

Committee Recommends Widening, Paving Barnett Between Freeway and 99

The Oregon State highway department should give serious consideration to widening and paving Barnett rd. between Interstate 5 and Highway 99, the Medford Chamber of Commerce highway committee recommended during this week's luncheon meeting.

It also noted that Highland ave. is now being extended through to Barnett rd. The committee had worked on and recommended this project

consistently since 1948.

Other work of the committee has resulted in city and state approval of an extended culvert on Stewart ave. to accommodate trucks turning from Highway 99 to Interstate 5.

The chamber committee also has been active for years on the Crater Lake highway. Committee Chairman Chet Hubbard announced that contract for paving the stretch from Frounce Rock through Prospect would be let in the near future.

Speedometer Test Course

On the state level the committee is encouraging the state highway department to establish a speedometer test course on Interstate 5 between Medford and the California border.

The committee also is recommending eternal vigil on state gas tax money. The constitutional revision committee

has suggested the legislature be given the power to divert certain funds for other purposes. These funds are raised by the gas tax for the sole purpose of building and maintaining Oregon's highways and should continue to go into the state highway department funds, the committee added.

"The committee views with alarm the practice of the legislature of bonding for certain highway contracts, thus imposing politically inspired projects upon the state highway department. This practice adversely affects the department's planning and its program," Hubbard said.

"Such contracts should be the exclusive responsibility of the department otherwise strong pressure groups working through the legislature could completely upset the orderly planning of the department."

Meanwhile, the committee

Unander Objects To Article Regarding Campaign Money

Sig Unander, Republican candidate for U.S. Senator, objected Thursday to a column by A. Robert Smith, Mail Tribune Washington correspondent, which appeared in Wednesday's Mail Tribune.

The article referred to Unander's reporting of his campaign contributions.

Unander charges that Smith's article is a "shocking display of professional incompetence," adding that the facts of this "tempest-in-a-teapot" are plain and simple as Smith could have "obtained them for himself had he taken the trouble to make one telephone call."

The candidate explained that he, personally, has reported no contributions to his current political campaign since all contributions to his campaign are turned over to the Unander for Senator committee.

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Further information is available at the civil service office in the Medford post office.

Helicopter Pilot Examination Opens

A new examination for helicopter pilot at the U. S. Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Ala., is now open, according to the civil service commission.

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Physicists Attend Briefing Session

Eugene — Two University of Oregon physicists are attending a special invitational briefing session being held by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Chicago.

The scientists are Dr. John L. Powell, head of the department of physics, and Dr. Bernd Crasemann, associate professor of physics.

The meeting, officially called the NASA-University Conference on the Science and Technology of Space Exploration, is designed to bring university scientists up to date on NASA's current research activities and to promote closer cooperation between campus and national space research work. This is the first such meeting to be held.

The top NASA scientists from throughout the country are in Chicago to brief their university colleagues on all aspects of space research from theoretical physics to jet propulsion.

Valley Students In Speech Contest

Ashland — Southern Oregon college speech students, Barbara Gysin, Medford; and Woolsey Griffin, Ashland, tied for second in open division debate at the University of Oregon speech tournament Oct. 26 and 27, it was announced by Dr. Harold Barrett, advisor to the group.

Don Benson, Eagle Point, won third place in lower division oral interpretation.

Faye Palmerton, Grants Pass, and Phil Mongrain, Medford, received very high rankings in oratory.

Other members of the team from the area were Jan Bobbett, Ashland; Joy Farenhurst, Ashland; Tom Collette, Eagle Point; and Al Sherman, Jacksonville.

Device Keeps Flats From Being Damaged

Houston — (UPI) — A device to hold an automobile wheel off the ground after a tire goes flat has gone into production here.

Called the Post-Trac Rail, the gadget is bolted to the center of a wheel inside a tubeless tire. When the tire goes flat, the Post-Trac holds the wheel two inches off the road. Serrated rubber padding provides a cushion and traction. Inventor William L. Lindley said a flat tire could be driven without damage for 100 miles with the aid of his device.

APPROPRIATE SIGN
Jonesport, Maine — (UPI) — A Democratic candidate for the state legislature is distributing these campaign signs: "Forecast — Snow — Nov. 6." He is Dr. Bradford Snow.

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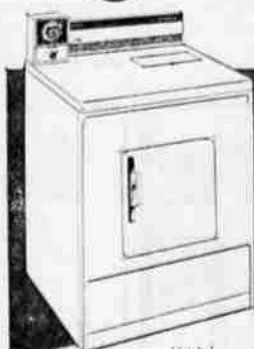
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