

Water Entered In Council Race

A completed petition nominating Mervin Vater to the city council from Ward One was returned to the recorder's office at city hall Thursday morning.

Vater is the third candidate from Ward One whose petition has been filled out and returned to the city hall. Ward One represents that area south of Thirteenth Ave. and east of Willamette St.

Other completed petitions from the ward are those of Blair T. Alderman and Robert Booth. Vacating the council this year will be Ed Bailey, who is not running for reelection. A. L. Hawn, the other councilman from Ward One, is a candidate for mayor.

Evergreens Hard Hit By Fickle Weather

ST. PAUL—(UP)—One more thing that can be blamed on the weather is the apparently dead condition of evergreens around the north central states.

Raymond Wood, extension forester at the University of Minnesota farm school, said rapidly-changing weather is to blame for evergreen needles turning brown and seemingly dead.

Wood said there is no remedy for the trouble, but added that further injury may be prevented by shading the south and southwest sides of trees, especially seedlings.

"Trees not too severely injured will recover, he believes.

Rainier PUD Cost Told

SALEM—(AP)—The proposed peoples utility district for the city of Rainier would be feasible if the city could buy the existing power system for less than \$234,000, the State Hydroelectric Com., reported Thursday.

The city is now served by the Pacific Power and Light Co. The proposed district would use Bonneville power.

The commission said the 529 customers in the proposed district pay \$52,700 a year for electricity. Of that amount, \$17,400 would be available for debt service each year. This amount would be sufficient to pay in 30 years for a system costing \$234,000.

The city has a population of 1300, and an assessed valuation of \$628,570.

Gangland War Rocks Famed 'Sunset Strip'

LOS ANGELES—(UP)—One man was killed and two others wounded Wednesday night in a gang-style shooting on the famed Sunset Strip, locale of many glamorous filmland night clubs.

The shooting occurred in the haberdashery of Mickey Cohen, sporting figure with a long police record, who officers say has extensive gambling connections.

Harry (Hooky) Rothman, 45, was dead with a bullet in his head and several more in his body. Albert (Slick) Snyder, 36, and Jimmie Rist were wounded. All were associates of Cohen.



(NEA Telephoto) Hungarian Olympic swimmer Eimer Szatmari (above) is reported to have decided to remain in Britain rather than return behind the Iron Curtain. Two Czechs and three Hungarians were said to comprise the original group wishing to stay in England. One Hungarian has changed his mind.

Ellsworth Tells W A A Plan

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rust supplies and water, the two main raw materials in the process. Since neither of the potential bidders succeeded in getting the participation of local lumbermen, it is not definite that they will submit bids by Friday's deadline.

Lumber industry spokesmen expressed doubt that the WAA would sell the plant to a firm which lacks the participation of the industry, and said that local money may be raised to take over the plant if a suitable management arrangement can be worked out later.

If not sold at Friday's bidding, the plant may be turned over to the Reconstruction Finance Corp., the government agency which will take over surplus war plants when the WAA is liquidated later this year. New negotiations could be entered at a later date between interested buyers and the RFC if the plant is not sold Friday.

BUTTER DROPS

SEATTLE—(AP)—Prices of top-grade butter dropped another cent here Thursday, for a total decline of three cents in the past two days.

Tax Rate Protest Set

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pleted our planned re-assessment on schedule, they might expect \$4,500,000, and at best figure was just a guess.

Stock said Thursday that of the three things on which Springfield had based its estimate of the higher valuation, only one had actually happened, the annexation of the eastern part of town.

Not Entered

He said that the re-assessment of most of Springfield's land (without improvements) and of some of the buildings had been accomplished, but that the new valuations had not yet been posted, because of a shortage of office help. He did not give an estimate of how much more value could have been added by posting the new figures on the tax roll.

Stock said also that the re-assessment of the industries in Springfield had been completed, but that these figures, too, had not yet been posted. He said that they would be on the tax rolls for the 1949-50 tax year.

At Old Rate

In short, the territory annexed by the city of Springfield went on the tax rolls at the old rate, Stock said.

While Springfield officials held that they had been given an estimate of \$5,500,000 valuation (which would have kept the mill rate of tax about the same as last year), Stock was emphatic in saying that "nothing definite was given from this office."

"We had hoped," Stock said, "to be able to complete the re-assessments as planned. We were not able to do it."

The assessor's office has on a number of occasions asked for more help. Meanwhile, Springfield taxpayers, who approved a budget that exceeded the six per cent tax limitation by \$94,933 with the understanding that their mill rate would not be materially increased, protested the higher tax.

Hiring Halls Ruled Illegal

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ing halls might be found to operate in the same manner as those in the Great Lakes case.

Dockmen to Caucus On Wage Increase

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—CIO longshoremen opened a two-day coastwide caucus Thursday to answer an employer offer of a five-cent hourly pay increase. Their rejection was virtually a foregone conclusion.

The longshoremen have yet to vote on the offer in an election required under the Taft-Hartley Act. At a meeting Wednesday night President Harry Bridges urged 6500 San Francisco members to reject the five-cent offer.

He called it the "lowest pay raise offered any group in the country this year. You've got no choice. We're hitting the bricks Sept. 2."

That date marks expiration of the 80-day cooling off period ordered by a federal court here in June to prevent a coastwide strike then threatened by five maritime unions, including longshoremen.

Principal issue is the hiring hall, which the National Labor Relations Board Wednesday declared was illegal. The longshoremen insist only a court decision can determine its status.

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Don't Miss Oregon's Biggest Show of the Year Starts Labor Day in Salem



(NEA Telephoto) Mrs. Lewis Schrier, 66, bakes pies in her Cincinnati, Ohio, home for Mack, Ohio, Life Squadsman, who saved her life 10 times. The life squad gave oxygen when Mrs. Schrier suffered a series of heart attacks at her daughter's home in Mack.

Eugene Park Season Ends

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budget measures this summer.

See Success

Eugene children have had a limited amount of supervised play during past summers, but 1948 was the first season they were offered a wide variety of activities. City officials have termed the season a big success from the standpoint of public recreation, and particularly in the progress achieved in construction of new parks, wading pools and other facilities.

The summer recreation program opened June 15 under direction of Miss Benedine Backlund, picking up impetus as new playgrounds neared completion and more children learned of available facilities.

Activities

In addition to the usual ball games, Miss Backlund and her staff offered instructions in tennis, archery, folk dancing and clay modeling. They conducted numerous contests, including a bicycle field day which drew 400 youngsters to the Nineteenth and Lawrence St. playground.

Wednesday, 104 dolls were entered in a contest at the same playground, and many children were scheduled to display their faces in a freckles contest Thursday afternoon.

Closing day ceremonies were scheduled to begin at 10:30 a. m. Friday at Nineteenth and Lawrence.

The Anchorage swimming pool, also in the summer play program, will remain open until Sunday, Aug. 29.

Robin with Hurt Wing Learns to Climb

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—(UP)—Oscar the robin broke a wing and faced the problem of how to get up in his tree limb retreat without flying.

Bernard Kehaes found the wounded bird fluttering around his lawn. With the help of Kehaes, who fashioned a small ladder for the bird, Oscar learned to hop from one rung to the next.

The robin used the ladder to get up in the tree until his broken wing mended and let him fly again.

Boston Common Enters Baby Sitting Business

BOSTON—(UP)—Once used as grazing ground for cows, historic Boston Common now has a parking plot for children.

A section of the common has been fenced off and equipped with swings, slides and other play gear. The plot is under competent supervision and shopping mothers may register their youngsters, pin a numbered tag on them and leave them at play while on a bargain hunt through the stores.

A survey in cities all over the United States recently showed that a present wage rates it is less expensive for soda fountains to use paper cups than to wash glasses.

Willamalane Summer Over

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children have used the facilities and taken part in the activities supervised by district officials.

Last year's total was only 16,175. There has been an increase of 220 per cent in the one year. Prior to 1944 no organized recreational district existed for the Willamalane area.

And that factor, says District Superintendent Irene Squires, undoubtedly contributed to the top waves of post-war juvenile delinquency.

Adults Too

Not only the youngster benefits from the Willamalane schedule, she says. While records show more than 10,500 children under 12 took part in 1947 and 28,359 in 1948; while 3155 children from the 11-18 age group took part in 1947 with 12,048 in 1948—adults turned out too—2520 in '47 and 11,357 in 1948.

In addition to the extensive program for youth, including craft work, athletics, games, music, and dancing, there was an adult athletic and hobby schedule including swimming at the UO pool, baseball, softball competition and for the ladies, garden and textile groups.

Expansion

Expansion next year will bring more complete activities for the 15 to 18 age group as well as a broader adult program.

Friday's festival, the superintendent said, is almost a promise to the people who support the program: "Here is our work, each year it will be better, and a happier family neighborhood life for Willamalane residents will be the result."

Festival Events

Included in the festival will be: From 1:30 until 2 p. m. at the high school, a field day with track and bike racing events; younger children will parade decorated bikes and tricycles around the track for a prize.

From 4 until 5:30 p. m. at the Lincoln School, a championship softball game between league leaders, the Junior High and Maple Schools.

From 5:45 until 6:30 p. m. at Lincoln School, the festival with the rhythm band and folk dancing, and at 8:30 p. m., a picnic. Exhibits of playground craft work will be on display throughout the evening.

Bernadotte Asks Action In Palestine Crisis

STOCKHOLM—(UP)—Count Folke Bernadotte called on the United Nations Security Council Thursday to act swiftly to prevent a possible "general resumption of hostilities" in Palestine.

The UN mediator said that the Security Council had replied to his long and urgent cable by saying that it would meet Thursday night to consider the situation in the Holy Land.

In his message, Bernadotte asked that the council "take prompt action with a view of giving effect to its resolution" to impose sanctions against anyone violating the Palestine truce.

Bernadotte warned the council that any further deterioration of the situation in Jerusalem might lead to renewed fighting throughout Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

Lumbermen to Confer On Timber Sales

PORTLAND—(AP)—Western lumber organization leaders will confer with the U.S. Forest Service here next Wednesday on future policies on sale of public timber.

R. T. Titus, vice-president of the Western Forest Industries Assn., reported the Northern California Lumbermen's Assn. and the Western Montana Lumbermen's Assn. will be represented. Regional foresters from the Portland, San Francisco and Missoula offices will attend.

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