

# Valley News

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## Lebanon City Treasury \$55,000 Short; Laxity In Bookkeeping Blamed

LEBANON—The city treasury is some \$55,000 short, and the deficit is probably due to long-time laxness in city bookkeeping and fundkeeping, it was revealed Tuesday.

The deficit came to light following a recent state audit of city books. The audit was requested by the present Lebanon city administration. The findings were released this week by Mayor Ralph Scroggin, just completing his first two-year term as mayor.

Chief cause of the deficit has been spotlighted by Scroggin as the transfer of Bancroft bond and interest money into the general fund. This practice, city officials said, was started many years ago and has been followed as a pattern by succeeding administrations.

First suspicion of the deficit came to light earlier this year when City Recorder Van Thorne and Mayor Scroggin made a detailed inspection of records on city financial transactions in the past.

It was found that money paid to the city by property owners on street improvements was put into the city general fund and spent by the city, whereas by law the city should have deposited the money in a special account to pay Bancroft bonds.

A bond issue is now proposed to pay off the \$55,000 deficit which will exist in the general fund at the end of this fiscal year, June 30, and also to complete the sewage disposal plant and pay for additional street equipment.

Mayor Scroggin, in releasing the shortage report, did not accuse any official of wrongdoing. "It's something that started years ago," he said, "and must be corrected as quickly as possible."

He said the discrepancy had gone unacted upon in previous administrations, mainly due to acceptance of former city recorder statements of finances, without making a thorough check of the books.

Previous audit reports had indicated the discrepancies were there to former city councils and budget committees, but were apparently overlooked, the mayor said.

## Dallas Mill Official Dies

DALLAS—Euel Lloyd (Swede) Arnold, 49, mill superintendent for Godsey Lumber Co. the past 10 years, died on the job Monday of a heart attack.

The funeral is set for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Boliman mortuary, with burial to follow at Dallas cemetery. The Rev. Orville Mick of Eugene will officiate.

Arnold was a native of Kansas who had lived here about

12 years. He was a member of the Christian Church and the Maccabees Lodge.

Surviving are the widow, Ruth; sons E. L. Arnold Jr., Dallas, and Sgt. Donald Arnold of the U.S. Marines; two grandchildren; parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Arnold, Dallas; brothers, Everett Arnold of Portland and Buck Arnold of Tacoma; sisters, Mrs. Florence Selby, Dallas, and Mrs. Mary Montague, in Idaho.

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## Fire Fighters Reconvert Old Pumper Truck

MT. ANGEL—The city council decided Monday night that the Mt. Angel firemen should have some special token of appreciation for their latest city service—the conversion of an old firetruck into a modern piece of fire-fighting equipment.

Besides a formal letter of thanks the firemen are to be invited to an outing at the city's expense. Andy Schmidt, Carl Micken and William Bean were appointed to make arrangements.

The enthusiastic commendation followed after Fire Chief Francis Schmidt had reported that No. 3 truck which had become worthless with a wornout pump, had been converted into a fine, modern firetruck with the installation of a new pumper. The firemen performed all the work holding the cost down to \$185.

Chief Schmidt said the truck now had the best volume pump in the fire department equipment. He also received permission to take local grade school children out in the truck, give them some pointers on fire-fighting and generally make them fire-conscious as a fire-prevention measure.

William Bean suggested that Mt. Angel follow the lead of most cities in appointing a planning committee to make suggestions to the council. All members of the council agreed to suggest names of men to secure. There would be no pay or compensation to the committee.

Another new move was the contemplated hiring of an extra man to work as an understudy of the water commissioner, act as relief man at the disposal plant, take over some daytime policing, clean streets, and do other tasks now being done by hired hour work. The matter is to be acted upon at the July meeting.

Bean reported Eymerd Berning

## Rev. Wooldridge Assigned to EUB At Clear Lake

CLEAR LAKE—The Rev. Frank Wooldridge has been assigned to Clear Lake EUB Church for the coming year. He has been attending seminary in Wisconsin and will now attend Western Evangelical Seminary at Jennings Lodge, while serving here. He and his family, which consists of three children, arrived Tuesday to occupy the parsonage.

The Rev. Wooldridge replaces the Rev. Richard Kienitz, who served here two years while a student at the seminary. The latter is a member of the Montana Conference and has been assigned to Billings.

## Valley Births

STAYTON—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Schiewek, Route 1, Lyons, a daughter, born June 3 at Santiam Memorial Hospital.

Mucken reported the sewer program on Cherry street ready to go with the work to start this week and all property owners ready to pay \$1.40 per front foot of property for the improvement.

The drilling for the new city well has started and is proceeding satisfactorily as reported by Councilman Bernard Girsch. Site of the well is on land purchased from Joseph L. Wachter off Oak street.

It was also reported that street lights are being shot at and that two lights have been broken at a cost from \$25 to \$30 per light. The matter was turned over to the police.

Police Chief Merle Grace also reported other juvenile delinquency problems on which he is receiving the aid of the county and state police.

### STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Wednesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	MAR 21-31	1 Clear	31 Book	61 In
Taurus	APR 21-30	2 Postpone	32 Stimulating	62 Soy
5	MAY 21-31	3 P.M.	33 Ability	63 Acting
6	JUN 21-30	4 Someone	34 Money	64 Public
7	JUL 21-31	5	35 Your	65 Payments
8	AUG 21-31	6 Serle	36 Some	66 You
9	SEP 21-30	7	37 Propitious	67 Luck
10	OCT 21-31	8 You	38 Collect	68 Needed
11	NOV 21-30	9 You	39 Leads	69 First
12	DEC 21-31	10 Important	40 Employment	70 Your
1	JAN 21-31	11 You	41 And	71 Love
2	FEB 21-29	12 Let	42 Funds	72 Probably
3	MAR 21-31	13 Probably	43 Strengthen	73 Contracts
4	APR 21-30	14 Could	44 You	74 Position
5	MAY 21-31	15 Decisions	45 Revisions	75 Alter
6	JUN 21-30	16 Keeping	46 Collections	76 Difficult
7	JUL 21-31	17 Increased	47 To	77 In
8	AUG 21-31	18 Bills	48 Thinking	78 Needed
9	SEP 21-30	19 Won't	49 A	79 Making
10	OCT 21-31	20 Unless	50 Owed	80 Private
11	NOV 21-30	21 Or	51 Make	81 Problems
12	DEC 21-31	22 Have	52 Their	82 Than
1	JAN 21-31	23 Achieve	53 Also	83 Absolutely
2	FEB 21-29	24 Plug	54 Profit	84 Positive
3	MAR 21-31	25 Mental	55 Ambitions	85 Matter
4	APR 21-30	26 Jovial	56 Concerning	86 Completing
5	MAY 21-31	27 Others	57 Secret	87 Act
6	JUN 21-30	28 Much	58 And	88 Easier
7	JUL 21-31	29 How	59 And	89 Decisions
8	AUG 21-31	30 Their's	60 Are	90 Affairs
9	SEP 21-30	Good	Adverse	Neutral
10	OCT 21-31	Libra	Scorpio	Sagittarius

**FIREMEN CALLED**  
FOUR CORNERS—An electric short resulted in smoke damage at the J. S. Nolan home, 3800 Middle Grove Dr., about 4 p.m. Tuesday. Four corners firemen were called to the house.

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## Congregation Meets Tonight

LABISH CENTER—The annual congregational meeting of the Evangelical United Brethren Church will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. There will be election of church and Sunday School officers. Friday night will be work night at the church.

Children's Day will be held next Sunday with the children taking charge of the 11 a.m. service. The

## Officers Chosen By Dayton Club

DAYTON—Mrs. Gordon Graham has been elected president of the Dayton Reading Club. Other new officers are Mrs. Cleo Gell, vice president, and Mrs. Layd Shaver.

Rev. Floyd Sartwell will present pictures and a message on conference missions at 7:45 p.m. Sunday.

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