

Bethel City Issue To Get a Hearing

Plans were underway Thursday for city, county and Bethel Water District officials to meet Monday, and due to transportation limitations will be restricted to the city council, the city planning commission and the press.

There was no indication Thursday of what action the city council might take at its regular meeting next Monday night. It will meet at 7:30 p. m. in the city hall.

The Lane County Board of Commissioners have issued a notice to all interested parties to attend the meeting, scheduled for the Lane County courthouse at 7:30 p. m.

Included in the invitation are the Eugene Water & Electric Board, the Eugene City Council, the Eugene and Lane County Planning Commissions and the special incorporation committee of the Bethel community.

The county commissioners noted in the invitation that they are seeking the opinions of all the agencies and interested persons in an attempt to aid them in making the final decision on boundaries for the proposed new city.

Under petitions, the city would include all of the land in the present Bethel Water District. About 5,000 persons would be affected.

Numerous objections to incorporation have been raised by firms and others in the area. The county commissioners have received petitions for exclusion from the Gustina Lumber Co., Lane Plywood, Inc., the Snellstrom Lumber Co. and residents west of Echo Hollow Rd.

The issue appeared to be coming to a head this week with the Eugene City Council and others starting action opposing the formation of Bethel City.

The council Public Works Committee met Wednesday noon to determine whether the city should take some part in the fight that is apparently brewing over formation of the new municipality.

ANNEXATION MOVE
The committee has recommended that the council and planning commission make a tour of the district to see if the city should make some commitments to residents on improvements in the event an annexation move takes place.

Several of the councilmen have indicated that they might fight for annexation of the water district, if it would prove practical and advantageous to Eugene.

The tour will start at 9 a. m. Monday, and due to transportation limitations will be restricted to the city council, the city planning commission and the press.

CITY'S SIDE
But Mayor V. Edwin Johnson and other officials said they would attend the Tuesday night meeting to explain the city's side of the issue, and to tell what Eugene could do if the residents decided to annex rather than form the new city.

City officials met with the Bethel committee once before, but are apparently ready to undertake stronger moves if annexation is favored.

There was no comment available from spokesmen for the Bethel committee Thursday noon. The committee had met at the Bethel Fire hall Wednesday night, but results of that meeting were not available.

Police Probe Food Theft

Eugene police have reported that possibly some stock was stolen from shelves of the Foodland Market at 661 E. 19th Ave. as the result of a recent entry made there.

Investigation revealed that the building was entered between 11 p. m. Tuesday and 6:25 a. m. Wednesday. A large plate glass window in the front of the store was broken after an unsuccessful attempt was made to pry open a door on the north side of the building.

Two boys reported the entry to police Wednesday.

15 KILLED IN CLASHES
BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—Colombia's government took extraordinary police measures Thursday, trying to stop student-police clashes in which 15 persons have been reported killed and 29 others wounded.



(Register-Guard photo, Wiltshire eng.)
CHARTERED PLANE FLEW 28 members of the Cascade Chapter of barbershop singers to Washington, D.C., Wednesday night. The 28, plus some wives and young-ers, were scheduled to arrive in Washington late Thursday afternoon to sing at the 1954 International SPEBSQSA contest. The passengers on the special flight are pictured above. The group placed fourth among 17 groups at last year's contest in Detroit.

Services Held for Taylor, Prohibition Era Lane Sheriff

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Vernonia for Elsworth Taylor, former Lane County sheriff, who died in Vernonia home Monday at age of 83.

Taylor was active in politics served as sheriff in Lane County from 1924 to 1928. This during the prohibition era one of Taylor's main duties was the detection of stills.

He was appointed field deputy States marshal in Portland in 1930. After coming to Vernonia in 1937, he served on county and state central committees for the Republican Party.

He was born March 29, 1871 in Sullivan, Missouri and came to Oregon in 1889. He was married by G. Fowler, Dec. 9, 1903. Taylor became a member of

Helmet Lodge No. 33, Knights of Pythias, in Eugene in 1901. In 1951 he received his 50-year jewel. He was a life member of Liberty Lodge No. 171, AF&AM at Springfield and received his 50-year jewel from this organization in 1953.

Taylor was a Spanish-American war veteran and saw service in the Philippine Islands.

Survivors include his widow, Eva, of Vernonia; a grandson, Joe Taylor of Vernonia; two brothers, Smith Taylor of McKenzie Bridge, and John Taylor of Mapleton; three sisters, Mrs. Clara Kettenburg of Eugene; Mrs. McMillan of Stevenson, Washington, and Mrs. Veta Wheeler of Hebo.

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Boys State Sets Election

Two Lane County youths are among the candidates for top offices in the state government of Boys State at Salem. They are Thomas Bourgeois, of Springfield, Nationalist candidate for secretary of state, and Leroy Cottrill of Cottage Grove, Nationalist candidate for labor commissioner.

Candidates for governor are Mark Earl of Portland, Ned Mackey of Bend, and David Kelsoe of Medford.

Elections were scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

Boys State is an annual youth meeting at Salem where boys go through the motions of electing state officials, forming a state legislature and passing laws as an introduction to how the state government operates.

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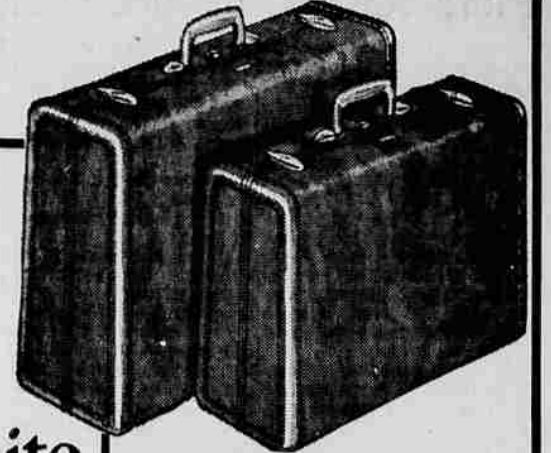
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