

Eight Citations Issued in Five City Accidents

Medford police issued eight citations Thursday as a result of five non-injury vehicle accidents.

Vehicles operated by Hilda Rilla Gertrude Allsup, 48, Central Point, and Clinton Marion Smith, 51, of 213 North Columbus ave., Medford, collided about 1:55 p.m. at Highway 62 and Hilton rd. Smith was cited for violation of basic rule.

Two drivers were cited following a collision about 4:09 p.m. at Fourth and Fir sts. Del George Vaughan, 18, Eagle Point, was cited for failure to yield right of way, and Lynda Colleen Weinbald, 20, of 27 Summit ave., Medford, was cited for having an expired operator's license.

A two-car collision about 5 p.m. at East Main and Cottage sts. resulted in the issuance of three citations. Cecil Clair Tabler, 62, of 1325 Beekman ave., Medford, was cited for failure to obtain an Oregon operator's license, and Georgia Mae Geary, 72, of 801 West McAndrews rd., Medford, was cited for failure to yield the right of way and for not having an operator's license.

Eva Garrett, 25, of route 3, box 79, Medford, was cited for failure to yield the right of way after the vehicle which she was operating collided with a car driven by Dan Houston Perry, 47, of 2045 Barnett rd., Medford, about 5:10 p.m. at East Jackson and Genesee sts.

A citation for not having an operator's license was issued to Robin Lee Lewis, 17, of 333 Lynnwood ave., Medford, after the vehicle which she was operating collided with a car operated by Reda Mozetta Garrett, 58, of 1895 Grand ave., Medford. The accident occurred about 5:23 p.m. at East Jackson and Pearl sts.

Highway 230 Will Open This Week

Salem — Two Oregon highway routes will be opened to travel for the first time this season this week, according to State Highway Engineer Forrest Cooper.

The two, East and West Diamond Lake highways, Oregon 230, and Mt. Hood Loop highway, Oregon 36, were closed last November with the onset of winter snow storms.

Oregon 230, skirting the northern boundaries of Crater Lake National park, will be opened to through traffic at 8 a.m. May 15. The Mt. Hood route will open from south of Parkdale to the junction with Highway 26 just east of Government Camp May 17 at 8 a.m.

State highway maintenance crews broke through the drifts on the Diamond Lake route last week, followed by breaking through the snow on Mt. Hood. Snow up to 12 feet deep on the roadway has been reported by the crew at Hood. The extra work on each route before the opening is necessary to allow cleanup work by the maintenance crews and drying of the roadbed, Cooper said.

Crews will be clearing snow from the McKenzie Pass Highway 126 May 15, Cooper said, but no opening date can be set at this time.

The routes are closed each winter by the highway department when light traffic and heavy snowfall makes it impractical to carry on snow removal operations. Alternate, all-weather routes serve the areas during the closures.

BILL CONDEMNED
Washington (UPI)—The Senate today virtually condemned the administration's voting rights bill for this session by refusing for a second time to curb a southern talkathon against the legislation.

Board of Realtors President Warns of 'Racketeers' in Home Repair Business

With the spring home repair and improvement season here, Medford area home owners have been warned by Keith Bates, president of the Medford Board of Realtors, to beware of racketeers operating in this field.

"The eagerness of many home owners to repair winter damage to their residences or to take advantage of the favorable spring weather in making additions or improvements is commendable," Bates said.

"As Realtors know, home maintenance is an essential factor in conserving property and neighborhood values and standards. And as long as our

home owners contract with our many established, reputable repair and maintenance firms for services and products, results will be good.

"Unfortunately, however, spring always brings a return of fly-by-night operators who annually 'take' the public for millions. It is against this latter group that home owners should be on guard."

Bates said he was following a suggestion made to all Realtors by the national organization, the National Association of Real Estate Boards, in issuing the warning.

According to Bates, home improvement racketeers flourish in a wide range of services

and products—landscape shrubbery, house sidings, patio construction, and "bargain" water proofing jobs on damp basements.

While there is no hard and fast rule that may be used by home owners in distinguishing between the claims made by the racketeers and reputable firms, Bates cited six simple steps that have been developed by the Federal Trade Commission from its experience in investigating home improvement frauds. They are:

1. Before signing for any offered service or product, get comparable cost estimates from at least one competing

firm. Reputable merchants are quite willing to have this done. "Hit-and-run" organizations will immediately think of scores of reasons why the home owner should sign up with them immediately.

2. Obtain names and addresses of previous customers from the soliciting firm and contact these customers. Note in particular how long they say the work or product has

been satisfactory.

3. Make sure the firm has a place of business. Many fly-by-night groups operate out of temporary headquarters such as a hotel room.

4. If the product or service is said to be guaranteed, find out what is guaranteed, any conditions that are attached

to the guarantee, and who will make good on it if necessary and where he can be located.

5. Be doubly suspicious and ask many more questions if the price of the service or product is a great deal lower than the going price in the Medford area for similar services or products. There are, of course, real bargains. But many so represented are no more than bait.

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