

CITY NEWS NOTES

Eugene firemen made two runs Monday but both times arrived at the scene of the alarms after the fires had been extinguished. At 10:34 a.m. a '47 automobile was reported ablaze at Third and Mill, and at 6:05 p.m. a crew sped to Glenwood where a stove was reported overheated at 4006 Highway 89 S.

Accused of using cheap but flashy jewelry to gain private loans in excess of the value of the jewelry, Herbert E. Tyler, Portland, and Gary J. Ellis, Los Angeles, were arrested by city police Monday and charged with soliciting in the city without a license.

Robert B. Burgraff, Fir Grove, was cited for violation of the basic rule Monday afternoon after his car sidwiped another driven by John L. McAborn, 1179 Olive, on the Skinner's Butte road. Damage to the cars was moderate and neither driver was injured.

Members of the Boy Scout executive board inspected Lake Melakwa camp site Sunday. The lake

is approximately 1 1/2 miles from Scott Lake on the McKenzie Pass. Susan Snook, daughter of Paul Snook, formerly of Eugene, has completed three units of work in Multnomah College summer high school and will apply to the principal of University High in Eugene for her diploma, the college announced.

I SAW Sunday two Junction City ladies canning "pressure cooker style"—on the bottom, a foot tub; for a top, a garbage can lid.

Springfield Rifle and Pistol Club will meet in Johnson's Hardware store, next to the McKenzie Theater, at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Aug. 10.

The local Seabee unit will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Red Cross office. All members are urged to attend the meeting, which will include discussions of new schedules, pay and meeting nights.

The Eugene Press Club will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the

Cafe Del Rey. Special guests will be delegates from the International Service Seminar now under way on the campus of Northwest Christian College. All members of the working press, radio and persons interested in journalism are invited to attend.

Springfield Dakota Club will have a picnic Sunday, Aug. 15, 1 p.m. at Skinner's Butte Park. In case of rain, the picnic will be held at the fairgrounds in Eugene. All former Dakota people are invited to attend.

The International Assn. of Retail Clerks will conduct its first western organizational conference in Portland Aug. 28 and 29. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Steward, officers of the AF of L retail clerks local in Eugene, will attend the Benson Hotel conference.

Sixteen Obelidian climbers topped Mt. Thielsen Sunday, after camping Saturday night at Diamond Lake. The climb up the east side of the mountain took from 6:30 to about 10 a.m. Obelidian reported poor visibility, although Shasta, Crater Lake and Diamond were sighted.

Several hundred members of three unions—retail clerks, plumbers and sanitary drivers—attended a union picnic at Benton Lane Park Sunday. The retail clerks won a softball game played with the sanitary drivers (garbagemen) of Local 57, AF of L.

Records

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Allen Dale Lindsey, Rt. 1, Eugene, and Donna Adela Anderson, Bridgeport, Wash., and Alice Lila Leavitt, Tacoma; DeWynne O. Omlid, Eugene, and Barbara S. Mindle, 774 First Ave., W.; Lowell F. Viken, 1443 Moss St., and Marilyn Nichol, 1760 Fairmount Blvd.; Richard James Shannon, 1175 Charnelton St., and Joyce Laverne Lloyd, 138 Seneca St.; Jack G. Solenda, 1738 Second Ave., W., and Ruby Inez Hudson, general delivery, Eugene; Alfred Lelan Lewis and Carley Joan Gillespie, both of 410 Twelfth Ave., E.; George G. Guth, Creswell and Ruth Knight, 2507 Riverview St.; Weldon Eugene Granger and Stella May Perini, both of 4055 Highway 99 South, Eugene; Stanley Dean Peak and Deloris Jean Faulds, both of Mapleton, Horacio Gonzales, Bogota, Colombia, and Jean Elizabeth Beardsley, 535 Fifteenth Ave. E.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED: Dorcas L. vs. Earl D. Spriggs, cruel and inhuman treatment; Joseph T. vs. Vera Rosen, cruel and inhuman treatment; plaintiff asks custody of two minor children.

LEAVE FILED: Jack Black vs. Mt. Wood Stages, Inc., suit appealing decision in favor of plaintiff by District Court jury in which plaintiff was awarded \$484 for baggage allegedly lost on bus line between Eugene and Omeha, Neb.

DISTRICT COURT
Overwidth: James B. McDonald, \$10; Carl Meer, \$5.
Overheight: Cleve W. Wallace, (2) \$10. No operator's license: Billy L. Thomas, \$5.
Overload: William W. Ramey, (2) \$50; Dale W. Beighler, \$15; Cleve W. Wallace, \$45; J. E. Ballou, \$15; Charles J. Howell, (2) \$45; Rufus Ferguson, (2) \$50; Harry J. Jones, (2) \$20; Russell M. Lund, \$30; Darrel D. Spores, \$22; Alfred Haugen, Jr., (2) \$30; Carl Meer, \$25.

TYPHOON EXPECTED
TOKYO.—A new Pacific typhoon with gales reaching 70 miles an hour is expected to strike the islands southeast of Okinawa on its way west to the China coast.

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Sewer Rates Arouse Interest; Public Hearing Set Aug. 23

SPRINGFIELD — The city council Monday night heard protests against the proposal to raise the sewer-user assessment to defray costs of construction of a state-required sewage disposal plant. A new hearing was scheduled for Aug. 23.

All seats were taken and more than 20 men were standing in the close packed quarters, as citizens pronounced the assessment unfair and discriminatory.

Mayor Claude Gerlach advised citizens that the city had voted in 1941 to prepare a bond issue for the then estimated \$250,000 project. The measure provided for use of revenue bonds.

Bonding agencies have informed the city attorney an income in the neighborhood of \$20,000 a year is necessary to keep risk and interest rates down.

By Ordinance
A later ordinance applied the sewer-user assessment to raise funds, setting the figure at \$5 per year with an income of only \$8000 per year.

The council has considered raising this sum to an annual \$12, still applicable only to living units near sewer lines.

"That's wrong," claimed most of the voters present.

They called for some other solution. Persons who own lots in Springfield, whether sewers are immediately available or not, will benefit from the plant, for property values will rise, they claimed.

Others Too
A landlord with five units for which, under the raised fee, he would be paying \$60 per year, called for an assessment against these absentee land owners.

City Attorney Marvin Sanders threw cold water by pointing to the state law which says only those living units immediately accessible to a sewer line could be assessed.

"Let's have something else," demanded a fringe farmer.

Best Available
"This is the best we have been able to devise," said Gerlach.

With 1600 to 1700 sewer-users the payment of \$12 per year would bring the necessary \$20,000 annual revenue within reach.

With another thousand home units probably to be on sewer lines during the year, the council could drop the \$12 rate per user in proportion if other conditions are the same.

This system is similar to that in other communities throughout the state, it was pointed out. Closest to home, the Junction City charge is \$2 a month, according to the mayor.

Bond Limitation
General obligation bonds are unusable in the present instance, since the state only allows bonds up to five percent of assessed valuation. However the state allows up to 15 percent bondage on sewer projects.

In 1941 the assessment of Springfield only reached 3 million and would not have allowed use of the sewer bonds. Latest estimates of valuation, including newly-annexed Nicholas Gardens and the expanded industrial area, run from 5 1/4 to 6 million dollars.

Another Vote?
City officials admitted there was a possibility voters might want another chance to consider bonding under the revised state allowance for sewers and disposal plants.

Further consideration of the rate revision, however, was scheduled for public hearing Aug. 23 in the city hall.

Enforcement
Announcement that there is only \$27,666 in the paid sewer-user assessment fund to date drew criticism with the demand that action be taken, first, to bring delinquent accounts to a close and second, to enforce the city requirement that all home units on sewer lines have hook-ups.

"There is no point in talking about the benefits of a disposal plant until we have sewers. My next door neighbor has a septic tank. When it rains, raw sewage spills over into the streets. Toughen the enforcement of the present law," asked an announced parent.

Other Action
The city attorney was ordered to prepare a contract with the garbage service calling for payment to the city dump fund of \$20 per truck per month, a term contract, and allowing a raise in fee from 90 cents to \$1 per month per residence.

A new voucher system was ordered for recording payments of bail and bail refunds; a \$500

Ashland Sets Bard Festival

With a flourish of trumpets, the curtains will part on Ashland's outdoor Elizabethan stage on Wednesday to open the Oregon Shakespearean Festival.

Actors from all parts of the United States have been rehearsing for two months in preparation for the three week program and Director Angus Bowmer, professor of English at Southern Oregon College, predicts that the 1948 season will be the finest in the festival's history.

The audience will again be seated in the outdoor Lithia Park setting inside the shell of the old Chautauqua building with the trees and stars overhead.

One of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies, "Othello," will open the festival, followed on successive evenings by "Love's Labour's Lost," "King John," and "The Merchant of Venice."

The plays will be repeated in rotation every night except Sunday until Aug. 28 and out-of-town visitors may see the complete festival in four, or at the most, five consecutive days.

A tree with a hollow "heart" can live because transportation of food materials takes place in the inner bark and the sapwood just beneath the outer bark.

Mailmen's Picnic Sunday At Ranch

The Eugene Branch of the National Assn. of Letter Carriers will have its annual picnic at Robertson's 7-R Ranch 20 miles up the Lorane Highway Sunday, Aug. 15.

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