

Council to Talk Of Rate Freeze

Ruling of PUC To Be Mulled

Springfield's City Council Monday night will probably decide what to do about a proposed ordinance which would freeze Mountain States Power Co. rates in the city for five years.

Oregon's Public Utilities Commissioner Charles Helzel ruled recently that the proposal is not in the public interest. It had been submitted to him, according to Oregon law, and he waited the required 90 days before announcing his adverse ruling. The council can now call for an election by city voters or reject the proposal.

Municipal Power officials made the initial proposal to freeze rates of its competitor. A major contention was that the private firm was going to ask for rate increases. Mountain States did not, however, make that move. The council is acting for Municipal Power in the action.

Other matters to go before the council include the resignation of Councilman Clem Krueger, who is moving from the city; consideration of a petition from city employees asking for a 7 1/2 per cent pay increase until July 1, 1952; receiving petitions for improvements, and other items.



COTTAGE GROVE—W. A. WOODARD, (left), this city's First Citizen of 1951, is showing F. N. Belgrano Jr., president of the First National Bank of Portland, a plaque he had just received during last week's annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. Belgrano was main speaker of the meeting and Woodard was honored for "outstanding service to the community." (Clark photo, Wiltshire engraving.)

Presbyterians Name Officers

Central Presbyterian Church Thursday elected 1952 officers at a congregational meeting in Fellowship Hall.

There was a net gain of 68 church members during 1951, according to an annual report, bringing current total membership to 1227.

Officers elected include: Elders, Clifford L. Constance, William M. Haggerty, Dr. George K. Hemp-hill, Perry H. Waldrige; Trustees, J. Glenn Cougill, W. Ray Jost, Gene P. Pitchford, Dr. L. T. Campbell.

Percy M. Morse was elected church treasurer. Deacons include Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Goheen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Everitt Hill, Mrs. Gladys Stubbiefield, Mrs. K. L. Carlisle.

Hold Thefts Occupy Police

Thefts were prominent in the morning out of Eugene's police headquarters Saturday.

Officers were called to 11th Ave. to investigate a sneak thief who had four wallets during the morning about \$179.

Officers, who apparently entered an unlocked door, belonging to V. L. Marston, Marion Busby, Bell and Mary Louise Rose. They scattered them in the apartment house. He had a carton of cigarettes from a restaurant. However, numerous valuables in the purses.

Officers investigated the \$80 from the wallets of Mrs. Al W. Hendricks, Mrs. J. G. Flaggstone Motel. They told police they were unlocked while they were in the next unit was ill.

Officers to find their wallets. The billfolds were later empty, outside the motel.

Clinics to Help Businessmen

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Small companies hard hit by the copper and aluminum shortage are being invited to send representatives to government "industry assistance clinics" later this month.

The National Production Authority announced Friday that the sessions would be held in 14 cities. Military and production officials will discuss how the 3128 affected firms can obtain defense contracts and subcontracts.

Firms whose consumption of copper and aluminum has been cut to 34 per cent or less of their pre-Korea levels are the only ones invited. These include makers of Venetian blinds, screen doors, auto trailers, lamps, toys and costume jewelry.

Sessions are scheduled for Seattle and Portland.

PRUETT'S SKY REVIEW

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the telephone came this morning. "We are having an argument in the office and we want you to settle it. Does the sun tip sufficiently six months to give us the winter in temperature be- winter and summer?"

I was called upon to mediate astronomical dispute. I am pleased to be able to tell you the truth in this case, how I had skillfully to suggest the truth lay on the other side.

ask the reader to con- sider a diagram on a sheet of paper. In the center of the sheet draw a circle around a silver dollar — if such wealth is inside this circle write, "Sun". To the right of this circle around a dime, write, "The Earth."

draw a line straight down through the center and continue about distance below the part of the circle. This line is the imaginary axis of which the entire earth is approximately once each year. (The more exact time is 365 1/4 days.) This rotation turns any part of earth alternately toward away from the sun, thus day and night.

the axis of the earth does not straight up as we have it. Didn't we learn some- thing in our grade-school geog-

raphies about a 23 1/2-degree tilt? If the upper end of this axis is tipped down 23 1/2 degrees toward the left, an amount a little less than one-third that to make it point directly toward the sun, we have the approximate tilt. Rearrange the axis in your diagram accordingly.

We now have the condition of summer in the northern hemisphere and winter in the southern. The sun can warm the end of the earth turned toward it much better than the other.

If the north pole could slowly tip toward the right so that in six months it would point as far to the right of straight up as it does to the left in summer, we would have winter conditions without any doubt. But it does not do it that way.

The axis continues to tilt to the left as the earth moves around the sun. In three months it will be hidden behind the sun in our diagram. Draw another 10-cent earth at the left of the sun with the north pole still tilting toward the left. This is the winter position six months from the summer position.

The seasons are thus due to the annual revolution of the earth around the sun while the earth's axis remains at practically the same tilt.

There is a complete change of tilt in a period of 25,600 years, the cause of the precession (not "procession") of the equinoxes, but that affects conditions very little in a human lifetime.

Boy, 16, Cited By City Police

Failure to yield the right-of-way was charged to William H. Wilkinson, 16, of 2316 Jefferson St., Friday following a 3:20 p.m. collision at 19th and Lincoln Sts.

Eugene police reported he was driving a 1941 club coupe that met a taxicab in the intersection, causing damages estimated at \$10 and \$75 to the respective vehicles. The cab was operated by Gilman G. Watts, 28, of 1021 1st St., Springfield.

Early Saturday, police investigated a hit-and-run accident in front of the Eugene Hotel. Approximately \$75 damage was done to a 1947 tudor owned by William Roy Richardson, 1848 Madison St., while it was parked on West

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Two Resign Posts At Student Union

Resignations of Olga Yevtich, program director of the Erb Memorial Student Union, and Larry Davidson, Student Union night manager, have been accepted, R. C. Williams, director of the student union, reported Saturday.

Miss Yevtich's resignation becomes effective Aug. 15, at the end of summer session. She came to the Student Union in September, 1949.

Davidson has been on the Student Union staff since August, 1950. He graduated from the university in June, 1950.

FAITH OUTNUMBERED

FORT WORTH, Tex. — (AP) — Both Baptists and Methodists outnumbered members of the Christian Church at Texas Christian University. Christians came in third, with Baptists and Methodists ahead, in that order.

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