

City Annexation Difficult In Oregon, Survey Shows

Annexation of fringe areas around Oregon cities is more difficult than in most other states, according to a survey taken by Raymond P. Underwood of the bureau of municipal research at the University of Oregon.

Underwood found that the Oregon procedure tends to discourage annexation effort except during regular election years.

Only 11 of the 48 states, the survey showed, require a vote of the people within the city to accept annexation. Underwood felt that "elimination of this requirement in Oregon would simplify annexation especially during 1949 and other off-election years."

"A great deal has been going on in the annexation line in Oregon recently," the bureau reported. "A total of 32 annexation proposals were considered in 18 cities during 1948."

Annexation was approved in 18 of the outside areas and rejected in 14, records show. It was approved by a majority within the city in every case.

Chamber Members Get Guides

SPRINGFIELD—Copies of the new Chamber of Commerce guide were distributed to the Chamber membership Saturday. The guide contains 10 pages of local information, including names and addresses of city officials, county officials, state leaders, as well as a roster of all Chamber members.

The brochure, first of its kind ever published in this city, explains the purpose of the Chamber of Commerce, outlines organization procedure of the Chamber, lists all Chamber committees and committee members, and gives time and place of committee meetings.

The guide also includes a roster of all local organizations and devotes an entire page to factual information concerning Springfield, enumerating such items as the city's population, local educational facilities, the city's assessed valuation, and local 1948 business figures.

School Board 4 To Discuss Sites

Acquisition of sites for future school developments will occupy discussion by the board for School District No. 4 (Eugene) when it meets Monday night at the city school offices.

Members of the school board and the superintendent's office have been active lately in negotiating for sites, and their progress will be reported.

Employment of teachers in the system for next school year will also be on the agenda. Superintendent of Schools Clarence Hines said Saturday about eight candidates will be surveyed by the board and possibly elected to jobs.

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Offices Finished For Firemen

New offices for the Eugene Fire Department and the fire marshal are being completed in the station at 11th Ave. and Willamette St. Fire Chief Ed Surfus announced Saturday.

The offices have been moved from the west side to the east side of the hall. The change was necessitated by a demand for more room when the city's alarm system goes into effect.

Installation of alarm controls will start next week, Surfus said, and will be completed about April 10, when the last of 24 alarm boxes will be in service.

Surfus also reported progress on the east side and west side fire substations. The roof is in place on the west side station at 1st Ave. W. and Jackson St., and exterior walls and rock work is progressing at the east side station, 17th Ave. E. and Agate St.

May 15 will see both substations completed, the chief said, and plans are to activate the west side station near that date. Activation of the east side station will have to wait until men and equipment are available, probably in July.

UO String Quartet To Play Sunday

The regular monthly performance of the University String Quartet will be given in the University school of music auditorium Sunday at 4 p.m.

George Hopkins, professor of piano, and Jack Witter, graduate student of piano from Portland, will be featured as assisting artists on Sunday's public concert.

Included on the three-part program are: Haydn's "Quartet, Op. 74, No. 2" and "Duo Concertante" by Stravinsky, performed by George Boughton, assistant professor of violin, and Mr. Witter. Following the intermission, Mr. Hopkins and the Quartet will perform Schumann's "Quintet, Op. 44."

There will be no charge for this final musical presentation of the winter term. The public is invited.

Springfield C of C Sets Forums on CVA

SPRINGFIELD—Plans to present forums concerning CVA were announced this week by the Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber officials said tentative plans called for two general membership forums that would present both sides of the controversial issue.

Early in February the Chamber canvassed the Chambers of Commerce located within the TVA area in search of information concerning attitudes toward the TVA task of providing electricity.

Returns from these questionnaires will be referred to a special committee which will incorporate the findings of this survey with a study of other information on the subject, all of which will be consolidated into a report to be sent to the membership for consideration and guidance.

Miller Returns To Open Yard

Irving O. Miller has returned to Eugene to open his own retail lumber yard. While seeking a suitable location, he is temporarily residing at the Eugene Hotel.

A veteran of 30 years' experience in the retail lumber business, Miller first came to Eugene in 1945 as local manager of the Long-Bell Lumber Co. retail yard.

In 1947, he went to Olympia, Wash., as general manager and vice-president of the McDaniel Lumber Co. Effective March 1, Miller resigned to come to Eugene. He still retains stock in the Olympia firm.

Coast Man Arraigned On Forgery Charge

Curtis B. Workman, 20, of Mapleton was arraigned in district court Saturday morning on charges of forgery and larceny by baillee.

He was arrested by state police in Florence where police say he forged a \$98.60 government check. Workman requested a preliminary hearing, which will be held at a later date.

Judge Chester Anderson set bail at \$2500.

The larceny by baillee charge was filed against Workman by John W. Shortridge who claims Workman borrowed some auto equipment from him and failed to keep the trust.

FHA Meet Announced

SALEM — Spokesmen of the Oregon Association of Future Homemakers of America have announced the association will hold its fourth annual state meeting at Oregon State College in Corvallis March 18 and 19.

Delegates from 74 chapters representing 3,000 FHA members are expected to attend.

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Substation Building Almost Completed

Construction of a portion of a new electric substation at Third Ave. and Adams St. is being completed, Vernon J. Poindexter, superintendent of electrical operations of the Eugene Water and Electric Board, announced Saturday.

The portion of the substation will have a capacity of 5000 kva. Slated for future construction is a 66,000 to 11,000 volt portion, which will have a capacity of 15,000 kva.

The new substation will relieve load conditions at the board's Substation E at 6th Ave. and Fillmore, and Substation C at 9th Ave. and Charnelton St. Four 2400 volt feeder lines are being extended from the new substation.

TURKEY SHOOT PLANNED SPRINGFIELD

The Rod and Gun Club will hold a turkey shoot Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday. Interested participants should take the Chase Garden Road from Mill St. and follow indication arrows to the Anderson hop yards. Lunch will be served on the grounds.

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