



A DANGEROUS HIGHWAY SITUATION in Klamath County has been pointed out to authorities by the members and officers of the Fort Klamath Grange regarding the Westside road. In a letter sent to the Oregon State Highway Department and subsequently published as a letter to the editor in the Herald and News (July 9) the grange points out that the current conditions on the Westside Road present a menace to normal travel; a menace, they point out, which will tend to increase as the pressure of logging traffic increases. In order to clarify the situation the Herald and News sent staff photographer Ott Ellis to the scene. The above pictures point out a few of the danger spots along the scenic but dusty route. As will be noticed in the upper left hand picture the road is just barely wide enough for a truck and car to clear safely when meeting. The truck pictured was pulled off the road as far as possible while the

driver repaired a flat tire. Normally the truck would not be this far out, nor is this spot one of the narrower ones along the road. The upper right hand picture presents an example of potential curve danger in which trees closely border the road, preventing any successful turnout in case of a wide-swinging car or truck. The lower left picture presents another danger spot in the form of sharp curves occurring on the ridges, thus obviating chances for a view of oncoming traffic. At certain times of the year the dust in these areas is thick enough to almost completely obscure the drivers' vision. The lower right hand picture shows a comparatively wide spot in the road at one of the many culverts and points up the generally narrow nature of the road. In the public interest a reprint of the grange letter is carried with this picture story. See story at right.

Grange Blasts Bad Condition Of West Road

Editor's Note:—The following is a copy of a letter sent recently to the Oregon State Highway Department by the Fort Klamath Grange.

Several weeks ago, Fort Klamath Grange sent you a resolution asking that in the interest of safety the timber road between Crane Creek and Three Mile, West Side Klamath Lake Highway be widened.

We had replies from the highway department and the Forest Service saying preliminary examinations were being made, and all were in accord that a danger potential existed. The Forest Service personnel were definitely in favor of proclaiming an emergency sale of the hazardous trees standing close to the road bed.

Observing no action taken we made inquiry and have been informed the highway department now objects to going ahead with the proposed widening. In all fairness to the traveling public, Fort Klamath Grange strongly urges you to reconsider. There have been several accidents and numerous near-accidents on the West Side Highway since our former communication and the logging season has only begun.

We have been told the objection of the highway department is the lack of funds to buy powder for the removal of stumps. Classed as an emergency sale, the proviso could be included that the purchaser of the timber would be responsible for the removal of the stumps. In this way there would be little or no cost to the highway department.

Let us not wait until there is a fatal accident or extensive property loss before taking needed action.

Cecil M. Brown, Secy., Fort Klamath Grange

Mail Deadline To Hold Firm

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sorry, but the Post Office Department says there'll be no free loading of mail at the old postal rates after July 31.

Not even for one minute. The nation's new scheduled postal rates goes into effect next Friday, Aug. 1. And the Post Office Department is out to squelch rumors that it won't enforce the higher charges immediately and will permit a grace period for the public to get used to the changes.

The department intends to obey the letter of the law, a spokesman said, and this means letters mailed after midnight, July 31, must bear postage at the higher rates.

If not, the post office will handle the letter on a postage due basis with the recipient being asked to fork over an extra penny. If he refuses, the sender will be billed a cent. If nobody pays, then the letter is dispatched to the dead letter office.

Besides the boost in the 3-cent stamp, the new rate scheduled for domestic first-class mail will raise the price for postcards from 2 cents to 3 cents, for air mail letters from 6 cents to 7 cents and for air mail postcards from 4 cents to 5 cents. Rates for drop letters in small communities which don't have pickup or delivery service will advance from 2 to 3 cents.

There also will be various increases in commercial and foreign types of mail.

Dad Charges Mom Sadistic

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Debbie Fowler, 3, looked like a "little crestfallen plucked duckling" when her mother "sadistically" cut off her blonde curls, her angry father charged today.

Maxwell Fowler, 33, a credit manager, sought a contempt of court citation against his estranged wife, Virginia, also 33, after she gave the girl a haircut.

Fowler charges his wife's haircut left Debbie "with a crude, ragged, one-inch 'butch' haircut." He said the girl was "broken hearted" by her mother's action.

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Thor Missile Bursts Apart

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A Thor intermediate range ballistic missile burst apart with a violent roar high in the sky early Saturday shortly after launching.

The missile streaked aloft at 1:40 a.m. but a minute and 10 seconds later it exploded into two pieces with a brilliant flash of orange flame.

The two sections plunged into the ocean about five miles from the launching site streaming trails of flame and smoke.

The cause of the explosion was not known immediately.

It was the 17th Thor fired in a stepped-up program aimed at developing the missile for operational capabilities by December.

The missile reportedly was launched toward an impact area 1,500 miles out in the Atlantic.

The Air Force said in a brief announcement that a malfunction occurred 70 seconds after the launching, causing the missile to break up.

"The reason for the breakup cannot be determined until data has been evaluated," officials said.

The breakup was witnessed by 12 congressmen here on a tour of the missile test center.

The takeoff and initial vertical climb appeared to be normal before the blast came.

One of the flaming sections tumbled earthward soon after the explosion. The second continued on as a tiny dot in the sky for several seconds before it too tipped toward the sea.

The previous three Thor flights apparently were successful.

The last mishap occurred April 19 when a Thor blew up shortly after blasting from its launching pad.

The missile, which is competing with the Army Jupiter for IRBM supremacy, is expected to be assigned to Royal Air Force units in England by December.

The Thor, developed by Douglas Aircraft Co., will provide the initial push for the Air Force's three-stage moon rocket which reportedly will be launched next month.

Meanwhile, the Air Force announced it had called off its three-day search for a Thor-Able rocket nose cone housing Wickie the mouse.

The mouse was shot 6,000 miles through space and back to earth inside the advanced nose cone of the mighty two-stage rocket Wednesday.

The nose cone splashed into the ocean near the coast of Africa.

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Reuther Says Auto Dealers Will Submit

DENVER (UPI)—United Auto Workers president Walter Reuther said here Friday the stalemate between his union and the nation's big three automobile manufacturers will be resolved in favor of labor.

He hinted, however, that the U.A.W. may strike rather than work without a contract much longer.

He asserted: "As soon as the corporations are willing to sit down in good faith and meet their responsibilities at the bargaining table, the United Auto Workers will bargain fairly."

"But if management continues its present attitude, I cannot say how long we will continue without a contract."

Reuther said management at first said no to pensions, vacations—"everything we ever asked for." "And they always changed their minds. They will change their minds again."

The controversial labor official was in Denver for a meeting of the executive committee of the AFL-CIO's Industrial Union Department.

The committee denounced Colorado's proposed Right-to-Work law, the Smith Bill, the Eisenhower Administration's attitude toward recession, and the attitude of the auto industry at the bargaining table.

The Smith Bill would prevent the Supreme Court from ruling where state laws are involved. The labor leaders said the measure would "destroy the state-federal relationship and undermine the Supreme Court's power."

Navy Regulus Fired Safely

MARE ISLAND (UPI)—A dummy Regulus II missile was launched from a submarine here Friday, the Navy reported Saturday.

The missile shot off from the submarine USS Grayback and traveled 1,500 yards before dropping into the water. Navy spokesman said the missile performed as expected and called the launching a success.

Police Seek Man Betrays Burglar

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. (UPI)—Police in Illinois and neighboring states early Saturday sought a California-bound motorist who carried a rabid pet dog in his orange-colored Volkswagen bus.

State police said they doubted if driver James Chilson, Whittier, Calif., knew his dog developed rabies as a result of a bite from another rabid dog in Gary, Ind.

Chilson's pet later bit a man in Gary, police said, and subsequent tests showed it had contracted rabies.

The Californian was believed headed on a two-week-long return trip to Whittier. He left Hammond, Ind., about 1 p.m. Friday.

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