

The Weather

(Courtesy Cottage Grove Lake Weather Station)

	High	Low	Pra.
May 22	63	40	.00
May 23	74	43	.00
May 24	75	43	.00
May 25	75	43	.00
May 26	72	46	.00
May 27	78	49	.00
May 28	83	44	.00

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City Council:

Reopens Sewer Bond Bids, Sets New Water Rate Table

City Council in special session May 22 voted on two issues affecting the future of Cottage Grove — to re-advertise for the sewer bond bids and to set up a new water rate schedule effective July 1 that will give the citizens more for their money.

Reflecting disappointment over the single bid for the \$300,000 sewer bonds at 98 per cent of par and at 3 1/2 per cent interest from the First National Bank of Cottage Grove, the council unanimously voted to ask for new bids. They will be opened June 16.

Reduce Bonds

However, at a session May 26 council voted to sell only \$225,000 of the bonds, to be paid for over a 20 instead of a 25-year period. They will be delivered July 1.

New water rates adopted will leave the minimum for 6,000 gallons at \$2.75. The former minimum rate agreed upon in March was 3,000 gallons for \$2.50. City will realize \$79,000 a year instead of \$83,000 on the schedule revised from the earlier table.

A minimum water bill will read as follows:

	Inside City	Outside City
Water	\$2.75	\$3.44
Sewer	1.38	1.72

Total \$4.13 \$3.30 \$5.16 \$3.80 (Minimum 6,000 gal. per mo.)

*Sewer charge is not made to water users more than one mile from city limits. Outside city base rate is arrived at by taking one fourth of city rate and adding it. Sewer charge computed by taking 50 per cent of minimum rate and adding. The sewer charge for the months of July, August and September will remain static at an average of the months of January, February and March just preceding. This action was taken because water use in sprinkling does not go into the sewer.

The issue of additional water for irrigation in the summer was not voted, but councilmen expressed the idea that if sufficient water were available that it would be granted to users for sprinkling. Last year 10,000 gallons was allowed for the minimum rate.

The new water schedule:

First 6,000 gals.	\$2.75
Next 19,000 gals.	.25 per 1,000
Next 25,000 gals.	.20 per 1,000
Over 50,000 gals.	.15 per 1,000

Commercial rates will be 50 per cent higher up to 50,000 gallons. However, council added a new classification when it voted not to charge the 50 per cent for commercial users not requiring water for fire protection.

Woodard Contract

This last classification came into the picture when W. A. Woodard appeared at council session to discuss the proposed contract with the city and the city for water. He said he did not believe he should be penalized by the 50 per cent clause. Roger Roderick of the Corvallis engineering firm of Cornell, Howland, (Continued on Page 8)

At a session Monday, May 26, City Council took the following action:

* Passed ordinance 1387 authorizing re-sale of sewer bonds in the amount of \$225,000 instead of original \$300,000 at not less than 98 per cent of par and at interest not to exceed 5 per cent per year. (However council hopes to receive bid with interest under 3 1/2 per cent.) (See accompanying story for more details.)

* Set hearing on rezoning area in city for 8 p.m. Monday, June 9. Planning Commission has recommended and city approved rezoning from limited commercial to industrial area between east line of South 10th street, east 112.4 feet to west line of alley, an alley as extended between the south line of Main street south to north line of Madison avenue. Also from residential to industrial lots 9 and 10 in block 4, Georgetown second addition.

* Passed ordinance 1380 authorizing signing of contract between city and the Gowdyville Water Users association whereby city will furnish water to the area. A new water line is to be built before September 1, and the city is to pay back the builders on an installment basis. Payments will be a budget item each year.

* Draft of a new contract to furnish the W. A. Woodard Lumber Co. water was approved by the council and is subject now to approval of Mr. Woodard himself. It provides for the city to furnish water except for fire protection or for use in the log ponds at the rates to be used for commercial users without water for fire protection. (See table in other story.) Provision is made for rates to the company to be revised up or down in compliance with general revisions. If made, for other water users. The contract will be effective May 1, 1952 to April 30, 1962 and can then be renegotiated. Final passage of agreement is pending approval of the company and passage of ordinance.

* Fire prevention ordinance that has been tabled for several years was read by city recorder on request of Z. A. Coop, member of the fire committee. The accompanying code affecting garages, storage of liquids, dry cleaning establishments, film, explosives, fireworks and so forth, is recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and follows state code.

At present the city has no fire ordinance, and in most cases the state fire marshal has to be called for inspections. An ordinance would allow the local fire department officials to make inspections and recommendations. Penalties for violations also will be provided for.

The ordinance, which the fire department has sought for a number of years, was referred to the fire committee for study. Committee members besides Coop are Oscar Smith and Joe Bricher. A regular council meeting was set for Monday, June 2.

Two Local Men Are Named to Spray Cherry Trees for Dreaded Fruit Fly

Cherry fruit flies have emerged and the county extension office recommends that everyone having cherry trees start their cherry fruit fly control program by spraying or dusting at once if they have not already done so, according to W. B. Parker, county extension agent.

According to Mrs. Hugh Trunnell, Latnam correspondent, Jim Abbott (phone 47F2) and Claude Arne (47F2) are the two local men that will spray in South Lane. Mr. Arne will have the country area only. Mrs. Trunnell said she received the names from the county agent's office last Friday.

Mrs. Trunnell said there was a great deal of interest in the spraying, compulsory for the first time this year. As one resident in her area put it, "I don't want to be the guilty one who failed to spray."

She said in past years people had been spraying with hand spray pumps and that at least one party used a vacuum cleaner attachment.

Recor. and Spray

The spray most commonly used in Lane County that is recommended by the Oregon Experiment station is three pounds of acid arsenate and a commercial spreader in water to make 100 gallons of spray material. If leaf spot or brown rot is a problem on

cherries, either sweet or sour, add ferbam 1 1/2 pounds or wettable sulphur six pounds to this spray. If wettable sulphur is included in the spray, a spreader will not be needed.

Growers who wish to dust can use a ready-prepared dust containing 10 or 15 parts of acid lead arsenate to 85 or 90 parts of finely divided sulphur (325 mesh or finer). A minimum of 50 pounds of dust per acre should be applied to normal size sweet cherry trees and 40 pounds per acre on sour cherries.

10-15 Day Intervals

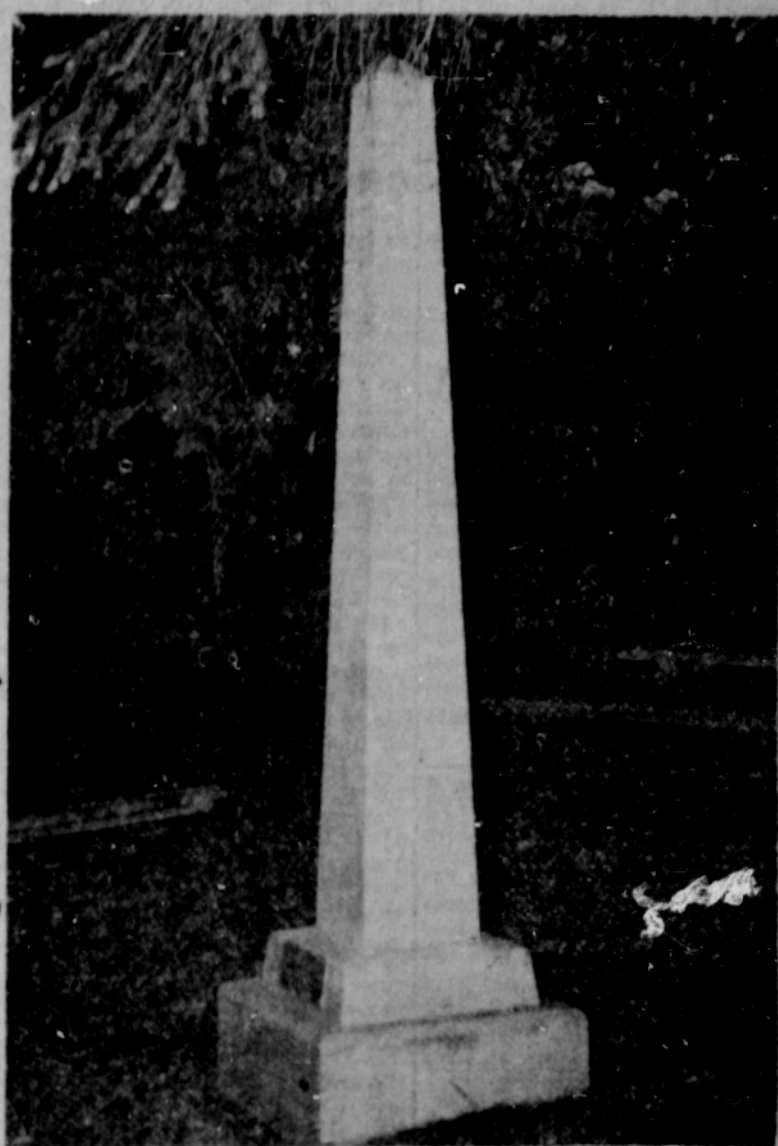
The acid arsenate spray or dust application should be applied at 10-day intervals, beginning with the first emergence of the fly and continuing until harvest of the fruit. Repeat application of dust or spray immediately following rain. The sprays should be complete cover sprays and all parts of the tree should be thoroughly sprayed or dusted.

When spraying for the control of cherry fruit flies, all varieties of cherries, interplanted fruit and nut trees, other nearby trees, and fence rows should be sprayed or dusted. However, if filberts are interplanted with cherries the lead arsenate sulphur dust combinations should not be used. Sulphur may cause severe burns to filbert foliage.

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THE COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Serving the Heart of the Nation's Greatest Lumber Region Since 1889



The monument to the unknown soldier standing in a shaded spot in the Cottage Grove IOOF-Masonic cemetery once more takes its part in annual Memorial Day services. On May 30 for the 57th year since its unveiling in 1895 wreaths in honor of those who have given their lives for their country will be placed at the base of the shrine.

Historic Shrine to Unknown Soldier Will Play Its Part on Memorial Day

Elaborate Memorial Day services in honor of the war dead who have given their lives for their country will be held again this year under the auspices of the American Legion.

The service will begin at 11 a.m. at the Armory, to be followed by a ceremony at the bridge when flowers are strewn on the waters in honor of those who died at sea.

From there the parade to the memorial tomb of the unknown soldier at the cemetery will be made where wreaths will be placed at the shrine. The firing squad from the national guard and the color guard will take part. Taps will be sounded by Al Griffin.

Wreaths will be placed by the Legion, the DAV and auxiliaries and others to honor those killed in World War I and II.

The story of the monument dates back to 1895 when the unveiling ceremony was held. Dates

MOST BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAY

Cottage Grove will observe the Memorial Day holiday Friday when all except a few business houses will be closed.

A survey made by the Chamber of Commerce secretary, Sharon Kroger, indicated that the theaters, the dairy and one drug store, Kern's, would be open. Filling stations and most restaurants will be open. Closed will be the City Hall, post office, bank, garages and auto agencies, and stores.

The Sentinel office will be closed both Friday and Saturday, as will the garages and auto agencies.



Above photos by Bill Evans of Cottage Grove show scenes near Y junction east of town Sunday when firemen answered the call to douse the fire that gutted automobile belonging to Ennis Keel of Culp Creek. First photo shows smoking car just as fire truck arrived. Second photo shows firemen, led by Don Hand (far left, facing camera) quelling the blaze. Third picture shows gutted interior of auto, a 1941 Buick. All firemen except Hand and John Gerstner were at annual picnic at the time fire occurred about 6 p.m. Firemen radioed picnickers enjoying relaxation near the sand and gravel company area east of town. Chief Ernest Shipley picked up call in his car and men sped to scene. Another call earlier Sunday afternoon interrupted the outing when defective wiring caused a small blaze at a home owned by Hattie Hart at 336 South 6th street. Cause of auto fire is believed to have been from gas dripping over the exhaust. Keel and brother Lawrence jumped from car when it caught, leaving it in road near OP&E tracks.

Judge Imposes Life Sentence On Belcher Boy

By Catherine L. Sederberg

A sentence of life imprisonment was given to 15-year-old Elmer Harlan Belcher in circuit court in Eugene at 10 a.m. last Friday following his conviction earlier that week on the charge of first degree murder of Mary Ellen Campbell near her home south of Cottage Grove April 4.

The six-day trial ended at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, and the ten-woman and two-man jury deliberated four hours before returning the guilty verdict.

Judge Reviews Case

Judge G. F. Skipworth, who passed the sentence, briefly reviewed the case and included personal comments on the fairness of the trial, the handling of the case by both the state and the defense and the sincere deliberation of the jurors.

The judge said "Elmer had a fair trial and I have no choice under the law but to impose a life sentence." He added, "Elmer's life is not hopeless. We have a state parole board, and prisoners seldom serve more than a few years of a life sentence. It all depends on Elmer now. He got in a jam with an unfortunate girl and took the wrong way out. It was a terrible mistake, and he has no one but himself to blame."

Judge Skipworth asked young Belcher to stand. The boy quietly got to his feet, stood with hands in pockets and showed little change in expression, as he did during the whole trial.

The judge asked, "Do you have anything to say before I pass sentence, Elmer?"

No Emotion Shown

The boy, showing no emotion, quietly answered "No."

Judge Skipworth then stated, "Then it is the duty of this court to sentence you to the Oregon State penitentiary for the remaining days of your natural life, from this day on."

Skipworth then called the sheriff and placed the boy in his custody. Only seconds later the prisoner was taken from the court room thru the chambers reserved for the attorneys.

The courtroom was only three-fourths filled for the sentencing. Many persons left the room within minutes following Skipworth's final words. Elmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Belcher, his oldest and two youngest brothers were present. Mrs. Belcher showed considerable strain and broke down in the outer hallway following the sentencing.

Many Sentinels Mailed By Subscribers Lost Because of Postage

Many Sentinels, mailed by readers never reach the addressee, according to Sam Veatch, postmaster. Apparently patrons of the local post office are not aware of the increase in postal rates for this class of mail, and no return address is given, so the paper lands in the waste paper basket.

New rates for newspapers are: 2 cents for the first two ounces and 1 cent for each two ounces thereafter. The old rate was 1 cent for each two ounces.

In sending any newspaper or magazine, give your return address, so you will be notified in case of insufficient postage.

City Budget Issue Faces Voters At Polls Second Time June 6th

High School Offers Adult Driver Class

Registration is now open for adults interested in enrolling in a driver training class. Those who wish to register for the eight day course may do so by calling the high school 774 during the day or 724J after five P.M. and leaving their name, address and phone number. Classes will begin on Monday, June 2nd.

Because of the length of time involved in teaching a person to drive, the course will be limited to the first eight people that apply. The course will cover basic skills of driving such as starting and stopping, shifting gears, backing, parking, maneuvering in tight places, driving on the highway, in town and a review of the drivers manual. Francis Trusty, local high school driving teacher, will be the instructor for those taking the course.

The fee for the entire course is \$24.00. This includes use of a Dual Control car donated by Floyd Githens for the Driver Education program.

Schools Graduate Record Classes of 220; Hi School Awards Made at Class Night

The largest classes in history, a total of 220 students, were to take part in graduation ceremonies this week at Jefferson grade school and Cottage Grove high school.

Jefferson's ceremonies were held Wednesday night with the high school program Thursday night.

Class night at the high school Tuesday was another high spot of the week, with awards made to outstanding students. Athletic letters have been announced and will be presented at assembly Thursday. A trophy will be awarded the outstanding all-around athlete.

Following are the class night awards and recognitions: Doyle Higdon, valedictorian, with average grade point of 1.1 for the four years, and Enid LaBlue, salutatorian, with 1.3 grade average.

Legion award to outstanding boy went to Bob Kelly, with the Legion Auxiliary award to outstanding girl going to Miss LaBlue.

Jim Wilson was awarded highest athletic scholarship, \$300 to Linfield. Higdon walked off with the University of Oregon Mother's and Dad's scholarships totalling \$175, which were presented by Mrs. William Sloan of Eugene.

BPW Scholarship

BPW scholarship went to Leola Johnson; Oregon State college scholarship to Dee Anderson, and OCE scholarship to Ida Ryerson. The Home economics scholarship to Pepperdine college went to Betty Clark.

Athletic awards for track and baseball to be given Thursday include Doyle Higdon named captain and Jim Wilson receiving the Lett-Jerman's award for track, and Bob Sederberg elected captain and voted the lettermen's award for baseball.

Track awards are as follows: Seniors, Doyle Higdon, Norman Bechtold, J. C. Isley, Dick White, Wes Malcolm, Ray Arthur, Charles Marlin, Jim Wilson and Jesse Michaels, Juniors, Ken Sloan, Dick Hanks, Wayne Smith, Marvin Hayes, Malcolm Scott and Joel

The City budget will be put to the voters for the second time Friday, June 6, with council and budget committee members making a concerted effort to get out the vote.

Only 258 citizens turned out for the first election May 2 when the budget was defeated by 30 votes.

SCHOOLS GIVEN HIGH FIRE RATING HERE

Cottage Grove schools were given a high fire rating recently following inspection by Assistant State Fire Marshal Eldon Winkley and Ernest Shipley, local fire chief.

Shipley said that the janitors of Harrison, Jefferson and the high school were especially commended for keeping the buildings in good shape. He said except for a few minor points the survey found conditions very satisfactory.

FIRE CHIEF ATTENDS MEDFORD CONVENTION

Cottage Grove Fire Chief Ernest Shipley attended the Oregon Fire Chiefs' association meeting at Medford May 26 to 28.

The fire chiefs' group held a joint session the first day with the Oregon Rural Fire Protection Districts association.

Bridge Dangerous

The bridge itself has been called "very dangerous" by the city engineer, and loaded log trucks are now restricted to use.

Another reason for a higher budget is an extra paid fireman. Chief Ernest Shipley has said that the extra man, if an experienced one can be hired at the present salary rate, would enable two men to be on duty instead of one. At present, he said, sometimes no one is at the station right after a fire call due to lack of manpower.

Fire Allowances

Other fire department items added included clothing allowances for the paid and volunteer men. The volunteers had already bought their own clothing, and the money budgeted was merely to reimburse them.

Fire equipment, maintenance and repair is up a small amount, and the fire truck and hose items are to pay for equipment already purchased. Another extra item is an ADC generator.

Because funds ran out this year to pay volunteer firemen while on duty these were raised to take care of their salaries. They are now working without pay.

City supplies, city hall maintenance and fuel bill, will be up to cover price rises, and janitor service is now budgeted for the first time in two years. Councilmen have decided the condition of the city hall where janitorial service is lacking. Firemen maintain their own quarters.

The emergency fund is up somewhat, and so is the water fund, the latter due mostly to labor. The street fund is up because of the bridge.

Some Items Down

Items that are down include the fund for a new automobile for the police department, accident insurance and traffic regulation and control. The sewer and library funds are down also.

With higher costs, however, estimated income is also up from about \$48,000 to \$54,000. The highway gas tax refund accounts for \$3,000 of the gain.

Sewer bonds, if sold, will carry a budget item for interest for the first year in the amount of \$10,000.

Reasons for Defeat

Councilmen blamed defeat of the first election on the following points:

1. It means higher taxes. But an one councilman put it, the people who oppose higher taxes still charge more money for the product they sell the public.
2. The Main street bridge. (It has been called "very dangerous.") Comment was made by some citizens that a bond issue for this bridge would be preferable.
3. The higher water rates. (Council in special session May 22 gave the people back their 6,000 gallon minimum at the present rate of \$2.75.)

Wage Issue

4. Wage issue was played up too much by local press. (However, the press went on record to support this budget after council agreed to put the 1 per cent limitation amendment on the November ballot. According to the old 1900 charter, taxes to be raised for the fund cannot exceed 1 per cent of the assessed valuation.)

An amendment would make it possible for cost-of-living wage raises granted by other cities not shackled by such a limitation. Part of the lumber industry in this area recently received a 7 1/2 cent

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