Garbage Dump Talk Planned

Delegates from a score of Lane communities are being called to a meeting with the county court Thursday to discuss the garbage disposal problems of unincorporated areas, Senior Sanitarian Victor C. Morgan said Monday.

The meeting, scheduled for 10 a.m. in the courthouse will be the first since April, when a committee was formed to survey the county's garbage disposal needs.

In May, the committee returned a resolution to the county court asking that the county "recognize its responsibility" and establish a fund to be used toward providing garbage disposal help in critical fringe areas not served by existing city facilities. No action was taken at that time.

At Thursday's meeting, Morgan said, the committee will report on the survey that has been made in all sections of the county as to the need, and the potential facilities. The county court will be asked to study the report and advise the committee what help, if any, can be expected by the county.

The survey has been made by city managers, grange leaders, civic organizations, and the county surveyor working with the health department.

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Chief Gets Rid of Collection, Finds Bidders Very Cautious

Some 200 Eugeneans had more fun than a day in a rich, but eccentric, uncle's attic Monday when the city police auctioned abandoned and unclaimed property in the parking lot adjacent to the city hall.

With a sigh of relief, not unlike a man whose wife has spared him the spring cleaning, Chief Keith Jones' features gave with the dimples as he sold the last of seven cars which brought an accumulated total of $178.

Took It Easy

Attending the scavenger hunt for a bargain were a variety of souls, mindful of the bids they boosted by fifty-cent pieces, and passing cautious looks at each article held aloft by the Chief.

"Gonna' work me to death," said Jones as the bidding began at $5 on most autos — whose age was often debateable — and slowly climbed until an average of $25 was spread over the rusty frames.

"During the depression we could get these for $10 a piece, and better'n any they got in the lot . . . and running, too," one oldtimer told another.

Not Running

True, most of the cars weren't in running shape. Most had deflated tires. The cold, cold motors had coughed their last time several years ago. To put them in shape would be like re-awakening the early '20's.

"One of these Oldsmobiles ran when we brought it in . . . and this one has a motor," said the chief hopefully. The cobwebs were heavy over the upholstery remnants and the bow-legged car tried her best to stand upright with the aid of wooden blocks but she went for $18.

When a '29 Model "A" brought a high of $65, one agent asked Jones if he could hold up the auction a few minutes, explaining, "I've got a Model "A" I want to bring over."

Hospital patients in an adjacent building could look down on the lot and see the chicken wire top of another rather sad auto which received a bid of $5 that went no higher.

Bikes, Too

The sale of bicycles and their parts that brought $42.25 for the nine individual pieces.

Youthful, scrubbed faces pressed in close to the chair Jones stood on when the two-wheeled vehicles became available. A kid with more freckles than pennies in the $3 he offered shifted uneasily next to a gent replete to brown suede shoes.

The kid looked hopeful but apparently had tipped his entire hand for another chap squealed $4 and got it, "Going once . . . twice . . . three times . . . sold!"

'Pig in a Poke'

The phrase "pig in a poke" bounced around the audience as a half dozen suitcases were held high by Jones since no inkling was given of the contents.

"The unopened suitcases did better than I expected . . about $6 per case," the auctioneer beamed.

When a bike frame was held up and a lad bid "two bits" the chief quickly closed the deal.

"I would like those of you who bought autos to please get them out of here as soon as possible," Jones told the crowd.

As they left, one elderly gent was giving his car without the tires and san steering wheel the once- over.

Press Group to Fight Newspaper Licenses

PASADENA, Cal.—(UP)— City Business license taxes on newspapers are in violation of the federal bill of rights, The California Newspaper Publishers Assn. said Monday as it prepared to fight the plan.

"It's not the money but the principle," the board of directors said Saturday as it ordered an investigation of the tax in several California cities. Legal action will be taken against the tax if their attorneys so advise, the board said.

The tax is suggested on all business firms in a model city charter prepared by the League of California cities. Similar taxes are being collected in other states.

U S Government Denies Old Japanese Threat

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The State Department said Monday it never heard of any wartime threat by the Japanese government to kill American war prisoners if Japan was invaded.

A British clergyman Sunday asked whether such a threat caused the American government to drop the atom bomb.

State Department officials said the main purpose of using the atom bomb was to hasten the end of the war, as President Truman stated in announcing the action.

Per Capita Income Hits New High

WASHINGTON—(UP)—The per capita income of Americans rose to a record $1323 last year, a Commerce Department report showed Monday.

The 1947 average represented an increase of nine per cent from the $1213 figure of 1946.

The total of all individual incomes last year was $190,000,000,000, an increase of 11 per cent over the previous year, the report said.

In each of the 48 states, it said, income payments reached an all-time high. Highest averages were in Nevada, $1842; New York, $1781; North Dakota, $1678; Connecticut, $1641; Delaware, $1646; California, $1643; Montana, $1641; and Illinois, $1624.

Lowest were Mississippi, $659; Arkansas, $710; and South Carolina $778.

The largest increases over 1946 were recorded in wheat-growing states: North Dakota, 43 per cent; Kansas, 26 per cent; Colorado, 21 per cent and Montana, 20 per cent.

BODY RETURNED

A vessel bearing World War II dead from Italy has arrived at New York, and the remains include those of Pfc. Edwin McCrae, Army. His next of kin is listed as Mary McCrae, Florence. Bodies will be sent from the port of embarkation to distribution centers over the nation.

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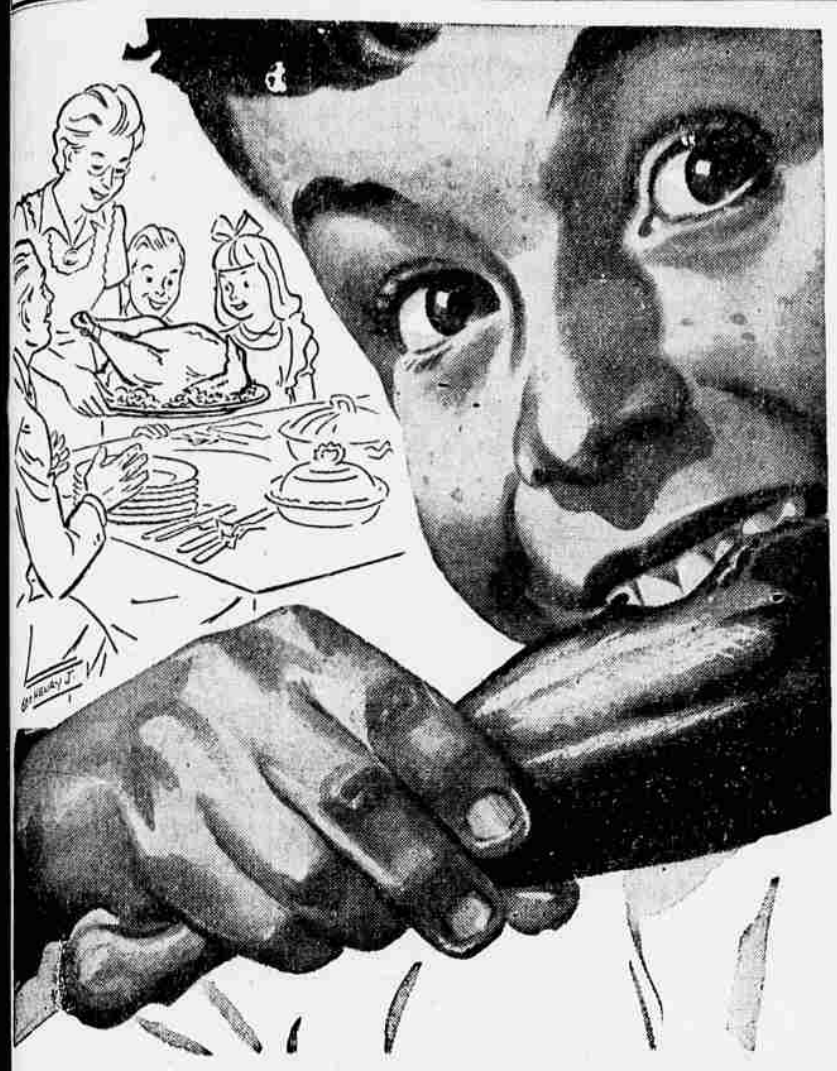

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