

Full-Time Watermaster Asked By Water Advisers

A petition is now being prepared by the engineer of the county Water Resources Survey office requesting that the county hire a watermaster.

The decision was made at a meeting at the courthouse in Roseburg Monday afternoon among residents along Roberts Creek, the County Court and the Douglas County Water Resources Advisory Committee.

The petition will ask for a full-time man to be added to the Water Resources Survey office. He will operate as a watermaster during the dry summer months and as an assistant in the survey office the rest of the year.

At present, the county uses the service of the Josephine County watermaster on its two adjudicated streams, Cow Creek and Roberts Creek.

Charles Dyer of Roberts Creek said a watermaster is necessary because some people are illegally using water for which others have rights.

Gen. Curtis T. Beecher, member of the Water Resources Advisory Committee, said the watermaster could also police the major streams to determine cutoff points during the dry seasons when levels fall below minimum flows set recently by the state Water Resources Board.

Beecher, another member of the committee, urged the addition of a man to the survey staff to solve the problem.

County Judge V. T. Jackson said the county should certainly have a watermaster if it is needed, but the court doesn't want to just "make a job for someone."

Roberts Creek Consumers Ask No New Appropriations

Several water users from Roberts Creek south of Roseburg urged Monday that no further water rights be allowed on the creek.

They testified at a public hearing in the Douglas County Court-house called by the state Water Resources Board. The hearing was directed by Donel J. Lane, executive secretary of the state board.

As the result of the hearing, the state board will decide whether or not to stop further withdrawals of water from the creek. Each member of the board will receive a transcript of the hearing.

No testimony against the move to stop withdrawals was made at the hearing.

All Water Used
The water users were unanimous in their contention that all water was presently being used during the dry season.

Ben B. Irving, engineer for the county Water Resources Survey office, claimed flow is "practically nil" during the summer season. He indicated it might be good to cut off water use by others than those holding water rights between May 1 and Nov. 30.

All those testifying indicated they thought any regulation should not ban installation of storage dams.

Spoiled Olives Cause 2 Deaths

TACOMA (AP) — Green olives brought home from Mexico and allowed to stand in an opened bottle several days may have caused the poison deaths of Army Maj. Robert D. Baker, 42, and his wife, Robert Jean, Pierce County Coroner Frank James reported Monday.

Tests were still being made. None of their children, Cherie, 15; Robert Douglas, 7; or Kimberlee Sunday, 2; ate any of the olives at their mother's 38th birthday party last week and none were taken sick.

Baker, senior unit adviser for the Tacoma Army Reserve Center, died at his home in a Tacoma suburb Saturday and his wife at a hospital three hours later. She became ill Saturday morning and her husband took her to the hospital. She returned home, but became sick again, as did her husband.

The children will live with their maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kongle, Alderwood Manor. Mrs. Baker was born in Bellingham. They moved to Tacoma on their return from Japan three years ago, following Major Baker's World War II service in the Pacific. He was to retire in three years with the rank of colonel.

Mrs. Kongle said the Bakers took a five-week vacation trip to Mexico about two months ago.

Check Charge Wins Jail Term

A 36-year-old Norwalk, Calif., man, Byron Joseph Torrance, was sentenced to serve 76 days in the county jail Monday by Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodrich.

He was also fined \$250 after entering a guilty plea to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Torrance was jailed Feb. 11 on conviction of driving without an operator's license. Meanwhile, the felony charge was brought against him, and he has been in jail since then.

Authorities cited him for issuing a \$5 fraudulent check to Gary Kennerly of the Dillard Super Service station Feb. 10 of this year.

Judge Woodrich gave him credit for time already served in the county jail, and levied the fine.

Innocent Pleas Entered
Two other men entered pleas of innocent to felony counts when arraigned yesterday before the circuit judge.

Robert Lee Kienbaum, 20, of Coos Bay was indicted by the Grand Jury for issuing a \$30 fraudulent check to Gimre's Shoe Store in Roseburg Nov. 30 of last year.

George Cooper, 21-year-old Gledendale resident, told the court he was innocent of the charge of threatening Dewey Blevins with a .32 caliber carbine on Feb. 18.

Judge Woodrich appointed Spencer W. Yates to represent Cooper, and Gordon G. Carlson as attorney for Kienbaum. Their trails will be set at an early date, the judge said.

Hospital News

Mercy Hospital
Admitted
Medical: Anna Andrews, Yvonne Lindblade, Linda Latrey, Gail Pierce, Roseburg; Arvil Dohler, Glide; Michael Black, Myrtle Creek.

Discharged
Mrs. Gird Logsdon, Felix Gray, Roseburg; Mrs. Paul Pinson, Scottsburg; Mrs. Jay Chandler, Glide; Mrs. Allen Cam Canyonville.

Douglas Community
Admitted
Medical: Mazie Smith, Cyril Morgan, Mrs. Mabel Woodson, Roseburg; Hugh Jones, Glide.

Surgery: Johnie Yarbrough, Mrs. Ben Frank, Roseburg; Clayton Samson, Sutherlin; Clarence Eldred, Myrtle Creek.

Discharged
Mrs. Gien Osborn, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Earl DeLashmott, Rita Houck, Mrs. George Blakely and daughter, Anna Marie; Mrs. Fred Rothrock and son, Leonard Upton, Roseburg; Eugene Alexander, Neversin; Mrs. Jimmie White, Mrs. Robert Cunningham, Winston.

Four Teeners Haled On Liquor Charges

Four teen-agers from Canyonville appeared in Roseburg Municipal Court Monday where two 17-year-olds pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal possession of alcoholic liquor by a minor and a 16-year-old forfeited \$75 bail on the same charge.

Edward Joseph Pele, 19, pleading guilty to a charge of being drunk in an automobile and was fined \$25. Of the two 17-year-olds, one was fined a \$15 fine and the other a \$25 fine.

Roseburg police arrested all of the youths about 9:40 p.m. Saturday in a 1947 model sedan at the intersection of SE Sykes Ave. and Mill St. The car was stopped because of a traffic violation. Police impounded 45 pint bottles of beer.

In another municipal court case Monday, James William Lester, 1818 SE Marsters Ave., Roseburg, pleaded innocent to a charge of operating a motor while under the influence of liquor.

Trial was set for 9:30 a.m. Monday. He posted \$500 bail bond. Roseburg police arrested Lester after they alleged his 1966 model sedan struck five-year-old Matthew Ray Nickles Sunday at SE Stephens St. and Flood Ave.

Board To Receive Transport Offers

Opening of bids for school transportation will be conducted on Wednesday evening by the Roseburg School District Board.

The group will meet at the administration building on W. Harvard Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

This is the first time in the school's history that the transportation item has been let out for bids, according to Supt. M. C. Deller, and it was done upon the advice of school legal counsel.

Prior to this time the board had contracted with Luther Ellison for the service.

Supt. Deller will also submit a recommendation that the administration office be expanded if a business manager is hired, as proposed by the John Paul Associates Inc., investigative firm.

The superintendent proposes that the special education department be housed in another structure in the same region and owned by the Anderson interests.

The school leases its current quarters from Mrs. William Anderson.

Action on teacher resignations and hiring appears to complete the most important part of the board's agenda.

Jet-Age Airport Problems Noted

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Officers to guide airport operators in wrestling with jet-age problems were to be elected today after a closed meeting on legislative and other matters.

Noise, extension of runways, the need to keep airports free of debris that might be sucked into engines and tremendous spectator interest in jet airliners have created new problems for airports, delegates to the 12th annual meeting of the Airport Operators Council were told Monday.

Marshall D. Kochman of American Airlines said people want to watch activity on the ramps and that means planning of windows in terminals to take care of spectators. Matters of that sort, he said, contrast with other problems such as the need to keep slush ice off runways.

A half-inch slush or water pools in the maximum on a runway the jets are to use, he said.

Noise came in for a big part of the opening day's attention. In interviews, Louis Coube, president of the Paris Airport Authority administrative council, and Austin J. Tobin, executive director of the Port of New York Authority, agreed that jet noise can become too great—and the people can go to court to suppress it.

Already jet takeoffs after 9 p.m. are prohibited at Paris, London, Zurich and New York airports they said, in an effort to restrict the noise over populated areas to daylight hours.

In contrast, George McSherry, director at Miami, said there had been no complaints there on jet operations and Francis T. Fox, Los Angeles, said so far efforts have been confined to emphasizing over-water takeoffs were possible.

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2 Carriers Allowed For NW Chemicals

PORTLAND (AP) — An Interstate Commerce Commission order permitting two Northwest firms to carry chemicals, formerly acids in the Northwest, is being upheld in a ruling released here Monday.

A three-judge federal court sitting here denied an injunction requested to restrain the ICC from certifying the two firms was denied.

St. Johns Motor Express Co., Inc., Portland, asked the injunction, contending it would be severely damaged by what it termed "unnecessary" competition.

The firms to benefit from the order are Everts Commercial Transport, Inc., Eugene, Ore., and Inland Petroleum Transportation Co., Seattle.

The special court convened for the action consisted of U.S. Circuit Judge Clifton Mathews, San Francisco; District Judge Gus Solomon, Portland; and District Judge William C. Mathews, Los Angeles.

Young Driver Loses Permit Until 1966

District Judge Warren A. Woodruff threw the book at a 25-year-old Roseburg driver Monday, citing into court by state police for operating a vehicle without a driver's license.

Harold Louis Mills, 2151 SW Castle Ave., drew a 30-day jail sentence and a \$100 fine. Officers pointed out that Mills had been arrested eight times for the same offense since May 20 of last year.

The state's Motor Vehicle Division has suspended his license to drive until June 7, 1966.

Douglas DeKirkby, 20, of Brookings, forfeited \$100 bail Monday when he failed to appear before Judge Woodruff to face a state police charge of being drunk in an auto. He was cited April 28 on Highway 42 in Camas Valley.

Weekend Moisture Eases Fire Danger

Weekend moisture has eased the fire danger locally, according to Wayne Miller, dispatcher for the Douglas County Forest Protective Association.

Prior to the downpour of rain, the association was considering placing lookouts in strategic areas to watch for possible blazes, Miller added.

Humidity regulations so far have not been placed into effect. Previously they were automatically in force on April 1.

However this year they won't be enacted until the district warden thinks it justifiable, a change which is intended to aid the logging industry, said Miller.

Salem Armory Fund Approved

SALEM (AP) — Salem moved a step closer to a new armory-auditorium building when the Joint Ways and Means Committee Monday voted to make available until Sept. 12 an appropriation of \$250,000 for the building.

Funds provided by the 1957 Legislature would expire in June. The additional time was given so Marion County and Salem could raise matching funds.

The building would be built at the State Fairgrounds.

If the city and county fail to match state funds, the money would revert to the National Guard to build armories at Salem, Newport and Portland.

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Ohio Legislator Dies Of Cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. James G. Polk, 62, (D-Ohio) died of cancer today at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Polk had been ill for several months. He had served in Congress for 20 years, in two tours.

First elected in 1931, he served five terms, then was out during the 77th through 80th Congresses. He came back for the 81st Congress, which had been in the House since then.

Omar C. Baker

Omar C. Baker, long-time Roseburg resident of many years ago, died on April 24 in Redding, Calif. Survivors include a son, Clarence Baker of Corning, Calif.

A charter member of the Elks Club and of the Rotary Club in Roseburg, he was born on Oct. 31, 1871. He operated a laundry in Roseburg from 1902 to 1938.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hull and Hull chapel at Grants Pass. Interment will be at the Granite Hill cemetery.

Church Speaker Tonight

Leland R. Keys, president of Bethany Bible College, will be present this evening, the Gledendale Assembly of God Church. He will speak and show a colored film, "100,000 Souls," which features the college in San Francisco. Services will begin at 7 p.m.

Friday Fast Canceled

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope John XXIII has signed an order that Roman Catholics may eat meat this Friday, the May Day holiday.

The dispensation, made public today, was formulated by the Vatican's Congregation of the Council at the request of various bishops.

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