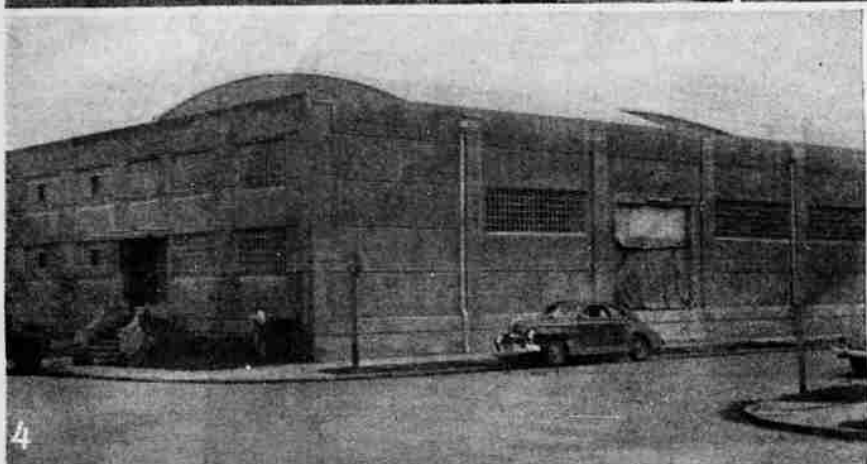
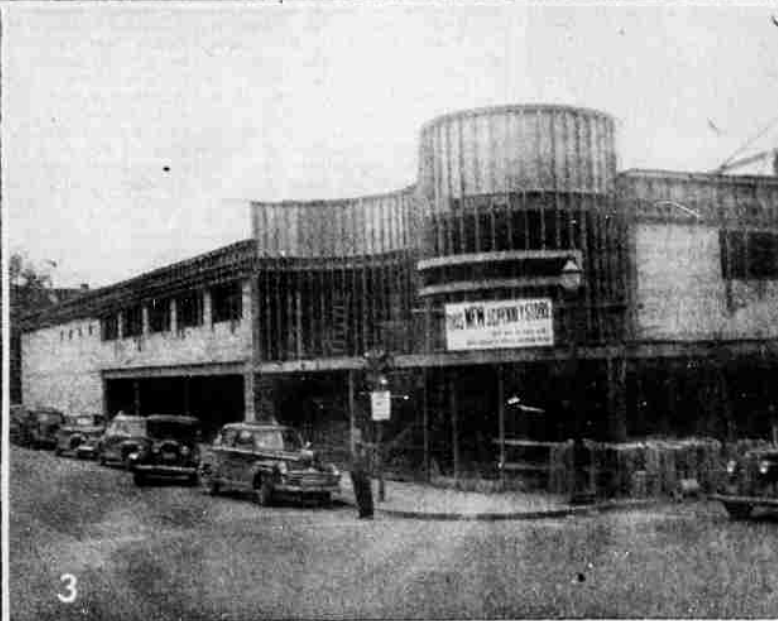
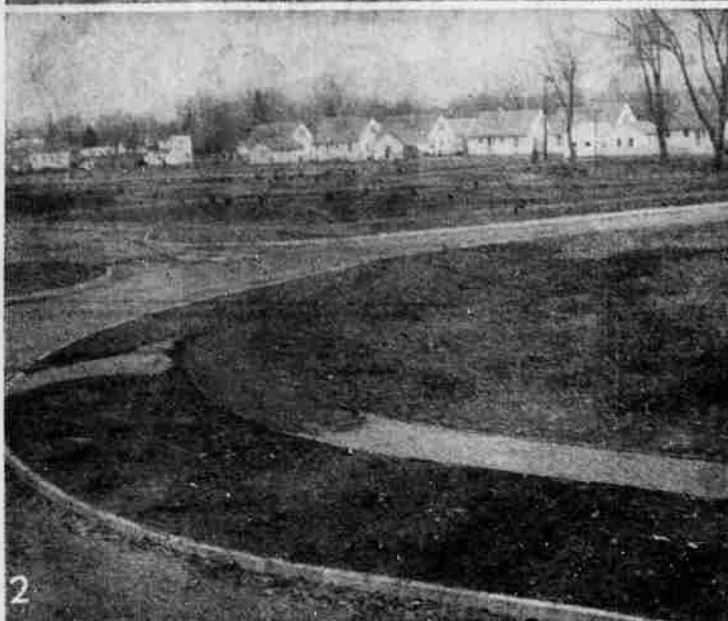
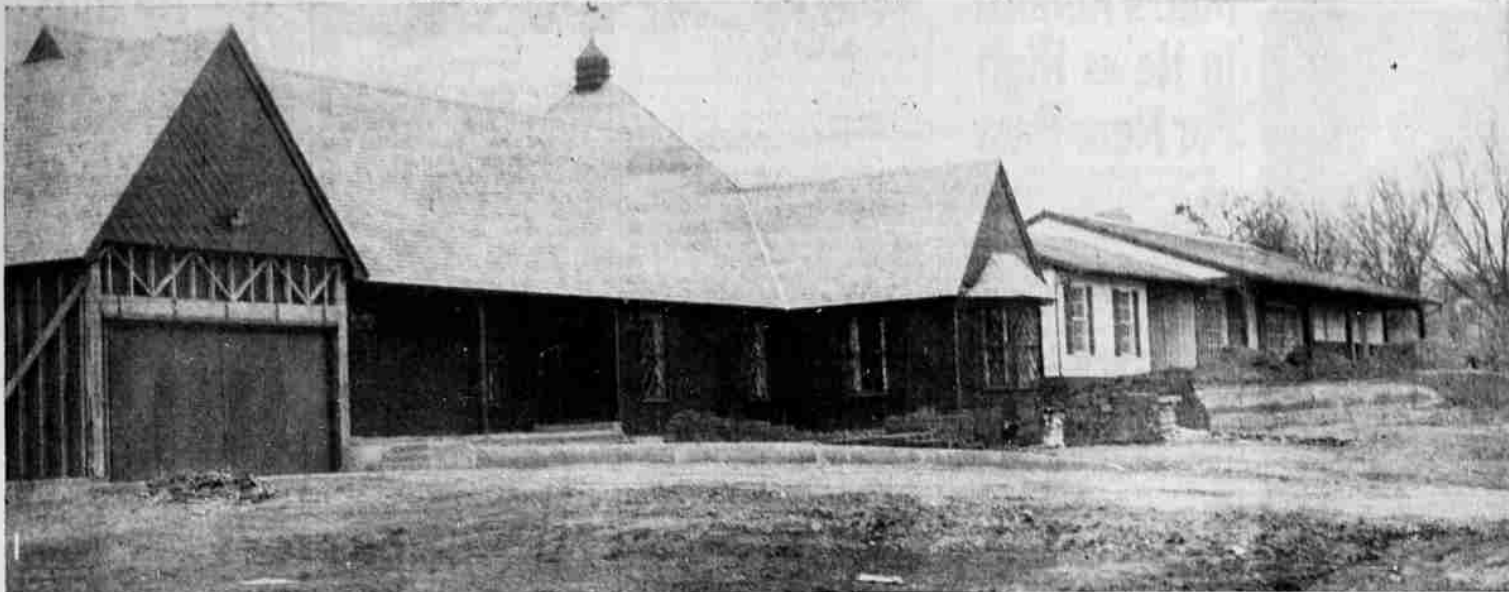


Construction Activity Notable In Neighboring Medford



Things are buzzing at Medford in the construction line, as is illustrated by these pictures taken on a recent trip to the Rogue valley center by Wes Guderian, Herald and News photographer. No. 1 shows a couple of new houses in a district that boasts dozens of handsome new residences. 2. Community park development near the city center. 3. New J. C. Penney store building in the middle of town. 4. H. Fluhrer's new warehouse building.

Building Lags In Klamath

Building jobs lagged last week with the week's total in building permits reaching only \$15,450. Largest single permit was to Mrs. A. G. Detroit for construction of a \$7000 residence on Radcliffe street.

Others were to C. P. Peyton, \$5000, office building, Market street; Mrs. Roy Eastburn, demolish garage and chicken house, California avenue; Clyde Adcock, \$200, garage, 442 Division; Leo N. Huls, \$2800, repair Men's Hand laundry, 11th and Klamath; Dr. D. D. Havens, \$50, enlarge private garage, 1421 Pacific Terrace, and J. P. Stocklein, \$400, remodel interior of Buffalo lunch, 2441 S. 6th.

Peak output of gasoline and fuel oil can be maintained by adding antiseptics to refinery cooling water. The chemicals prevent the formation of slime by water-borne bacteria.

Flood Control Plan Discussion Set

SEATTLE, March 9 (AP)—A six-year flood control program for seven western states will be discussed tomorrow by representatives of the district corps of engineers at a meeting of the Columbia basin inter-agency committee.

The program affects Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Western Montana, and portions of Wyoming, Nevada and Utah.

Navy, Marine Swimmers Test Fins In Arctic Ice

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 9 (AP)—Navy and marine corps swimmers for the first time have brushed against Arctic ice in underwater scouting.

This was disclosed today by Vice Adm. George D. Murray, first task fleet commander, in an interview on Alaska exercises.

The rubber-suited swimmers pushed through slush six inches thick and rubbed against four-inch ice in carrying out their missions.

They remained in water down to an estimated four degrees below freezing for periods of more than an hour. They came out then because their beachhead explorations were completed—not because they were exhausted.

Not even during the war did swimmers operate so far north. Attu and Kiska in the Aleutians were retaken without their pre-invasion survey and demolition work.

The men were sailors from navy underwater demolition team number one, led by Lt. Alfred R. Sears, and marines from the first division's reconnaissance company, led by Maj. Charles A. Rigaud.

They hit the water from submarines off Kodiak Island in February. They wore long underwear under their rubber suits. Their faces were smeared with petroleum jelly.

Lieutenant Sears, who said his

men had to go through severe tests "to win their fins," reported they demonstrated they could carry out their tasks right up to the Arctic ice pack.

The slush and ice were encountered as they reached the beaches—which they were theoretically preparing for an invasion.

Commander Edward L. Foster, who commanded the reconnaissance force, said the men appeared to like the cold weather. There was only one minor casualty, a sailor aboard ship whose feet were frost bitten.

The reconnaissance units operated from the fast attack transport Ganther, commanded by Commander Harold Braune.

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Woman Killed In Plunge Off Road

NEWBERG, March 9 (AP)—Mrs. Anna Stephens, 49, Portland, was fatally injured last night when an automobile driven by her husband plunged from highway 99 near Six Corners.

State Patrolman Marvin Bazzel said motorists pulled the woman, her husband, John, and their 8-year-old daughter from the wreckage. The man and the child escaped serious injury. Mrs. Stephens died later at the Willamette hospital here.

Bazzel said a witness reported the Stephens car was crowded off the highway by two cars that moved into the opposite lane while passing another vehicle.

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Mother Tells Of GI's Life

PORTLAND, March 9 (AP)—The mother of a Portland soldier shot by a Russian in Vienna reported today her son was not the kind of a boy to start a fight.

Pfc. Jack Grunden, 18, was wounded Sunday in front of the Russian headquarters in Vienna when he refused to step off the sidewalk on order of a Russian sentry. U. S. army authorities said Grunden may lose his left arm as a result of the shooting.

"Jack never was one to start a fight," Mrs. Agnes Wells commented, "but he never would take anything off anybody."

She added: "They (Russians) would have to gang up on him, all right, as he could take care of himself."

Grunden attended Park Rose high school and enlisted October 5, 1946. He was a construction worker prior to enlisting.

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