

Tax Increase Not Likely, Decision At Myrtle Creek

Increased town revenue will finance more improvements for Myrtle Creek and will not necessitate an increase in taxes.

That was the announcement made Tuesday at a joint meeting of the Myrtle Creek city council and budget committee. The group decided extensive street repairs, better public services and municipal improvements will be possible without increasing the tax load.

Meetings for further discussion will be held before a final budget is submitted for approval.

The following budget items were considered:

Personnel service, with present salary schedules meeting the council's approval; assent to the police department to trade the present police car for a new one; approval to improve the city jail; slight increases granted the fire department to care for new additions; approval of additions for repairs and materials for the water department and approval of new mains.

Three additional items were considered at length. The council agreed on setting up a sinking fund toward future construction of a city hall, instead of budgeting a low-cost building at this time. A committee presented a petition asking that \$400 be budgeted for lights on the Evergreen park field. The council will seek legal advice before reaching a decision on this question. The third request was from Mrs. Hal W. Schlitz, Girl Scout Library committee chairman, who asked the council to budget \$2,000 for a public library. Mrs. Schlitz said the present Girl Scout library would be used as a basis for the new public library.

Earl Van Gordon Of Dillard Passes Away

Earl Van Gordon, 43, resident of Dillard, died after a short illness last night, April 20. He was born Jan. 10, 1907, in Antrim, Mich., and came to Oregon 22 years ago. He was a pond sawyer for the Oberg Lumber Co.

Surviving are his widow, Olive Marion, Dillard, and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Welton, Roseburg.

Funeral services will be held in The Chapel of The Roses, Roseburg Funeral home, Monday, April 24, at 2 p. m., with Rev. H. P. Seonce officiating. Interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery.

W. J. West, Native Of Oregon, Passes

William J. West, 79, life-long resident of Oregon, died today, April 21, after a short illness. He was born August 11, 1870, in Kings Valley and came to Roseburg in 1930, residing at the time of his death on S. Kane street. He was a member of the Assembly of God church.

Surviving are his widow, Grace E. Roseburg; a son, John Elliott, Roseburg; two daughters: Mrs. Dorothy Gibson, Woodburn; Mrs. Ruth Jackson, New Zealand; four brothers: Abe West, Portland; James West, Monmouth; Ben West, Kings Valley; Taylor West, Mohawk; three sisters: Mrs. Mae Gorley, Camas, Wash.; Mrs. Sophia Girard and Mrs. Ella Gemmel, both of Amity; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in The Chapel of The Roses, Roseburg Funeral home, Monday, April 24, at 2 p. m., with Rev. Vernon Klemms officiating. Interment will follow in Civil Bend cemetery.

Mrs. Mary P. Derr Of Azalea Passes

Mrs. Mary Ponsoby Derr, 86, resident of Azalea for the last five years, died at the home of her son, John Ponsoby, 20 miles east of Azalea, April 20, following a prolonged illness. She was born near Elgin, Ill., on July 26, 1864, the daughter of Patrick and Ruth Vaughn. Mrs. Derr was a member of the Catholic church.

She is survived by two sons, James Ponsoby, Glen Ellyn, Ill., and John Ponsoby, Azalea; a daughter, Mrs. Agnes Smith, Madison, Wis. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Julia Shines of Elgin, Ill., and Mrs. Rose Young, Chicago, ten grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic church, Roseburg, where requiem mass will be offered at 10 a. m., Saturday, April 22. Interment will follow in the Catholic cemetery. Recitation of Rosary will be said at the Chapel of the Long & Orr mortuary, Friday, April 21, at 7:30 p. m.

Property Reversion Demanded in Action

R. L. Whipple and Moda Whipple have brought suit in circuit court seeking to regain possession of property valued at \$5,384.24 which has allegedly never been paid for under a contract with the defendants, A. L. and Doris Murray.

The Puget Timber Company of Oregon has filed an action in circuit court to obtain payment of a \$500 promissory note, allegedly issued and signed by L. D. Renne in February 1948.

Postluc To Be Held—Roseburg Rebekah lodge No. 41 will meet at a 8:30 o'clock postluc supper Tuesday night, April 25, at the L.O.O.F. hall, followed by the regular lodge meeting at 8 o'clock.

Decree Issued in Suit Over Property Contract

A final decree in a suit by J. W. Reed and Rose Reed against Ethel L. Martin, Arno J. Melchior and Berth M. Melchior and Henry Shircliff, was issued Thursday by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

According to the decree, the defendants are required to pay the clerk of the court \$6,708.49 representing the accumulated installments now due under a property contract with the plaintiffs, J. W. and Rose Reed, plus six percent interest on \$31,372.73 from June 18, 1949 until paid. The defendants are also required to pay \$1,500 attorney fees. Final settlement of the judgment must be made within the next 60 days, according to the decree.

In order to fulfill the terms of the judgment, the decree authorized a lien on real and personal property of the defendants.

Fifty Million Americans Will Observe Fast Time

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herds. Cows, it seems, give less milk when their milking schedules are changed.

Big city workers as a rule like daylight time for it gives them an additional hour of sunlight after a day at the office or plant. In Nevada, gamblers vainly opposed its adoption on the ground that citizens would spend extra hours outdoors when they could be starting on night life rounds.

Some confusion seems almost certain to arise out of railroad schedules. Most roads will cling to standard time but others will operate on the new time.

Radio networks will use the same system adopted last year, switching their major shows in the east to daylight time. Network stations in the south and west will be permitted to rebroadcast them an hour later if they wish, so that listeners in the areas can hear them at the usual time.

Lillian S. Pepple Passes Away

Lillian S. Pepple, 38, resident of 2446 N. Stephens street, died Thursday afternoon, April 20, after a lingering illness. She was born April 6, 1912, in Carrington, N. Dak., and came to Roseburg four years ago to make her home. She was a member of the First Baptist church of Roseburg.

Surviving are the widower, Chester, Roseburg; two daughters: Sharon Marie and Heather Dee, both of Roseburg; three brothers: Rev. August Lutz, Meriden, Conn.; Werner Lutz, Glenfield, N. D.; Fredrick Lutz, Rochester, N. Y.; four half-brothers: Rev. Thomas Lutz, North Freedom, Wis.; John Lutz, Pettibone, N. D.; Herman Lutz, Pingree, N. D.; Albert Lutz, Carrington, N. D., and two half-sisters: Mrs. Charles Siebold, Carrington, N. D., and Anna K. Smith, Rochester, N. Y.

Funeral services will be held in The First Baptist church of Roseburg Tuesday, April 25, at 2 p. m., with Rev. H. P. Seonce officiating. Arrangements are in the charge of the Roseburg Funeral home. Interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery.

City Budget Less, But Tax Levy Not Yet Known

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rates for city maintenance and operation:

	Budget	Tax Rate
1945-46	\$119,077.50	14.5
1946-47	137,360.00	12.8
1947-48	162,480.00	29.0
1948-49	217,000.00	15.6
1949-50	352,000.00	15.6
1950-51	301,895.00	unknown

Included in the proposed budget is \$8,700 for continuing of street lighting on Stephens street to the south city limits. Allowances are made for an asphalt spreader for paving of streets; sewer cleaning tools and mosquito controls. An added amount has been set up for parks and playgrounds. A recreation program has been established, providing playground equipment, park equipment, a pee-wee baseball summer program and parking lighting. There is \$19,000 in a sinking fund to be used for street improvements.

The officials of Roseburg have tried hard these last few years to get full value for money spent, said Slankard. The city can only improve or maintain with the funds set up in the budget and approved with a vote of the people, he stated.

SCHOOL LEVY VOTED
THE DALLES, April 21.—(P)—A \$138,568 special school tax levy drew approval of residents here yesterday in a 328-to-297 vote.



NOT FORMALLY ENGAGED—Gertrude (Gorgeous Gussie) Moran, the tennis star, and her new fiance, Pat Di Cicco, share a taxicab on arrival in Rome, where Miss Moran will play in an Italian tournament. Miss Moran said that she and Di Cicco, who first announced their wedding plans, are not formally "engaged as such" and have not yet set the time or place of the wedding.

Garden Dept. To Meet—The Garden department of the Roseburg Woman's club will meet at 2 o'clock Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Albert Micelli on the Melrose road with Mrs. Herman Aydelott as hostess. Mrs. Foster Butler will report on the recent camellia show in Portland, which she attended.

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CARL BEACH, Zone Mgr.
219 U. S. Nat'l Bank Bldg.
Phone 1442-J

The Weather

Fair today and Saturday. Little change in temperature.

Highest temp. for April	96
Lowest temp. for any April	25
Highest temp. yesterday	70
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	46
Precipitation last 24 hrs.	0
Precipitation from Sept. 1	31.07
Precipitation from April 1	.75
Deficit from April 1	1.08

DEATH TERMED ACCIDENT
The death of Mrs. Emma Inga Ashcraft, 48, of Azalea, today was officially termed "accidental" by County Coroner Harry Stearns.

Mrs. Ashcraft was found dead at her home 23 miles east of Azalea Saturday morning. Stearns said death apparently resulted from gunshot wounds inflicted by a 12-gauge shotgun, found near the body.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon in the chapel of Hull and Hull mortuary, Grants Pass.

NO FIRE DAMAGE
A city fire truck was called to the 800 block on S. Jackson St. Thursday afternoon to extinguish burning blackberry bushes located in a vacant lot. Firemen, on the job five minutes, reported no damage was caused, said Chief William Mills.

Used Cars and Trucks For Sale

- '39 Pontiac 2-Door
- '49 Frazer 4-Door
- '39 Chevrolet Coupe
- '41 Oldsmobile 5-Passenger
- '39 Plymouth Coupe
- '48 Frazer Manhattan 4-Door
- '40 Pontiac Convertible
- '41 Plymouth 2-Door
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