

PUC Officers Tell Lumbermen Duties of Job, Effect of New Act

Twenty-seven members of the Eugene Valley Lumbermen's association were given a little of the "new" operations and difficulties connected with the Public Utilities Commission duties Friday at the Oxborn Hotel.

H. C. Carlin, public utilities commissioner, and A. F. Harvey, PUC member, were the guest speakers. Following their talks, the two state of Oregon answered several queries asked by the lumbermen.

Commissioner Carlin went into the background of three phases of work — telephones, power, and freight rates. He had the following to say about each:

Telephones. Since V-J day, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Oregon has had 97,000 requests for phones. It has answered 19,000. The remainder of the requests has been placed in the Eugene-Springfield area, 16,751 phones have been installed since the end of the war, but 3200 local residents still on the waiting list.

Regarding the telephone company's request for rate increases, Carlin said that only \$3,311,000 was requested five and a half years ago. The remainder goes to the payment in taxes.

Power. There will be a "tight" market on the power front this summer, although it will be nothing like the recent California shortage which resulted in brown-outs. The rivers fall rapidly, Oregon will be lacking one million kilowatts, which equals the approximate output of the proposed Mary Dam.

Freight rates. The Oregon

PUC is attempting to protect Oregon business and agriculturalists from discriminatory freight rates, Carlin said.

"We try to keep ICC rates from getting too high," Carlin stated. "Increased rates are beneficial to the East, and it is necessary to give Western products an equal break on the vital Eastern markets."

Of more direct concern to the lumbermen were Harvey's remarks on motor transportation. He explained the workings of the new PUC law, which went into effect Jan. 1.

The new law does away with the special category enjoyed by the loggers and lumber operators. Superintendent Harvey admitted that while the new law was satisfactory with the majority of PUC operators, it did work to the disadvantage of most lumbering concerns.

Old Method
Under the old law, lumbermen paid a flat rate of 3½ cents per 100 pounds combined weight (truck and load) each month, regardless of the use of the highways.

The present law places logging and lumber operators in the same category as all other truck operators, paying for actual use of the highway on a mileage basis.

Over 7000
More than 7000 vehicles come under the new law that were exempt from PUC regulations before. Included are ambulances, tow cars, certain types of motorcycles, and hearses.

The most debated question raised from the floor concerned the nature of roads built by the lumber companies over public land. Lumbermen feel that these are private roads, and that their equipment should be exempt from PUC and regulations when used exclusively on these roads.

They point to contracts with the Forest Service or other government land agencies, which, the lumbermen say, gives them exclusive use of the road.

Superintendent Harvey answered that any road which can be used by the public at any time is considered a public road according to the attorney general's interpretation. Unless these lumber company roads are blocked off by gates, preventing general use, they are considered in the public-road category.

Rose Bush Puts Rt. F to Blush

A 15-year-old rose bush about 10 feet high is owned by Mrs. Mattie Thompson of 2864 Roosevelt Blvd.

But that isn't all—recently she brought in a double bloom from this Pink Dawn bush that measured five and a half inches across. Mrs. Thompson figures that a rose bush will keep Rt. F quiet, for a while at least.

Burglary Investigated

The theft of \$40 in quarters and other small change from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Keeler, 1228 Twelfth Ave. W., Saturday was being investigated by city police. The burglary reportedly took place Friday while occupants of the house were away. Investigating officers said Saturday that the thief apparently entered the house through a window, leaving mud on the window sill and floor.

Building Pace Holds Steady

The record pace of building activity established in Eugene during April and May appears to be continuing through June without decline.

Records of the city building department showed Saturday that building permits issued since June 1 total \$417,450.

Although one permit, for the erection of the University of Oregon's new music school, accounts for \$180,000 of the total, the \$237,450 remainder compares favorably with the \$552,093 figure recorded for the entire month of May.

Besides the U O music school, highlight permits issued so far this month include a \$12,000 duplex, a \$25,000 apartment court, and 21 single-family residences.

Planners Set Meet For Monday Evening

SPRINGFIELD—The city planning commission will hold a public hearing Monday, June 21, at 8 p.m. in the city hall here on two requests for special land use permits.

One permit request is to construct a single family residence on the property of Mabel and William Culver, 829 F. St., where a duplex already exists on the rear of the property.

The other request is for the Lutheran Church to erect a church in the Mohawk Addition, a single family zone.

Also on the planners' agenda, will be a talk by John L. Ruble, Foster and Kleiser advertising representative. He wants to explain to the commission outdoor advertising as it exists in other cities.

At its last meeting, the commission ruled that the new comprehensive zoning ordinance would not allow outdoor advertising signs in the city limits.

It is estimated that half of all the world's lakes are on the North American continent.

School Finances On Bethel Ballot

All legal voters of the consolidated Bethel School District will be eligible to take part in Monday's election of three members of the district school board.

However, only property owners of the district will cast votes on two other issues, a proposal to exceed the 6 per cent constitutional limitation upon tax increases by \$16,494.40 and a special 10-mill tax intended to raise \$150,000 in three years for use in constructing the district's junior-senior high school.

Legal voters, all citizens over 21 who have lived in the consolidated school district composed of the former Bethel, Irving, Danebo and Clear Lake districts, at least 30 days immediately preceding the election, will have the option of voting for the one candidate named for each of three board positions — or they may write in the names of others whom they may prefer as candidates.

Julian B. Falk, C. H. Strong and A. J. Miglioretto have filed for election to board terms of five, four and three years, respectively. With two members of the former Bethel School Board automatically scheduled to become directors of the consolidated district, Falk has been nominated to represent the Clear Lake district, Strong to give the Danebo district representation, and Miglioretto to represent Irving district.

The financial issues, upon which only persons owning property in the district are permitted to vote, have been proposed by the interim directors of the consolidated district to meet operating costs during the next fiscal year and to augment bond issue proceeds in building the junior-senior high school plant.

Balloting will be at the Bethel Grade School from 2 until 7 p.m.

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Meteor Observers for West Picked; Network Revamped

By PHIL BROGAN
Reorganization of a five-state meteor "network" and reappointment of Dr. J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon general extension astronomer, as director have been announced by Dr. Charles P.

Eugene Police Hold Man for Klamath Falls

Thomas Schram, Rt. 2, Eugene, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$25 fine in municipal court Friday after pleading guilty to a drunk and disorderly charge.

Saturday, however, city police were holding Schram for Klamath Falls authorities who have a warrant for his arrest, charging that he obtained money under false pretenses there.

Another municipal court case this week was set aside for jury trial by order of Judge John L. Barber, Jr. The case, charging reckless driving, is against Dean O. Capps, 648 Fourth Ave. W. He was arrested last Monday. The trial date will be announced by Judge Barber.

YW Nursery To Reopen

The nursery sponsored by the campus YWCA service committee for children of University of Oregon students and faculty will reopen Monday at 9 a.m. at the Fairmount Presbyterian Church.

Mothers who wish to enroll their children may do so the first week. Details will be available at the school.

Wonder If It Blushes?

J. W. King of 160 Hansen Lane has a rosebush that apparently doesn't know what color it's supposed to be.

His rambler rose occasionally puts out a pure white rose bud in the midst of the pink clusters.

Olivier, president of the American Meteor society and director of astronomical observatories at the University of Pennsylvania.

Six assistant regional directors have been appointed by Dr. Olivier to work with the Oregon astronomer, whose accomplishments in meteor tracing have been declared outstanding in America.

The assistants have been authorized by the A.M.S. president to collect meteoric data and to assist in every way possible in tracing the paths of fireballs that occasionally bore into the earth's protective atmosphere, leaving flaming trails and scattering interplanetary stones over wide areas.

The six persons appointed to work with Dr. Pruett in the western states are John Budhue, Pasadena, Calif., chemist; Dr. Earl G. Linsley, research associate in astronomy at the California Academy of Science, San Francisco; Prof. G. B. Blair, professor of physics and astronomy, University of Nevada, Reno; Phil F. Brogan, chairman of the Oregon Geographic board, Bend; Walter Oberst, high school science instructor, Pasco, Wash., and Miss Eleanor Sandmeyer, Buhl, Ida. Nevada Added

Changes in the network include the dropping of Montana and the inclusion of Nevada. The five-state meteor circuit is considered the best organized in the United States.

Working with Dr. Pruett and his assistants in the five states will be hundreds of volunteers, who will be called on to supply data bearing on locations in the sky where fireballs are first and last seen, time of appearance, height above the horizon, brightness and, among other things, duration of flight.

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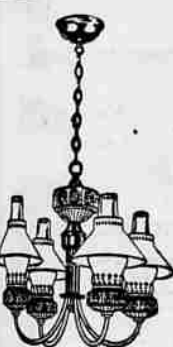


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