

Outfall Line Proposal Goes Before Council

Concerns Springfield Sewage Disposal

A proposed agreement between the City of Eugene and the City of Springfield on the location of the latter's new sewage disposal plant outfall line will come before the Eugene city council when it meets Monday night, said City Manager Robert Finlayson.

Finlayson said Saturday that he does not know whether the agreement will receive immediate approval or rejection. It is the first step in a settlement of the issue, since a declaratory judgment suit filed by Eugene was dropped from the Lane County Circuit Court docket last week.

Eugene had filed the suit against Springfield in a move to determine each city's rights in locating the line.

DENIED AN EASEMENT

The dispute started when Springfield proposed to build the line to the Willamette River across some property owned by Eugene. Eugene rejected an easement agreement for a direct line, and proposed that the Springfield Utility Board build a longer line along the downstream end of the property. Springfield protested because of the higher cost of such construction.

Under the tentative agreement as it is drawn by City Attorney John Pennington, the Springfield group may be able to build the shorter line, but with stipulations that the Eugene council have jurisdiction for its removal if the potential park property is developed.

In another move affecting the Eugene property across the river, the council Monday night is expected to complete annexation of the same 60 acres. Thus, the procedure will give Eugene its first piece of land north of the river inside the city limits.

SOUTH FIRE STATION

In other action, the city council will consider a letter from School District 4 proposing that an appraiser be hired by the city to check properties at the old Airport Homes site near 13th and Chambers St. and at the Dunn School.

The city wants a piece of land at Dunn School for construction of a new south side fire substation, while the school district wants some of the city-owned land for a new junior high school location.

There also will be some consideration of petitions from Glenwood residents proposing annexation to Eugene. The petition now in the hands of the city manager was signed by 74 residents of the area.

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DIG THAT CRAAAZY JUKE BOX—A hobby of antique collecting was the moving force that prompted Jim McKee Sr. to acquire this relic of an earlier West. The old-time nickelodeon, shown here next to a contrasting streamlined television set, embodies the innards of a piano, a mandolin, and a xylophone. Jim McKee Jr. is leaning on the TV set.

Part Piano, Part Mandolin, Part Xylophone

It's Noisy, But It's Still a Fine Relic, This Nickelodeon of the Gay Nineties

That mad nickelodeon music of the Gay Nineties is being brought back to life today by a Glenwood businessman whose hobby of antique-collecting led him to this relic out of the early days of the old West.

The proud owner of the old-fashioned jukebox is Jim McKee Sr., in whose office at the Shamrock Trailer Village the music box plays daily for the entertainment of his family and friends. He believes the nickelodeon is at least 75 years of age.

"I got it in California about a month ago," says the former Springfield bakery owner and operator. "I bought it from a friend down there whose husband left a collection of about 70 of them. Walt Disney bought all the rest."

Disney, he says, is planning a fairyland movie for children and intends to use the music-makers for some of the scenes.

In McKee's comparatively small office, the nickelodeon literally shakes the walls. There is no volume control to regulate the sound; consequently the piano, mandolin, and the xylophone inside really make the place "jump."

ELECTRIC MOTOR

The instrument is electrically operated now. It stands about five feet high, four feet wide, and about two feet deep. Its exterior appears to be veneered in oak or some similar hardwood, but its many coats of varnish make it difficult to tell at first glance.

An electric motor turns the paper rolls through the instrument.

Air bellows, to provide the air blasts, are operated by a belt drive from the motor. The nickelodeon inside looks something like a washing machine, a bit like an electronic business machine such as is used in many modern offices, and still a little like today's juke boxes, without the gaudy plastic and the colored lights.

This one has a window at the top through which oldtimers could watch the inside goings-on that would even tax the frantic musical antics of a modern Spike Jones. And it has the nickel slot to receive the coins by which it gained its original name.

PLAYS CONSTANTLY

You don't have to "put another nickel in—" in the nickelodeon at McKee's. He has inactivated the slot control so the machine plays constantly.

He doesn't know the family history of this nickelodeon. It might have come from Mexico; or perhaps it graced the parlors of the long-gone saloons of the Golden State or Nevada.

Where it came from, no one knows. But McKee says it's a safe statement to say there aren't many of them left.

Music lovers of the olden days had no choice in their selection of songs from this music-maker. They just dropped in their nickel and hoped they got what they wanted. Whatever came out, it was sure to be lively, and loud. The machine at The Shamrock would probably be audible from almost any spot in McArthur

Court; or, for that matter, from Howard Field.

The antique collector is almost as proud of his music rolls which are fed into the instrument as he is of the nickelodeon.

MUSICAL FARE

He owns a number of the big paper rolls, each of which contains about 10 songs. There are Mexican pieces, marches, fox trots, and what were then called "blues," but which sound just like today's "boogie-woogie."

One roll contains "On, Wisconsin," the "Notre Dame Victory March," "Hail, Minnesota," "Hail, Purdue," the "Illinois Loyalty March," and others. Then there's the "Have Mercy Blues," "My Man Just Don't — He Won't," the "St. Louis Cyclone Blues," and on and on.

McKee values the instrument at about \$7,000. He would like to make it available for the enjoyment of others; but because of its antiquity it can't be moved as often as a portable player. So

he invites interested persons to drop in and hear the music out of the past. His address is 4531 Franklin Blvd., near the Glenwood School.

BETTER THAN TV

The McKees formerly operated the Top Hat Bakery on Main St. in Springfield. McKee senior has collections of many other relics, including about 35 smaller music boxes. Among his collections are several hundred old moustache cups and saucers.

Alongside the old nickelodeon, the McKees have in their office a modern radio and a 21-inch television set. Sitting in front of them this week, the younger McKee noted the contrast between the new and the old.

"Here we have 100 years of entertainment," he laughed.

"But it's a funny thing. Do you know that the kids from our trailer park would rather come in here to listen to the nickelodeon than to watch TV?"

Narcotics Ring Scandal Hits Scelba Government

ROME (AP)—A letter calling the son of Italy's Foreign Minister the "assassin" for a dope ring threw the sensational Wilma Montesi scandal trial into an uproar Saturday.

The explosive letter, signed by pretty Anna Maria Moneta Caglio, rocked anew the hard-pressed government of Premier Mario Scelba.

National Police Chief Tomaso Pavone resigned recently after being mentioned in testimony in the case.

LETTER PRODUCED

Only last Tuesday Scelba and his Cabinet expressed their "solidarity" with Foreign Minister Attilio Piccioni, who reportedly had offered to resign. The Communist press has led the attack on Scelba's regime, saying the trial disclosed scandal in high government circles.

Miss Caglio's letter was produced at the trial of Silvano Muto, 25-year-old magazine editor accused of "false and alarmist" reporting of the death of party girl Wilma Montesi. While testimony has been sensational, Muto

is the only one facing criminal charges.

The letter said: "I have known that Ugo Montagna is the chief of a dope ring with the consequent disappearance of many women. He is the brains of the ring while Piero Piccioni is the assassin."

KNEW TOO MUCH

Both Piero Piccioni, son of the Foreign Minister, and the self-styled Marquis Montagna were mentioned by Miss Caglio in direct testimony as "knowing too much" about Wilma's death. She alleged that they had sought out Pavone to "hush up" the case.

The shapely, 22-year-old Wilma was found dead on the sands of Ostia beach, 15 miles from Rome, last April. Police ruled she died of accidental drowning. Muto wrote that she had been dumped on the beach and left to die after having been given an excessive dose of drugs at a wild party attended by social and political notables.

Muto gave Anna Maria, admitted one-time \$800-a-month mistress of Montagna, as one of his sources for his magazine article.

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Mohammed Ali Suffers Defeat

East Pakistan Vote Beats U.S. 'Friend'

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—The party of Premier Mohammed Ali, close friend of United States, suffered a crushing defeat in legislative elections in East Pakistan, returns showed Saturday.

The combined opposition, including opponents of American military aid to Pakistan, virtually routed the central government in East Bengal Province.

East Bengal, about the size of the New York State, has more than half of Pakistan's total population of 76 millions in one-sixth of the entire area of the country.

It was the worst election defeat for Ali's Moslem League since Pakistan achieved its independence in 1947. The election came on the heels of Pakistan's recent aid treaty with the United States.

Latest returns from this week's balloting showed that of the 309 seats in the East Bengal Legislature, the opposition United Front party has won 147 to four for the Moslem League and eight for Independents. Seventy-two seats are reserved for non-Moslem groups. The trend indicated undecided seats also would go heavily to the opposition.

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Emerald Empire Meetings

IRVING — Rebekahs meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 24 for a business session. Serving committee chairman is Julian Falk, assisted by Martin Black and Bob McCollan. An initiation practice will be held after the business meeting.

IRVING — FL Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, for a potluck at the home of Mrs. Ralph Beach. The state president, Mrs. Helen Ivy of Medford, will be guest. Serving committee is Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Clyde Heneger and Mrs. Glen Flock. Each member is to bring a white elephant item for a sale.

Lane Grange

IRVING—Tuesday night, two visiting granges, Elmira and Franklin, each will give a one-act play and Irving will present one. J. B. Donovan, piano dealer from Eugene, will play for the plays and give a short concert. The evening is open to the public. Grange will sell lunch.

HEADQUARTERS FALLS

RANGOON, Burma (AP)—Monghsat, the Chinese Nationalist headquarters 140 miles southwest of Kengtung, has fallen to the Burmese army, Burmese authorities said Saturday.

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