

Springfield School District Moves on Brattain Project

Springfield School District 19's board wanted no time in giving impetus to a \$1 million, two-year, \$1 million program to move quickly following voter approval of a bond issue, board member Architect Percy Bentz, to prepare plans and specifications for construction of a new multi-purpose room at Brattain.

Combination gym-auditorium will be approximately 48 by 72 feet with a concrete floor covered with asphalt tile. It will be on present playground between the two wings of the U-shaped structure.

Architect Bentz, Eugene, was instructed to have specifications completed and proposed 10-room addition at West Side in time for a tentative bid by May 5.

NEW UNITS

New constructions will include five-classroom units, a purpose room and office for the exterior of the multi-purpose room—brick or some type of siding.

Meanwhile, a committee representing cooks, janitors and other district employees (excluding teachers) presented wage increase proposals for the next school year.

Arthur H. Baugh, committee spokesman, said drivers and janitors are requesting \$15 a month in addition to the regular annual increment. Cooks, he said, are asking two and one-half cents an hour plus the increment.

E. H. Silke, district superintendent, said it might be feasible to work identical pay rates for drivers and janitors. There now is a differential.

(At present most janitor work and bus driving is done on a combination basis. An employee may drive buses three hours a day and do janitor work the remaining five hours).

The board received the pay increase proposals but did not take final action. Additional study will be made on the matter.

Silke said it is becoming "increasingly difficult" to obtain grade school teachers. He said

Winners Announced for Spring Opening Mabel Tyson Wins Plaque

A Springfield woman Wednesday night was awarded Willamalane Recreation Council's "Citizen First Class" plaque for "excellence in community recreation service."

The award was made at a regular meeting of the council in Springfield Memorial Bldg. to Mrs. Mabel Tyson, who lives at 637 N. A St. She is a volunteer worker at the Memorial Bldg., which is a part of the Willamalane Park and Recreation District.

Council members noted that she has donated her services free for the past six months, working six mornings per week and three afternoons. She is a receptionist in the park offices, and performs clerical and other duties there.

It was the first such award made by the council, which is an advisory group to the board of directors of Willamalane District. The plaque is of birchwood and metal, with gold engraving.

In other action Wednesday night the council discussed proposed activities of the district for this summer.

NEWS BRIEFS

Department store Fri-Sat. Sweepstakes announced as Spring Opening window contest sponsored by the merchants division of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

Store windows were judged on attractiveness of all entered divisions of competition. Thursday night's annual Opening. A Register-Guard cup will be presented to the winner of the windows for the

SHOPPER APPEAL

A "Mrs. Housewife" was included among the judges to help find what appeals most to the average shopper, according to Vince Farina, chairman of the retail merchants division.

Window display windows by divisions are as follows:

Department and furniture stores: 1st place—Rubenstein's; 2nd—Penney's; 3rd—Miller's.

Apparel and shoe stores: 1st—Arbuckle's; 2nd—Hadley's; 3rd—Joe Richard's.

Jewelry, florists, bakeries: 1st—Skeie's; 2nd—Flowers Unlimited; 3rd—Home Bakery.

Gift and baby shops: 1st—Carey's; 2nd—Heath's; 3rd—Wee-Folks.

BRAVE WEATHER

Book, drug, office supply stores: 1st—Koke-Chapman; 2nd—Valley Stationery; 3rd—Pennywise.

Appliance, auto supply, paint stores: 1st—Garrett's; 2nd—Fuller Paints; 3rd—General Paint.

Restaurants, offices, food stores: 1st—Seymour's; 2nd—Quality Meat Market Co.; 3rd—Newman's Fish Market.

Throngs comparable to those of past Spring Openings braved chilly weather to view the latest fashions displayed in windows and to enjoy a variety of street exhibits and entertainment.

Fashion shows, open house at some business concerns, folk dancing, and displays of ancient and modern autos were some of the features of the annual spring event.

Drivers Fined For Drinking

Two Eugene men were fined \$200 each in Eugene Municipal Court Friday morning after they pleaded guilty to driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Paul Vincent Baker, 53, of 1120 W. 14th Ave., was arrested by Eugene officers at 7:50 p. m. Thursday. James L. MacVean, 40, of 570 Fairway Loop, was stopped by patrolmen an hour later.

Judge John L. Barber Jr., suspended Baker's driver's license for three months. He took no action concerning MacVean's permit, but a suspension of three months or more is mandatory in such cases according to state law.

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BLONDIE



By Chic Young

Millrace, Pooches, Swallows All Denote Arrival of Spring

(See Story, Page 3A)

It's that time again. Every year, about the time when the swallows return and the Union Editor gets warmed up to spring oddities, there are two problems Eugene's city administration can count on—dogs and the Millrace.

The city is in the process of getting a stray pooch contract worked out with the Lane County Humane Society, and folks who are worried about dogs running through their gardens soon should be satisfied.

Now people who live along the old Millrace want it filled. And City Manager Oren King issued an order Friday to comply. The Millrace—which has been running about four feet shy of normal level—should be full in a week.

King met Thursday night at the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity on the University of Oregon campus with representatives of nine fraternities and about 15

townsfolk, most of whom live on the 'race.

The group, led by Keith Pennell, chairman of the old Millrace committee, asked King to fill the stream which has been a part of campus tradition for more than 60 years. The fraternities and sororities agreed to clean the stream bed abutting their houses at the beginning of spring term—March 30.

Meanwhile, King said Friday the city's engineering department will complete within the next month a survey of the old stream bed to determine whether the Millrace can be restored to full flow.

King explained a 30-inch pipe which carries the stream beneath E. Broadway on Highway 99 restricts the flow of water. The group demanded that no more such restrictive culverts be allowed on the 'race.

The campus group also demanded to know what has become of a \$20,000 bond issue ap-

proved by the city's voters in 1948. King said this money—matched with \$20,000 in donations—was originally tabbed to build a pump system at the inlet on the Willamette River at Judkins Point. Instead, he explained, a gravity flow system was devised which made sale of the bonds unnecessary.

King added that he doubted the Council would be willing to authorize a sale of the bonds until a plan is established which will guarantee proper stream flow in the Millrace.

King said the level of water in the stream has been kept low to avoid filling the basements of houses on the north bank. He said once the level of the 'race is once again well established, the bank leaks should fill up.

Meanwhile, both King and the campus group made a plea to townspeople not to throw trash into the Millrace. Most of the complaints, they said, have resulted because of the trashy appearance of the old stream.

Oldest Civil War Vet, Ill, Dies After Short Illness

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — James A. Hard, the nation's oldest Civil War veteran, died Thursday night at 111 of complications that followed leg amputation.

The right leg of the aged Union infantryman was cut off above the knee March 2 because of a progressive circulatory deficiency in his foot.

The death of the chipper, cigar-smoking Hard left but one survivor of the Union Army and four veterans of the Confederate forces.

Hard, who fought in the battles of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Antietam and Fredericksburg, died in Rochester General Hospital.

He had entered the hospital Feb. 12. Five days later, surgeons severed a spinal nerve in an attempt to combat the circulatory disorder.

For several days after the leg amputation, Hard rallied, as he had during several serious illnesses in recent years. Then the aged veteran took a turn for the worse and thereafter lost ground steadily.

The lone survivor of the 2,675,000 men who wore the Union blue is Albert Woolson, 106, of Duluth, Minn.

The four remaining from nearly 900,000 who served in Confederate gray are William A. Lunday, 105, of Laurel Hill, Fla.; Thomas E. Riddle, 106, of Austin, Tex.; John Salling, 105, of Slant, Va.; and Walter Williams, 110, of Franklin, Tex.

Hard, whose recipe for longevity was "work hard, don't worry and smoke plenty of cigars," was born in nearby Victor, July 15, 1841, the son of a stagecoach driver.

As a lad of 19, he joined the Union ranks April 16, 1861, four days after the attack on Ft. Sumter, S.C., had begun the conflict.

During his three years in service with the 37th New York Volunteer Infantry, he met President Lincoln at a White House reception and saw the President twice more at troop reviews in Virginia.

Hard cast his first ballot for Lincoln and remained a Republican to the end of his days.

Court Upholds Jelke Ruling

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The State Supreme Court appellate division in a split decision Friday upheld the ruling of General Sessions Judge Francis L. Valente in excluding the press and public from the Minot F. (Mickey) Jelke vice trial during presentation of the state's case.

The action was brought by two press associations and five New York newspapers when Valente on Feb. 9, ruled that the press and public be excluded in the interest of good morals and public decency. He said it was indicated the testimony would be "steeped in filth."

Reporters and spectators were excluded for defense testimony. An all-male jury on Feb. 27 found Jelke, a society playboy and heir to a \$3 million fortune, guilty of inducing girls into prostitution catering to cafe society.

Market Owner Turned Down In Coupon Deal

PORTLAND, Ore. — Uncle Sam Friday turned down an Albany, Ore., supermarket operator who wanted to pass on to the federal government in tax payments a huge coupon horde stripped from merchandise.

Paul H. Wright, assistant chief collection officer here, told Earl Dickson, owner of Dickson's Corral at Albany, that the government wanted cash, not coupons.

"I've got thousands of dollars worth of coupons but I'm broke," Dickson was quoted as saying.

Dickson takes the merchandise coupons from goods he sells and lowers the price by the amount of the coupons, but finally wound up with about 30 per cent of his operating capital tied up in the coupon collection.

He charged that many of the biggest companies in the country had failed—some even refused—to redeem their coupons. He said manufacturers charge off coupons to advertising and promotion, thus lowering their own tax costs but leaving him unable to pay his because of excessive coupon holdings.

Schlitzkus Named

F. W. Schlitzkus, 660 E. St., Springfield, has been appointed by Councilman Paris B. Breedlove to represent his ward on the city's budget committee. Both men reside in Ward 4. No budget committee meeting has been scheduled yet, but the first session for preparing the 1953-54 budget will be held soon, according to City Manager L. B. Bartlett.

Solon Predicts Bohlen Block

Bridges Foresees Tough 'Opposition'

WASHINGTON — Sen. Bridges (R-NH) said Friday he foresees "formidable opposition" to Senate approval of President Eisenhower's choice of Charles E. "Chip" Bohlen to be ambassador to Russia.

Bridges himself, the GOP president pro tempore of the Senate and chairman of its Appropriations Committee, is among those seeking to prevent Bohlen's confirmation.

Neither he nor any of the other senators opposing Bohlen would predict rejection of the nomination. As in the case of Eisenhower's resolution to condemn Russia for its "perversion" of Yalta and other war-time agreements by enslaving free peoples, Democrats rallied around the Republican President.

Bridges told reporters, "I wouldn't be surprised to see very formidable opposition to the nomination if it is finally put to a vote in the Senate."

He did not explain what he meant by saying "if" the nomination comes to vote. There was no hint from any other source that Eisenhower would back down on the nomination of Bohlen, generally regarded as one of the top U.S. experts on Russia.

TAFT APPROVES

Senate Majority Leader Taft of Ohio said he intended to vote for Bohlen's confirmation unless something now unforeseen developed. And he said he thought the nomination was not in "any danger."

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has scheduled a vote next Tuesday. The Senate itself could act the next day. The State Department has asked for speedy approval, so that Bohlen can be sent to Moscow to watch changes in the wake of Joseph Stalin's death.

The opposition is based on the argument that Bohlen, State Department counselor at the time of his nomination, is a defender of Roosevelt-Truman foreign policies and that he associated with Alger Hiss.

Hiss, a former State Department employee, is serving a sentence on a charge of lying when he said he had not passed secret State Department documents to a Communist courier.

Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.), member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said he was confident the Democrats would support the nomination almost to a man.

"I can't conceive of the Republicans fighting this personal appointment of the President's in any strength," Sparkman said. "Just because he and Hiss sat together at Yalta is no excuse for condemning Bohlen. That would imply guilt by association."



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