

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Pomona Grange** youth drill team will practice Sunday, February 28, at 3 p.m. at the Shasta View Grange Hall. All interested youth please attend.

The **Klamath County Ministerial** association will meet for a noon luncheon Wednesday, March 2, in the Willard Hotel.

A **Hymn Sing** will be held at 3 p.m. February 28 in Calvary Baptist Church, East Main and Garden streets, with vocalists from all churches of the association taking part.

**Eagles Auxiliary** regular lodge meeting and initiation Friday, February 26, at 8 p.m. at the Eagles Hall. Officers must wear formal. There will be nominations for outside guard.

**Bridge**, the first Klamath Falls American Contract Bridge League Unit duplicate master point game, will be held on Sunday at the Willard Hotel starting at 1 p.m. Public is invited to come and play duplicate bridge.

**St. Cecilia Circle** of St. Pius X Church is sponsoring a public picnic party Saturday, February 27, at 5 p.m. in the Shasta Grange Hall. There will be prizes and refreshments.

**VFW** will have its crab feed Saturday, February 27, from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

9 p.m. Dancing to the music of Louie and Ozzie's orchestra will follow. Charge will be \$1.50 per person. Members and their invited guests are welcome.

**Henley Grangers** and members of the Farm Bureau will sponsor their annual ham dinner at the Henley Grange Hall Saturday, February 27, serving from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for grade school children and pre-schoolers, free. Public is invited.

The **Rev. Ernest Romiti**, pastor of the Pentecostal Church of God, 4637 Shasta Way, announces a fellowship meeting starting at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, February 27. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Evening services at 7 o'clock. Everyone welcome.

**Midland Grange** youth, their families and friends, will have a skating party at the Skateland Roller Rink in Klamath Falls Saturday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m.

**Oldtimers** invite everyone to dance to good music Saturday, February 27, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the KC Hall.

**Spaghetti Dinner** will be served in the Sacred Heart gym Saturday, February 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m., as part of the annual Dads' Fun Night. One dollar for adults, children 50 cents. Public is invited.

**Charmion Johnson** will be hostess at the Charles Drew Ranch to the Rebekah Past Noble Grand Club Tuesday, March 1. Potluck luncheon will be at 12:30 p.m. All members are invited.

**Mrs. Larry Whytal** will conduct a style show at the luncheon meeting of Daughters of the Nile Wednesday, March 2, at 1 p.m. in the Willard Hotel. All members from Tulelake are especially invited.

**Girl Scouts**, please remember the sing originally scheduled for Mills School tonight has been canceled.

**Klamath Post No. 8**, American Legion, is holding a Hawaiian Kau Kau dinner at the American Legion Hall, 228 North Eighth Street, Saturday, February 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to Beaver Boys State and junior baseball programs.

**Street Repair Questions Lead To District Office**

**Editor's Note:** This is the third in a series of six articles on the South Suburban Sanitary District.

By **TOM STIMMEL**

Any and all questions about street repairs in the South Suburban area lead directly to the mud-caked office threshold of the South Suburban Sanitary District. The sanitary district is inextricably involved.

Dozens of questions have been asked by persons who are irritated, or interested, or who have axes to grind. A majority of questions boil down to these:

1. Why wasn't the contractor bonded? Why did the district let itself get a bum deal?
2. Why wasn't the contractor held responsible for street repairs? Why did the district let him get away?

**Bloodmobile Visit Slated**

A Category 5 alert at Fort Lewis, Washington, involving all persons on duty at the post, forced cancellation of a scheduled four-day visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Loss of this operation produced an acute shortage in blood at the Red Cross center in Portland.

This shortage will be reflected throughout the area served by the program, which distributes the blood collected by the mobile units in various communities to the 30 hospitals served by the Red Cross.

Regional officials have arranged for an emergency drawing in Medford Friday, and urge Klamath Basin residents to make an all-out effort to exceed the quota for the Tuesday and Wednesday visits of the bloodmobile to this community to restore the center's supply.

Appointments may be made by phoning the Red Cross headquarters, TU 4-4125, or the blood program chairman, Mrs. Winston Purvine, TU 2-1565.

Donor hours Tuesday are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Elks Lodge.

On Wednesday, the unit moves to the Service Club at Kingsley Field, with hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Civilian donors unable to come to the Tuesday operation are welcome at the military drawing at Kingsley Field, Wednesday.

The answers, said Maurice Gunderson, the district's construction boss, are:

1. The contractor was bonded. Period. By jobs, performance bonds amounted to \$1,388,747 for the sewer lines, \$159,134 for the disposal ponds, and \$70,330 for the pump house. Total: \$1,618,412.
2. The contractor was not responsible for street repairs. The district assumed that responsibility. "We didn't let him get away," Gunderson said. "He discharged his obligations in every respect."

The district did hold the contractor responsible for street damages, and it is withholding about \$20,000 from contract payment until damages are settled.

**Damage Distinction**

There is a distinction between damages and repairs. This distinction is under discussion now. The district claims its \$29,000 damages on paved streets; the contractor claims even paved streets were in such bad condition when he started work that the resulting mess is not his fault. The question has not been resolved, but the district appears to be adamant.

Significantly, the dispute concerns only paved streets. It does not involve graveled and dirt streets. The reasons the South Suburban Sanitary District took these repairs upon itself appear, from Gunderson's explanation, to include less money and more time. The explanation is complicated because it involves details of construction.

Among ways a contractor can dig a sewer ditch, lay a line, and fill the hole are what construction men call Class C excavation and Class D excavation.

Class D is the nicest. Under this arrangement the contractor hauls excavation dirt away and fills his open trench with new gravel. Theoretically, this gravel fill blends perfectly with a gravel road surface, or provides a firm base for repair on a paved street. Class D excavation costs \$1.90 a foot.

Class C excavation is not so pretty. Under this arrangement the contractor fills his open trench with the dirt he took from it, and piles what's left on top in long, lumpy "windrows" that stay where they are until dirt in the ditch

settles. Eventually, excess dirt is hauled away. Class C construction costs 90 cents a foot.

**Excavation Classes**

Kenneth Nelson Company of Pasco, Washington, laid 203,063 feet of sewer lines for the district, down to depths of 24 feet. Some Class D excavation was employed under paved streets, but most work was Class C. This job cost \$312,213. If Class D excavation had been employed exclusively, the cost would have been \$673,359. The saving, by Gunderson's figures, was \$361,146.

Both Class C and Class D excavation involve only the "pipe zone" — that portion of a street under which a sewer line is laid. "The rest of the street is not the contractor's business," Gunderson said.

The rest of a great many streets became somebody's business because whole roads collapsed in the process of digging a pipe zone. Memorable examples were on Homedale Road, where the street sloughed away to create a miniature canyon eight feet deep and 35 feet wide, and then flooded; and on Leland Drive, where the street caved into a ditch 40 feet wide, from property line to property line.

"If the contractor had been responsible for repairing all streets," Gunderson predicted, "he'd have gone broke a long time ago, and so would we."

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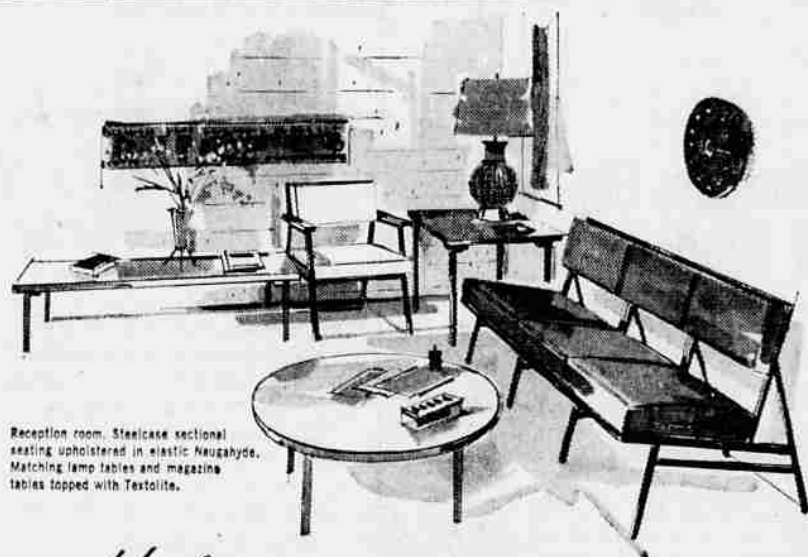
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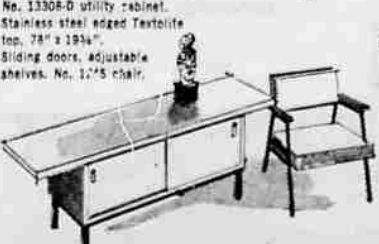
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