

Planning Meetings Slated by County's Demos and GOP

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Lane County Republicans and Democrats will organize next week, selecting county officers and preparing for the November general election.

Republicans meet first—at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The Democrats meet at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Both will meet in the courthouse.

Voting for new officers and taking part in the planning will be precinct committeemen and women from all parts of the county. They have been notified by mail of their election, and must return

an "acceptance card" to County Clerk Harry Chase if they take part in party planning.

After organizing, the county committees will appoint committeemen and women in precincts where no representatives were elected.

CHAIRMAN OF both central committees were expected to be candidates for re-election. Ed Boehnke, Republican chairman, was expected to be re-elected with little or no opposition. Jay Hicks, veteran Democratic chairman, was in for more trouble, although some of it may not materialize.

Democrats from the liberal wing of the party were looking last week for a likely candidate to run against Hicks, who voted against Howard Morgan for state chairman last winter, and who is usually associated with the Pearson-Mahoney wing of the party. They wanted a candidate who was identified with the Morgan-Sweetland-Neuberger wing, or who was identified with neither group.

CHARLES PORTER, Eugene attorney, has been mentioned as a likely candidate. But Porter has said he isn't seeking the job. Another group of Democrats met two weeks ago in what turned into a "stop-Porter" rally.

Porter later said he couldn't be stopped when he "hadn't started." Chairman and vice-chairman elected by the Lane County committees will automatically be members of the state central committees. They will meet, probably in July, to select state officers. Republicans will probably not meet until after the party's national convention in Chicago July 8.

County committees have until June 30 to elect members of the state committees, and many Oregon Republican leaders will be leaving for Chicago about that time.

There may be time, however, for the Democrats to have their state meeting before that party's Chicago convention July 21.

ROBERT ELLIOTT, Medford insurance man, and Howard Morgan, Monmouth farmer, are expected to be candidates for re-election as state chairmen. Elliott, Republican chairman, said he would run unless his personal affairs made it impossible. Elliott defeated Boehnke last February in an off-season election called when Chairman Sigrid B. Unander resigned to seek the nomination for state treasurer.

Morgan was expected to be opposed again by a representative of the group which almost defeated him in February, in an off-season election called when Chairman Lex Jossin resigned to handle Sen. A. E. Kefauver's campaign here. His opponent in February was State Treasurer Walter Pearson.

Lumber Schooner Towed to Portland
BANDON, Ore. —(AP)—The battered lumber schooner Cynthia Olson, patched with concrete and equipped with a battery of diesel-driven pumps, was towed Friday night from this Southern Oregon harbor.

The ship ran aground at the mouth of the Coquille River here June 7 and was holed as it bounced in rough seas. It was pulled off the bar the following day only to run aground again.

The holes in the ship's hull were patched with concrete last week and pumps were installed to keep the ship afloat while it is being towed to Portland by the tug Salvage Chief.

The crew of 28, none of whom was injured when the ship ran aground, still is aboard. The ship is expected in the Portland harbor Sunday night or Monday.

'Hams' Testing Disaster Role
The Valley Radio Club of Eugene went on the air at 4 p.m. Saturday, with nine "ham" transmitters and 8,000 watts of available power for a 24-hour exercise.

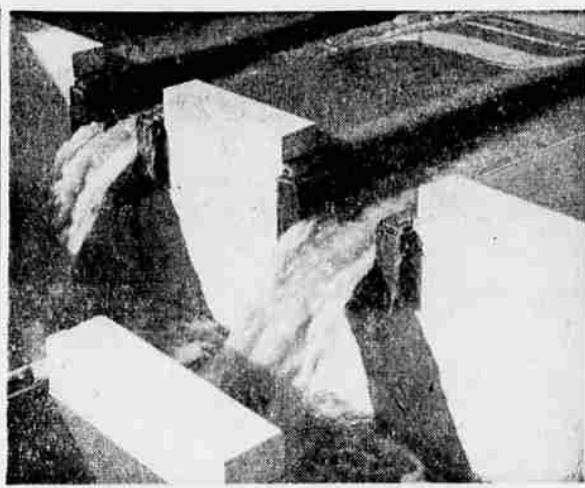
They are joining in the sixth annual Field Day of the National Assn. of Radio Amateurs. Until 1 p.m. Sunday the nation's "ham" broadcasters will rehearse for some future emergency which may call them into service.

All members of the local club are Eugene Police Reserve. They are in civil defense procedures and to cope with communications problems which could be caused by flood or fire or any other catastrophe.

Broadcast center for the day is at Perkins Peninsula on Fern Ridge Lake.



KEN KESEY, 16, will be Springfield American Legion Post's representative to Boys' State in Salem June 22 to 28. Kesey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kesey, West Q St., Springfield. He is the only Springfield boy going to the annual event.



(Reg.-Guard photo, Wiltshire engraving.)

COOL, CLEAR WATER, like that pouring out of filter beds in the photo above, is used by Eugene Water & Electric Board customers at a 25 million gallon per day rate in warm weather. The EWEB's million-dollar Hayden Bridge treatment plant already provides facilities for clearing impurities from "raw" McKenzie River water. At right, Technician Stewart Avery is checking a bacteria count. Now, the EWEB is getting ready to add fluorides to the water, in hopes of reducing dental problems among youngsters.

EWEB Engineers Face Problem With Fluorides

Fluorides, the minerals that are supposed to help youngsters develop better teeth, are going to be added to Eugene's water supply. But not tomorrow; nor the next day.

It appears it will be at least a couple of months yet before the teeth-hardening chemicals come flowing through local faucets with that cold, clear McKenzie River water.

The reason for the delay? Engineers at the Water & Electric Board say it's simply because they haven't yet determined the most economical and safest way of adding fluorides to the water.

SOME PEOPLE know it, but many don't. The fluoride powders used to treat water are deadly poisons if taken in anything like large doses. There are serious hazards involved for water plant workmen.

Then, too, the state board of health is finicky about the constancy of the fluoridization in any public drinking water. Added at the rate of one part for each million parts of water, fluorides are harmless. In fact, a canned mackerel contains 40 parts per million of fluorides, or there about.

But you can't control the flow of water in city mains as easily as the rate of packing mackerel in tin cans. Every time some one

turns on a faucet, or turns one off, the rate of flow changes in the water mains.

FLUORIDE introducing machines must be controlled by special devices that measure the amount of water flowing through the big trunk lines leading out of the EWEB's water treatment plant at Hayden Bridge.

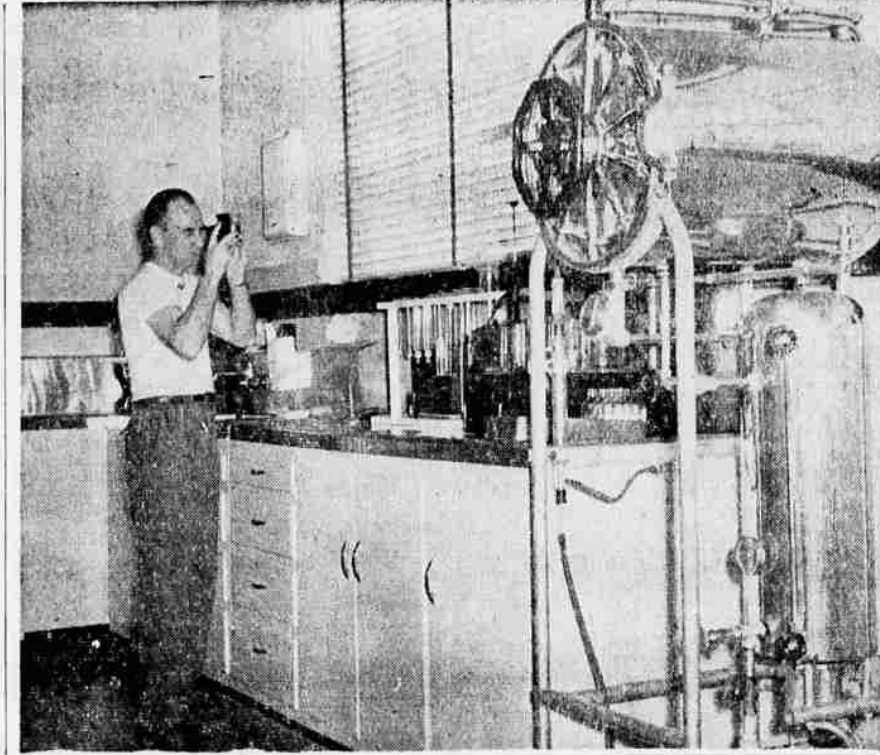
Either that or every drop of water taken from the river must be fluoridated as it enters the big treatment station. That is wasteful for much of the intake is returned to the river as "wash water" carrying away impurities from the plant's sandbed filters.

The whole problem is under study by Cornell, Howland, Hayes & Merryfield, consulting engineers hired by the EWEB. Special tests were made at the Hayden Bridge plant last fall, and a report from the consultants is expected any time now.

Meanwhile, engineers of the Eugene water operation are checking further into the special problems of fluoridization. Directors of the EWEB have instructed them to see that Eugene's water is fortified with the special chemicals. The directors acted with the City Council in full accord and with blessings of the medical and dental societies. That was a year ago.

A LOT OF FOLKS figured it would be a simple matter for the water department to add recommended fluoride doses, but it didn't work out that way. Not only has Eugene been delayed in inaugurating fluoridization. So far, Gearhart is the only city in the state with an operating fluoridation process.

When the EWEB does get its plans all worked out, a capital outlay of about \$6,000 will be required to buy and install necessary equipment. Another \$14,000



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will need be spent if a building addition is provided for the fluoride apparatus and space isn't "robbed" from the main filter plant at Hayden Bridge.

And, it'll cost the EWEB somewhere between 18 and 75 cents a year to fluoridate each Eugenean's drinking water.

Only experience can prove the exact per person cost. Some Idaho cities, for instance, are getting fluoridated water at the 18-cent rate, but other cities in the same state find the treatment bill as high as 75 cents per capita.

WATER BOARD engineers, after a year of fussing with the fluoridation project, are inclined to envy their Japanese counterparts. Hardly any water in Japan needs additional fluorides. Volcanic eruptions long ago brought more than enough fluorides to the island's surfaces. In fact, the Japanese drink fluoride concentrations our own health authorities would never approve. Yet they survive, and are noted for their good teeth.

Until such time as Eugene has fluoridated water, anxious parents can feed their offspring mackerel. Sardines are almost as good as providers of the cavity reducing chemicals.

15-year-old Arrested On Burglary Count
COTTAGE GROVE—City police arrested a 15-year-old Cottage Grove boy Thursday night for the June 14 burglary of the JOOF building.

According to police reports, the youth broke into the building and stole: two swords and scabbards; one saber; one sword; one spot light and three robes. A hearing before juvenile authorities was held in Eugene Friday.

Brazilian Police Hunt Escapees

15 Guards Killed In Prison Break

SAO PAULO, Brazil.—(AP)—Police in the coastal town of Ubatuba Saturday caught 16 of 400 convicts who escaped Friday from Anchieta island prison after setting fires and killing 15 guards and civilian employees.

The heavily armed convicts had landed near Ubatuba and struck terror in two other nearby coastal towns. Ubatuba's Police Chief Dangler Guimaraes said his men ran into a group of the convicts and killed one and injured another in a running gun battle before they arrested the 16.

Guimaraes said police and troops rushed to Anchieta to restore order and found the bodies of the guards and employees in the prison compound and some buildings partly burned.

Troops, air force planes and boats rushed to the area after the bloody break-away by some of Brazil's most desperate criminals.

According to reports of the escape, the prisoners overpowered their guards, seized their weapons, including machineguns, and pushed off for the mainland in stolen boats.

They landed near Ubatuba, Sao Vicente and Caraguatuba, about 160 miles from this southern Brazilian state capital.

Van Fleet Gets Top Greek Award for Duty

With U.S. Third Infantry Division in Korea —(AP)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet, U.S. Eighth Army commander, Saturday was awarded the highest Greek military decoration—the distinguished Medal of Honor.

The presentation was made by Lt. Gen. Thrasyvoulos Tsakalotos, chief of the Greek Army general staff. He is visiting the Greek Expeditionary Forces attached to the U.S. Third Infantry Division.

CITY PROBLEMS DISCUSSED
PORTLAND —(AP)—A two-day conference on city problems will draw national civic leaders to Portland Monday and Tuesday.

The conference, fourth annual affair sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, will develop ideas in four panel groups.

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Nevada Town Hit by Insects

Crickets 14 Miles Deep Around Austin

AUSTIN, Nev.—(AP)—The tenacious residents of this small Nevada town, almost surrounded by a 25-mile long army of Mormon crickets, feared Saturday the insect seige might last for 60 days.

They fought the slowly advancing horde of crickets with tons of poisoned grain. The stench from dead insects was so strong it nauseated many of the citizens.

The town fought fiercely Friday with the lava-like flow of the little creatures. The entrenched townspeople used a 20-ton supply of poisoned barley and rolled wheat to halt the pests along a 25 mile front.

The poison was rushed from Walla Walla, Wash., through Elko, Nev., and another 20 tons was due Saturday.

By the time the ammunition for the battle arrived, the crickets had advanced to within a quarter mile of the only water supply.

Residents of the area feared that the poisoned insects, dying by millions, would contaminate the water.

The attacking "army," which practically surrounds the town, is estimated to be 14 miles deep and travelling southward at about one-quarter of a mile a day.

Millmen Ponder Lumber Defect

Members of the West Coast Dry Kiln Club discussed the problem of "shelling" of peeling growth rings on processed lumber at the luncheon meeting of the group Saturday in the Springfield Vets' Building.

The informal panel was led by Archie Knauss of the Pacific Northwest Forest Utilization Service. No agreement on the treatment of the problem was reached but members seemed to think that peeling occurred most frequently in timber from certain areas. One speaker said that trees grown on steep hills with a southern exposure seemed to produce thicker growth rings which adhered poorly to previous rings, causing the trouble.

As for remedies, some said altered kiln schedules were a help and other opinions ranged from changing milling procedures to avoiding timber of the type which splinters in this fashion, when this is possible.



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