



NEW SECTION TO OPEN—This is a general view of the new section of Interstate 5, which will open to traffic Friday, July 26, between the Barnett rd. interchange and

the North Ashland interchange. Contractors crews are putting the finishing touches on the highway. (Knackstedt Photo)



SHOWS SURFACE—This picture illustrates the surface of the new section of Interstate 5 between Medford and Ashland. It is designed to be a non-skid surface along the continuous section of concrete pavement. (Knackstedt Photo)



SHOWS CRACKS—This picture shows the size of the cracks on the continuous stretch of concrete on Interstate 5 between Medford and Ashland. The hairline cracks eliminate joints every 66 feet along the highway. (Knackstedt Photo)

### Construction of Natural Gas Line Said on Schedule

Officials of the California-Pacific Utilities company announced Friday that construction of the 53-mile natural gas line from Grants Pass to Ashland is continuing on schedule. Construction started July 1.

El Paso Natural Gas company has started construction on the 125-mile transmission line from Eugene to Grants Pass. Completion date for the two lines is scheduled Oct. 1.

After completion of the mainline it will take another 30 to 35 days to run laterals into Medford, Phoenix, Talent, Ashland and White City. According to company officials the line should be in operation by mid-November.

The line from Eugene to Grants Pass will cost \$7 1/2 million, and California-Pacific Utilities' line will cost \$1 1/2 million to construct. The line is being constructed by Roy Price, Inc., Bakersfield, Calif., which has employed 76 men with a payroll of \$45,000 to \$50,000 per week.

The gas line will handle 300 pounds of pressure when it is completed. If the needs of the area increase the line can handle 600 pounds of pressure, according to company officials who have estimated that users will receive a 20 per cent savings when they switch to natural gas.

During 1964 California-Pacific Utilities company expects to install additional lateral lines and distribution grid systems. This will make natural gas service available to Oakland, Sutherlin, Winston-Dillard, Myrtle Creek, Canyonville, Riddle, Jackson, Gold Hill, Rogue River and Central Point.

It is estimated that these facilities and expansion in the communities initially connected will cost \$4 million over the next four years.

### Four Accidents Checked in City

Medford city police investigated four non-injury vehicle accidents in the city Thursday. One driver was cited, officers said.

Vehicles operated by Isabel Virginia Ballard, 46, of 1798 Stewart ave., and Catherine Irene Stephens, 61, Bend, collided about 4:08 p.m. at Grape and Third sts. Mrs. Stephens was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

A car driven by James Verne Shangle, 60, of 1445 Kings highway, crashed into the front of Montgomery Wards at Central ave. and Eighth st. about 5:15 p.m. Shangle told officers he must have lost consciousness from the pain of an injury he had received just prior to the accident.

Michael McKee Waterman, 20 Quince st., told police his car was damaged by an unknown vehicle between 2:30 and 6:15 p.m. while it was parked on Third st. near Fir st.

A guide wire on a power pole and a hedge owned by Valton A. Finley, 1327 Reddy st., were damaged about 7:30 p.m. when a vehicle operated by Albert Austin Blakely, 54, 2606 Highland dr., went out of control at Crown st. and Oregon Terrace dr. Blakely was apparently ill at the time of the accident, officers said.

### 13 Disease Cases Reported in County

Thirteen cases of communicable diseases were reported to the Jackson county health department last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, director.

One case of scarlet fever was reported in Phoenix; two cases of influenza in Ashland, two in Medford, and three in Shady Cove; two cases of measles in Phoenix, and one in Medford; one case of gonorrhea in the county; and one case of pneumonia in Medford.

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ENTER JACKSON COUNTY — Crews of gas line between Grants Pass and Medford, the Roy Price, Inc., company, Bakersfield, Calif., are shown as they installed a natural line in this picture taken Friday afternoon.

### THE WEEK IN CALIFORNIA

## Legislature Approves Three Tax Measures During Session

United Press International Gov. Edmund G. Brown could declare victory on three tax reform bills which were approved by the special session of the legislature — but Republicans were still holding up his budget request.

Conspicuously absent among Brown's major tax reform bills approved by the lawmakers was his personal income tax withholding proposal, ostensibly dead after a committee tabled it.

But awaiting his signature was the biggest money bill in his "no tax" package to balance a record \$3 billion budget—a bill to accelerate bank and corporation tax payments which would raise \$82.7 million this fiscal year.

But his companion request to fatten by \$114 million the "skeleton" \$3.1 billion budget passed in the regular session was still being blocked by Republicans — who had enough votes to sit on it as long as they wished.

Meantime, Brown signed a bill that would raise gasoline taxes by one cent with the estimated \$70 million collected by the state — going to cities and counties for road improvements. It allows county supervisors to raise truck fees by 25 per cent to pump an estimated \$15 million annually into rapid transit.

Did this mean that Brown had broken his campaign promise of "no new taxes" during the 1963 session? Top Democrats said no because it was not a state tax. But when asked about this almost two months ago, Brown said: "I classify that as new taxes. That would be a violation of my pledge."

Elsewhere, there were these developments: Record: The world's fastest airplane, the X-15, to a new world altitude record of almost 67 miles on a flight from Edwards AFB. After the flight that reached five times the speed of sound, Walker said he thought his altimeter was "whacky." It was six miles higher than he had planned to fly.

Smoking: The State Department of Public Health labeled cigarette smoking "a severe hazard to health" and proposed a program to reduce smoking in the state. A report said more than 100,000 school children in the state would die of lung cancer before age 70.

Among other requests, the department requested establishment of "anti-smoking clinics" to warn against smoking. The department said lung cancer had emerged from being a rare disease to one that caused 3,530 deaths in the state in 1961.

Slayer: A 56-year-old construction worker from Santa Rosa, Robert Alford, told police he shot and killed three Negro children near Phoenix, Ariz., last month. He was known to them as "Uncle Robert." The children, Teddy Walker, 12, his sister Jacqueline, 11, and their half-sister Carol Ann McCain, 14, had left home because they feared their family would be split up.

Alford, a Negro, said he was sending the children to a sister in Oklahoma because he felt sorry for them, but became angry when they told him they had lost money he gave them for bus tickets. Magazine: The General Services Administration (GSA) was embroiled in a controversy over the magazine it allows blind operators to sell in federal buildings. The GSA said its list of magazines approved for sale was published to keep "girly magazines" off the stands — but also missing from the list were liberal-leaning publications such as The Nation, New Republic, a conservative magazine The National Review, and the magazine The Reporter.

GSA headquarters in Washington said the list was issued on a regional basis only, but added the matter was "under review." An American Civil Liberties Union spokesman called the matter "clearly a censorship program."

Rafferty said, "I have no dispute with him (Braden). He has one with me."

Meantime, the California Association of School Librarians, in a San Francisco meeting, urged local officials to resist pressure from any group for book censorship or selection. It was one of several actions taken by groups, including county boards, in the wake of a dispute over "censorship" between Braden and Rafferty in connection with the "Dictionary of American Slang."

Civil rights: Negro and Civil Rights group in Los Angeles, a target city for anti-discrimination forces, concluded a fivepoint pact with the Apartment Association of Los Angeles to break up the "Negro Ghetto." The group also won a resolution from the City Council to protect Civil Service job applicants with jail records resulting from civil rights demonstrations.

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### Two Men Arrested On Charges of Rape

Timothy Ralph Barker, 20, of 13759 Idaho ave., Lemoore, Calif., and Charles Merrill Wright, 19, of 6048 Fourth st. NE, Seattle, have been lodged in Jackson county jail on charges of rape.

The two were indicted by the Jackson county grand jury last week. Two Medford girls, each 14 years old, are involved in the cases, investigated by the grand jury.

Both charges grew out of acts occurring on June 18 this year, according to the district attorney's report.

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## Freeway Section To Open Friday

The section of concrete highway without joints will be opened to traffic July 26 when the state highway department allows traffic to flow on a 9 1/2-mile section of freeway from Barnett rd. to the North Ashland interchange.

The new highway also is believed to be the longest

single stretch of "continuous strip" concrete in the country, according to representatives of the Cement Industry of Oregon.

The longest stretch without a joint is 21,064 feet, about four miles. A joint then occurs when the freeway meets a structure over Bear creek.

Cross joints, which normally appear across concrete highways every 66 feet, were eliminated by the use of heavier steel reinforcement in the pavement, a process which binds the concrete and causes tiny, unnoticeable cracks at more frequent intervals, industry representatives noted.

Because the concrete is 24 feet wide, a joint between lanes was required, officials noted.

Paving contractor on the \$2.5 million project was Fred H. Slate company and E. C. Hall company, Portland.

Since 1958 more than 90 miles of concrete have been constructed or completed on the interstate system. Much of this paving is in southern Oregon. Concrete pavement will also be used on a majority of Portland's freeway network.

## Irish Named To Manage New First National Branch

When the First National Bank of Oregon's new White City branch opens next month in the new Cascade Village Shopping Center, a familiar face will greet customers at the door.

Chester Irish, assistant manager at the bank's Medford branch, has been appointed

manager of the White City branch by President Ralph J. Voss and will be on hand Friday, Aug. 16, to welcome residents of the area to the grand opening of the state's newest banking office.

Irish joined First National at Medford in October, 1943, as an assistant cashier. He was transferred to the installment credit loan department in 1945 and three years later was named general loan officer.

His appointment as assistant manager dates from June, 1958. He was employed for 16 years by the Bank of America before joining the First National Bank of Oregon.

He is a member of the American Institute of Banking, Medford Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Medford Merchants. He has served as president of the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association and is past president of the Jackson county chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America.

A native of Norwalk, Calif., he attended public schools in his hometown and was graduated from Woodbury college in Los Angeles.

He is married and lives at 2564 Old Military rd., Medford.

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## Verdict Returned For Defendants

Verdict for the defendants was returned by a Jackson county circuit court jury in the damage suit of Betty Jo Lay, as guardian for Vickie Sue Lae, seven, against Alex and Iva A. Legler, operators of the Agate Dairy on Gregory rd.

The plaintiffs were seeking \$7,500 general damages and \$2,000 punitive damages for injuries allegedly suffered by Vickie, who was bitten by a dog, owned by the Leglers.

The case, the first dog bite case to be filed in circuit court in many years, was tried before Judge Edward C. Kelly for 1 1/2 days.

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## Action Filed in Circuit Court Here

Claiming that action by defendants in the suit has caused their property in the Prospect section to become "inaccessible, unusable and of no market value," Vernon Governor and Dorothy Governor have filed an action in Jackson county circuit court against Arthur and Lillian Walker and William and Cecilia M. Leonard, of that area.

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