

Myrtle Creek's Teacher Shortage Crops Up Again

Myrtle Creek's teacher shortage has cropped up again, but this time it was just because enrollment in the city's schools has boomed to a new high of 1,660.

Supt. Al Neet made the report at a school board meeting Monday night, according to correspondent Ruth M. Evans. The board authorized Neet to hire a primary teacher, Gertrude Pruitt, for the Tri-City School.

In other business, a group of South Myrtle Creek citizens requested a new type bus on the South Myrtle Creek Road, but the board decided to keep the old bus and hire a new driver.

The boundary change requested to allow pupils in the southern tip of the Myrtle Creek district to attend Canyonville schools came up again. The board decided to table any action until it is determined where the new highway will go.

The board also adopted three policies for high school pupils.

1. Set rules for controlling operation of cars by pupils.

2. Raised the minimum credit requirements for graduation from 19 to 20 beginning with the 1955-56 class.

3. Decided a pupil may miss no more than 19 periods during a semester. No credit will be given in a subject if 20 or more classes are missed.

The board also heard a report from Jim Olson, new shop teacher, and adopted minor revisions suggested by him for the new shop building.

HEARING DESIRED

Carl Hester Evans, 25, Sutherlin, indicated during an arraignment Tuesday that he wants a preliminary hearing on a charge of grand larceny. Bail of \$500 was continued by Justice of the Peace Ward Watson, Sutherlin. Evans, arrested Saturday by Oakland police, is charged with taking a power saw.

Less than 18 per cent of Arizona is privately owned and less than 14 per cent controlled by the state with more than 41 per cent federally owned and more than 26 per cent in Indian reservations.

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THEFT DENIED

Delbert Lee Powell, 21, Winston, pleaded innocent to a petty larceny charge Tuesday when arraigned in district court. Judge Warren A. Woodruff set time for trial at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 19, and bail of \$250 was continued. Powell posted bail Monday evening after his arrest by a deputy sheriff. He is accused of taking a box of tools belonging to Lethal Clayborn.

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Pros Heeded On Plan For Street Renumbering

Those against the number and street changes generally agreed the change should come sometime, but not this Oct. 1. They asked for one to two years to make the change.

Some of the comments in favor were these: Jack S. McGuire, manager of the Roseburg Branch of the Pacific Telephone Co., it will mean changing 7,000 telephone company records and resetting the telephone directories, but it is for the overall good of the city. "It will be less costly and more efficient" and will pay off in the long run.

Al Fliegel, owner of Fliegel Transfer, it will be expensive, but it will give some rhyme and reason to streets and numbers. Regardless of when it comes, it will be costly to some. "It is essential."

H. C. Wells, manager of the Roseburg office of California Oregon Power Co., the longer it is put off, the more costly it will get. "Let's do it now before the confusion is compounded."

Pete Serafin, chairman of the Roseburg Planning Commission, since protesters present are limited wholly to businesses, home owners must be in favor of it.

On the other side of the ledger, the Douglas County Planning Commission, the change now being set into operation has gained wide publication since the project was attacked for the first time four years ago. It would be impossible to give systematic house numbers outside of the city and in undeveloped areas. Number changes will not cause a vital injury to businesses.

Millard Doyle, representing the Roseburg Post Office, it will improve postal service. The U.S. Weather Bureau located off the coast of British Columbia, with frontal systems extending off the Oregon coast.

Presence of the center is expected to bring a recurring series of showery weather here through Sunday. Intermittent rain was forecast for the rest of the day and showers are predicted for Wednesday and Thursday.

The rain, which started about 6:30 a.m., measured 12 of an inch at 10:30 a.m.

Harold Horn, owner of Horn's Appliances, "It will make the city directory worthless."

Henry P. Sherlock Jr., insurance man, it will cost me \$500. We've got to have more time. He said he had heard an estimate of the cost to local businessmen of \$32,000. "We've been caught by the shirttail."

Robert K. Simmons, owner of the Beverage Shop, "The small businesses cannot afford to make the change."

Simmons was the only man to swing to the other side of the fence during the progress of the meeting. Near the end of the discussion session, he said he had learned more of what the change was about and was in favor of it. "As long as it's being done, let's do it now," he concluded.

Ellsworth's Aid Enlisted For Correcting Surveys

dependent surveys by commissioning qualified surveyors exactly the same as mining claims are surveyed and accepted as official surveys.

"Within certain limits a surveyor could notify the cadastral engineer (in the Dept. of Interior) of the need for a dependent survey. If no action is taken then the private surveyor could serve notice of his intent to make such a survey. After the survey is complete with notes and maps, the government would have a period of time in which to check and inspect the work and accept it as an official government survey."

"Inasmuch as the government does not correct these fraudulent surveys then they should do everything possible to make private surveys official and acceptable to government agencies so that the private land owner will not be held forever in fear of a lawsuit for trespass."

The committee also notes the government backlog of work, accelerated by logging operations moving back into rougher country, has been estimated at 200 years in which it would be necessary, with the available staff, to catch up on survey work.

Money is available or could be appropriated to hire personnel to carry out pressing surveys, the committee believes, but experienced men cannot be hired at present rate of pay.

There are several "no man's lands" in Oregon, including Douglas County, and northern California.

Witness Testifies On Death Beating

SINGAPORE — A key witness in the trial of two men accused of murdering American newsman Gene Symonds told the high court Tuesday he saw both defendants battering the United Press Southeast Asia manager during the June 12 riots.

Goh An Pong, a 19-year-old laborer, said two hours before Symonds was assaulted he saw Ong Ah Too, a Chinese truck driver, and S. S. Suppliah, an unemployed Indian, in the riot area armed with bottles.

Goh said that after Symonds arrived on the scene in a taxi, a crowd closed in shouting. "It's a European. Pull him out and beat him."

"Suppliah hit Symonds with a four-foot pole three or four times until the American fell. Symonds got to his feet and ran about 60 feet. The crowd went after him and again began to strike him," Goh testified.

"I saw Ong too striking Symonds on the head with an empty soft drink case. He hit him continually till he fell and was silent."

Light Rainfall Breaks Dry Spell

A seven-week drought in central Douglas County ended this morning when moist marine air bearing rain clouds drifted inland from the coast.

Last measurable rainfall in the central part of the county was July 27, during 0.1 of an inch of rain fell. During July, only 1.6 of an inch of rain was recorded and the last heavy rainfall was in the latter part of June.

Responsible for the rain was a low pressure center, which the U.S. Weather Bureau located off the coast of British Columbia, with frontal systems extending off the Oregon coast.

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City's Death-Free Year Cited By Police Chief

The enforcement program was initiated midway in the latter year. A few results were shown in 1953, although citations were doubled — 1,864 were written. There were 631 accidents and 57 injuries.

The payoff came in 1954, as the public apparently became conditioned against bad driving habits. A high of 1,976 citations was issued. But the traffic accidents were reduced by 150 to only 481. The injury list remained high at 53.

Olson was at a loss to explain the huge reduction in injuries this year, but pointed out that chance enters in on traffic accidents sometimes. The margin between an accident that injures and one that doesn't apparently is small.

"Then, too," the chief said, "the harder they hit, the more chance there is that someone will be hurt."

Olson said that in view of the past record, he "doesn't dare" let his department "let up." There has to be continuous pressure, he maintained.

"The record would be 50 per cent worse than in 1951 if we should let up," he continued, pointing out that the city and its suburbs are leaping in population and motor vehicle registration.

And he stated that the enforcement program won't continue to work without continued backing from the public.

Olson said he's aware that many accidents aren't reported, but claimed the investigated mishaps show an accurate picture of the good the program has been doing.

Along with the enforcement program the chief gave credit to the institution of the one-way grid system for reducing the toll. "There are fewer directions to watch and the angles of collision are reduced," he pointed out.

Official Visit Is Scheduled To Order Of The Amaranth



MRS. HANS MADSEN . . . matron



J. RAYMOND HOWELL . . . patron

An official visit to the Douglas Court No. 18, Order of the Amaranth, at Roseburg is scheduled Friday by the grand royal matron and patron of the grand court, state of Oregon.

Matron is Mrs. Hans R. Madsen of Milwaukee, and patron is J. Raymond Howell of Oregon City. They will be at the Masonic Temple at Cass and Jackson streets at 8 p.m.

Purpose of the visit is to inspect the ritualistic work. The initiatory work of the order will be conferred on several candidates by the officers of the Douglas Court with Mrs. Thomas C. Scott, royal matron, and Frank A. Moore, royal patron, presiding.

A special feature on the agenda will be conferral of honors on Mrs. Madsen and Howell and presentation of honorary memberships into the Douglas Court to them. Mrs. Frank Moore will supervise entertainment. Mrs. Art Sevall is in charge of refreshments after the meeting, and Mrs. James D. Dobbins is in charge of decorations.

Three members of the Douglas Court also hold grand court offices or committee assignments. They are: Mrs. Genevieve Phillips, grand representative to Australia; Robert J. Caley, grand representative to Kentucky; and Thomas C. Scott, addresses and distribution committee.

The local court anticipates attendance by members from Astoria, Seaside, Cannon Beach, Newport, Bend, Klamath Falls, Medford, Springfield, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Salem, Oregon City, Milwaukie, McMinnville, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Beaverton, Gresham, Parkrose and Portland.

The Amaranth is a Masonic group.

Street, Water Problem Major Council Business

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franchise ordinance granting garbage collection to the Sutherland Trucking Service, effective Dec. 1.

3. Received the annual audit report, showing a clean bill of health, from the city auditors in Roseburg.

4. Read a letter from Lee Hoffman, contractor for the city's new sewage disposal works, who said he'd have the work done in less than the year required, barring bad weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

5. Issued malt beverage licenses to Ed Smith (Walt's Tavern) and Harold Cox, who will open a new tavern, and a liquor-by-the-drink okay to Russell Hubbard, Sutherlin Hotel.

6. Announced a program of education through the police and schools to keep children from riding bicycles on sidewalks.

Bid For Douglas Fir Far Above Appraisal

Douglas fir advertised for a \$25-45 minimum bid Monday afternoon was jumped up to \$42.75 a thousand feet as the Evans Products Co., Coos Bay, bought a 46-acre tract of timber in an Umpqua National Forest sale in Roseburg.

The company paid \$101,660.50 for the 2,310,000 feet of timber, located in the Steamboat Creek drainage. The appraised price was \$65,800.50.

The parcel is mostly Douglas fir. Appraised prices were paid on other species.

Other bidders were Roseburg Lumber Co., Youngs Bay Lumber Co. and Jackson Lumber Co., all of Roseburg, and Trico Timber Corp., Dillard.

Dalros Representative For Visually Handicapped

Dr. A. E. Dalros, member of the Roseburg Elks Lodge, has been named by the Oregon State Elks Assn. as representative of its visually handicapped Children's Committee in this area.

It was reported he will supply information on services provided by the children's eye clinic at the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland.

The clinic was founded six years ago under Oregon Elks leadership to help youngsters of needy parents. The state association's annual contributions to the support of the clinic is more than \$70,000.

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Stolen Record Case, Contents Are Recovered

The record case stolen Aug. 18 from the Henninger food store at Glendale was recovered Monday. Records were intact, reports A. G. Hennings, owner.

The case which contained current accounts for August was carried away by burglars who apparently believed it contained money. It had been forced open.

Fritz Magill, who received the posted reward of \$250, reported that he discovered the case on an old garbage heap off the dirt road south of Glendale between the city and the highway.

Newby Stresses Driver Training For High Schools

Oregon's secretary of state, Earl T. Newby, launched the 1955-56 Roseburg Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon program Monday with a firm stand in favor of driver training in high schools.

He spoke to some 50 Chamber members and guests in the Hotel Umpqua.

He told the audience preliminary driver training in the high schools has affected a 50 per cent accident rate than among those not getting the training. He said about a third of Oregon high schools have adopted a driver training plan.

He said the emphasis on the human factor was a direct result of the accident figures which show 90 per cent of traffic accidents are caused by it. He said that 50 per cent was caused by violation of the basic, common rules of the road. He continued that only 3 to 5 per cent of accidents are caused by mechanical defects and another 3 to 5 per cent by highway engineering.

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Heltzel Returns From Trip To Washington

SALEM — Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel returned from Washington, D.C., Monday from a meeting of a committee to study the national box car shortage.

He is chairman of the committee, which was created by the National Assn. of Railroad and Public Utilities Commissioners.

The committee will make a long-range study of the problem, which Heltzel said is most serious in Oregon and the Midwest states.

MEETING CHANGED

The meeting of District No. 11, OSNA, announced for tonight will be held instead next Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Mercy Hospital cafeteria.

Roseburg Resident Dies In Seattle At Age 75

Word has been received here of the death at Seattle of Vernon A. Wilson, Roseburg. He died Monday at the age of 75.

He was born April 19, 1880, at Brainerd, Minn. He moved to Roseburg in 1947, residing at 128 Housley St., and was employed by Roseburg Lumber Co. until a recent illness.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha; twin sons LeRoy, Roseburg, and Laverne, Seattle; and another son, Malcolm Jack, Seattle; daughters, Mrs. James Knight, Seattle, Mrs. Gladys Marshall, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Kenneth Gilbert, Longview; four brothers; three sisters; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Raymond, Wash., later in the week.

Former Roseburg Man Succumbs At Coos Bay

Word has been received here of the death of William Johnson, 85, Coos Bay, a former Roseburg resident. Johnson died Monday.

Johnson is the father of Mrs. I. B. Thompson of Winston and William Johnson of Myrtle Creek. They left for Coos Bay after hearing of the death.

Johnson was a Roseburg resident before moving to Coos Bay 27 years ago.

Gravestone funeral services are scheduled at Civil Bend Cemetery Thursday at 2 p.m.

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Two Prospectors Reported Missing

LONGVIEW, Wash. — Two elderly uranium prospectors, aged 75 and 85, were reported missing Tuesday in the rugged Mt. St. Helens area where they had set out on trails they had known 50 years ago.

A terse message relayed from Spirit Lake by the U.S. Forest Service identified the man as J. F. Eastle, 85, of Tacoma and C. H. Alger, 75, from California. Alger's home city was not known.

They were reported to have been missing in the mountainous region since Sunday. Only meager details were available over the Forest Service radio link with the area, 80 miles away.

A search was organized after a third member of the party, even older than the other two, told of the pair setting out from their camp and failing to return.

Hospital News

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