City Hall Offices Shift to Basement

Friday will be moving day at Eugene's City Tall.

Using rules only slightly different from those on the old musical chairs game, half a dozen city departments will shift locations in the building.

Into newly remodeled ground floor offices will go the city manager's and mayor's office, the finance department and recorder's office, the building department, lien assessments office, milk and meat inspection service, and traffic light and parking meter inspection operations.

The space these departments are to take over was vacated by the Eugene Water & Electric Board last spring upon completion of the new EWEB office-warehouse building on 4th Ave. The ground floor area offers a special advantage for protection of city records in three large vaults previously used by the EWEB.

All of the offices moving down to sidewalk level have been operating on the second floor of City Hall. The space they leave is to be refurbished for use by the police department's administrative offices and the engineering department. The police command will move across the center hall from its present quarters, leaving more space for detective division operations. Earlier this week, the police patrol division shifted its headquarters from the third floor of City Hall to the new jail at 5th and Olive Sts.

Friday's round-robin of office changes also will shift the parks bureau from the second to the third floors at City Hall, and will give the City-County Planning Office more space on the third floor.

An added office will be allocated on the third floor to the municipal court, and space vacated by the engineering department will become available for renting to some public service agency or state or federal department. Already located on the third floor are the Eugene civil defense office and the Lane Chest headquarters.

Estimates on the remodeling work that has been done on the ground floor, and including some yet to be done on the floors above, run around $4,000.

Alternate Tells Eugene Lions Of Convention

Lynn McCready, Eugene banker, described his experiences as an alternate at the recent Republican National Convention in Chicago for members of the Eugene Lions Club Wednesday noon.

Because the Oregon delegation was pledged by primary voters to support Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, McCready said the Oregon group was a "marked crowd" from the time they arrived.

He said the delegates soon got the impression that the convention "was being rigged for one man" during preliminary meetings and declared that the rigging backfired against Taft supporters.

By the time the convention opened, he said, "it was pretty well felt that the tide was turning for Eisenhower." Passage of the "fair play" amendment on contested delegations was the crucial turning point, he said.

Most of McCready's talk was devoted to informal descriptions of persons he met and incidents of the proceedings which most impressed him. He said he especially enjoyed attending one of Eisenhower's press conferences with a pass he received from Glen Stadler, KERG correspondent.

Driver Arrested

City Police arrested John William Showalter, 32, Rt. 2 Junction City Wednesday night for driving under the influence of alcohol, and driving with a suspended driver's license. On his arrest, Showalter told police he had been arrested by Springfield police on the same charge two nights before.

News Briefs

CONTINUED MILD

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU FORECAST: Eugene and vicinity: Fair through Thursday. Cloudy and cooler Friday, with a high of 77. Western Oregon: Same except foggy along coast.

Local Statistics Highest temperature Wednesday, 82; low Thursday, 47; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a. m., none; total for month, trace; normal for month, 0.49 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a. m., minus 2.6 feet; wind at 11:30 a. m., Thursday SW5; prevailing Wednesday, NNE 2.6.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Friday, 5:23 a. m., and 7:06 p. m. Saturday, 5:25 a. m., and 7:04 p. m.

JUNCTION CITY—The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church is holding a Rummage Sale Friday and Saturday, Aug. 22 and 23, at the Rummage Center on West 7th Ave. in Eugene.

THE FINAL rehearsal of the Eugene High Band before the Shrine Game Saturday in Portland will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in the bandroom. Band members said more players are needed.

WILLAMETTE POST 203 and Auxiliary, VFW, will hold their annual picnic and outing Sunday at Clark Creek Organization Camp located on Fall Creek. Signs will be posted on the road after leaving Lowell. All persons attending are asked to bring a meat dish or covered dish and salad, and plates and silverware. Coffee and refreshments will be furnished by the post. Persons desiring transportation call Bob King, 4-5635.

OPEN HOUSE will be held by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Holmes, 1050 W. 11th St., Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. The event is in honor of the couple's 60th wedding anniversary.

CASCADE CHAPTER 155, OES, and Masonic Lodge 171, AF & AM, will have their annual picnic at Armitage Park Sunday. Members are asked to bring their dinners and table service. Coffee, ice cream and soft drinks will be furnished for the 1 p.m. dinner.

Ramblers Win Safety Award

Springfield Cyclists Get National Honor

The Oregon Ramblers — a Springfield motorcycle club—this week received the American Motorcycle Assn. award for 1951.

The award was given because club members during 1951 were not involved in any traffic accidents. Presentation was made to Herb Henderson, club president, by Springfield Chief of Police Harry W. Howard.

Howard commended the organization for its traffic safety performance.

Said Howard: "If operators of motor vehicles adhere to traffic safety suggestions to the extent that they, too, will become safety minded, then I'm sure our highways, streets and avenues will become safer for all who travel on them.

"I hope the American Motorcycle Assn. will have another occasion to present safety awards to the Oregon Ramblers for the coming year."

Club members include Roy Salmi, Jack Stratton, Emma Howard, Whitie McMichael, Marge McMichael, Lee Hewitt, Diane P. Fenning, Melvin Sorber, Melvin Bryant, Bill McMichael, Mickey Perin, Chuck Cutting, Dick Jenkins, Wayne Howard Jr., Wayne Brock, E. J. Dukes, Labelle Probst, Jerry Probst, George Sharr, Joanne Bry, Velma Scoggins, Eddie Scoggins, Alice Salmi, Jack Quigley, Phyllis Quigley, Jay Williams Earl Van Orman, Bobby Mathews, Herb Howard and Henderson.

Four Escape Serious Injury in Car Wreck

LOWELL—Four persons escaped serious injury when two autos collided on Highway 58 at the Coast Fork Bridge, about 4:45 p.m. Wednesday.

Involved in the accident were Robert F. Gilbreath and his wife, Minneth, of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Caswell, 1960 University St., Eugene.

Mrs. Gilbreath was receiving treatment Thursday at the Oakridge Clinic for multiple sprains. Caswell received outpatient treatment at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene and was released.

Group to Sing At Park Fete

The Springfield Choral Group will sing eight numbers during the Willamalane Park's "Summer Fun Finale" Thursday at 8 p.m., in the district's Memorial Bldg.

Also scheduled are exhibits of craft objects made by children and adults during summer classes conducted by the park district, tap dancing, square dancing, and baton twirling exhibitions.

Mrs. Stella Young, director, said choral group numbers will include "Day is Done," by V. G. DeSylva and Dr. Robert Catcher; "The Desert Song" and "Wanting You" by Romberg; "Rose Marie" by Friml; "Bless This Home" by Mary H. Barhe and Helen Taylor; and "Pledge to the Flag," by Robert Hay Malott. Miss Zula Cott will be accompanist.

The program will mark the end of this summer's supervised playground operations.

Station Entered

City police report that Jensen's Service Station at 1412 W. 7th Ave. was entered sometime Wednesday night by forcing a window. About $15 in change was taken. After entry was made the thief or thieves got into a Coke machine with a key they found in the cash register.

STATE POURS $9 MILLION INTO NEW HIGHWAY 99

SALEM (U.P.)—Oregon is pouring nearly $9,000,000 into the southern part of the state to change the motorists-eye-view of Highway 99 and state highway engineers said the giant project is moving rapidly toward completion.

When it is finished, Highway 99, the inter-regional highway, will be one of the sleekest high-speed traffic channels in the west—avoiding the block-by-block traffic signals of city streets and time-consuming 25-mile-per-hour speed zones. The new 99 will be free of the right-angle turns that for years have plagued motorists and truckers as the highway snaked through small towns. Signs like "narrow bridge ahead," "slow, congested zone," and "sharp curves" will become a thing of the past from Eugene to the California border south of Ashland.

Now under construction is the Divide-Rice Hill section, largest of the Highway 99 projects south of Eugene, work costing some $3,000,000 has been awarded to contractors and contracts worth another $1,300,000 are yet to be awarded. W. C. Williams, first assistant highway engineer, said the entire section should be under contract in 1953. The project bypasses Drain and Yoncalla.

Another section by-passing Oakland and Sutherlin is under construction, with the exception of a few minor structures such as bridges, culverts and underpasses. Total estimated cost is $2,300,000. Smallest of the by-pass projects is that at Gold Hill. Contracts have just been let and work is now underway for a total cost of $1,000,000.

Within the next month the State Highway Commission will let contracts on the Medford-Ashland section of 99 where extra width and some relocation costing $1,000,000 will relieve the traffic-glutted artery between the two southern Oregon cities. Bids have already been received.

Model Railroaders Meet in Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — The four-day convention of the National Model Railroad Assn. opened here Thursday with David L. Stearns, Seattle, vice president, presiding.

A group was expected to arrive by special train from the East Friday. Attendance is estimated at 450.

Edward M. Van Lee of Rochester, N. Y., the president, is unable to attend.

Young Peop... Program S...

Thursday night will ... People's Night at the Ja... revival service at McArth... Following the regular ... service, a special Young... Meeting will be will be ... in Howe Field. Shuler w... and Choir Director Her... will lead singing. The ... tion will sit on bleacher... ball field.

A Saturday morning ... will appeal to children ... yet. "Uncle Jack" Sh... planned a special childr... gram for 10 a.m. Include... "Gospel magic," movies, ... balloons.

Sunday Shuler will ge... specifics with a sermo... Liquor Here to Stay?" Bo... associate evangelist, sa... will talk about "sing in... and about the liquor tr... erally.

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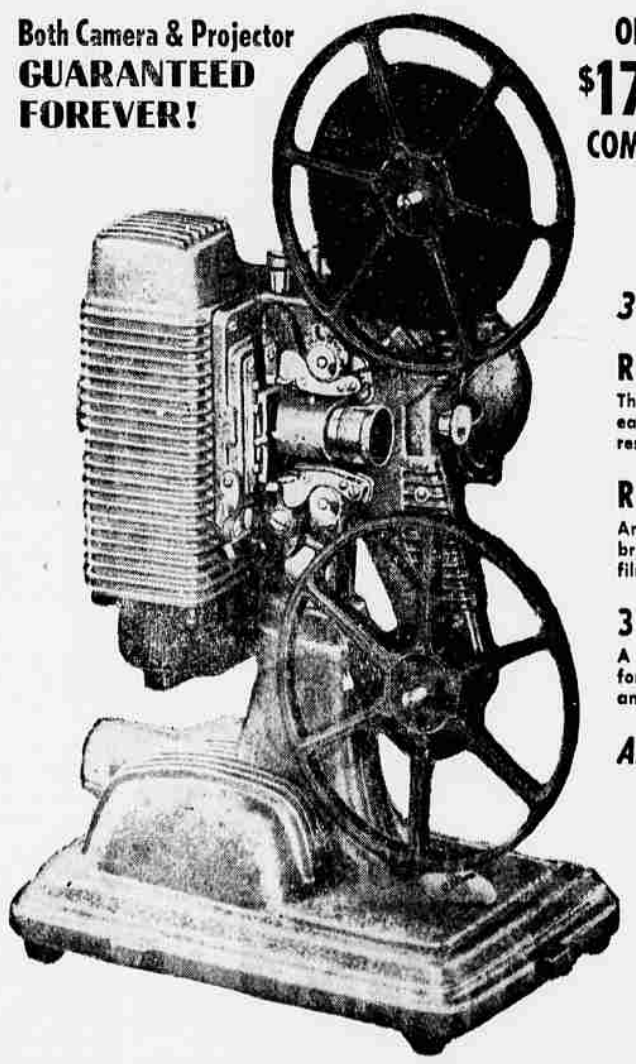

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