



Savage Retires

MYRTLEWOOD plaque featuring a carved rifle was presented to City Public Works Superintendent Fred Savage on his retirement last Thursday, December 6. Presentation was made by Mayor Leon White, along with final salary check. The inscription reads, "In appreciation for 13 years of faithful service for the City of Port Orford." Savage started to work for the city in June of 1960. The occasion, attended by his wife, Lana, other city and county employees and members of the city council, also marked Savage's 65th birthday. Coffee and cake were served in honor of the event.

Santa At Fire Hall

Santa Claus will be at the local fire hall on Saturday, December 22, from 1 to 4 p.m., to visit area youngsters and give them candy treats, the chamber of commerce announced at their noon meeting Monday. The chamber will supply the candy and the Lions auxiliary will sack the treats, according to chamber president Warren Jewell.

Break In At Pacific

Three local youths, William H. Peper and John W. Sclarra, both 18, and a 16 year-old juvenile, were arrested by the Curry County Sheriff's office Monday morning in connection with a burglary at Pacific high school over the weekend.

According to a report, about \$80 worth of items were stolen from the school store. City police assisted in the arrest and recovery of the loot.

An attorney has been appointed for the youth and the case is pending.

Entry to the building was made through a broken window.

Library To Host Kids

Saturday, Dec. 15, will be a special day at the Port Orford Library, when the "first annual" children's Christmas party will be held. All children from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to spend the hour from 11 to 12 noon in the library to enjoy stories, games, and a small gift. Mrs. Santa, alias Mrs. Evelyn MacDonald, is expected to attend. Some of the friends of the library have donated their time to wrap gifts and decorate the library for Christmas. Mrs. Jo Reeves will be reading stories and several other volunteers will be in attendance to help direct the festivities.

The party will be a realization of a dream that has been anticipated for several years. This will be the first opportunity to use the expanded facilities for such an event. The library board wishes to thank all those who have offered their help and to remind all the youngsters to attend the party Saturday morning.

Outreach To Meet Tuesday

The Board of Directors of Curry County Outreach, formerly Community Action, will hold their regular monthly meeting next Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Gold Beach Outreach Center at the fair grounds.

Main topics of business will include development of the 1974 program, training, budgeting and grant writing. Visitors are welcome.

Co-op Asks Continued Curtailment Of Power

The voluntary electrical curtailment program in the Pacific Northwest must be continued according to W. A. "Bill" Cook, general manager of Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. Returning from a two day meeting of the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association Cook said, "While the reservoirs are filling nicely, unseasonably cold weather could change our position drastically."

Speaking at the meeting Ray Foleen, deputy administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration said, "he felt that firm load commitments would be able to be met this winter, however, unseasonable cold weather and reduced stream flow would stop the filling of the reservoirs, and the water deficiency could be carried over into next summer." Even with full reservoirs due to a lack of generating capacity, electrical energy will be short in the fall of 1974 and 1975.

Also speaking at the meeting Cook reported was Robert Partridge, general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. In his remarks Partridge pointed out that the petroleum shortage carries with it the likelihood that the Pacific Northwest will be called upon to transmit power into California to save oil reserves of that region, which is being used for the generation of electricity. Cook said, "the reduction in the use of electricity has been very good in all classes of consumers, and hopes that the effort will be continued. Out-

door signs are now permissible but they should be used only during the hours of business and to as limited a degree as possible. There still will be no outdoor Christmas lighting this year, and he requested limited inside Christmas lights.

Post Office Open Saturday

Postmaster Warren Jewell announced today that the post office would be open on Saturday, December 15 and 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Full window service will be available, he said.

Seeking Gals

Legislation is expected shortly to allow the Coast Guard to enlist women on active duty.

The Coast Guard is now actively searching for women to apply for enlistment in the Coast Guard.

As far as practical women will undergo the same training as men. Women will be subject to the same rules as their male counterparts with respect to advanced training and promotion.

The Coast Guard recruiter for this area is in Eugene, telephone number 687-6457 or contact any Coast Guard Station in your area.

November Economy Shows Softening

"In several categories, inclement weather and seasonal factors, more than the highly visible energy crisis, have had a softening effect on the overall economy of the South Coast area in November, reports Edward J. Konkka, manager of the State Employment office in Coos Bay.

EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Retail stores reported a continuing firm tone in sales with minimal pre-holiday hiring taking place. Consumer buying appears to be concentrated on necessities and quality goods. The removing of pickets from one retail establishment should increase their sales activities for the holidays.

"Employment levels in travel and food industry held steady, the food in restaurants and drinks in the liquor dispensing places were satisfactory, but generally there was a noticeable decline in room occupancies.

"In lumber and wood products, employment remained unchanged from the previous month. There were some replacement hires, with very little change in the overall number of workers.

"The contract construction industry jobs began a seasonal decline. The rainfall records for November prompted the closure of several outdoor construction projects. However, work is expected to start again when the weather improves in the spring. Generally, the electricians were very busy, carpenters somewhat less busy than last month and the laborers just fair," added Konkka.

"In longshoring, employment totals continued to be at peak levels. Work was available almost every day, for all gangs including some gangs from North coast area. The usual mix of logs, lumber and linerboard was loaded aboard the ships and barges. It's anticipated that longshoring should do well in December too.

"Real estate was still slow, and any change in the pace somewhat dependent on lower interest rates and a normalization of the energy shortage. "New car sales were satisfactory but there was greater demand for used cars than the number that were available. Service appeared to be about average for the month.

"The seafood processing industry concentrated on maintenance work. Some of the processors worked from 5 to 8 days in filleting bottom fish. All were waiting and ready to process crab in December, just as soon as the price level dispute is settled with the crab fishermen.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

"An extremely heavy rainfall and seasonal factors during the month of November have caused layoffs in timber cutting, construction work and the fishing industry. Also the scarcity of fuel has created a limited number of layoffs in service stations and trucking companies. This situation has increased insured unemployment in all but one of the selected categories over last month and of a year ago," he concluded.

Local Project Cited

Coast Estuaries Surveys Underway

The Corps of Engineers announced this week that a comprehensive series of surveys of Oregon's coastal estuaries is underway and should be completed by next July.

The information compiled in the surveys will be used to prepare environmental impact statements on the effects of Corps activities on the estuaries, according to Colonel Clarence D. Gilkey, Portland District Engineer.

The work will be completed by private firms at an estimated total cost of \$500,000 to \$600,000.

The surveys will specifically address the environmental impacts of Corps works, which includes dredging, structural improvements such as jetties, and administration of the Section 10 Permit Program governing construction in navigable waterways.

Colonel Gilkey noted that the surveys will deal in detail with the social and economic impacts of estuarine activities, whereas most previous environmental assessments have dealt primarily with impacts on the natural environment.

Colonel Gilkey said that the surveys for the Columbia River and Coos Bay estuaries are now underway, and that a study for Yaquina Bay and one for the Siuslaw and Umpqua estu-

aries should begin soon.

A survey of Netarts, Tillamook, and Nehalem Bays and a report on the Salmon, Sand Lake, and Nestucca estuaries are scheduled to begin by January.

A survey of Siletz and Alsea Bays and a report on the Chetco, Coquille, Port Orford, and Rogue estuaries are also scheduled to start by January.

Vote Dated

The chamber of commerce will hold its annual election next Monday, December 17, at noon at the Rainbow Cafe, to fill three positions on the board of directors.

Members whose terms expire are Flash Owens, Jim Wilson and Frank Amatista.

President Warren Jewell appointed Marie Hawks, Stu Smith and George Hahn, chairman, to the nominating committee Monday. They will present a slate of two candidates for each position prior to the election. Nominations may also be made at the meeting.

Officers are elected by the board of directors, and will be announced at the first meeting in January.

Elementary Concert To Be Next Wednesday

The annual grade school and upper elementary Christmas concert will be held next Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Pacific high school gym.

The choir, under the direction of Harold Lannom, will present the following musical selections: "Sweet Mary, Guard Thy Precious Child," "Carol of the Birds," "He Shall Feed

His Flocks," and a combined number with the band, "Joy To The World." Accompanist will be Adrian Lannom. The band, under the direction of Kenneth Nelson, will also perform some musical numbers. The Port Orford kindergarten children, under the direction of Mrs. Judy Bens, will perform "Santa's Workshop." The concert is free.

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TV Cable Franchise Sought

Cable television may be available here if a survey of signal strength, resident's acceptance and the city's approval of a franchise is given, city fathers were told Tuesday night.

Bob Brooks and Bob Brown, owners of Better View Cable Vision, Inc., who now have systems in Myrtle Creek, Tri City, Winston and the Green District south of Roseburg, submitted a proposed franchise to the city for their consideration, and said they would make an area survey,

spot-check residents, and be back at the January 8 council meeting, to either pursue the matter or forget it. They said a cable system would not effect the local translators, and that it might be as long as a year before installation could be made.

In addition to the city's granting of a franchise, agreements also have to be made with Coos-Curry Electric and General Telephone for use of their poles, then the whole program has to meet the approval of the Federal Communications Commission.

The proposed franchise would run for ten years.

PROMOTED
Public Works assistant Vern Sonderman was promoted to Superintendent of Public Works, replacing Fred Savage who retired December 6.

Don Coble was appointed to fill Sonderman's vacancy.

ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS
Three recommendations by the city planning commission were approved by the council. They include an agreement not to consider an annexation of The Eternal Hall of Fame property (formerly Agate Beach Trailer Park) at this time; approval of the purchase of an aerial photo map of the city, 48x60 inches, at a cost of \$115, and the appointment of Clarence Hines to remain on the planning commission for another four years.

RATE RAISE DUE
Port Orford Sanitation operator John Danford requested adoption of a previously proposed ordinance that would allow him to raise garbage pick-up rates for residences 50 cents per month across the board. The ordinance will receive action at the January meeting.

OTHER ACTION
Other items of business before the council included the purchase of 2,000 feet of 8-inch water pipe at a cost of \$6,979.05; the purchase of six chairs from the library board at a cost of \$25; agreement to install about 175 feet of sewer line to serve the Haft property on Jackson St.; agreement to reimburse travel expenses to city recorder Georgia Dougherty to attend Curry Outreach and OCCADC meetings; an agreement to accept a program to reimburse the cost of unemployment compensation for city employees on a dollar for dollar basis, effective January 1, 1974; and an agreement to establish a citizens advisory committee at the request of the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

PARK DEVELOPMENT
Mayor Leon White reported that he had been informed by the State Parks Division that plans for development of The Heads Park would be included in the 1975-76 biennium, along with improvement of the highway leading to the property.

EXPERIMENT
The council agreed to a proposal by city attorney Maurice Engleau that would relieve him from attending council meetings during stormy winter months. Instead, he would be available at his Coquille office for telephone consultation during council meetings. Engleau said he would reduce the fee from \$50 to \$10 per month during those months he didn't have to drive the 92 miles to Port Orford.

Bills in the amount of \$2,679.56 were approved for payment.

Files For Commissioner



SHIRLEY VAN LOO... A CANDIDATE

Mrs. Shirley Van Loo announced today that she filed in Gold Beach Monday for the Republican nomination for Curry County Commissioner.

A teacher at Battle Rock school here, she is the wife of "Corky" Van Loo, a rancher and commercial fisherman.

Mrs. Van Loo is a graduate of Port Orford schools and has a Masters Degree in education. She has taught in grades one through eight for about 20 years, the last three at Battle Rock. She also serves on the Oregon Education Association Committee for Teacher Excellence, representing Douglas, Coos and Curry counties.

The candidate told the News that "I am familiar with many of the problems of local ranchers, loggers, fishermen, schools and businesses, and am

interested in trying to help solve some of these problems on the county level."

She and her husband have three children; Beth, a student at the University of Oregon, and Alice and Robert, students at Pacific high school.

Schools Closed

All District 2CJ schools were closed Wednesday because of extremely high winds. The windstorm hit the area early Tuesday morning causing wide-spread power outages that lasted several hours in some areas of the city. Rain and lightning accompanied the storm. No major power outages were reported Wednesday.



Construction Is Underway

PROJECT sign was erected this week announcing beginning of sewer line to Port of Port Orford dock area. The Port received a federal grant in the amount of \$22,125 for the \$29,500 project. Work is being performed by Pipeline Const. of Central Point.