

Morty Meekle



CITY BRIEFS

In Hospital—Mrs. M. F. (Vivian) Landis, 5338 Summers Lane, is confined to the Klamath Valley Hospital for medical treatment. She is able to receive visitors.

Attention Newcomers—The Welcome Wagon Club will meet Thursday, October 11, at 7:45 p.m. in the Empire Room of the Wilma Hotel. Newcomers are urged to attend. The hobby display program will be presented by the Hobby World shop, and persons wishing to make reservations are asked to call TU 4-8320 or TU 4-5289.

Back Home—Mrs. W. C. Bailey, of 2244 Vine Street has returned from Portland after a three week trip to the city for eye surgery.

School Children—and adults are invited to hear Fie Rotmans of The Netherlands speak and show films at the IOOF Hall, Thursday, October 11, starting at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is free to the public and is sponsored by Prosperity Rebekah Lodge of Klamath Falls.

Open House—An open house will be held at Peterson School next Tuesday from 7:15 to 8 p.m. The first Peterson School Parents and Patrons meeting of the year will be held in the gym immediately following the open house.

The Lioness Club—will meet at the home of Mrs. Clarence Humble, 1320 Pacific Terrace at 7:45 p.m. Monday. A buffet dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the honor of State President Mrs. Burton Dunn. The Tokete Ladies will be guests at the meeting.

Film Showing—The Catholic Daughters will hold their next regular meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in the parish hall. A film trip style show in Technicolor from La-Pointe's will be shown and narrated by Mary Hutchins.

Klamath—Lutheran Church will have a smorgasbord and bazaar in the church parlors, October 25 and 26. Serving will start at 5:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Speaker—Mrs. Eric G. Clarke, Portland authority on jade will speak at the Klamath Falls Women's Library Club in the city library at 2 p.m. Monday, October 8. She will illustrate her talk with numerous items of jade. Interested persons are invited. Non club members will pay a small charge.

Visitors—Mrs. Robert Clark, Mrs. Robert Beatty and Mrs. James Hobbs, all of Medford, shopped in Klamath Falls, October 4. While here they visited at the home of Mrs. Robert Clark's mother-in-law, Mrs. Stella Clark, 330 Hank Street.

Modern Freeways Prove Safest Method Of Travel

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP)—The highway engineers didn't decide to build freeways just because they are faster. A major reason is that they are safer.

The Oregon Highway Commission recently received a report from the federal Bureau of Public Roads which summarizes an investigation made in 19 states.

It shows that on freeways, such as the R. H. Baldock Freeway between Portland and Salem, the traffic death rate is 2.8 per 100 million miles.

On expressways, where access is only partly controlled and there are crossings at grade, the rate soars to 9.8, making this the most dangerous type of construction as far as fatalities are concerned. The rate on the old two-lane conventional highways is 8.0.

There are 174 injuries per 100 million miles on freeways, 240 on expressways or partly-controlled access roads, and 408 on other highways.

NO EXPRESSWAYS

Oregon won't have any expressway construction. It will be all freeways from here on out.

Another study shows the same results for freeways and expressways inside metropolitan areas.

If the Baldock Freeway is to be a pattern, the speed limit on Oregon's new freeways will be 70 miles an hour. This will apply on Routes 99 and 30.

Access to highways is limited by purchasing the access rights from abutting property owners.

The Highway Commission can change present highways into freeways as long as there aren't more than 10 business establishments per mile. The commission will ask the Legislature to remove that restriction.

It's usually too expensive, however, to pay for access rights on existing roads. So the commission generally builds over entirely new routes.

In 1947, the Highway Commission asked the Legislature permission to change existing highways into freeways. The Legislature did, but put that "10 or more" restriction in.

That's when the commission first decided to build the freeway between Portland and Salem. It couldn't possibly have changed Pacific Highway East into a freeway with that restriction in the law.

There was a big legislative fight over that law in 1947, but the motel owners vigorously opposing it. There will be another one in 1957.

The commission says it needs to have the restriction removed in order to comply with federal regulations that will apply to reconstruction of U. S. 99 and 30. Some parts of those present routes will have to be made into freeways.

RESTRICTION

The commission adds that if the Legislature doesn't take action, then the federal government will come in and do the job.

However, the commission isn't just asking for unlimited rights to restrict access on those two routes. It wants to do it over the whole highway system.

The commission reports that nearly everybody thinks the Baldock Freeway is wonderful, but there are some complaints.

For instance, one state official complains that the commission is failing to put the mileage on highway direction signs. A sign points to Portland, for instance, but doesn't say how far it is.

The commission answers that it can't put the mileage on the signs until the construction program is completed. With new construction projects constantly shortening distances, the commission would be constantly changing the mileage figures, too.

Court Upholds Murder Term

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—The State Supreme Court has upheld the conviction of Charles E. Cole for the murder of Mrs. Helen Roberts in Vallejo in November, 1954.

Cole's conviction previously had been reversed by the State District Court of Appeals on grounds that the testimony of a pathologist, who had performed an autopsy on Mrs. Roberts, was inadmissible. The state appealed the decision.

Cole was sentenced to life imprisonment for shooting the 50-year-old woman with whom he had been living. Her body was found later near a road in Sutter County.

The pathologist testified that he believed it impossible for the wound which killed Mrs. Roberts to have been self-inflicted.

In affirming Cole's conviction, the Supreme Court said Friday that a conclusion that doctor's testimony was inadmissible would amount to holding that the jurors—although inexperienced with gun shot wounds in suicides—"could not have derived assistance from a doctor who was an expert on those matters and had personally examined the body and performed the autopsy as a specialist on cause of death."

4-H Leader Dinner Set

A potluck achievement dinner is planned for 4-H club leaders, to be held at 7 p.m. Monday, October 8 at Joan's Kitchen at the fairgrounds. Leaders and husbands or wives, past leaders and prospective leaders are invited.

The program following the dinner will include presentations of leadership pins, reports on what junior leaders have done to help senior leaders, how adult leaders have used junior leaders and how junior leaders may simplify work for the seniors.

Lillian Hoffman, new Klamath County 4-H agent will be present for introduction.

Boy Scout Jamboree Meet Set To Study Problems

Boys who are interested in attending the Fourth National Boy Scout Jamboree to be held in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, July 12-18 this year along with their parents, are invited to attend a meeting Monday night, October 8, 8 p.m.

Details as to cost, travel arrangements and other pertinent information will be given.

Some 50,000 Boy Scouts will converge on Valley Forge to set up a city under canvas. The jamboree has its own police and fire departments, water works, hospitals, railroad stations, bus and truck lines, radio and television studios, newspaper, bank, post office, telephone exchange, supermarkets, theaters and places of worship.

The government of the sprawling tent city is guided by the scout oath and law. The camp is administered by teams of national, section, and troop scouting leaders.

Attendance requires registration as an explorer or a Boy Scout at least 12 years of age as of January 1, 1957; that the boy be an explorer or a second class scout or higher when the jamboree opens, certification by the local council jamboree committee and an official medical examination certificate.

Eastern Star Plans Party

LAKEVIEW—The annual smorgasbord of the Lakeview Order of Eastern Star Social Club has been announced as Thursday, October 18. Serving will be from 6 to 8 p.m. in the basement of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Lee Paxton is general chairman.

Mrs. Arthur Simmons is handling tickets, now on sale by OES members, and other committee members are Mrs. William Harrison, publicity; Mrs. Glenn Smith and Mrs. Cressler Robinson, tables and decorations; Mrs. Ben Wilkerson, hors d'oeuvres; Mrs. Deward Bell, salads; Mrs. Lora Conn, desserts, and Harry Eaton, coffee.

Serving will be done by Job's Daughters.

Printers Trapped In Elevator Shaft

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Eleven printers of the Indianapolis News were trapped in an elevator Friday while returning from lunch.

They notified the building switchboard operator by elevator emergency sound system. After she called maintenance men, she piped in her own play-by-play account of the second game of the World Series in Brooklyn to the stranded printers.

They were freed one and one-half hours later — all company time.

KILLED

SHERWOOD (AP)—A farm tractor overturned here Friday, fatally crushing the operator. He was Roland E. Thomas, about 62, a Sherwood area farmer.

Indian Bandit Queen Leads Men On Village Raid Where Fourteen Die

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Word reached New Delhi Saturday of the murder of 14 villagers in a revenge raid led by a woman dubbed India's Bandit Queen.

Newspaper accounts from Rewa, 250 miles southeast of New Delhi, said the gang also wounded five persons in the nearby village of Datia and carried off several others into Central India's Vindhya Hills.

The gang was reportedly led by Putli, a woman said to be in her 20s who has become one of India's top public enemies since the most famous of all recent robber gang leaders—Mansingh—was killed by police about a year ago.

The dispatches said Putli led her men into Datia Wednesday because she suspected its inhabitants had given information about her to the police.

Putli was described as riding at the head of the band, mounted side saddle on a horse and carrying a rifle. She reportedly ordered her gang to tie 19 villagers to trees and then shoot them.

Five were still alive, but in serious condition, when police arrived.

Robber gangs in India are called Dacoits. It took hundreds of police operating as a small army to flush Mansingh out of the central Indian wilds. His crimes reportedly ran into hundreds of murders, kidnappings and lootings.

Putli's record was small time compared to that, before the Wednesday raid. But she was already sufficiently notorious to be the subject of legends in the countryside.

One story is that she sometimes carries her small baby in one arm and her rifle in the other as she rides at the head of her band.

There also is a story that she fell in love with the bandit chief, Mansingh, learned the tricks of the Dacoit trade and then took over his gang when police killed him.

Miller-Lux Case Reopens

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—A new phase of the vastly complicated suit over the Miller-Lux holdings was taken under submission Friday by Federal Judge Oliver J. Carter.

The new phase involved motions by the 68 defendants in the \$100 million fraud suit. The suit itself involves the trustees and heirs—grandchildren and great grandchildren—of cattle baron Henry Miller.

Friday motions asked that the case either be dismissed or there be a change of venue to the northern division of the southern federal district court. The northern division sits in Fresno.

Attorneys for the defendants argued that the land in question—45 square miles—lies within the area of the Fresno court and therefore it is a local case and out of the jurisdiction of the San Francisco court.

The attorneys included James D. Adams and Rodney K. Potter. Defendants include several large banking and oil companies.

Merrill BPW Budget OK'd

MERRILL—A budget prepared by Mrs. Paul Lewis, treasurer, was presented and adopted by the Merrill Business and Professional Women's Club during the meeting held Wednesday, October 3, at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Brickner.

President Vivian Trotman presided over the meeting at which 11 members were present. Mrs. Wilbur Brickner served as treasurer pro-tem and Mrs. Roland West took over the duties of the absent secretary.

Invitations were extended to the Merrill BPW members to attend fall conferences to be held at La Grande and Salem. The Merrill group was also asked to assist at registering delegates at the conference to be held in Klamath Falls on October 27-28.

Several members signed cards to serve as observers at the Ground Observer Corp Post to be started soon in Merrill.

CONFAB

PORTLAND (AP)—The West Coast regional conference of the American Public Welfare Assn. will be held in Portland Oct. 15-17.

Some 500 health and welfare representatives from six Western states, Hawaii, Alaska and British Columbia are expected to attend.

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