

Weather Bad? Even Too Cold For Polar Bear

PORTLAND—(U.P.)—You think the weather's bad? So does White, the Portland Zoo's big white polar bear. He's got pneumonia.

At least that's what Dr. T. H. Reed, city veterinarian, thinks and he's giving White large jolts of auremycin to get him over it. Dr. Reed said Friday he believes the bear's condition is improving—but not the weather.

Vets Building Adds Rooms For Public

Remodeling of the kitchen facilities, and the addition of a kitchen adjacent to the main ballroom of the Veterans Memorial Building has been completed in time to take care of the many Christmas functions being held at the building, Manager George Crakes has announced. "Now it will be possible to hold potlucks upstairs to accommodate larger groups," Crakes said.

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The building, established four years ago, is available to civic and social groups, the only restriction being that veterans groups have priority on the facilities, Crakes said. "The several rooms are so arranged, however, and so spacious, that many events can be held simultaneously," Crakes reminded prospective organizations.

Waitress Saves Sleepers in Fire

REEDSPORT—(U.P.)—A waitress ran from door to door awakening about 30 roomers and directing them to safety as fire destroyed a combination restaurant and rooming house at nearby Gardiner early Friday.

The waitress, Margaret Harris, discovered the flames about 2 a. m. One roomer, an invalid who was not identified, was carried to safety by two others.

Firemen from here and Gardiner fought the flames. Loss was estimated at about \$15,000. The building was owned by the Gardiner Lumber Co. Most of the roomers were loggers and highway crew workers.

How Improvements Are Financed

City No Santa Claus

There aren't many people in Eugene who still think the "city" builds and pays for new streets, sidewalks and sewers—like Santa Claus.

But, on the other hand, not very many people really understand the process by which local improvement jobs are carried out. Each winter, when the city council adopts ordinances assessing property owners for projects that have benefited their holdings, dozens of erroneous beliefs about the improvement procedures are aired before the council.

Actually, the city is only an agent for the property owners—providing engineering, hiring contractors, and taking care of interim financing for street paving, sewer installations or sidewalk jobs.

When the work has been done, the time comes for the city to total the bills and divide them equitably among the property owners concerned. That's when the city council passes so-called assessment ordinances. These actually are lists of the billings to individual property holders.

Right now, the council is working on a stack of assessment ordinances—after a record year in local improvements. Each ordinance is being given approval "on first reading" and held over for final action at the next council session.

Meanwhile, affected property owners are being notified, by registered mail, of the amounts they are to be charged.

This method gives the property owners a chance to appear before the council to discuss the assessment plans, the same evening that final action has been scheduled on the project-billings.

Costs of street paving jobs are portioned out according to the footage of individual properties

fronting on the newly paved streets.

Most property owners know this. But many get confused trying to determine the total cost of a particular job. They read a contract award price in the paper when the job is just getting under way and fail to realize that price is established only for purposes of comparing various contractors' bids.

Each contractor bids so much per unit of material estimated to be needed for the job; so much for each unit of work that will be

Sportsmen Pick New Officers

COTTAGE GROVE—A. D. Baker this week was elected president of the Rod and Gun Club for 1952. He was elected during the club's annual meeting at its club house near Walker.

Other new officers include Marion Bridwell, secretary; Lester Whitney, vice president; Jack Maulding, treasurer.

Some 90 persons attending the meeting which included a potluck dinner and a movie on conservation.

Author's Estate Left To Children's Hospital

PORTLAND—(U.P.)—The major share of the estate of Claude M. Bristol, Portland author of the best seller "The Magic of Believing," will go to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children here.

His will was admitted to probate in circuit court here Wednesday. It left \$250,000 to a sister and the remainder to the hospital. The amount was not disclosed.

Bristol died Friday.

required. His unit bids are totaled, and that becomes his bid on the job.

Actually, however, the contractor winning the job agrees to do it at so much per unit of materials and work. Until the job has been completed and the city engineers have calculated how much went into it, the final price to be paid the contractor remains unknown.

If the job proves easier than original engineering indicated, the price may be lower than the published contract sum. If the job is a tough one, the costs may be more.

Making another significant difference is the fact that the city charges 10 per cent for its services—engineering, inspection during construction, and financing the job through completion.

The overall costs of sidewalk and sewer jobs are established in the same manner: The actual number of units of material and work, at agreed unit prices, plus 10 per cent.

However, whereas street and sidewalk project costs are divided among benefited property owners at so much per foot, a more complicated procedure is used in proportioning out sewer costs.

Sewer assessments are figured on a basis that takes into account the fact that property close to a new line can be connected to the sewer main more cheaply than property lying some distance back from the line.

Accordingly, property directly abutting a new sewer is charged 40 per cent of the lineal-foot cost. Property 40 to 80 feet back from the line pays 30 per cent; that 80 to 120 feet pays 20 per cent; and that from 120 to 160 feet from the line is charged 10 per cent.

In many instances, of course, a single lot may fall in all four

zones, extending 160 feet back from the new sewer. In such cases, the assessment for the property becomes 100 per cent of the lineal-foot sewer cost, multiplied by the width of the lot.

When the assessments are mailed out in final form—whether for streets, sidewalks or sewers—property owners have only two possible courses of action:

1. Pay the amounts due within 10 days (state law sets the time limit); or

2. Make arrangements at the city finance office for paying the amounts in the installment fashion.

Installment paying is possible at least to the extent that the property being assessed carries an equivalent tax roll valuation. In fact, state "Bancroft" law permits deferred payments equivalent to 111 per cent of the taxable worth of the property.

Under the Bancroft law, once property owners have signed the proper papers, the city can issue bonds to regain the sums it has paid out to contractors. These bonds are then retired over a 10-year period as installment payments are made by the property owners.

Interest on unpaid portions of improvement assessments runs at 6 per cent, again as stipulated by state law. However, once a property owner has signed for Bancroft privileges, he is not committed to an inflexible program of 20 semi-annual payments on his assessment. He may, at any time, pay up the balance due the city, and escape further interest charges.

LOVES THAT HAT

BELLAIRE, O. (U.P.)—A football fan with unusual pride in hats bought a pair of tickets for the Bellaire-Moundville high school game. He explained he wanted the extra seat for his hat.

Safety Council Urges Holiday Precautions

We spend a lot of time planning for Christmas.

The National Safety Council would like to see us take just a few minutes of our planning time to insure ours will be a merry, not a marred Christmas. Thoughtlessness and carelessness each year cause a number of holiday tragedies involving fires . . . holocausts in some cases.

Joining with the national agency, Eugene's Bureau of Fire Prevention urges:

• Make sure your Christmas tree is safely mounted, not too dry, not blocking exits, and decorated only with flameproofed decorations and electric lights.

• Remember that most gift wrappings are highly inflammable, and so are many gifts.

• Don't build dramatic, but dangerous fires in your fireplace.

• Be sure your electrical circuits aren't overloaded (use 15 amp fuses in light circuits).

And, just in case, take time to figure out what you would do tonight, or Christmas eve, should a fire break out in your home. A little planning might save the lives of your loved ones.

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Due to the Aerie Using the Hall Dec. 27, Meeting Will Be Held Dec. 26th, 8 p.m.

Buses to Run For Skiers

Special ski buses have been scheduled for the holidays, George Korn reported Friday morning.

Greyhound buses will leave from the Lane Courthouse on Sunday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and New Year's Day at 8 a.m. for the Willamette Pass Ski Area. The regular Trailways bus schedules to Santiam Pass will not be supplemented.

The chair lift will operate at Hoodoo Bowl and tows at Willamette Pass but neither area will operate Christmas Day.

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Improved situation is a result of decreased enrollment.

Classes offered include: creative design, radio operating, machine repair, engine repair, sheet metal, diesel mechanic, motor rewinding, appliance repair, radio, automobile engine tuning, dressmaking.

Information may be obtained by phoning 5-3377, or at 4th Ave. and Madison

Lions Club

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Logger Hurt Loose Log

41-year-old logger was in Heart Hospital Friday, receiving treatment for a compound fracture of the right leg.

M. Strayer, 41, whose address is McMinnville, was crushed Thursday morning by a log which crushed his leg against a log. Part owner of the Strayer Logging Co., he was working three miles east of Waldport.

Condition Thursday evening described as "fairly good." Surgery was improved Friday morning. He was brought into Eugene Ambulance Co.

DO NOT SMOKE

WESLEY R. I. (U.P.)—A light cigarette cost a motorist, Caruso, \$625. When Caruso drove to take the light from his car, his automobile struck a tree and sustained \$800 damage. The extra \$25 was added for reckless driving.

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