

Employment Of Efficiency Research Firm Opposed By School Director Lamka Wants Information About Methods In Survey

The decision to hire a San Francisco efficiency research firm to undertake a study of the Roseburg School District's operation was not made without discussion Wednesday night at the regular board meeting.

Board member Arthur Lamka voiced opposition to hiring of the firm. He said he wanted to know more about the methods and aims of the survey and claimed he could not see where results of the study would be "tangible enough" to warrant expenditure of up to \$10,000—under the contract, the company's maximum fee.

Lamka was the lone dissenting voice as the board approved hiring of the company.

Another director, Harold Hoyt, also was leery of the benefits of such a survey. He voted affirmatively only with addition of an amendment to the agreement calling for a meeting with company men as the first step of their appointment.

Questioning Due

Board members should bring up any questions which are bothering them and request explanations by the firm during the initial session, said Hoyt. The contract, of course, may be terminated immediately should the questions not be answered to the satisfaction of the board.

Hoyt's chief objections were that he was "not sure they (the company) know what they're going to do in this survey," and that the board should have "more actual facts" before going through with the move.

Director Darley Ware, who formerly opposed the move, said he since has come to favor it because he is satisfied a more efficient operation is needed and the improvements promised by the company would save the district much more than the cost of the study itself.

Yoncalla Vote Set April 17 On Budget

Yoncalla officials have set an April 17 date to put before the people a \$3,596 assessment outside the 6 per cent annual increase allowed over the city's tax base.

Residents face a \$37,248 municipal budget for operating the city during the next fiscal period beginning July 1. This is just \$300 more than the \$36,948 budget approved last year, it was reported by Mrs. George Edes, News-Review correspondent.

The proposed budget anticipates a tax levy of \$7.300, including about \$3,603 inside the 6 per cent increase allowed under state law.

Mrs. Edes reported the budget this year includes a \$1,500 item for purchase of street sweeping equipment and \$3,000 for oiling and graveling of streets.

Earlier Training In Strings Seen Orchestra Salvation

C. A. Ricketts Wednesday night told Roseburg School Board members that it probably would not be necessary to drop the high school orchestra program if training in stringed instruments were initiated at the fifth-grade level instead of the seventh-grade level.

Ricketts, proprietor of Ricketts Music Store in Roseburg, stressed that his comments were not based on business considerations. He said he has received many queries as to why the orchestra course has been dropped from the high school curriculum and found he could not give an adequate answer.

He contended that initiation of stringed instrument training at the seventh-grade level was a major factor in the low orchestral participation at the high school level. Students could be more readily introduced to the instruments in the fifth grade, with the end result that there would be more participation in high school, he claimed.

The board recently approved dropping of the high school orchestra course because of low participation.

Teachers Available

Experience has proved, Ricketts claimed, that instructors needed not be proficient in performing on an instrument in order to be qualified instructors in that instrument at the lower levels. And he said he believes there are teachers available to give stringed instrument instruction at the fifth grade level in the Roseburg school system.

Supt. M. C. Deller said he doubts such a program could be carried on under the current teaching set-

J. G. Stephenson

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stephenson, Roseburg, have received word of the death of their son, Eual (Bud) Stephenson, 63, former resident of Roseburg, who died at a Madison, Wis., hospital following surgery and a long illness.

Born in DeLeon, Texas, he came to Oregon with his parents as a child and attended Roseburg's elementary schools. He went to Eugene and then, at the start of the First World War, enlisted with the Canadian forces although below the age for enlistment in the U.S. Army.

After service in the war, he took up residence in Madison, where he was married.

He was chief engineer of the Oscar Mayer and Co. power plant, where he worked for approximately 40 years. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, National Power Engineers Association, Masonic orders and patriotic organizations.

He leaves his wife, Emma, and a daughter, Mrs. Hallie O'lstadt, Madison. In addition to his parents in Roseburg, his relatives here include a brother, Woodley Stephenson, and a sister, Mrs. Archie (Mattie Lee) Taylor.

City Park Gets Night Watch

Stewart Park, Roseburg's new 168-acre park and playground area, will have night watchman service after the first of April at no cost to the city.

Frank Siroy, assistant operating engineer at the city disposal plant, will move to the park area with his wife to watch facilities and prevent night time vandalism.

The city's Park Department now is pouring most of its budget into development of the Stewart Park acreage which was dedicated last year. Thousands of dollars already are invested in the baseball diamond, golf course and picnic facilities.

Future plans call for considerable additional investment of city monies, it was pointed out by Mrs. Wilma Hill, acting city manager.

She said Siroy will continue to work at the disposal plant at his regular job, but be available to keep an eye on Stewart Park during the night. He and Mrs. Siroy will live in a mobile dwelling.

At present a housing unit is being completed at the park's shop and storage building for use as a residence for a park department worker.

Lottie Hoover

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Saturday for Mrs. Lottie Hoover, 89, who died suddenly Wednesday while visiting relatives in Oakland, Calif.

The former Douglas County resident will be buried at Roseburg Memorial Gardens following services at Long & Orr Mortuary, Rev. Dr. Eugene Gerlitz of the First Baptist Church will officiate.

Mrs. Hoover was a member of the Baptist church and was past Worthy Matron of Valentine Chapter No. 98, Order of Eastern Star, Myrtle Creek.

She was born at Olalla, Ore., June 29, 1869, the daughter of Elijah and Lucretia Ollivant, Oregon pioneers. Her husband preceded her in death in 1913.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Derwin (Rachel) Moss, Oakland, Calif., Mrs. Don (Lucretia) Nicholson, Salem, and Mrs. L. A. Burgess, Berkeley, Calif.; a son, Roy Hoover, Oakland, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Kate Chamberlain, Roseburg, and Mrs. Maude Bacon, Berkeley, Calif.; five brothers, Thomas Ollivant, Roseburg, Elijah Ollivant, Lookingglass, Eugene Ollivant, George Ollivant and Earl Ollivant all of Olalla, Ore.; five grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

Canyonville Methodists Set Communion Services

Maunder Thursday Communion services at Canyonville Methodist Church will be from 9 to 10 p.m. tonight. An earlier service will be held at the Myrtle Creek church. The Rev. Cyril Dorsett will officiate at both, according to Virginia Proctor, News-Review correspondent.

Ministerial Assn. Sets Good Friday Service

Roseburg Ministerial Assn. has slated a Good Friday service at the First Baptist Church from noon to 3 p.m., with speakers to be represented from various churches around the area.

Ministers scheduled to speak are: The Rev. B. Ross Evans from Roseburg First Christian Church; the Rev. Calvin Hahrah Melrose Community; the Rev. L. Pine, Green Community; the Rev. H. James Jenkins, Roseburg First Methodist; the Rev. William O. Walker, Winston - Dillard Methodist; the Rev. Larry Merrill, assistant pastor of the Roseburg First Baptist and the Rev. John Goss, Roseburg Southern Baptist.

Scriptures and prayers will be presented by the Rev. Glenn Giddard of the American Sunday School Union; Dewayne Howell, youth director of Roseburg First Christian Church; Miss Patricia Shumard, director of Christian Education of the First Presbyterian Church; the Rev. George Knox of Westside Christian; the Rev. John Stanton of Lookingglass Community Church; the Rev. E. B. Harvey of the Salvation Army and the Rev. Lyle H. Willard of the North Roseburg Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Gets Gold Bars



COMMISSIONED from the ranks is former master sergeant, now 2nd Lt. Robert G. Rotliff of Co. D, 186th Infantry Regiment, Oregon National Guard, Second Lt. Rotliff recently graduated from the advanced non-Commissioned officers course at Ft. Benning, Ga., ranking seventh in a class of 175. He is married, has two children, and is employed by Umpqua Plywood Corp., Roseburg. (Sp. Richard Booth)

Approval Expected Of Whistler's Plat

Douglas County planners are expected to give final approval tonight to the 26-lot Whistler's Park Estates plat located on the scenic North Umpqua River adjacent to Whistler's Bend Park.

The area embraces 45 acres. The proposed development of H. T. Nye and B. L. Allenby was surveyed by Fred Darby, county surveyor.

Also on the agenda is an application by several Gardiner residents for dedication of an alley 100 feet long and 16 feet wide over the S. A. Paters Jr. property, according to Bruce Elmgren, county Planning Commission coordinator.

Lloyd W. Storie, Charles Letts, James B. Martin and Earl C. Townsend have made the request in order to gain access to their respective properties. They are purchasing the Peters land.

Tonight's meeting will be the first session for new members of the Planning Commission, Norman Compton of Elkton and Donald B. Harmon, Riverside. Both men were named to the board this week by the County Court.

Charles E. Patrick

Funeral services are scheduled Saturday at the chapel of Wilson's Chapel of the Roses for Charles E. Patrick, 86, who died Wednesday at a Roseburg hospital.

Services will start at 10 a.m. with the Rev. George Knox of the Westside Christian Church officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow at the Civil Bend Cemetery.

Patrick had been a resident of Roseburg for 24 years. He is survived by two stepsons.

Man Wins Jail Term On Contributing Count

Louis Armand Ryerson, 22, Box 503 Idlewild Rd., Roseburg, was found guilty Wednesday by Roseburg Municipal Judge Randolph Slocum of a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Judge Slocum fined Ryerson \$50 and sentenced him to five days in the city jail. Ryerson was arrested Feb. 17, by Roseburg police at the north city limits near NE Jackson St.

Beer was found on the floorboards of the back seat of Ryerson's 1952 model car, police said. A 17-year-old Dexter boy in the car was arrested and charged with being drunk in an automobile and curfew violation.

Grocery Store Glass Smashed

Roseburg, police were called Wednesday to the Food Mart, 930 SE Stephens St., after an employee of the store, Art H. Hoppe, reported someone had tried to break into the establishment Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

A broken window in a back door was not discovered until a truck driver made a delivery at the back entrance Wednesday. No one entered through the window because the glass had not been entirely broken out, and the wood frame was still in the way, police said.

Winston-Dillard Church Plans Cooked Food Sale

Ladies of the Winston-Dillard Seventh-day Adventist Church will hold a cooked food sale Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of J. C. Penney's.

In addition to the cooked and baked foods there will be colored Easter eggs and other Easter specialties. Proceeds from the sale are to be used in furnishing and decorating the children's Sabbath school rooms in the old Methodist Church in Dillard, where the Adventists have been holding their services for several months.

DANCE SLATED

The Young Adult group of the Roseburg YMCA will sponsor a dance lesson session Friday evening at 8 in the VFW Hall.

Two Planes Thought Down With Six Persons In NW

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Ten planes were expected to aid Washington and Oregon ground searchers Thursday in the hunt for two private planes missing with a total of six persons.

Aboard one plane were four Washington residents and the other carried a Texas couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Armstrong of San Antonio.

The Washington plane piloted by Stan (Pat) Swenumson, about 38, of Ferndale, left Bellingham Wednesday morning for Sacramento, Calif., with a stopover at Redmond, Ore. With Swenumson were his wife, Marie, also about 38; their daughter, Cathy Lee, 15; and Mrs. Swenumson's sister, Mrs. Jack Jett of Seattle, wife of a former Wenatchee and Seattle newspaperman.

A flight plan filed by Swenumson before departing Bellingham at 9 a.m. said he planned to fly his four-place Piper Comanche across the Cascades via Suappa Pass and then down to Redmond via Yakima and The Dalles.

Gasoline Supply Low

The State Aeronautics Commission said he was last heard from at 11:18 a.m. when he made a radio check with the Yakima airport to inquire about flying conditions between Yakima and Redmond. Official's said he had about a 90 minute gas supply left at that time.

A ground search for the Swenumson plane was launched Wednesday afternoon by the Klickitat County sheriff's office at Goldendale. Officers were covering the area between Yakima and The Dalles.

William Gebenisi, state director of aeronautics, said unfavorable weather conditions grounded search planes Wednesday.

The Armstrong couple disappeared Monday on a flight from Vancouver, Wash., to Seattle. But they were not reported missing until Wednesday when Armstrong's business partner in a San Antonio drilling firm, LeRoy Horn, telephoned local authorities for information.

Swenumson, a pharmacy operator in Ferndale, reportedly was enroute to Sacramento for a visit with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brothead.

A bomber pilot during World War II, Swenumson had logged many hours of civilian flying time. He was flying a plane owned by a flying club.

Yoncalla, Gunter Study School Plan

Proposed reorganization of Yoncalla and Gunter school districts into a single unit was discussed at meetings in both communities Wednesday. An afternoon session was held at Yoncalla Elementary School and the evening meeting at Yoncalla High School.

The reorganization would eliminate Yoncalla and Drain Union High School districts and group Latham, Curtis, Drain, Gunter, Scott's Valley and Yoncalla schools into a single administrative unit. It would not result in the closure of any elementary schools, according to Kenneth F. Barneburg, Douglas County school superintendent.

Opinion was divided at the afternoon Gunter session, said Barneburg, with some apparent fear of losing schools under the reorganization plan.

In the rather sparsely attended session at Yoncalla the only opinion expressed was of residents from Latham, who opposed the school shifting from Lane County under the reorganization program, according to the county superintendent.

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