

Poets' Corner

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Poetry a Living Force

When we consider that in the English-speaking world America alone probably has as many competent and interesting poets as any country has ever had, we can see that in studying poetry we are dealing with a living force.

—Jacob Korg

Remember

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go, yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more, day by day,
You tell me of our future that you planned;
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while,
And afterwards remember, do not grieve;
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

—Christina Rossetti

My Comrades

When I go forth to take my chance
With fortune, fate and circumstance
I shall not look on those who toil
At any task, as foes to spoil.
But as my comrades who are thrilled
With dreams like mine, with zeal to build
Out of the labor and the strife
A better world, a broader life.

—Berton Braley

The Upward Path

Together, Father, on Life's Path
We've traveled through the years;
Though clouds oft seemed to hide the sun,
Thy Presence stilled all fears.

I know Thy Wisdom, Truth and Love
Abide within my Soul,
And ever Thou dost point the way
For me to reach my goal.

And now, at last the glorious dawn
Is bursting through for me,
And I catch fleeting glimpses of
The Truth that sets men free.

I know there's truly but one Will,
And that is Thine alone;
I'll walk the Upward Path with Thee,
Till Thy Will is my own!

—Lila Curtis Bates
—Eagle Point, Ore.

Prelude to Winter

Hush! For the leaves of Autumn begin
To redden the thrushes in their spin;
As 'round and over and down they sweep,
A charismatic rhythm in color they keep.
A deep undertone of waters falling—
With a frequent trilling and tremolo,
A recurrent booming of drums recalling—
Makes the magic, symphonic melodies flow.
While in the ivy, to the agitated branches clings
A nest of grasses dead and falling;
By bits the winds tug at it, by bits away fling;
But the merry leaves, as if a thing appalling
In the next lay, alight and fly away
Turning not back where the dead birds lay.

—Ralph McKinnis
—Ashland, Ore.

Medford Council Appropriates Funds for Development Plan

A sum of \$7,500 was appropriated by the Medford city council Thursday night to engage a professional firm to draw up a comprehensive plan for the development of the recently acquired park site along Bear creek.

The expenditure had been recommended by the park and recreation commission at its October meeting.

Park and Recreation Director Robert Haworth told the council he had arrived at the figure by taking an average of estimates supplied to him by three different firms.

The actual cost of the development plan, which may be less than the sum appropriated, will depend on the amount of information which his staff can furnish the park planners. The more work his staff can do, the less the cost will be, Haworth said.

Haworth opened preliminary negotiations with one of the three firms Friday. If the negotiations proceed satisfactorily, Haworth said initial studies on the development plan may get under way as early as mid-month.

Other Action

—Repeal an ordinance passed at the Nov. 20 council meeting which provided for withdrawing from the special districts areas recently annexed to the city in the Kings Highway Water district and the Medford Rural Fire Protection district. Subsequently, it was found that legal descriptions specifying the areas were incomplete. A rehearing was called for Dec. 20.

—Authorize the payment of \$2,326.45 to the firm of Jones, Reeder and Bashaw, associated attorneys in the R. A. Heintz vs. City of Medford suit. An initial payment of \$2,000 was paid the firm on Nov. 20.

—Provide for the issuance of City of Medford improvement bonds, series E.

Assessment Charges

—Adjust the assessment charges for corner lots in residential zones with respect to sanitary sewer construction.

—Amend the forest service lease at the municipal airport in order to correct the legal description.

—Authorize negotiations and condemnations of the Dave Lowry property south of the city in order to provide a pipe

lane easement for the new 24-inch south feeder main.

—Authorize and approve plans and specifications on a project to grade and gravel Whittle ave. from Crater Lake highway to Patrick st., and to install a sanitary sewer on Kenyon st.

Public Hearing Set

—Call for a public hearing on Dec. 20 for the grading and graveling of Whittle ave.

—Reject bids on a project to pave Lowell Way since the bids were 13 per cent in excess of engineer's estimates. New bids will be called for before April 1, 1965.

—Accept completed public works projects: Paving work on Newtown st., Siskiyou blvd., East Main st. and Valley View dr., Bear creek lateral sanitary sewer and a box culvert on Highland dr.

—Initiate assessment ordinances for paving projects on Newtown st., Valley View dr., and East Main st.

Liquor License

—Approve liquor license applications from the Colony restaurant and from Brown's cafe.

—Approve a request to permit the Medford Masonic lodge to replace their present fuel oil tank which is located under the sidewalk on North Holly st., approximately 100 feet north of Main st.

—Award a bid for a police radar unit to Econolite Corp., which submitted a bid price of \$907.80.

—Approve a request by Robert H. Davey, 2701 Lawrence

Christmas Trees Need Lots of Water

Salem — Water is hard to beat as a means of keeping indoor Christmas trees fresh, says Charles Ladd, chief farm forester.

In addition to maintaining the tree in peppy condition, fire hazard will be reduced considerably, he added.

To obtain best results, make a new cut at the tree's base — preferably on a diagonal. Then erect the Yuletide centerpiece in a container of water. The diagonal cut helps the tree take up moisture, was his advice.

The container should be replenished with fresh water each day, as the tree will consume a surprising amount, Ladd continued.

ave., for a variance to the fence height requirements in the building code.

—Permit an extension of 15 days to Medford Construction company for the installation of a box culvert on Highland dr., and 72 days to W. H. Conrad company to install the Bear creek lateral sanitary sewer.

—Allow W. H. Hall to install extra width driveways at 113 Tripp st. in connection with off-street parking in front of a proposed apartment building.

Councilmen Fred Robinson and Robert Baccus were absent from the meeting, which was presided over by Mayor John W. Snider.

Persons Need Social Security Card To Work

Are you planning to work during the Christmas season? If you are, you will need a social security card, according to Edward B. Jacobson, district manager of the Medford Social Security office.

Work for any business firm as a sales person, cashier, or other job is covered by social security, and employers must have a social security number for each employee to report these wages.

Jacobson said that although the total wages paid may not seem significant now, eventually they accumulate and will be used in figuring the total amount of monthly social security benefit payments.

Women who have had social security numbers in the past and who have married and changed their names should report their new name to their social security office. Social security records should show this name change, but the same number originally issued will be used.

When people are hired they should be sure to show their social security number to their employer. The employer can then report the number accurately on the tax return used to report wages paid.

Jacobson invited anyone needing an account number or information about social security to come to the social security office located at 1005 East Main st. in Medford.

Disaster Directors For Red Cross Arrive

Eldon Bush, assistant disaster director from Red Cross Pacific Area headquarters in San Francisco, and a family service worker from the disaster staff, have arrived in Medford to begin the task of estimating damages and arranging assistance to families affected by last Sunday's storm. Three more family service workers are expected this week end to assist in handling the applications.

Application for assistance may be made at the Red Cross headquarters in Medford, Rogue River, Eagle Point and Grants Pass. Officials urge all persons in need of help in repairing damages suffered in the storm to contact one of these offices. Families who have contacted the Red Cross should return their applications as soon as possible in order to get the assistance they need.

No Obligation

Bush stated that all Red Cross assistance is given freely, there is no obligation on the part of any family that receives help following a disaster. To the question, "Must a person be destitute before Red Cross will help?" he gave an emphatic, "No." He explained that many families suffering flood damage do not have the money to put their homes back in living condition.

When assistance is requested, a family service worker discusses the family's losses and needs with the family and their ability to help themselves. Usually there is a gap between the family's resources and its needs resulting from the disaster and this gap is where the Red Cross help comes in.

Red Cross workers are trained for this disaster assistance and are brought in from other parts of Oregon and California. In instances where large amounts of money are involved, a committee of local citizens review the records and make the final decision in each situation as to whether the plan with the family is solid. The names of families are not disclosed and records regarding a family are kept confidential. Figures are not complete at this time, but it is estimated that about 231 homes and businesses were affected in Jackson county and 54 in Josephine county. The main damage has been to household furnishings, floors and walls, clothing and food and private bridges. About 75 families have already contacted the Red Cross for assistance, it was noted.

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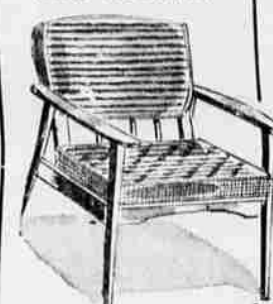


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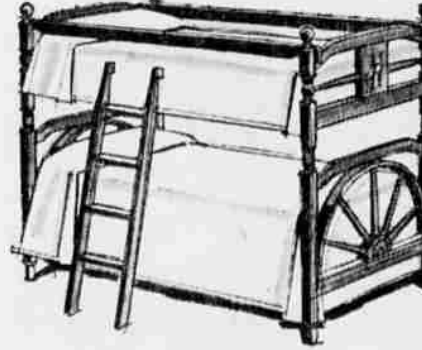
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Inter-Community Group Has Names Of Needy Families

The Jackson County Inter-Community Council's Christmas bureau has been receiving the names of needy families throughout the past week and will continue to do so until Christmas baskets are distributed on Dec. 21.

Each year the Christmas bureau accepts applications for baskets for needy families. The purpose of the service is to coordinate the efforts of the community to see that all families are cared for during the Christmas season and to help eliminate duplication of services. Each year between 400 and 450 families are provided for through this bureau.

Residents knowing of a needy family are asked to call the name in to the bureau.

The names of families are now available for groups and organizations wishing to provide a Christmas basket this year. Interested persons may call the Red Cross office, 772-4405.

BLM Warns Against Illegal Cutting

The bureau of land management is warning against the unauthorized cutting of Christmas trees on public lands in Oregon, according to the BLM director.

Russell E. Getty, BLM director for Oregon and Washington, said the bureau issues a few free permits to individuals as they may cut them selves a Christmas tree on certain controlled areas. Applications for free permits can be obtained from BLM offices throughout the state including Medford.

Unauthorized cutting of Christmas trees on public lands is subject to state and federal statutes which provide for fine and imprisonment, Getty said.

There is also an Oregon statute which makes it unlawful to transport coniferous trees on public highways unless the person moving the trees has a bill of sale.

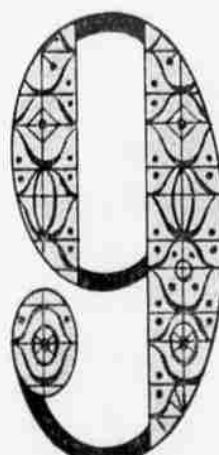
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