



**CROWDED RUNS**—This picture shows the crowded dog runs at the Jackson county dog pound off Highway 99 north of Talent. An average of 50 to 60 dogs are crowded into a space of 240 square feet.

## Man's Best Friend May Become Nuisance

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Ashland—Like the inevitability of death and taxes is the problem of dogs. Man's best friend has also become his greatest nuisance in many communities, Jackson county being one of them.

Few taxpayers are aware of the county dog pound located north of Talent and east of Highway 99 in a large barn filled with overflowing with homeless dogs and cats.

Chris Hagler, pound master, with two assistants has developed one of the most sanitary of projects under difficult conditions.

During January, 442 animals were brought in awaiting possible owners or death. Twice a week a full list of dogs is published with the result that some are reclaimed or are given new homes, but the majority must be disposed of after a five-day waiting period, or in the

case of those suspected of having rabies or having bitten someone 10 days. Twice a week the unwanted dogs are gassed.

**Seven Outside Runs**

There are seven outside wire runs, two of which are kept for quarantined dogs, leaving five with a total of 240 square feet for an average of 50 to 60 animals crowded so close together that they cannot lie down, much less move about.

The inside quarters are the same size, 4 by 12 feet. At night the dogs are kept in the building and in cold weather Hagler warms the area with a large wood stove. Twice a day the runs are thoroughly hosed out and each day they are disinfected. Sanitation is remarkable considering the crowded conditions.

This reporter has visited the Jackson county pound on several occasions and has counted as many as 67 dogs penned together. Their look of haunted desperation is something one cannot forget. Hopefully a few struggle against the wire looking for a lost master or a new one, then fall back again to sit in apathy, awaiting their certain fate.



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**POINTS TO DATE** — Suzanne Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks, 1649 Grand ave., Medford, points to Heart Sunday date, today, reminding residents that volunteers will make door to door calls be-

tween 1 and 5 o'clock this afternoon in the annual Heart Fund campaign. Miss Brooks' father is co-chairman of the drive in Medford.

## Medford Council Accepts Bids On Two Installation Projects

Bids on two city projects were accepted Thursday night by the Medford city council.

A low bid of \$8,712, submitted by W. H. Conrad company Inc., was accepted for the installation of an eight-inch water main on Biddle rd. from Morrow rd. to Crater Lake highway. Two other bids had been received.

Another contract which was for a sanitary sewer on Kenyon st. from Holmes ave. to Garfield st., also was awarded to W. H. Conrad company. Their bid of \$5,157 was the lowest of five received.

change with the Oregon highway department of two parcels of land on McAndrews rd. eastward from Biddle rd. owned by the department for city land on the southeast corner of Stewart ave. and South Riverside ave. needed for freeway approach.

Approved a cooperative agreement with the state highway department and Medford Corporation to eliminate a drainage problem in the vicinity of the Big Y.

Authorized purchase of

a new pumper-tanker fire truck for the Medford Rural fire protection district.

Authorized condemnation for water department right-of-way near Myers lane.

Called for a public hearing for a change of zone at 16 South Peach st. to multiple-family residential use from single and two family use.

Called for a public hearing to annex approximately 28 acres of property north of Capital ave. and east of the city's Capital Hill reservoir site.

Approved the manufacture of toys and children's furniture at 1109 West 11th st., as a home occupation.

Approved a request by Thomas Cardona, Villa Rogue Apartments, to pave and use a portion of 10th st. and Siskiyou blvd. for parking facilities in connection with his apartments on condition he work with the city's tree planting committee.

## Bartlett Pear Day Set at University

Bartlett Pear Day has been scheduled Feb. 26 by the department of food science and technology at Oregon State university, according to County Extension Agent Clifford B. Cordy.

The morning session starting at 9 a.m. will be devoted to such cultural problems as varieties, rootstocks, virus diseases, insect control and pear decline. These will be discussed primarily from the standpoint of their influence on processing quality. Cordy noted.

The afternoon session will deal with problems more directly associated with the processor. These include pear maturity, ripening and handling, processing procedures and economic trends.

The topics will be presented by speakers from the state universities of Oregon, Washington, California and from the USDA. A complete program may be obtained from Cordy at the extension service office.

## Franklin Elected VP of NW District

Dave Franklin, owner-manager of Franklin's Transfer and Storage company, with offices in Medford and Grants Pass, was elected vice president of the Northwest district of the Mayflower Warehousemen's association at the 31st annual meeting of the association in Los Angeles.

Franklin has been in the transportation business for 24 years. He was named "First Citizen of Grants Pass" in 1947, and is a member of the Lions and Elks clubs and the chambers of commerce in Medford and Grants Pass.

There are representatives of 550 firms attending the five-day annual meeting of the Mayflower association in Los Angeles.

## Summer Hours Noted

Jacksonville—The Jacksonville Museum will go on summer schedule March 1. Miss Mary L. Hanley, curator, has announced.

The museum will then remain open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on week days, and noon until 5 p.m. on Sundays and holidays, throughout the summer season.

## Valley Coin Club Plans First Show In City March 3

The Rogue Valley Coin club has announced its first coin show will be held March 3 at the Jackson House in Medford. Show hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The show will include an auction and exhibits in five different categories: U. S. coins, U. S. currency, foreign coins, gold, ancient and medieval coins.

The exhibits will be entered in both senior and junior divisions. Awards for first and second places will be presented winners and a grand award will be offered for the "Best in the Show."

Keith Witt is general chairman of the show. Don Wendt will handle the auction, which is scheduled at 2 p.m. Material for the auction is being assembled and interesting items include scarce and semi-scarce Indian and Lincoln pennies and numerous other desirable coins, singly and in rolls, club officials said.

**Space for Bourse Tables**

Space will be provided for 18 bourse tables at which coin dealers from the Pacific Northwest will be located to operate exchanges.

Other committee chairmen named for the show are Ken Myers, Darrell Rumley and Lee Collingwood; Bourse, Bill Thompson; security, Bob Hein; public address system, Bill Thompson; Don Wendt; displays, Bob Hein; Dick McElhose; registration, Louella Schneider; Ruth Wing; Evelyn Hein; Linda Myers; refreshments, Evelyn Hein; Ken Myers; signs, Linda Myers; Alice Hallgren and Don Wendt are handling publicity for the show.

The public is invited to the show for which there will be no admission. Refreshments will be served.

## New Radar Equipment Now Being Used

New radar equipment—the most compact and modern available—has been received and put into use by the Medford police department.

The radar unit, called Electro-Matic Radar Speed meter, was purchased directly from the manufacturer in Norwalk, Conn., and was delivered to the police department Feb. 1, according to Chief Charles P. Champlin.

Among the new unit's advantages over older models, it is completely portable and can be transferred easily from one patrol car to another. It is not necessary to keep the car's engine running while the radar is in use since it plugs into the cigarette lighter, obtaining its power from the vehicle's battery, Champlin noted.

The unit also is completely transistorized, hence guaranteeing savings on costly tube repair that was prevalent with the older models. Maintenance costs, in general, are low on the new unit, Champlin said. It has been widely adopted by other law enforcement agencies in the country, among them, Oregon state police.

At a recent demonstration of the new unit on Highway 62 near the Biddle rd. freeway interchange, Chief Champlin explained how the accuracy of the unit is checked by an officer before he begins to use it.

After the machine is turned on, the officer takes a tuning fork, raps it against something hard, and then holds the fork next to the transmitter-receiver. The sound vibrations cause the needle on the radar speed meter to register at a certain spot on the dial.

There are tuning forks designed to cause the needle to register at whatever speeds an individual operator may choose, but most law enforcement agencies pick one which will check the accuracy of the unit at the most frequently driven speed of their moving vehicles.

The Medford police department, for example, used a fork which will cause the needle to point to 50 miles per hour.



**WATCHES NEEDLE INDICATOR**—Officer Jerry Butler here watches the meter indicator to detect the speed of an automobile approaching from the rear. The radar unit can accurately register the speed of a vehicle from a distance of 500 feet. (Knackstedt photo)

ment, for example, used a fork which will cause the needle to point to 50 miles per hour. Oregon state police use one at a faster setting. The machine dial, however, is linearly calibrated, and if it is accurate at one setting, it will therefore be as accurate at any other place on the dial.

The unit may be set to operate at three ranges—low, medium and short—with a maximum range of 500 feet. From where the patrol car was parked during the demonstration, northbound cars were being picked up by the radar just as they came over the rise in the highway near the Biddle rd. intersection.

"We've been using the new unit for about the last week," Champlin said, "and several citations have been issued to speed violators already as a result of its use."

The chief explained that radar units are frequently used to check traffic along a particular street in the city where residents have complained of a speeding problem, and where, for example, the safety of children is being endangered.

"We want motorists to know about the new radar unit and how it is used so there will be no mystery about its operation," Champlin said. "It is a valuable aid in helping our department maintain safe driving speeds on our city's streets."



**HOLDS TUNING FORK**—As Police Chief Charles P. Champlin looks on, Officer Jerry Butler holds the tuning fork in front of the radar unit's transmitter-receiver to see that the instrument is operating accurately. When the receiver picks up the fork's particular vibrations, they are registered at a certain speed on the radar meter, which is kept in the front of the patrol car. (Knackstedt photo)

## Eight Paving Jobs Approved by City Council in Ashland

Ashland—This week's Ashland city council meeting failed to arouse more than slight interest when a hearing on nine street paving projects was convened. Only one failed of approval, having the opposition of a majority of residents.

Ordered in were portions of Grant, Terra, Idaho, Litway, Herbert, Jennifer, Courtney, and Heather sts. Turned down was Scenic dr. paving. A hearing on paving of Merrill st. was set for March 5.

Several complaints were registered. One concerned the unsanitary and unsafe conditions at the old Taylor Mill property on Hersey st., where the mill pond constitutes a nuisance. A letter to the property owners was ordered.

Harry Rees asked that heavy trucking on Wightman st. be re-routed and that the fire hazard of the old Workman mill be investigated. No action was taken.

Approval was given to McGrew Brothers Sawmill for a 20-year lease on the property purchased from Arthur Peters. The firm will be required to guarantee at least an annual cut of 2.5 million board feet, exception being made for shut down during any three non-consecutive years in the lease period. McGrew Brothers will pay the city \$50 a year for lease of the land.

Northwest Development Corporation was granted its request for widening and surfacing the present road into the Oak Knoll golf course and was given permission for three years use of the road while construction of the housing development is under way.

Early in the session, councilmen disagreed on granting of a Class B package liquor license to the College Mar-

ket, 1233 Siskiyou blvd., purchased by Joe and Betty Benbrook from Dale and Grimes.

Councilman Don Lewis voiced disapproval of liquor sales in such close proximity to Southern Oregon college and was joined in his stand when the vote was taken by Councilmen Arthur Peters and Duane Baker. Voting in favor of the license were Councilmen George Ward and Emmett Whitman. David Kerr was absent.

Mayor Richard Neill observed "we are expected to comply with the law and I feel this action is discriminatory." City Attorney Harry Skerry was told to notify the Benbrooks that they may appear before the next council meeting to appeal the decision.

City Superintendent Elmer Biegel presented a plat showing proposed new streets in the city-owned tract adjacent to Mountain View cemetery. The subdivision will later be open for sale.

On appeal from Fred Smith a large tree in front of his house at 590 Allison st. will be spared until such time as its roots clog the sewer. The concession was made because of Smith's plea that "the lovely tree means much to my ill wife."

Approved a request by Dr. O. J. Halboth to pave 100 feet of the alley between Ivy st. and Oakdale ave. on Eighth st. at his own expense.

Approved a request by property owners on Valley View dr. from Harrison st. to Capital ave. that they be permitted to install an asphalt strip on this street section.

The council referred to the city engineering department a petition signed by 81 persons, requesting a traffic signal on Central ave. at Ninth st. The council asked the engineering department to notify the state highway department of the situation and ask for a survey of traffic conditions at the intersection.

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