more beautiful city."

Many streets have already been beautified, and many more will be beautified in the near future. However, Mrs. Eden points out that only a small fraction of the city has been planted to date.

Mrs. Eden called the program "a never-ending task," and declared that its success and the speed with which it is carried out is "up to the people."

Semi-Official Body

The Street Tree committee, a semi-official body whose members are appointed by the city planning commission, is charged with the responsibility of choosing the kinds of trees to be planted in the various sections of the city.

But, it is the individual property owners of the city who must actually purchase and plant the trees. The trees are not expensive, and range in cost, depending on kind, from \$3.75 to \$8 apiece.

Neither does a property owner have to plant a tree in front of his house if he doesn't want to. The program is entirely voluntary.

Provided in City Code

However, a person can plant only that kind of tree which has been selected by the street committee. This is provided for in the city code, which states: "All trees and shrubs hereafter planted in any public parking strip or other public place in the city shall conform as to species and location to the street tree plan."

The street tree plan is not an arbitrary plan. Mrs. Fred Lorish, head of the landscape architecture division of the committee, said a master plan for the city should be ready within a year. This plan would provide for all future plantings in the city.

Mrs. Lorish explained that in preparing the plan, a committee headed by Mrs. William Tucker and John Gribble surveyed the entire city, plotting on a map all of the trees that then existed in the city on public property. As each tree is planted, it also is recorded on the map.

Landscape Architects

Using the map, the landscape architecture committee, the members of which are qualified landscape architects giving voluntarily of their time, began the exacting process of selecting a certain variety of trees for a particular street or streets.

There is a wide variety of available trees: Norway maple, dawn cherry, kwanzaan cherry, modest ash, fruitless mulberry, sourwood, scanlon maple, northern red oak, sweet gum and others.

These kinds of trees have been selected because they will not have low overhanging branches; their roots will not tear up or crack sidewalks; and they will not foul up utility lines. In other words, they are perfect for use as street trees.

Less Desirable

Some trees that are less desirable for use as a street tree, such as the poplar, willow, cottonwood or fruit trees, are specifically prohibited by the city code from being planted on public parking strips. This does not mean, however, that they can't be planted on private property.

Such things as soil conditions and whether a particular street needs shade or beautification is taken into account

when selecting a certain tree, according to Mrs. Lorish.

The Street Tree committee has divided the city into four sections with a volunteer promotion chairman in charge of each. This chairman works with an interested person on a particular street in trying to sell the idea of street trees to people living on that street.

Given Opportunity

Nearly all nurseries in the city are given the opportunity to provide the kinds of trees wanted by the Street Tree committee. Persons can then purchase the trees from the nursery of their choice.

Mrs. Eden said that the committee is going to put on "an intensive campaign" in the immediate future to get people sold on the trees so that they can be ordered in time for fall planting. Information on the street tree program can be obtained by calling the Medford city hall.

Mrs. Eden, who, along with County Agent Cliff Cordy, was primarily responsible for getting the program started four years ago, and for keeping it active and progressive ever since, credits the backing of the city for much of its success.

She said: "We couldn't have done the job that's been done without the cooperation of the city." She pointed out that in many cities street tree planting programs are being undertaken without the support of city administration, which makes the job doubly difficult if not impossible.

Raise Property Values

Mrs. Eden said Medford's street tree program is a little different than the programs in most cities, because here trees are selected to blend with the surroundings. These trees may help raise property values, she added.

The committee chairwoman also had praise for the residents of the city who have been accepting the program so well, and for various subdivisions who have made provision for street trees in new subdivisions.

While the Street Tree committee has praise for the support it has gotten from the city administration, the city feels much the same about the accomplishments of the committee.

Mayor John W. Snider told the Mail Tribune Friday: "The members of the Street Tree committee are making a living, lasting gift to all who will



SCANLON MAPLES—Planted this year in permanent "planters" in the sidewalk along North Grape st., the two small maple trees will, in a few years, make pleasant shade in front of the new Mail Tribune press building. The street tree committee's plan

calls for a certain species of tree for each street. This only applies to those trees planted in the parking strip, and home owners may plant what they like elsewhere on their property.

enjoy living along Medford's tree-beautified streets. Little publicized and hardworking, these people have earned the admiration and respect of all."

Engineers To Meet In Chemult Friday

Members of the Rogue Valley section of the Professional Engineers of Oregon will meet for lunch Friday, May 19, at the Wagon Wheel cafe, Chemult.

Following the luncheon, the group will be conducted on an inspection tour of the Pacific Gas Transport company's pipe line and pumping station facilities in the area.

Participants will drive to Klamath Falls that evening for a dinner meeting at the Winema hotel.

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