

Work Begun On Welches Water Plant

Following a well attended meeting of the members of the Welches Water company Sunday, plans were put into operation for the rebuilding of the plant. Monday bids were received for a six-thousand gallon steel tank and bulldozers were engaged to make ready for its installation. By summer it is expected the new plant will be ready to bring water to the summer colony.

It was voted to authorize the directors to proceed with the complete overhaul of the system so as to comply with State Board of Health rules.

John Bonebrake, Portland Consulting Engineer, submitted his report and plans for the new system which had been approved by the board of health. Following the meeting the company's board of directors appointed John Stein to act as manager of the company and supervise the construction. It is estimated that the company has nearly enough funds on hand to complete the remodeling work.

A letter from the state board of health was read which congratulated the company for having a 100 percent safe water analysis of 1957.

Directors of the company are Ralph Kadderly, Portland; Ed Roberts and William Drips of Welches.

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City Finances In Good Shape

The city of Sandy's bank account had a healthy glow the first of March with a total of \$6971.45 having been received from various sources with city expenses amounting to only \$2140.72 during the month of February. This gave the city a balance of \$4830.73 for the month.

Receipts were listed as follows: water collections, \$1937; received from the state liquor commission, \$854.12; city court fees, \$165; city licenses, \$43.25; telephone franchise, \$856.41; state street tax, \$4290.31; sewer collections, \$776.60; and miscellaneous, \$213.28.

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Library Week March 16-22

In observance of National Library Week, March 16 to 22, Mrs. Ada Arnett, Sandy librarian has issued a special invitation to all residents to visit the Sandy Library and take advantage of the reading material available.

According to Mrs. Arnett during this national observance a reading program is being launched under the slogan, "Wake Up And Read."

The Sandy library is located in the basement of the Woman's club hall on the Loop Highway and hours are from 1 to 5 PM on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

AREA-WIDE DINNER MEETING ON CITY BUSINESS LICENSE PLANNED BY SANDY CHAMBER

Whether or not Sandy business men will favor a business license will be decided at a general city-wide meeting of business men probably within the next two or three weeks.

At the Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting Tuesday the business tax committee was instructed to make a written report of its findings and report back next Tuesday. After this report has been received, President Ralph Richardson will select a time and place for an evening dinner meeting to which all business men in Sandy will be invited to attend and join in the discussion.

Chamber members Tuesday made it plain that if they are to give their approval of a business license affecting all retail business within the city they will want to know where the money is spent. As a result the business license committee headed by Duey Barber, was instructed to include recommendations as to how the funds obtained from business licenses could be used for the general improvement of the

city.

It was estimated by members of the committee that approximately \$5000 per year could be obtained from a business license ordinance patterned largely after a similar ordinance which has been in effect in Estacada for the past three years. Approximately half of the money received by Estacada comes from firms doing business in that city, such as bread firms, soft drink and beer distributors and other firms which send salesmen into the city to

sell to the merchants.

It was agreed by the Chamber that a business license of \$50 per year would be the highest charge, and this would apply only to general store keepers who have a varied line of merchandise. The average annual tax would come to about \$22 per year.

Several of the members at the Tuesday meeting were of the opinion that such a license would be without value unless the county also creates a planning commission to confer with the council and a city

budget committee in allocating the funds for civic betterments.

It was pointed out that a planning commission for the first few years, at least, would be in the nature of an advisory body and that enactment of a zoning ordinance would be delayed until after a comprehensive planning program had been worked out to the satisfaction of the people of Sandy.

The City Council at its meeting earlier this week expressed its satisfaction over the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce to obtain civic betterment funds through a business license as is done in many of the cities of Oregon, both large and small. The council members indicated they would be willing to cooperate with the business men in any sound program which should be advanced.

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Berry Picking Methods Shown In Color Film

A new sound color film on how to make money picking strawberries will be shown in 25 schools throughout Clackamas county it was announced this week by Ted Huff, manager of the Clackamas County State Employment office at Oregon City. These films will be scheduled well in advance of the harvesting season, Huff stated.

Huff's monthly report indicated an air of optimism prevailing among employers in the county, particularly in heavy construction work and home building operations. The strawberry growers also are more optimistic this year, he said.

The number of unemployed in Clackamas county during February was 450 less than in January, although it was still well above the figures for February of last year. At the close of February the Sandy office had 318 claims for unemployment compensation, as against 377 claimants on the last of January.

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Eighth Graders To Plan Course

April 8 has been set aside by Sandy Union High School as the pre-registration day for all eighth grade graduates of the Sandy grade school who will enter high school at the coming fall term.

Officials Express Grave Doubt That Gresham Boy Was Attacked By Cougar In Rhododendron Area

State and federal officers expressed themselves Wednesday as being highly skeptical that a cougar or any other wild animal had attacked Dean McWilliams, 17-year-old Gresham High School youth, near Rhododendron last Sunday.

The youth, with scratches on his arms, face and body, told his parents he had been jumped by a cougar while walking along snow-covered Vine Maple road about a mile south of Rhododendron. He said he and the cougar had tumbled down a steep embankment and that the cougar had then leaped off into the woods.

Cliff Rollison, federal and county predatory control officer from Oregon City, traversed the area Monday with Jim Petrie, state police officer, and found no trace of any cougar tracks or scent although they followed the footprints of young McWilliams and the two young nieces who were with him for some distance.

"There was no cougar up there," said Rollison after he had made a one-mile circle with trained cougar dogs.

"There was not a track in the snow. I don't know how the youngster skinned himself up, but I am sure it wasn't an attack by a cougar or any other wild animal."

The McWilliams boy reported to his parents that after the animal leaped on him they rolled down a steep embankment. He said his hip was dislocated in the fall, but that popped back into place and he was able to return to the cabin.

The two nieces, Coleen and Julie McWilliams, were some distance from the high school youth at the time he said he was attacked by the cougar, and did not see the animal.

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Linda Shockey Wins 4-H Trip

Linda Shockey, 20-year-old daughter of Mrs. A. P. Shockey of Cherryville, was one of four Oregon 4-H club members who won an expense paid trip to the national 4-H Conference in Washington, D. C., in final competition last weekend in Portland.

Miss Shockey, who is a pre-medical junior at Portland State College, was one of the four chosen from a list of 41 entries from throughout the state. She has carried gardening, livestock and home economics projects in her 11 years of 4-H club work and has been a leader in club work in the Cherryville community for many years.

The Washington Conference will be a week-long meeting and will give delegates an opportunity to visit government and historical sites in and around the nation's capital and meet with national officials. The conference is held under the supervision of the United States Department of Agriculture extension service.

Teacher Wins Science Award

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sutherland learned this week that their older son, Robert, had been granted a full year's scholarship by the National Science Foundation. The scholarship came to him through the University of South Dakota, where he had received his Bachelor of Science degree and where he had studied toward his Master's.

Robert is teaching biology at Crater High School at Central Point, Oregon, a post he has held for the past four years. The Crater High School Board has granted him a leave of absence for the 1958-59 school term in order that he might take advantage of the scholarship.

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Dimes March Big Success

In her report to the county March of Dimes committee, Mrs. Hazel Murray, local chairman, reported that the recent Mothers' March of Dimes resulted in collections amounting to \$352.40, which was around \$150 more than had ever been collected in former years.

Mrs. Murray in her report to the county organization had special praise for the work done by Mrs. Victor Ulman, Mrs. Gene Galbasini and Mrs. Edsel Scheel.

Purcell Listed Still Critical

Tom B. Purcell, Gresham Outlook publisher who was injured in an automobile accident two weeks ago, was still on the critical list this week at St. Vincent's Hospital. The same crash took the life of his 84-year-old father, Tom W. Purcell, an Iowa newspaper publisher.

Purcell was removed Monday from Good Samaritan Hospital to St. Vincent's as the result of a kidney complication. The latter hospital has artificial kidney equipment.