

Small Lumber Operators Appeal For Regulations

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would be barred, and large operators would be able to buy on a single non-competitive bid.

Now, he claimed, regulations allow long-term rights-of-way agreements between private owners and a government for access on a year basis. He claimed this is necessary in the success of a sustained-yield program.

Buchanan charged the chairman of the Interior survey team, Floyd Hart, an associate of Timber Structures, Inc., Medford, with "less than enthusiastic about the philosophy of the present road regulations."

"He said he didn't believe McKay realized the full implications of an order by the secretary to adopt the recommendations."

The Sutherlin team claimed the three-man team brought no statistical proof into its conclusions. The recommendations, briefly, would restore former bureau policy of granting short-term limited area rights-of-way, he said.

Buchanan quoted the survey team's report to McKay: "The easements appear to be expeditiously and satisfactorily processed in all areas except Oregon. In the Oregon California Railroad lands, an opposite situation exists."

The Sutherlin operator countered in his statement: "Prior to 1948, there was hardly a watershed on which the full allowable cut was being harvested. There are 67 administrative units under BLM management. Today, sufficient access has been obtained to 49 of them to permit harvesting of the full allowable cut."

"In 14 units, access to a portion of the mature timber is still lacking, but there is sufficient access to permit harvesting of the allowable cut for several more years. In only four units does the government lack sufficient access to harvest the full allowable cut."

Proof that competitive bidding has increased, said Buchanan, are contained in figures: "During the fiscal year 1947, prior to the present regulations, 90 per cent of the tracts offered for sale received no bid, 52 per cent had only one non-competitive bid and on only 20 per cent of the tracts were there more than one bid. The average price received on timber sold was only 22 per cent above the appraised price."

The situation now, under present regulations, according to Buchanan, who said he obtained figures from BLM: "For the last half of 1954 and January 1955, all the timber offered was sold, only 17 per cent received a single non-competitive bid, while 83 per cent of the sale were competitive and the average price received was 83 per cent above the appraised price."

He continued that the 18 O&C counties' share of receipts from timber sales has jumped from three to four million dollars prior to 1948 to 15 to 16 million last year.

"Operating under a system of enlightened free enterprise," Buchanan declared, "the spur of competition has promoted utilization unheard of prior to 1948. Competition has brought hardboard, pulp, pulp chips and secondary refinement of wood products beyond any reasonable expectations that were held in 1948."

At the same time, he asserted, a small minority of the larger timbering operators has resisted entering into reciprocal right-of-way agreements with the government and "have never ceased trying to return conditions back to where they were prior to 1948."

He charged: "These new proposals are just their latest attempt to stifle open competition for O & C timber in those watersheds where they are the dominant private owners."

The County Court, in the meantime, has the request of the group under advisement. County Judge Carl C. Hill said he thought the best way to present the argument would be to the executive committee of the Assn. of O&C Counties.

Buchanan, who said each of the 18 O&C county courts are hearing the plan of the group, argued that wider attention could be brought to the matter if each of the county courts would act individually.

He claimed Fank Saver, Portland, attorney for the Assn. of O&C Counties, acted against the interests of the counties as a member of the State BLM Advisory Board when the board accepted the survey team's report.

But Judge Hill countered that Saver has acted only on the counties and probably was aware of any stand, if any, taken by the counties on the question.



COURTHOUSE WORK STARTED—W. H. Shields Construction Co., Eugene, general contractor in the building of two new wings to the Douglas County courthouse, started work this week by felling trees on the grounds. Work on the east wing, above, will be started first. Excavation is next. (Paul Jenkins photo)

City Council Wrestles With Numerous Problems During Monday Night's Session

The Roseburg City Council ran through a raft of minor business Monday night besides more than a full share of major items (see page 1). It took councilmen just three hours 35 minutes to wade through its agenda while a chamberful of citizens watched.

What started out to be the first reading of an ordinance to change zoning from residential 2 to business at the west foot of the Oak Street Bridge turned into a half-hour discussion on setback possibilities.

The long argument began over a simple clerical error in the ordinance which put an emergency clause into the proposed regulation. Acting City Atty. J. A. Richmond asked the council if it wished to suspend rules on passage to get the ordinance out of the way in one night.

Attorney for petitioners living in the district, J. V. Long, told the council that he felt that the people had not been properly advised in the 2 1/2 years since the petition first had been presented to the council, then referred to the planning commission.

Councilman George Luoma then brought up a suggestion that a setback clause be incorporated into the ordinance. That uncovered the fact that the area is possibly due for a face-lifting if a new span is built across the South Umpqua River.

After considerable talking back and forth, councilmen agreed to the ordinance. Luoma's recommendation that a council committee be named to meet with City Manager George Farrell to contact the State Highway Dept. on possible highway plans in the area.

The subject was changed, incidentally, before Mayor Ernest Barker Jr. appointed the committee. Luoma also put through a second recommendation. It would authorize the council finance committee to recommend a central purchasing agent for fire insurance. A stipulation is that the agent must farm out 40 per cent of the insurance.

Appointment of the agent would be by approval of the council with the recommendation of a local group of fire underwriters. Higher rates are expected to be the result of the city Comprehensive liability and bond marine insurance still would be put out for bids. The agent wasn't nominated Monday.

Other council action: ORDINANCES: Two ordinances setting time limits on Southern Pacific switching activity at street crossings were repealed in the third reading of another ordinance. The second reading of an inclusive ruling to control amusement devices was put off when several councilmen reported they didn't have copies of the proposed law.

PUBLIC HEARING: No remonstrances were heard in a proposal to rezone the area west of the new freeway to Harrison Street and south of Harvard Avenue from residential 2 to business, and Richmond was directed to draw up an ordinance. The east side of Harrison wouldn't be affected.

TIMBERJACK: Mayor Barker set aside March 16-19 as a period of "celebration and joy" in Roseburg in recognition of the Republic's 76th birthday. A request of the Roseburg Boosters Assn. to block off parking on Jackson Street between Douglas and Mosher on March 16 for the clambake was okayed. The association is boosting the premiere.

MOTORCYCLES: Petition of the Roseburg Road Runners, a motorcycle club, asking the council to set aside airport property south of the West Coast Airlines terminal for racing was rejected. Premise was that the proposed quarter-mile dirt track would be located on future property owned by the city. NEW BUSINESSES: Financial responsibility bonds were waived for two applicants: J. E. Cox for a variety wholesale business at 139 Sheridan St., and H. Snyder for a radio and television repair shop at 503 N. Jackson St. Two others were tabled: Claude O. Cramer for a scrap iron and metal yard behind the Page Lumber & Fuel Co. on North Jackson Street near the triangle and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lowery for a new corner service (dry-cleaning) in the Umpqua Hotel.

LOCAL NEWS

Visit In Seattle — Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Currier and son, Charles, of Roseburg were in Portland Friday, where the former attended a Dental Clinic, after which they went on to Seattle to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Currier.

Back From San Francisco — Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Bubar are back in their home on East Cass Street following a stay in San Francisco.

Visit Mrs. Row — Mr. and Mrs. George Tull of Seattle came by plane to Roseburg to spend the weekend visiting Mrs. E. B. Row en route to San Francisco for the week.

HEU To Meet — Winston-Dillard will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Evergreen Grange Hall with Joyce Culbertson and Opal Counts in charge of the project on homemade ready mixes.

Committee To Meet — The executive committee of the Women's Fellowship of the First Christian Church will meet Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Lowell Atterbury, 2027 Old Lane.



EVANGELIST H. L. Hoover, above, and his wife will launch an evangelistic campaign tonight at 7:45 at the Winston Foursquare Church. His topics are: Tuesday, "Lord, Send a Revival"; Wednesday, "The Secret of a Successful Revival"; Thursday, "Lord, Teach Us To Pray"; and Friday, "The Touch of Faith". Prayer for the sick will follow each meeting.

DRIVER FINED — Gus M. Main, 37, Valley Hotel, Monday was fined \$50 by Municipal Judge Randolph Stocum when he pleaded guilty to failure to leave his name at the scene of an accident. Main was involved in a collision with a parked car on Winchester Street just after midnight Monday.

WALLPAPER BURNS — An overheated element on a kitchen range ignited wallpaper on the walls and ceiling of the James Clark home, 306 W. Second Ave. N., late Monday afternoon. Firemen said damage was about \$100. There was some smoke damage. The house is owned by Henry M. Bailey.

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Oregon Employment Service Operation Explained By Manager Foster To Chamber

Insight into the workings of the local offices of the Oregon Employment Service and the Unemployment Compensation Commission was given Roseburg Chamber of Commerce members at a regular Monday noon forum luncheon.

Speaking at the session in the Hotel Umpqua, George Foster, manager of the local offices, briefly outlined the history and intricacies of the work they carry out.

As to the employment office, Foster pointed out that it has developed a well-rounded program since it was started in 1933. Services include placement, employment counseling and selective placement, special services to veterans, industrial services, labor market information and community participation.

Some of the services to employers, including employ screening, job analysis, testing and development of techniques, cut down time and expense. "We do no hiring," Foster reminded while he was noting the free services which clear the way for employers to hire the persons they want and the ones who fit into the job.

As to unemployment compensation, Foster said it was provided to protect the worker between jobs, keep them from moving out of the community and to help maintain the standard of living.

The peak of claims during 1954 was under that of 1953. County claims last year totaled \$839,981, of which \$578,640 was in the Roseburg area (including Sutherlin and Oakland).

During a question and answer period, Foster was asked about "the Myrtle Creek situation" and about chiseling on the unemployment compensation rolls.

Of Myrtle Creek, where Umpqua Plywood Corp. laid off 359 men on Feb. 22, Foster said it was fortunate the plant was closed this time of year. Some of the men left the area, he said, but many others have been absorbed at other mills. "It will be quite a blow to the Myrtle Creek area, for quite a while," he said.

As to unlawful claims on the part of some persons, Foster said he believes only 4 or 5 percent are "there to get out of it what they can." Most claimants are honest in their efforts to obtain work, he said.

Foster was introduced by Ralph Ohman, program chairman. President Leroy Hiatt presided.

Hells Canyon Dam Bill Ready For Introduction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation to authorize the federal Hells Canyon Dam, sponsored by 30 senators and four representatives, was ready for introduction in both houses of Congress Tuesday.

Five identical bills would authorize a federal dam in the deepest river gorge on the continent—Hells Canyon on the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon. Similar bills failed in two past congresses.

In the same river reach, the Idaho Power Co. is seeking Federal Power Commission construction licenses for three smaller dams which would flood the proposed federal project site.

The public utility's applications are before an FPC examiner. Public power groups fought the applications during a year-long hearing before examiner William J. Costello, who plans to rule in April or May. His decision will be appealed to the FPC itself.

The public power groups asserted that the Republican administration got behind Idaho Power's plan when Secretary of the Interior McKay withdrew his department's opposition to the firm's applications and took no action to press the construction of the federal dam by the Reclamation Bureau, which is under Interior.

The Senate bill, ready for introduction by Sen. Morse (D-Ore), is co-sponsored by 29 senators—27 Democrats and 2 Republicans. Identical House bills bear the names of Reps. Post (D-Idaho), Don Magnuson (D-Wash), Green (D-Ore) and Metcalf (D-Mont). Introduction of more than one bill in the house, where co-sponsorship is against the rule, is meant to indicate regional support.

PLANS APPROVED — Bids will be opened March 29 at 8 p.m. for the construction of two rooms and a cafeteria for the Glide High School, according to an announcement by Glide supt. Byron Evans. The school board approved final plans at a special meeting last week. Plans were drawn up by Roseburg architect Lyle Glenn. Copies of the final plans will be sent immediately to contractors and to builders' exchanges in the Northwest.

DENIES GUILT — Gimie Alfred Dillworth, 48, of 1096 S. Kane St., Monday pleaded innocent to a charge of drunken driving. Municipal Judge Randolph Stocum set trial for March 23 and placed bail at \$300. Dillworth was arrested Saturday night by city police.

Warfield Very Personable; Blazer Trail For Success

By LAURA OLSON Staff Writer, News-Review

Genial William Warfield would warm the heart of any listener. At 35 he has blazed a trail of success throughout a good portion of the world with his carlike voice and personable manner.

It is a late television movie, the host would be unable to budge him, until the picture ended, "I can take television or leave it," he said Monday afternoon at the Hotel Umpqua. Unless, that is, he becomes embroiled in the late show.

He admits to another "bad" habit: Gin rummy playing (and usually losing) with his accompanist and vocal coach Dr. Otto Herz.

Warfield is married to the girl who played opposite him in "Porgy and Bess." The girl (Bess) is soprano Leontyne Price. Miss Price made musical history herself Jan. 23, 1955, when she appeared in the first uncut version of "Tosca," televised nationally over NBC. She was the first Negro to appear in the role. Warfield is rather proud of his wife.

They have appeared together in joint recital. They do not plan to continue such appearances beyond next year. "We want to give each other a chance to spread our wings and keep our individualism," the baritone said. They will sing together in Kansas City later this month. The musical couple was married in August of 1952. Later they went overseas with "Porgy and Bess"; appeared in the Germain opera in Vienna and Berlin; gave "extra-curricular concerts" in Europe.

Warfield says the Metropolitan Opera is "no particular goal" of his.

World War I Veterans To Form New Organization

Veterans of the First World War are invited to attend a meeting at 8 o'clock tonight at the dining hall in the Roseburg Armory where preliminary plans will be made for organization of a Douglas County Barracks of World War I Veterans.

Ralph J. (Red) Baldwin, state adjutant and organizer, reports that he has contacted a number of eligible veterans and finds considerable local interest in the comparatively new organization. World War I Veterans, Baldwin explains, was created to work for hospital, compensation and pension benefits. Only veterans of the First World War are eligible for membership.

Local units, known as Barracks, have been formed in 23 Oregon communities, with a total membership in excess of 2,500. Baldwin reports, and 12 more are in process of organization.

Although the national organization was started only three years ago, more than 50,000 veterans now hold memberships, Baldwin states.

It is planned, the organizer says, to set up a temporary group of officers at tonight's meeting. This will be followed by a membership campaign and creation of a Barracks at Roseburg to serve all of Douglas County.

City Officials To Talk At Planning Meeting — City Manager George Farrell and City Engineer John Loosley tonight will outline needed sewer works in a meeting of the city planning commission in the City Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

The basis of their discussions will come from the year-old report on a sewer survey made by the Corvallis Firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, consulting engineers. The firm was hired to do the survey on order of the City Council about 20 months ago. Included in the report are recommended financing plans.

Baritone Singer Highly Impresses Local Audience

By LEROY INMAN

One of the outstanding concert artists to visit Roseburg was William Warfield, baritone, who thoroughly impressed more than 1,000 persons who filled the Central Junior High auditorium Monday night.

The singing star of stage and screen gave an outstanding performance ranging from the immortal classics of Mozart, Handel, Mendelssohn and Brahms, through American folk songs and negro spirituals; then touched off the finale with what most of the audience had hoped he would sing, an encore rendition of Jerome Kern's "Ol' Man River."

Warfield was exceptionally high in the audience's praise in his presentation of Handel's "Hear Me, Ye Winds and Waves," from "Scipio."

His German numbers were well done, with especial reaction to his singing of Loewe's "Hochzeitlied (Wedding Song)."

While his singing of the classics was very well done, Warfield was definitely closer to his audience in the second half of his program, which included such folk songs as "Stewball," "Colorado Train," and "What You Gonna Do When the Meat Gives Out."

His last group of selections included the most famous of negro spirituals, concluding with "A Witness."

The audience repeatedly called the singer back for curtain calls and at the conclusion he chose two selections from the ever popular "Porgy and Bess," including "I Ain't Got Nothin'" and "It Ain't Necessarily So," and another song, "No, No, John," in which he played his own accompaniment.

"Ol' Man River," which won him such high acclaim in the movie, "Show Boat," thrilled the audience, as he had thrilled millions in the movie production.

But not to be overshadowed was Warfield's accompanist, Otto Herz. Herz didn't just play the piano, he gave the singing numbers a certain added lift that demonstrated his own musicianship of long experience and ability.

Concert Workers To Hold Dinner At Hotel Tonight — The annual dinner meeting for workers in the Roseburg Community Concert Assn. will be held at 6:30 o'clock tonight at the Hotel Umpqua. Mrs. Inga Williams, Columbia Concerts Inc., representative from New York City, will be present to assist with the campaign.

Members of the association have been given an opportunity for renewing membership for the coming year, and the membership campaign is now open to the public for this one week. The drive will close Saturday, March 12, and no further memberships will be taken. Only members of the association are privileged to attend the concert as no tickets are sold for any one concert.

Two Residents Protest Terrace Ave. Assessment

A cautious approach and a refusal to pay more than results of recent improvements to Terrace Avenue when the City Council called a public hearing on proposed assessments Monday night.

Miss Minnie L. Bell, 829 Reservoir Ave., asked councilmen for a deduction for destructiveness which she said was caused during construction.

But W. R. Bernal, 505 Terrace, in a letter flatly stated that he won't pay his assessments. Bernal said he had warned the council before the improvements were started that he didn't ask for them and that he didn't intend to pay.

The work, he said, did "more harm than good" because of damage he said was done to his driveway.

Miss Bell said the assessments "will burden us to death." Mayor Barker advised her to outline damage in a letter to the council. Miss Bell was among 11 property owners on the Terrace project.

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A pair of Roseburg men have taken on the job of gathering to hold the greatest show of industrial might the county has seen for Timberjack Days March 16.

The two are Russ Briggs and Carl Rulhauff. They said today it is a "matter of public interest to exhibit with pride some of the amazing pieces of equipment at work in our county."

They have asked all loggers, mill operators and allied services to enter as much equipment in this parade as possible.

Much of the equipment will be rolled out for a "Parade of Power." Plans have also been made to display equipment on Jackson Street between Douglas and Lane after the parade. The two men report there will be no traffic on Jackson in the afternoon.

They called it an expression of confidence in the future of this area.

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An observer at the University of California seismograph station, Carl Helgestad, said the quake had a Richter scale of 1.5, and the quake was in a different fault from the severe quake of Dec. 21. The earthquake was felt for a 40 mile radius.

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