



An Open Letter

To the people of city of Banks

The common Council of the City of Banks has passed two money measures to be voted upon by the qualified voters of the city in the May election. The first resolution is a continuation of the present three-year serial levy passed in 1974 to enable the City of Banks to retain a policeman, which increased from \$12,000 to \$15,000. If this measure is passed, there would be an increase in taxes currently being paid, aside from the allowable six percent increase. During the past three years this levy has provided Banks with a full time policeman. An additional three men obtained through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA), at no cost to the city, have also served on our police force. It is my hope that this serial levy will be continued.

The second resolution deals with the water system of the City of Banks. The Federal Clean Water Act of 1976 makes demands on public water systems to comply with certain standards of water purity. Because of a complaint amongst the Banks water system, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has requested compliance with the Clean Water Act by the City of Banks as soon as possible. The fastest and least expensive way to achieve compliance would be to install a pump and controls at the site of the new well to the east of Banks and a transmission line between the well and the existing reservoir with the elimination of the springs as a water source and closure of the water line from the city-owned springs to the reservoir. This action is distasteful since the 47 users on the line from the springs to the reservoir would have to find an alternate source of water and the expense to these users would be prohibitive.

To upgrade the system with capital improvements to meet EPA and other requirements would mean a general obligation bond of \$300,000 would be needed. The interest

Sunset Grange 941

Sunset Grange 941 held its monthly meeting Saturday, April 8 at 11 a.m. Twenty-eight members, two guests, and four juveniles were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The charter was draped in remembrance of Jack Justice.

The meeting recessed at noon for potluck lunch. Before recessing for lunch a matter overlooked at the last meeting was called to the attention of the Master, Lois Schilling. Seems like the birthday of Winnie Cieloha, a St. Patrick's day lady, was overlooked. A large angelfood cake, baked and decorated by Lorna Gamroth was presented. Sherri, Barbara, Darrell, and Bobbie Jo Gamroth carried the cake and birthday card into the meeting room, singing

charges on a bond of this size over a 40-year period would increase the cost to almost \$700,000. This is far too much to ask of a city the size of Banks.

After due deliberation, the council voted to halve the figure to \$150,000. This amount will bring the system up to EPA standards but will not provide for a covered reservoir or for additional water storage. It does include a filtration gallery at the site of the spring which will ensure that EPA standards are met for those users on the waterline outside the city and will allow the city to continue to make full use of the water from the springs.

Passage of this measure will mean an increase in water user rates. However, passage of the measure may also entitle the city to some additional funding from CETA and, where possible, the city will begin to sell new water hookups outside the city. It is recommended that the measure be passed by the voters.

Howard Steinbach, Mayor
City of Banks

Auxiliary sponsors potluck

Banks Chamber Hall Auxiliary sponsored a family potluck and games Friday evening, April 7 at the hall. The food was abundant and excellent. Games and prizes provided a fun-filled evening.

Bob Crop was in charge of games.

"Happy Birthday." Pictures were taken of the presentation.

There will be a Tupperware Fund Raising Party at the Grange Hall April 19 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

The CWA chairman, Ann Nordholm, read her report. April 27 will be the next CWA meeting and is set as Clean-up Day. Men and women members are all asked to please participate. Lorna Gamroth was appointed to buy the new curtains for the kitchen. Hazel Stowell has already washed and hung the dining room curtains.

Sunday, May 7, as yearly church services, was approved. Services are at 11 a.m. with potluck to follow. Everyone is cordially invited.

Lorna Gamroth gave a report on the Youth Conference held at Warren April 1 and 2. She reports she has 12 foam cushions to be made for State Grange. These are to be sold at State Grange with funds going to Crippled Children.

As an outside activity project the Grange voted to clean parts of the Buxton cemetery. Several persons are buried there whose relatives are living away from here or have passed away.

An auction of various items donated by members was held which was a real fun thing. Twenty-eight dollars plus was gained.

Sunset Grange Ham Dinner was voted to be held Sunday, September 10 at the Banks cafeteria. More on this later.

First and Second Degree will be given for new members at Sunset Grange, May 19 at 8 p.m. We invite all Granges to bring their new members.

The meeting was adjourned, with everyone reminded of the Fund Raising party and to bring their friends.

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Weather Report

Ella Albrecht's rainfall report from Buxton showed only 3.80 inches in March. Average is 12 inches.

Grange meets

Sunset Grange met at the Grange Hall in Manning April 8. The meetings are on the second Saturday of each month. For information call Mr. Schilling, 324-6322.

Ladies society holds meet

Banks United Methodist Womens Society met at Mignon Johanson's Thursday. The day's schedule began with a Bible class at 9:30 a.m. followed by a prayer meeting at 11 a.m. then a walk in the woods led by Mignon Johanson.

Mrs. Johansen is a member of the Portland Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon. The society seeks to help people learn names and identification of native plants and to promote preservation.

The Banks church women then enjoyed lunch and held their monthly business meeting.

Stretching Dollars

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