

Glendale City Installs Fire Alarm Tower

By MRS. G. B. FOX
At its regular meeting at the city hall this month, the Glendale City Council approved a 20-foot tower and a large siren to be mounted above the city hall for a fire alarm. It was reported that a manual fire alarm box has been installed at the fire house door. A city ordinance provides for a maximum fine of \$500 for tampering with the new fire box. To insure quick starting during cold weather, a motor warmer has been installed on the fire truck, itself.

Near Completion
Work has been resumed on the new city jail and it is expected that it will be completed and ready for use within 45 days.

The Rev. Kenneth Chick, who has been pastor of the Azalea Community Church, resigned the pastorate at the regular Wednesday night meeting. He will continue to supply the pulpit for a few more Sundays.

Dr. J. K. Howard spent last weekend in Portland. He was reported to have contracted a bad cold on the trip.

The Glendale Baptist Church will hold a baptismal service Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Glendale Assembly of God Church. Baptismal candidates are Mr. and Mrs. Hutton.

Britain Rejects Russian Charges

LONDON (AP)—Britain rejected Friday Russia's charges that the Paris agreements to free and rearm West Germany violate the 1925 Geneva ban on poison gas weapons.

The Kremlin, in formal notes Thursday to six West European nations charged the Paris agreements "contradict the Geneva protocol of June 17, 1925, prohibiting the use of asphyxiating, poisonous or other similar gases."

The notes went to Britain, France, The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and Italy.

J. Taber Named Winston Rural Fire President

By MRS. TED PETERSON

Jim Taber was elected president of the Winston-Dillard Rural Fire District Board at a meeting held last Friday at the Fire Hall in Winston. Cyril "Sid" Nichols is the new vice-president and Erv Gubser was re-elected secretary treasurer. Charles Hutton, the board's newest member took office the same evening. Hutton was elected in a December election to replace Roy Fisher whose term expired. Miles Feero, Dillard, is the other member of the five-man board.

Home From Coast

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Worthley, South Slope Homes, Winston, returned Sunday evening from Coos Bay after several days stay visiting relatives and with the former's father who is undergoing medical treatment at McAuley Hospital in the bay city.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hiner and their three children Jenny, Sheena and Rick, have returned to their home in West Winston after spending a week in Medford visiting relatives.

Frank N. Addison left Winston Friday evening for a business trip travel via the California redwood travel via the California redwoods and stopover in Crescent City, Calif., for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tabor will leave Winston Monday for Southern California where they will visit friends. In Los Angeles the Tabers plan to purchase a new trailer house and extend their trip to Tucson, Arizona and other points of interest in the south. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vance will be in charge of their trailer court until their return to Winston sometime in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ware and sons, Bruce and Wayne, have returned to their home on Civil Bend Avenue in Winston for the winter months. Young Wayne has enrolled in the first grade at the Dillard School.

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Changes Sought In Employee Retirement Law

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP)—Widespread changes were sought in Oregon's public employee retirement law in a bill introduced in the Oregon Legislature Thursday.

The bill, 46 pages long, carries out recommendations of an interim committee that has studied the subject since the 1953 Legislature went home. The measure was introduced by the Joint Ways and Means Committee of the Legislature.

The retirement law was given an overhauling two years ago, and now is in for some more changes. Under the law passed two years ago, the retirement program was changed so that public employees also could draw federal social security benefits.

The new bill proposes 15 major changes, attempting to carry out a provision that employees, at age 65, would get retirement pay equal to half of their salaries. It would reduce costs for low-salaried employees, and also reduce benefits slightly for persons retiring at those salaries.

Employees in higher brackets, including those in professional classes, would get bigger benefits and pay more for them.

It also provides that when a county, city, school district or other subdivision comes under the plan, it can't withdraw.

The Legislature appeared headed for a showdown fight over whether John Day Dam should be built by the federal government, or in a partnership between the government and state and private power agencies.

Eighteen House Democrats introduced a memorial Thursday calling for construction wholly by the government.

They will oppose the memorial asking for construction either by the government or by partnership. This latter memorial is supported by Gov. Paul Peterson, and is scheduled for House action next week.

Three bills tightening up the laws requiring fathers to support their children also were introduced.

They would increase the jail sentences in non-support cases, and require that men convicted under the law would work out their sentences at the proposed reformatory. Then, if they refused to work, the governor could transfer them to the penitentiary.

Bill Proposes Limiting Damages In Libel Suits

SALEM (AP)—A bill to reduce the amount of damages in libel suits by publication of corrections will be introduced by Rep. George Layman, Newberg.

The bill involves libel committed by accident, in which there is no malice. Publication of a correction would reduce the amount of damages that could be collected.

It would apply to all publication, whether in print, motion picture, radio or television.

SWINGEROOS TO MEET

Swingeroos Club will meet Saturday night for its usual evening of square dancing at the Woman's Club. All dancers are invited. Ladies are to bring sandwiches. Committee members in charge are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Downing and Mr. and Mrs. James Byron.



DOROTHY WARENSKJOLD, lyric soprano, will appear in concert in Roseburg next Monday night. Under sponsorship of the Roseburg Community Concert Assn., Miss Warenauskjold's appearance will be on the stage of the Roseburg Junior High School at 8 p.m.

First Class TV Service Promised In Plan Here

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The Medford programs would be from the air, with micro waves not being utilized for transmission.

The area in which "city service" signals could be picked up with only basic antenna would be bounded roughly by Canyonville, Tenmile, Elkton, Cottage Grove and Tillamook.

"A service" would extend to Glendale, Bridge, Scottsburg, Goshen and Diamond Lake. "B service" would include Ashland, Ophir, most of Coos County, Waldport, Corvallis, Sweet Home, and would take in Crescent and Chiloquin in central Oregon.

The areas are included in engineering information made available to the FCC in the company's proposal to broadcast. Viewers would need more complex television antennas in the "A" and "B" areas.

In its initial stages, Smullin said, it is anticipated that expansion will follow the lines taken in Medford, where the company built its first TV station, KBES-TV. There network programs were broadcast until enough television sets were in use to warrant sales in advertising.

Then local programs were emphasized, with a studio being opened in Medford.

A possible pattern for TV here is in the company's operation at Eureka, Calif. Network programs are picked up in Curry County from KBES-TV and micro-waved to Eureka. A studio has been built there for broadcast of local programs. The California station is KTEM-TV, channel 3.

If the application is approved by the FCC, shows on all four major networks will be made available to this area. KBES-TV is affiliated with Columbia Broadcasting System, but contracts for programs from National Broadcasting Co., American Broadcasting Co. and the DuMont Network are made.

At first, according to company's application, Medford programs may be designed for consumption here, with Douglas County events possibly being featured.

Call letters haven't been chosen for the proposed station, Smullin said. The station will cost an estimated \$109,000 to construct, and anticipated revenues in the first year of operation would be about \$60,000. Probable cost of operation the first year would be \$58,000.

Smullin is a veteran in communications. He was a newspaperman until 1933, when he started in radio in Eureka. In 1939, he joined with Amos Voorhies of Grants Pass to form the Southern Oregon Broadcasting Co., and the firm and its affiliates now run two television and two radio stations.

B36 Bombers Back From Guam

OMAHA (AP)—Giant B36 intercontinental bombers of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) were engaged in a trans-Pacific exchange of bases Friday.

One flight of the big bombers landed at Fairchild Air Force base, Spokane, Wash., its home base, late Thursday after a 23-hour and 55 minute flight from Guam, and another flight was to take off from Guam Friday to complete the return of the 92nd Bombardment Wing from a three-month tour of duty in Guam, a SAC spokesman said.

At the same time a flight of B36s from the 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing was en route from Travis Air Force base, Calif., its home station, to replace the 92nd in Guam. This wing also is moving in two flights, with second flight yet to take off.

The exchange, in the first simultaneous trans-Pacific movement of two B36 units, is part of the SAC policy of rotation of its units to foreign bases. Similar flights have been made to and from bases in England and Africa both by B36 and B47 all-jet medium bomber wings.

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Employment Low During December In Roseburg Area

Employment in the Roseburg area experienced its usual drop in December, according to George Foster, manager of the local office of the Oregon State Employment Service.

In a statement released this week, Foster said the drop came as a result of shutdowns for the holiday season. Bad weather forced other layoffs, he added.

The manager did not foresee any marked changes in the employment picture locally in the immediate future. Some lumber firms now shut down are expected to re-open this month, he said.

In other areas of employment, Foster said road construction in the county came to a virtual standstill with a single exception. The exception was work on new Highway 99 from Booth Ranch to Myrtle Creek. Work also continued on some bridges in the county.

Trade and service industries felt a post-Christmas lull during January, the manager added. He expects a return to normal soon. Meanwhile, unemployment claimants were 40 per cent fewer than during December of 1953. Foster noted fewer claimants have exhausted their maximum benefits than at the same time last year.

Job prospects were brighter. More than four times as many jobs were available in December 1954, than last year. He foresees no great demand for workers for 30 to 90 days, but added the situation should improve after that.

LONDON'S WIFE DIES

SONOMA, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. Jack London, widow of the famed novelist, died Thursday night at her home, Glen Ellen, in the Valley of the Moon. She had been ill for several years.

The former Charmain Kittridge and London married in 1904 in Chicago. She was his second wife. London died in 1916.

Views On Fliers Clarified, Hammarskjold Claims

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leaving the American fliers and other U. N. command personnel held by the Chinese Communists. He stressed, however, that Chou had made no proposals or laid down any terms.

He said Chou's discussion of other questions was "entirely apart from the question of the prisoners."

"No deals of any kind, nor any link between these other questions and the prisoner question, were suggested by either side," Hammarskjold told reporters.

Hammarskjold was asked whether Chou had expressed concern over a possible attack on the Chinese mainland by the United States.

"One of the curious things about the present world situation is that everybody is afraid of everybody else," the secretary general said. The secretary general said the question of 25 Chinese students detained in the United States had not been made a condition for release of the American fliers.

Hammarskjold arrived here Thursday night and immediately conferred for an hour with Lodge. Later Lodge reported to Secretary of State Dulles, who in turn filled in President Eisenhower.

Lodge expressed confidence about the fliers after his talk with Hammarskjold.

HUBCAPS STOLEN

Two people complained Thursday of the theft of hubcaps. Harry T. Holden, Eugene, told police that a set of caps were stolen from his car while it was parked overnight at Oak and Rose streets.

R. H. Linden, 313 Alameda St., said two disks were stolen from his car.

\$20 BILLS LOST

John Hartwig, 96 Castle St., lost three \$20 bills between the U. S. National Bank and the post office Thursday morning, he notified police, and said he would pay a \$20 reward for their return.

Six More Rain Gauges Being Placed In County

Six more rain gauges, transferred to the county by the U. S. Weather Bureau, are being put out in strategic places to gather information for the county's water resources survey.

County Surveyor Ben B. Irving, who heads the survey, said four of the gauges are the standard type and two are recording type.

This makes a total of 11 such instruments acquired for county use during the past month. Besides ones placed previously by the Weather Bureau at Roseburg, Riddle, Drain and Tillier, two of the new gauges have been placed. They are at Elkhead and Little River.

Eventually, Irving says, he would like to see the recording gauges set out near Devil's Flat on Cow Creek, at the head of South Myrtle Creek, on upper Calapooia Creek, on the upper end of Pass Creek near Comstock, in Flournoy Valley west of Melrose, in Upper Olalla, at Steamboat, at the head of the west fork of Cow Creek, and possibly on Rock Creek and at Reston.

Installation of the gauges is one step in the long process of gathering data on which to base future solutions to the problem of low water in the summer and heavy runoff in winter.

California Woman Pleads Guilty To Drunkenness

Mary Edith Williams, 28, Fresno, Calif., pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk in a public place upon arraignment before District Judge Warren A. Woodruff Thursday.

The judge indefinitely postponed imposition of sentence but placed the woman on six-months probation.

She was arrested by state police who took her off a bus Wednesday night. She was enroute to Salem.

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