

Park Board Asks Program For Stewart Development

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Roseburg park commissioners have asked for a long-range plan for orderly future development of Roseburg's 163-acre Stewart Park. Meeting this week, the commission assigned the task of "getting the facts" on park needs to new City Manager H. John Warburton. He is to report back to the group May 26 with recommendations.

It was Warburton who suggested to the City Council last Monday night that a master plan be adopted in the near future so that full use of the Stewart Park area could be realized.

"It has been my experience that unless a city has a working plan to follow, too often such a facility is not properly utilized. In many cases it has cost considerably more in the long run to revise the use of recreation space if improperly planned at the start," he told the Council.

Warburton's comments followed a request from the Umpqua Prop Busters Club, a local group interested in building and flying model airplanes. The organization suggested a 350-by-150-foot field be set aside north of the baseball diamond for use of model plane enthusiasts.

Suggestion Made
The club also suggested a water line extension be installed from the one serving the ball park and tennis court area.

The Park Commission did not turn down the club's request but said extension of the water line could not be incorporated in any plans this year. Ken Meng, city engineer, estimated installation of the line would cost around \$1,000. Funds are not available.

Nearly half of the city's Stewart Park area is undeveloped at this time. The eastern third now is laid out as a municipal golf course, and to the southwest is the hub of other facilities.

Here are located the picnic and playground area near the South Umpqua River adjacent to parking spaces and the baseball diamond. An area nearby has been

set aside for tennis courts where base shale has been laid for two surfaces already.

Area Undeveloped
The entire area to the north of the ball park, however, is undeveloped, although planning has started for installation of a peewee softball park in this location.

The Park Commission, headed by Councilman Fred Harder, includes Mrs. Mabel Lewis, Walter Brittel, and Councilman Jack West. They adopted a resolution at this week's session to hold regular

Fast Chase Nets Accused Kidnap

PORTLAND (AP)—A chase that started in Vancouver and led over the Interstate Bridge into Portland at speeds near 100 miles an hour Wednesday night ended with a crash.

A Clark County sheriff's car was forced into a power pole in Portland, and the collision brought the fleeing car to a halt, too.

A short time later police at gunpoint arrested Charles E. Whiteley, 23, two blocks from the scene. Whiteley was charged with kidnapping, reckless driving, hit and run driving and held for Clark County, Washington, deputies in lieu of \$11,000 bail.

Police Lt. Jerry Stroman of Vancouver said the chase started after a call from Mrs. R. A. Casebolt, the mother of Whiteley's estranged wife, said Whiteley was threatening the life of his wife, Karen.

Mrs. Whiteley told officers she had been forced at gunpoint to accompany him from her job at Portland to Vancouver.

Officers arrived just as the car was driving away from the Vancouver home, and the chase followed.

meetings hereafter on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

They will send a recommendation to council for the annexation of a small part of Beulah Park, now outside the city limits. In other action, members authorized work to start on a fence at Brown Memorial Park adjacent to the Westside Fire Station.

The board's request for a special \$150 warrant for installation of a electrical line conduit to serve the baseball diamond and grandstand facilities at Stewart Park won approval Wednesday during a special meeting of the Council.

Board Requests Budget Okay

Myrtle Creek's School Board, at a special meeting Wednesday night, voted to go on record as recommending approval of the rural school budget.

"Yes" votes are being recommended to the voters by the school board because the Myrtle Creek School District will be a receiver of rural funds, Mrs. Ruth Evans, News-Review correspondent, reports.

Purpose of Wednesday night's special school board meeting was to continue a discussion of Dr. James Conant's study of American high schools. Dr. Conant, former president of Harvard University, conducted a national study of high schools.

Myrtle Creek high school principal, said Myrtle Creek High School's procedures follow along lines of a report made by Dr. Conant. A small audience attended the meeting. Discussion of Conant's study was started last week and continued to Wednesday night.

In other business before the board, approval was given for three new teachers for the 1959-60 school year. Two of the persons will graduate from Oregon State College in June. They are Joy Zeller, a homemaker major, and a James Boston, a physics and chemistry major.

The other new teacher is Donna McClendon who will teach German, art and English in the high school. German will be offered in Myrtle Creek schools next year for the first time.

Next School Board meeting is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. May 4, to canvass the votes of the annual school election.

High Schools Still Bad Education Link

CORVALLIS (AP)—High school is the weak link in the nation's public education system, the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers was told Wednesday.

"The confusion over what the aims should be in secondary education stems from the effort of the high school to meet the many demands put upon it during the last third of the century," said Dr. W. H. Burton.

Burton, a retired Harvard University professor, said preparation for college remains a vital function of the secondary school.

"But today high schools are asked to give a great variety of courses. The growing complexity of the world, changes in structure of the home, the teenagers' reduced contact with reality, have called for new departures in education."

Burton added, though, that "the basic reason back of all the changes is that all the children of all the people now attend public schools."

Margaret Connolly

Funeral services for Mrs. Clarence E. (Margaret) Connolly, 50, of 1451 SE Short St., will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Long and Orr Mortuary chapel in Roseburg.

Mrs. Connolly died Monday. She is survived by her husband, Clarence of Roseburg; three sons, Robert E. of Sun Valley, Calif., Russell I. and Richard A., both of Roseburg; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

The Rev. Dr. Eugene Gerlitz of the First Baptist Church will officiate with concluding services and vault interment following in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Chicago Deep-Sea Port

CHICAGO (AP)—This big city on the edge of the inland prairie joined the ranks of the world's deep-sea ports today.

The Prins Johan Willem Friso, a trim Dutch freighter, arrived off Chicago at 6:45 a.m. She was the first ocean vessel to make the run through the new St. Lawrence Seaway to Chicago.

The 353-foot Friso, winner of the race to Chicago by a wide margin, rode at anchor in Lake Michigan until a midmorning welcome at Navy Pier.

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DR. MARK TALNEY
... executive to talk

Roseburg Church To Host Oregon Council Director

Scheduled speaker at the Friday May Fellowship Breakfast at the Roseburg First Christian Church is Dr. Mark A. Talney, executive director of the Oregon Council of Churches.

Dr. Talney will speak at 10 a.m. on the migrant problem, which he has come in contact with in his government appointments and church affiliations all over the Northwest.

As a member of the division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches and other organizations, he will speak on problems of interest to people of Oregon.

A nominal fee will be charged for admission and an offering will be taken. Those wishing to purchase tickets may contact their church representative to the Roseburg Council of Church Women or call Mrs. Roy Knigge at OR 3-6108.

Big Four Ministers Agree, End Session

PARIS (AP)—The Western Big Four foreign ministers announced complete agreement today on a package plan they will deliver to the Geneva conference next month. They then unexpectedly ended their session.

A final communiqué gave no details of the plan. The foreign ministers opened their meeting only Wednesday to unify their positions for the East-West foreign ministers conference at Geneva May 11.

The ministers said they stood four-square behind the West's pledge to hold firm in Berlin and to refuse to abandon the 2½ million residents of that city.

Though the communiqué did not say so, official sources reported the ministers had agreed to negotiate a separate Berlin settlement if the Soviet Union rejects the over-all package deal on Berlin, German unity, and European security they plan to propose at Geneva.

Portland Symphony Set For June Concert Here

The 80-piece Portland Symphony Orchestra will be in Roseburg on June 27, in connection with the Art and Music Festival. The event will be staged at the Douglas County Fairgrounds from June 14 to 27.

The Portland symphony group will offer its selection of presentations at the Fairgrounds.

The budget committee met on Wednesday and voted to give \$150 in prizes to exhibiting artists at the show.

Riversdale PTA To Host Pre-School Tea Friday

Riverside School PTA will host a pre-school tea Friday at 1 p.m.

The program will start in the gym with numbers by the first grade students. Mothers and teachers will meet in the cafeteria for the remainder of the program.

The tea is for all children who will enter the first grade this fall, and their mothers.

Bill Aims At Coroners

SALEM (AP)—A bill abolishing the office of county coroner and giving the state Board of Health power to name a medical investigator to take his place was approved here by the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

The measure would become effective Jan. 1, 1961. It would involve 13 coroners the first year and the other 22 two years later.

School Event Postponed

The centennial pageant slated for this afternoon at Rose School was postponed until 12:50 p.m. next Wednesday because of the wet weather, school officials announced. Weather permitting, the pageant to be presented by grades 4-6 at the school will be staged as scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Dinner Slated

Glendale Nile Club will honor Zuleima Nile Queen, Mrs. Ann Corum of Eugene, at a dinner at the Glendale Masonic Temple Friday at 7 p.m.

Other out of town guests are expected. A meeting will follow at 8.

Ex-State Police Supervisor Here Elevated To Captain

Holly V. Holcomb who was supervising sergeant in charge of the Roseburg state police office for about seven years, has been appointed captain in charge of the Milwaukie state police headquarters.

Holcomb joined the force in 1939 and was transferred to Roseburg from St. Helens in 1947. Sgt. Robert J. Keefe, presently in command of the Roseburg office, filled the position in 1955 when Lt. Holcomb was transferred to the state police arson division where he was promoted to lieutenant.

He served on the arson squad for about a year and was transferred to the Milwaukie district where he has been second in command for the past 2½ years. Lt. Holcomb replaces Capt. Wayne M. Gurdane, who will serve as security officer on the staff of the Oregon Centennial Commission.

Lt. Holcomb is married and has three daughters. While in Roseburg he was a member of the Roseburg Country Club and Elks Club. Among cases he was instrumental in solving while he was here was the Georgia Lang case in the fall of 1952. In that case, the murderer was convicted of the crime and sent to the penitentiary, Sgt. Keefe recalls.



HOLLY V. HOLCOMB
... promoted at Milwaukie

Godfrey Found To Have Cancer

NEW YORK (AP)—An operation disclosed today that Arthur Godfrey's chest tumor is cancerous. Physicians are removing it.

One of the radio-TV star's doctors said at 10:30 a.m. that the operation would take until 11:30 a.m. Godfrey was taken to the operating room at 7:25 a.m.

A section of Godfrey's left lung also was being removed. His condition was said to be excellent.

In a statement issued during the operation, the doctor said: "The lesion of Mr. Godfrey's left lung has been identified as being a malignant tumor. The section of the lung containing the tumor is being removed. His condition is excellent."

Three physicians, three nurses and an anesthetist attended Godfrey in the operating room of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

The doctors' names were not immediately made public. It was understood unofficially that chances were favorable for successful removal of the tumor.

Prior to the operation, Godfrey said that contemplation of the "thing" in his lung gave him a "cold, clammy feeling" and made him mentally "a mess," although he felt fine physically.

Considering the possibility that the tumor might prove to be cancerous and that all or part of the lung might have to be removed, Godfrey said:

"I won't mind one bit just so long as it doesn't cripple me up so that I can't ride or swim or fly."

Godfrey, 55 and a broadcasting personality for almost 30 years, thanked his audience in his final television program this week for their prayers and good wishes, and promised to "see you again soon."

Portland Area Sanitation Fails

PORTLAND (AP)—A mandate from the state Sanitary Authority to three sanitary districts to agree by Friday or lose earmarked federal funds will not be met, two of the districts reported Wednesday.

West Slope and Broadmoor districts said they cannot agree with Tri-County (Portland area) Sanitary Authority. This means they forfeit a \$438,192 federal aid grant for a proposed Fanno Creek treatment plant and interceptor lines to join West Slope and Broadmoor.

A spokesman said legal details remain to be ironed out but an agreement is expected when that is done. He said in the meantime, it was believed wiser to forego the allocation and apply again at a later date.

The money forfeited would go to other districts in the state.

Inspects Hospital Here

Chaplain services at the Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital are being inspected by Father John E. Muldoon of Washington, D.C., assistant to the chief of the chaplain service.

Father Muldoon will continue to Portland Friday on his inspection tour of Veteran Administration hospitals. He arrived at the Roseburg hospital Tuesday from California.

Azalea Church Sunday School To Hold Party

The Sunday School at Azalea Community Church will hold a roller skating party tonight at the Grants Park rink.

Those planning to go will meet at the church at 6 p.m. and arrive as a group. Members of the Wolf Creek Sunday School are also expected to participate in the outing. The skating will be concluded by a 20-minute devotional and song service at 9 p.m.

Leather Brief Case Lost

Melvin H. Drewf, Eugene, reported to Roseburg police Wednesday that he left a black leather brief case on the fender of a car he had helped to start. Drewf asked that the brief case, if found, be turned in at the police station.

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