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A Vote
for the
Rodeo Queen

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City Budget Election Friday

3 Polling Places Open 8 to 8

The city of Cottage Grove will hold a special budget election tomorrow, June 25, to allow registered voters within the city limits to cast their votes on the city budget for the fiscal year of 1954-55. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Proposed city budget for the forthcoming year is \$100,600. Council members and the Mayor's budget committee spent many sessions trimming the budget to a figure which they deem "necessary in order to allow the city to function properly during the next fiscal year."

The special budget election became necessary when registered city voters turned down a measure to establish a new tax base of \$10,000 in the May 21 primary election, by only 85 votes.

Work on Streets, Sewers
City fathers point out that the budget for '53-'54 was used primarily to build the new bridge across the Coast Fork on Main Street. In doing this, other necessary city improvements were kept at a bare minimum. They plan during the forthcoming year to take care of city streets and sewer work, they add, that is sorely needed.

The \$100,600 figure for city operation in 1954-55 needed to balance the budget, is broken down thusly: \$36,751.99 in the general fund; \$47,396.84 in the street fund; \$5,630. in the sewer fund; \$4,581.17 in the emergency fund; \$4,735 in the library fund; and \$1,505 in the park fund. Total city funds on hand inside the 6 per cent limitation is \$27,976.76, making a total of \$72,623.24 to be authorized by special election.

Council members and budget members point out that the fact that the city has had to operate on limited funds in the past is the reason for our present dirty streets (due to a worn-out street sweeper), our leaky water line (due to old wooden pipes that should have been replaced years ago), our inadequate storm water drainage, and insufficient sewer lines.

Some sewage is still being dumped into the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, which is against state regulations, and which the City has been asked to correct.

Mayor Urges Voting
Mayor Joe Crepeau said Wednesday that he hoped that every registered voter in the city with interest in the welfare of Cottage Grove, would vote in Friday's election. He added that he hoped that the future that city voters would pass a measure setting up a new city tax base which would put a stop to the expense of special budget elections.

Voters may cast their ballots at the following polling places: Ward 1, Precinct 1, Masonic Temple; Ward 2, Precincts 2 and 3, City Recorder's Office in City Hall; Ward 3, Precincts 4 and 5, Pearl Safley residence, 1133 E. Main.

Opal Whiteley Subject of Book By Elbert Bede

The story of Opal Whiteley, Cottage Grove's internationally-known former resident, has been put into book form for the general public. Published just last week, "Fabulous Opal Whiteley," has been written by Elbert Bede, a former publisher of the Sentinel, is one of Oregon's best known journalists, and is credited with bringing Miss Whiteley first to the attention of Sentinel readers and to the world.

Opal Whiteley's story, subtitled "From Oregon Logging Camp to Princess in India," is published by Binfords & Mort, Publishers, Portland, Ore. Her fabulous career includes the authorship of two books, "The Fairland Around Us," and "The Story of Opal: The Journal of an Understanding Heart." Her childhood diary, "The Fairland Around Us," was reprinted, in part, in the Atlantic Monthly in 1920.

In addition to her journalistic efforts, Miss Whiteley also traveled in the United States, and later Europe and India. In the latter she lived as a princess as H.R.H. Mlle. Francoise Marie de Bourbon-Orleans. Using this name she published stories of adventures in India in "The Queen," a magazine published in London.

Today Miss Whiteley is a charge (Continued on Page 2)

Go Vote June 25

(An Editorial)

In an open letter to the voters residing in the city limit, the Mayor and City Council requested us to call attention to the importance of voting on June 25, which is this coming Friday. The 1954-55 city budget will be up for approval.

Whether or not we will have a solvent city will depend on a "yes" vote on the 25th. Perhaps a number of people are not aware that the bulk of the funds asked for in the 1954-55 budget will go toward amortizing the city indebtedness. (pay the principal and interest on the outstanding indebtedness). If the budget is not approved on the 25th, it will in all likelihood be resubmitted to the voters with the desperate hope that the city can pay its indebtedness as well as to operate the necessary departments. It would be difficult to conceive of a municipality getting into such dire straits so that various departments could not operate with any degree of success, but that's facing us, unless the budget is approved.

As stated last week, we do not believe the voters understood the establishment of a new tax base, which was turned down at the May 21 primaries, because the voters were afraid the issue would raise city taxes. The current budget, which voters are asked to approve is smaller than the corresponding budget of last year.

Special elections are expensive, but one time in the not too distant past, it took three elections to approve the budget. We hope it won't happen again. We strongly recommend a "Yes" vote on the 25th.

Council Calls Bids on Paving, Sewer Projects

Votes Assessments For Storm Sewers

Highlights of City Council meeting Monday night included a call for bids on several construction projects in the city: decision to assess storm sewers to adjacent property; appointment of Mike Siebert to replace George Stephen as city treasurer; rejection of the discussed mobile telephone unit proposed by Pacific T & T; and decision not to purchase a new sewer cleaner.

City Engineer Les Coimer was given the green light by the Council to make arrangements and call for bids on the Silk Creek pump



Retires

station and paving and sewer projects on several Cottage Grove streets.

It has been estimated that the cost of these projects will exceed by around \$12,000 the money allotted for them. The council hopes that the bids will be low enough to allow the planned improvements to be completed. In preference to the completed improvements they decided not to sell any bonds until the next fiscal year.

Storm Sewers Installed
The \$12,000 figure however, did not include the cost of putting in storm sewers. Coimer, who said the sewers are a must for Oak Park because of the drainage problem there, asked for authority to go ahead and put in the storm (Continued on page 2)

High School Annual Meeting Set for June 28

The annual school meeting of Union High School District 14J will be held June 28, at CG Union high school. At the meeting, in which any registered voter in the district may participate, a new member of the school board will be elected and any other necessary business will be taken care of.

Voting polls will be open at the high school from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The only name thus far turned in to Superintendent Virgil Kingsley for the vacancy on the school board caused by the expiration of George McReynold's term, is that of William Bumpus.

KOMB New Call Letters for KSGA

A change in the call letters of the local radio station to KOMB from KSGA was approved by the FCC June 21, according to station owner Orlo M. Bagley. Bagley said that the station would begin using the new call letter in the near future, as soon as some necessary changes could be completed.

Some minor changes are also being made at the station building and grounds, which includes improving the parking area.

The station will continue to operate on a frequency of 1400 kilocycles.

Soil Conservation District Petitions Heard Monday Eve

Meeting Rounds Up Long Effort for SCD

Culminating an active four months effort, a meeting was held Monday evening at the Goshen Grange to conduct a hearing on petitions for the formation of a Soil Conservation District in the East Lane area. The first appreciable efforts towards achieving the goal were made at a special chamber meeting Feb. 10, headed by Dr. H. A. Hagen, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee. It was decided at the meeting that an SCD was the first step of the long range plan to better the local economy through agriculture, crops, stock, etc.

Boundaries of the new district, which was unanimously approved as the "Upper Willamette Soil Conservation District", roughly include Lane County, east of the present district of Siuslaw, West Lane and Linn-Lane in the watershed of the Willamette.

Petitions for the formation of the district, containing signatures of 186 landowners were read. Forty landowners were present at the meeting. A referendum will be conducted by mail. The Goshen Grange was designated by the State Committee as the polling place. The date for the polling, estimated to be sometime in August. (Continued on page 2)

New Policy in P.O. Box Rentals in Effect

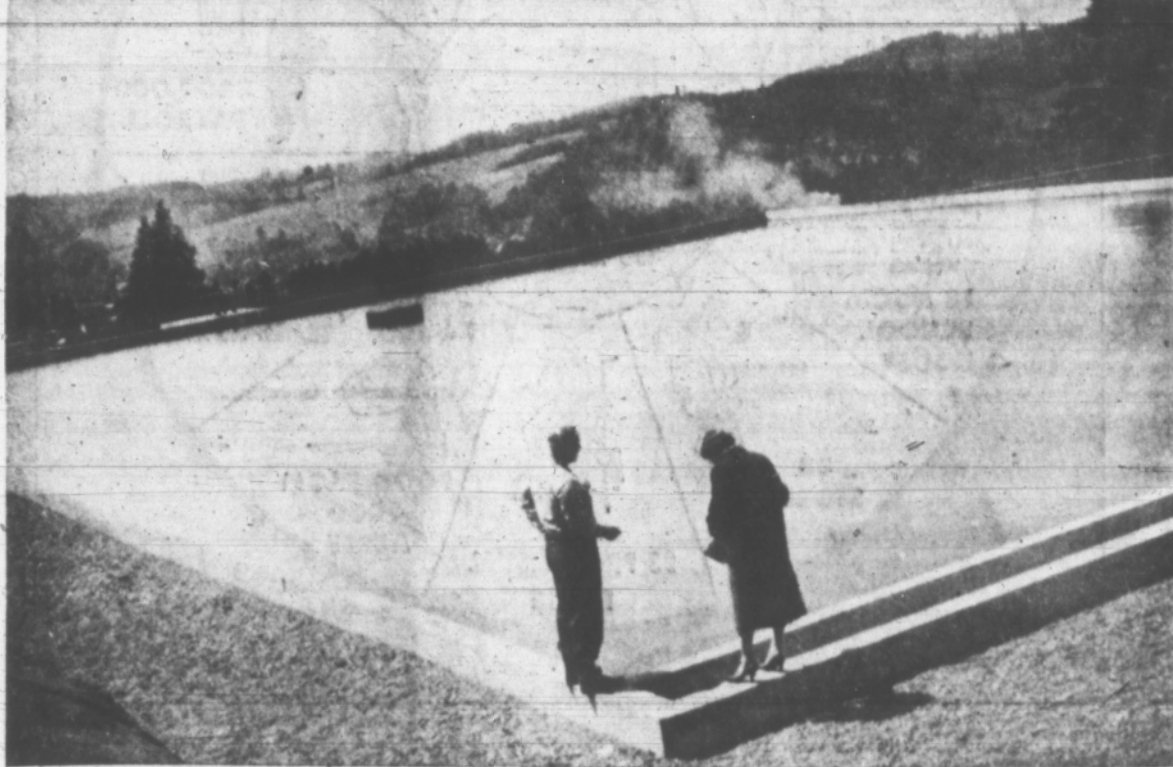
Now Says Sam Veatch

A new policy on post office box rentals will be effective July 1, 1954, according to Sam Veatch, postmaster. Box rentals will be payable either for a quarter or yearly basis. The latter basis is new for the department. The yearly basis will be from July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955. The postal department will also insist on cash advance for all boxes. There has been no change in the price of box rentals.

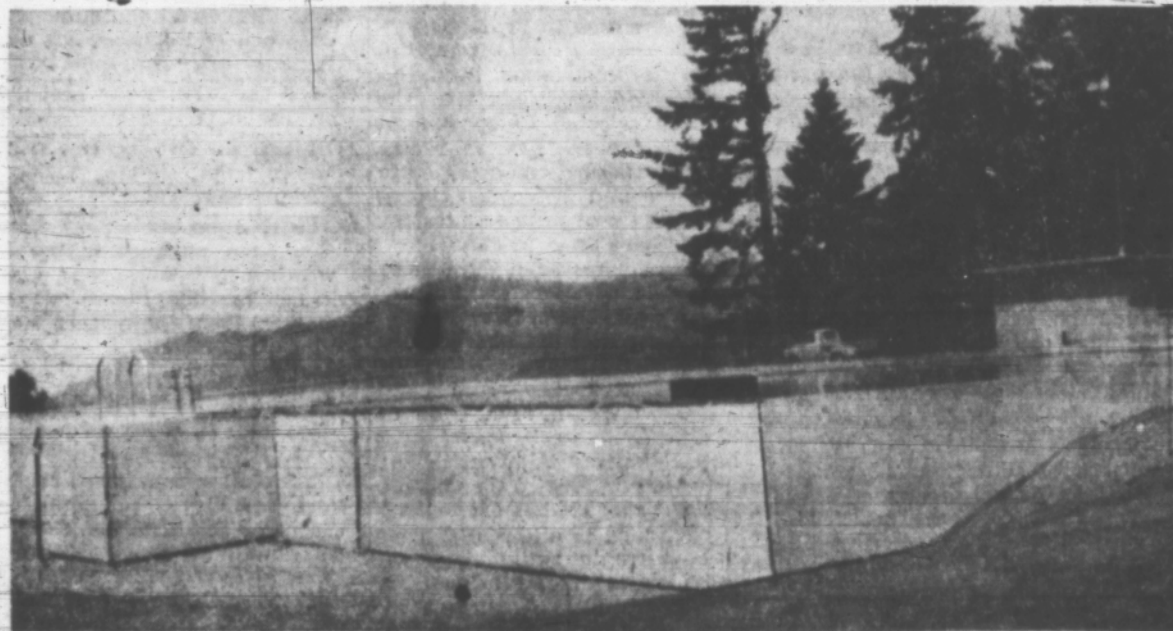
Since moving to new quarters, there are plenty of boxes of all sizes available for rent. Notices calling attention to the fact that box rent will be due, have been placed in the boxes.

Summer Swimming

Because of the bad swimming conditions at the Cottage Grove dam, a bus will transport swimmers to the Drain pool every day Monday through Friday. See sports page for additional information.



LOOKING OVER RECENTLY-COMPLETED new city reservoir. Plant has capacity of two and one-fourth million gallons of water, and is now in operation. Box float pictured in water at left is used to house floating pipe on spindle which insures water going into mains being taken from two feet beneath surface, says H. B. McMillan (above) who explains reservoir operation to Sentinel reporter Laura Olson.



SPLENDID NEW ADDITION to city is reservoir pictured above. Built of re-inforced concrete, reservoir dimensions are 150' long and wide, with a maximum depth of 25'. Reservoir and block house (left) were built by Lee Hoffman firm of Beaverton for cost of \$105,954.60.

Water 'n Lots of It City Accepts New Reservoir - 2 1/4 Million Gallon Capacity

Cottage Grove's new reservoir has been completed by the construction firm of Lee Hoffman, Beaverton. The reservoir was accepted by the city June 11, according to assistant to the city engineer, H. B. McMillan. At the present time, the new addition is handling one million gallons of water per day; its capacity is two and one-fourth million gallons daily. Capacity of the old reservoir (which, incidentally, is still in use) is one million gallons per day.

Contract to build the reservoir was awarded Hoffman by the City

Pioneer Merchant Dies Unexpectedly

William Almond Hemenway, 75, Route 1, Cottage Grove pioneer merchant, berry and Croft fly grower, died suddenly at his home



William A. Hemenway

Sunday, June 20, following a family gathering. Mr. Hemenway was born October 4, 1878, near Minneapolis, Minn. He had resided in Cottage Grove vicinity for the past 66 years, coming here in 1888.

In the early 1900's, he was a partner in the mercantile firm of Garman-Hemenway, and later his own establishment of Hemenway & Company.

Mr. Hemenway was married at Pleasant Hill June 14, 1903 to Ora Read who survives him. After he retired from the mercantile business, Mr. Hemenway (Continued on Page 2)

Council September 21, 1953. Hoffman's bid was \$105,954.60. He was given 10 months or approximately 300 calendar days to complete the project. Actual time fell a bit short of nine months.

Reservoir 150' Square

Dimensions of the reservoir are 150' square, with an approximate depth of 25'. It is 11' from the top portion to the area which slopes down to the 25' mark. The reservoir is built of reinforced concrete. Consulting engineers who supervised the project are Cornett, Holland, Hayes and Merrifield of Corvallis.

McMillan said that the city will use both the new and old reservoirs. This will allow the city to drain each of them, separately, using one while the other is being cleaned.

In addition to the reservoir itself, Hoffman also built a chlorinating room and a chemical room which are housed in a building 26' by 30' constructed of concrete blocks. Two vats are located in the chemical room, where the water enters the plant, one containing alum, the other lime. The chemical actions of these vats work as settling agents, taking to the bottom of the reservoir all mud, grass, pine needles and other residue, yet in no way harming the water or adding a foreign taste to it, McMillan said.

Float to Check Water

A black box floats on top of the water of the reservoir itself, looking for all the world like a float swimmers might use. According to McMillan, the float "houses" a 16" pipe which is on a swivel at the bottom. The float and pipe insure that all water going into the mains from the reservoir will come from two feet beneath the surface of the water. Thereby, McMillan continued, making sure that the water used by the public will never contain any material that might fall on top of the water. The pipe floats up and down with the level of the water.

Along the eastern side of the

Need Household Goods

CURTIN—As a note of reminder, the benefit shower for Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anlauf and family, Anlauf, whose home was destroyed by fire, was held at the old Curtin school at 1:30 p.m. June 23. What is needed most, according to Mrs. Robert Gordineer, a neighbor of the Anlaufs, are essentials for keeping house. They have plenty of clothes, she said.

Strike Outlook Improves; Two Mills Back at Work

Rickini, Potter Bros., S & F Now Operating Outlook For Speedy Settlement Seen as Dim

A slight break in the walkout of well over 600 woods and mill workers in this area, part of the strike affecting the entire Northwest, brightened a dim horizon with the return to work of two AFL mills, Rickini and Potter Bros. Although no official comments were forthcoming from employers, there seemed to be no hope of more men

returning to work until after the Fourth of July weekend. CIO operations remain on strike.

Picture Not Promising

Union officials agreed that the picture did not look promising as of yet, but added that they had hopes of a quick settlement. CIO Secretary Larry Kellogg said Wednesday afternoon that a welfare and investigating committee had been set up by his union and would help any members and their families who needed financial assistance for food and shelter.

All AFL operations, with the exception of Woodard Lumber Co., which employs about 275 men, were back at work by Wednesday morning. According to C. A. Hosman, AFL Secretary, Woodard was "not interested" in the matter. The other AFL mills, Rickini, Potter Bros., and S & F, signed temporary agreements for a 5c per hour pay increase, pending the outcome of the strike.

Potter, Rickini, S & F at Work

Potter Bros., who employ 40 men, resumed operations Wednesday. Rickini mill, employing around 60 men, was shut down Monday only. S & F never did shut down.

Lilligren Co., CIO, which employs 25 men, is shut down, however, it closed the doors last Thursday, before the strike was called.

Bohemia Lumber Co. is closed down with no plans to date and no meetings in the immediate future arranged. It employs approximately 130 men. Booth-Kelly is also shut down and, as its headquarters are in Springfield, can do nothing to make arrangements for a settlement.

'54 Rodeo Plans Progress Tues.

Committee Reports Heard at Special Meet

Plans for the 1954 World Championship Rodeo July 10-11 at Cottage Grove developed further Tuesday evening at a special meeting in which the Cottage Grove Riding club heard progress reports from Rodeo committees.

Loretta White Galvin, last year's queen, will crown the 1954 queen, reported the riding club's queen committee. Vieing for the honored crown are Dorothy Hill, sponsored by Cannon Appliance; Patsy Melvin Munro, sponsored by Petersen's Department Store; Donna Nowak, sponsored by Burns Shoe Repair Co.; Linda Potter, sponsored by Githens Motors, and Norman E. Wilson, sponsored by the Norris Dress Shop.

Louis Caldwell, president of the Riding club, will act as master of ceremonies at the Queen's ball, to be held Saturday night at the armory.

Music will be furnished by the Sunshine Playboys, the dance committee reported. The Playboys, formerly the Arizona Ranch Hands, have played at previous Rodeo dances in Cottage Grove. The committee also reported that there will be a "big Western" dance at the armory July 10, featuring the same orchestra.

A dinner honoring the queen and her court will be held at 7 p.m. June 30, at the Hebron Grange hall. At this time, the court will be presented western riding outfits by the Riding club. All club members are urged to attend. Call Mrs. Raymond Powers, 1222J2 for reservations.

Another day of games and instruction in horsemanship will be held at the Rodeo grounds June 27 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Caldwell appointed Billy Ann Butler as chairman of the First Aid Committee; Eddie Pyeatt as Arena Director, and Brighton Leonard and Stub Mosby in charge of local events for the show.

To Teach in Dist. 45

The hiring of E. W. Little to teach fifth grade at Jefferson school was announced Tuesday by School District 45 Superintendent Jesse Pasold. Little, who has been principal and instructor at Home, Idaho, is married and has two children. He is a graduate of Eastern Oregon College of Education in LaGrande, Ore.



AN ALTERNATE DELEGATE FROM OREGON TO the national Business and Professional Women's convention in St. Louis, Mo., is Mrs. Lenora Pyburn, pictured above. Mrs. Pyburn holds in her hand a miniature railroad flatcar loaded with miniature logs. (See story on editorial page.)

BRIDGE FOR SILK CREEK

Construction of a new wooden bridge to replace the old Silk Creek bridge at the Gowdville junction may begin as early as next week, announced Oscar Norberg, county engineer Friday. However, he added, the construction may be delayed, depending on the impending lumber strike.

LOCAL GUARDSMEN WIN

FORT LEWIS (Special) — The sparkling 17-man rifle drill team from Cottage Grove area, Company B, 186th Infantry regiment, won the regimental trophy at the 41st Division annual summer camp here. Team leader is Lt. Louis Wiese. The drill team competition is to be an annual event.