

Drowning Requests Added on Calendar

Drowning applications will dominate the agenda of Eugene's city commission at city hall 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Applications tabled at last month's meeting and expected to come up again this week are those of Theodore R. Olson, Sam Bergstein and J. R. McKy.

The application of Royal Christensen was recommended for approval, but city council sent it back to the commission for further study. He wants to enlarge a grocery store at 198 Seventh Ave. W., but an adjacent property owner has protested. His property is now non-conforming.

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Council Again Gives Holiday Tips on Safety

With "Be Alive on the Fifth" as their slogan for the three-day Fourth of July Holiday, the National Safety Council has warned motorists that the Fourth may claim more than the 500 lives lost during the three-day Memorial Day weekend.

Traffic accidents will lead the holiday parade of accidents, the council said, with drowning the next most important hazard. Fireworks, over-exertion, and over-exposure to the sun will also take a toll.

Four rules for the Fourth offered by the Council to avoid accidents are:

1. Don't use fireworks. Attend public displays.
2. Take it easy on the road. Start your trip half an hour earlier than necessary. Don't speed or take chances in passing.
3. Don't overdo in exercise, eating or exposure to the sun.
4. If you swim, don't go alone. Wait at least an hour after eating, know the depth of the water, and don't indulge in horseplay.

Recruiter Announces 4 Navy Enlistments

L. J. Reinholz, recruiter in charge of the Eugene Navy office, has announced that four youths have enlisted during the past week for a period of three years.

New members of Uncle Sam's sea force are: Darrell C. Stevens, 17, of 1508 Thirteenth Ave. E., Eugene; Richard T. Perkins, 17, Myrtle Creek; Elwin L. Beall, 17, Fairview Homes, Salem; and Cecil K. Ireland, 17, Rt. 1, Roseburg. Another sailor, Clifford Price, Roseburg, has re-enlisted as a seaman first class for four years.



JUST BEFORE THE FEED, these early-comers to the Lane County Pioneer Assn.'s annual meeting Saturday in the 4-H Club building at the fairgrounds were standing around the stove, trying to get warm while Cal Young poked up the fire. From left to right they are Bird Rickard, Mrs. C. S. Calef, M. Y. Werner, Martha Calif. Nora Marshall, C. A. Stephens, Celia Werner, Mrs. C. A. Stephens, Jennie Magness Parker, Mrs. H. N. Veach, Mira Calef, Mrs. Harriett Walton Wright, Mary Drake Hill, Pauline Walton and H. N. Veach. (Wiltshire photo and engraving.)

Bakers' Sales Drop As Sugar Released

By BILL BUCKLEY

Now that housewives have plenty of sugar again they are trying out their favorite recipes for pies and cakes. The result is that both Eugene and Springfield report up to a 25 per cent drop in their pastry sales since the end of sugar rationing. This figure takes into account the normal summer decline in the sale of sweets.

As one wholesaler explained, the volume falls off when schools, lodges and other social organizations suspend activities for the summer. Demand is further decreased by the fact that people buy more ice cream and soft drinks during the warm season—and less pastries.

But the unlimited supply of sugar available to housewives has, in the words of one merchant, "caused an unusual reduction in cake sales."

While families receive more sugar, industrial users, including bakers, at present are limited to an amount equal to between 60 and 75 per cent of the 1941 allotment.

Through the efforts of local business men, Lane county firms recently were granted an increase of 10 per cent by the Department of Agriculture on the basis of figures proving that the increasing population warranted the additional grant.

Local PCA Group Named for Carlson

The Eugene Chapter of the Progressive Citizens of America announced Saturday its adoption of the name Evans Carlson Chapter, in honor of the Marine Corps officer-general leader of the famous "Carlson's Raiders," who died in Portland last month.

A letter from Peggy T. Carlson, the general's widow in Portland, expressed thanks for "your very kind letter. It is heart-warming to know that there are still many courageous and honest people who wish to continue the fight for the realization of those democratic objectives to which my late husband devoted himself."

"You have my approval and my sincere good wishes in your desire to name your new chapter the Evans Carlson chapter. It is my hope that something of his own great-hearted conviction that man's destiny is freedom, bought individually and collectively by constant self-discipline and self-discipline, will embrace and warm all of you who now choose to march under his banner."

Juniors Pick New Name For Canteen

Friday night funfests in Eugene's Community Center no longer will be known as "Junior Canteen"—it's now "Neetnac Club."

Pat Parmenter and Mildred Osborne of Springfield submitted the winning entry in the contest which closed Friday night. Runners-up were "Puddle Jumpers," entered by Gary Brookfield of Collin Kelly; "Top-O-Town Club," by Bob Burgess of Wilson, and "Hi Spot Club," by Duane Fields of Collin Kelly.

A write-in campaign for "Squirrel Inn" was a dark horse, but fell short of Neetnac Club in the final ballot.

Neither the Neetnac Club nor its senior high mate, "Skyline Club," will meet on July 4 and 5.

Three Men Answer 'Not Guilty' in Court

SPRINGFIELD — Three men entered pleas of not guilty to various charges in recorder's court here Thursday and Friday.

Charles Leonard Wetzel, 1510 Mill St., pleaded not guilty to charges of being drunk in a vehicle. Bail was set at \$200. W. R. Hardell, 1082 Main St., pleaded not guilty to charges of being drunk in a public place. He posted a \$100 bail.

James McCallum, Coburg, posted \$25 bail and pleaded not guilty to violation of the basic driving rule. Trials will be set at a later date.

Testing Center Open For Public Service

Anyone in the state interested in either vocational or educational testing may avail themselves of these services during the summer at the University of Oregon's testing bureau, Curtis E. Avery, registrar, announced this week.

Appointments may be made by writing or phoning the counseling center, Room 107 Physical Education building, university campus. The telephone extension on the campus is 372. For the service, which includes preliminary and final interviews and full tests, a \$5 fee is charged. Persons from out-of-town will be given assistance in finding housing during their stay on the campus.

Ceramist Teaches Summer Courses

Ivan Houser, professional ceramist from Portland, is teaching ceramics in the University of Oregon school of architecture and allied arts during summer session.

He is taking the place of Victoria Avakian, associate professor of applied design, who is attending the Ohio State summer school. Miss Avakian is doing special research work under Carlton Atherton.

Ancient Star Gazers Left Menagerie to Guide Moderns

By J. HUGH PRUETT

Astronomer, Extension Division

How often we wonder if the ancient peoples did not have most vivid imaginations when they saw in the heavens the menagerie of animals which the names of the constellations imply.

Constantly slipping westward along the blue sky, there are—so we are told—two bears, two lions, two dogs, a ram, a giraffe, a rabbit, a wolf, a flying horse, heroes, birds, snakes and fish of various kinds, a crab, a scorpion and one lone fly.

The ancient sky cartographers depicted 48 of these wily creatures. In more recent times, when travel south of the equator became fairly common and the southern stars were studied, other constellations were added until the total at present is 88.

Feline Stork Delivers

Eight kittens in one family ought to be a news story; by golly, so a news story it is. Reporters and proud godparents are Corinne, 12, and Virginia, 9, daughters of the Leatherman family at 247 Sixth Ave. E. Mother and octuplets are doing fine.

Terminology

The term "constellation" comes from a Latin word which might be translated "studded with stars." It refers to a conspicuous group of stars. "Asterism" is sometimes used in the same sense or it may indicate a small group within a constellation, such as the Big Dipper's being part of the Big Bear.

The names of the constellations as we know them today are of very ancient origin, a few dating back nearly to 3000 B.C. The Greek Hesiod around 600 B.C. mentioned several. Aratus, the poet of the Macedonian royalty in the third century B.C., used the names of 44, all of which are on our present lists.

Early Origins

It is thought that most of the groupings originated among the Babylonians and other peoples of the great Euphrates Valley, and that the system was later carried by the Phoenicians to Greece. But it was from the Greeks that we obtained our knowledge of the ancient constellations and the myths connected with them.

There is speculation as to whether the interesting mythological stories were formulated to fit the star groupings or vice versa. The latter seems the more probable. Whatever their origins, they are "stories that endure," and after thousands of years still have great literary value and are read with interest.

There was often great confusion as to the exact outlines of each constellation. One chart might put a certain star in Ursa Major and another place it in the adjoining Draco. The boundaries were irregular curved lines. In 1930 the International Astronomical Union set definite boundaries of regular spherical lines to be used on sky maps everywhere.

A few years ago A. P. Herbert, a member of the British parliament, proposed renaming all the constellations for modern heroes, authors, musicians, and even for airplanes. But the proposal utterly lacked literary appeal. The stars are very old in terms of human history, so why are not the ancient names and stories the most fitting for them?

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Campus Registrar To Expand Office

Appointment of James D. Kline as assistant registrar in charge of veteran's affairs has been announced by Curtis E. Avery, University of Oregon registrar.

Kline, now assistant to the director of the bureau of veterans in the University of Minnesota, will arrive on the campus sometime during July to take up his duties as assistant registrar.

He will have direction over veteran's affairs, which will be under the office of the registrar after July 1.

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