McKenzie Lands Sale Considered

Sale of several ttracts of land along he McKenzie River was discussed by directors of the Eugene Water & Electric Board Monday night.

Totalling more than 400 acres, the tracts include properties originally purchased by the EWEB in the course of power canal construction and as a possible power dam site at Rennie Rapids. Agreeing that the usefulness of these properties to the EWEB has generally decreased or ceased to exist, the board instructed its administrative staff to prepare an itemized list of the holdings, together with recommendations on the sale or retention of each tract.

Board members also discussed the possibility of meeting a request for installation of street lights in the Frontier Park subdivision in the Oakway district north of the Willamette River. No decision was reached on the proposal, but board members indicated that a full study of costs involved will be made together with an investigation of legal problems involved.

POSSIBLE ROLE

In conjunction with planning for possible development of hydroelectric power at Beaver Marsh on the Upper McKenzie River, the board was introduced to representatives of a consulting engineering firm interested in aiding with design work for the project. D. C. Wolfe, vice president, and D. J. Bleifuss, engineering authority on rock-filled dams, explained the possible role their firm, Sverdrup & Parcel, San Francisco, might fill in the project development.

Board members took no action on the consulting engineers' proposal except to indicate that should the Beaver Marsh project go ahead they will retain a consulting firm to assist EWEB engineers.

SALES INCREASE

Financial statements presented to the board Monday night showed that sales of both electricity and water were higher last month than in June, 1953.

The statements noted that 10,468 water customers last month required pumping of 310 million gallons of water from the McKenzie River and paid $51,805 for their use of the water. For June of '53, comparable totals were 10,068 customers, 302 million gallons pumped, and $36,787 in revenue.

Electricity sold last month amounted to 20,590,000 kilowatt-hours as compared with 19,529,000 in June '53. The number of customers, 22,684 as compared with 22,033, and revenues, $236,271 as compared with $210,977.

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Voice Training Beckons Man

COBURG — Jerry Reynolds, prominent baritone of the Eugene - Coburg area, left for Los Angeles, Calif., Tuesday, July 6, where he will study voice with Mrs. Tena Rone, who is affiliated with one of the motion picture studios.

Jerry, a graduate of Coburg High School, has studied for the past two years at the University of Oregon School of Music. Upon completion of his high school education, he was awarded the Maud Densmore Scholarship by the Women's Choral Club for his freshman year of study at the University. He has appeared in concert with the group as soloist as well. For a little over a year he has been soloist at the Christian Science Church in Eugene. He is always popular with Coburg people singing for various entertainments, receptions, weddings, church services and activities. Last September, he gave a benefit concert, donating all of the proceeds to the building fund of Coburg Church of Christ.

Jerry plans to work during his stay in Los Angeles, which will be at least for the summer.

Pen Pals Take 15 Years To Get Together

UTICA, N. Y. (AP) — Pen pals an ocean apart met here for the first time recently after they had spent 15 years getting acquainted by mail.

Correspondence between John Grier, local public relations executive, and Tony Newlands, British actor, started when they were 13-year-old Boy Scouts. They have corresponded regularly, even while both served in World War II, since the first letters were exchanged in 1939.

Newlands, a member of the London Theatre Company, was on vacation from a tour in Canada when he visited his pen pal.

Elderly Baseball Fan Gets Some Comforts

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Word got around that 84-year-old Mrs. Mittie Hawks attends all home games played by the Memphis Southern Association club.

When Francis Gee, a Memphis businessman heard that Mrs. Hawks takes a bus to the ball park, he arranged free taxi rides for her.

Miss Janie Hall of Greenwood, Miss., sent here a zippered suede cushion and a wool blanket for extra comfort at the games.

House Full

TIVERTON, R. I. (AP) — Mrs. Charles DeMello, 40, has given birth to her 23rd child—a five pound, 11-ounce girl. Mrs. DeMello and her 51-year old farmer-husband now have 17 living children—11 girls, six boys. They live in a six room house.

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POW Benefits Awaiting 24

Final Search Slated For Oregon Soldiers

SALEM (AP)—A final search for 24 Oregon servicemen who are eligible to apply for World War II prisoner-of-war benefits is underway by the War Claims Commission.

Deadline on application is Aug. 1.

Names of the 24 entitled to $1.50 for each day they were subjected to forced labor or inhumane treatment while interned by the enemy were listed here Tuesday by the Oregon department of veterans affairs.

Those sought, with their last known addresses, are:

Portland — John Richard Bergin, 242 S. W. 15th Ave., Carrel Aaron Boyland, 9509 S. E. Knight; Michael Bakalar, 1943 N. W. Irving; Catherine Duff, guardian of Patricia and Irwin Gamelgaard, children of Irwin W. Gamelgaard, 5311 N. E. 10th Ave.; Robert Mayer Dawson, 3031 N. E. Ainsworth; Alexander John Nolan, 4331 S. W. Pendleton; Terrance William Lewis, 9292 N. Gilbert Place; Thomas Frederick Miller, 1633 N. E. Skidmore; and Frank Quinn O'Connor, 1309 N. Killingsworth.

Eugene—Robert Clyde Crawford, 1616 19th Ave., East; Richard Kay Demers, 1251 Emerald St.; William C. Hal, 1666 Columbia; Morris F. Hyzer, care of F. A. Donaldson; and Cletus Wayne Roach, 1561 Ferry St.

Also Haaby Bergh Bechen, 1321 Johnston St., Klamath Falls; James Edward Barlow, care of P. K. Pierce, John Day; Donald G. Blair, Tourist Hotel, Oregon City; Kenneth Edwin Grenshaw, general delivery, Salem; Willard Clark Jackson and Augusta B. Jackson, surviving parents of Robert A. Jackson, Cedar Hills, Beaverton; James Trede Langwell, 1325 Elm St., Albany; Chris M. Sarantis, 4000 King Road, Milwaukie; Leland Crummett, Box 702, Toledo; and Ellis M. Griffith, Star Route, Sandy.

12 Persons Injured In Resort Explosion

LAKEPORT, Calif. (AP)—A violent explosion early Tuesday rocked the Gibson butane distributing plant at Clear Lake Highlands, a small resort town 30 miles southeast of here, and at least 12 persons were injured, seven seriously.

The injured, according to the sheriff's office, were being rushed to Lake Side Hospital here for emergency treatment. A sheriff's deputy said "so far as I know no one was killed."

Cause of the explosion was not immediately determined.

Paul Bunyan Has Paper Bag Named for Him

NEW YORK (AP) — The largest paper-bag in the world, capable of holding a 9 by 14-foot, rug, has just been perfected with the aid of a 70-foot-long $150,000 machine by a Long Island City firm (Equitable Paper Bag Co.)

The giant bag is known as the "Paul Bunyan" in honor of the legendary logger of the northwest. Paper bags are, of course, made from pure lumber pulp. Dimensions of the paper bag are 19" x 18" x 167".

Long and Short

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Braves baseball team claims the tallest player in the major leagues — rookie pitcher Gene Conley, who stands 6 feet, 8 inches. Also the smallest publicity director, Donald Davidson, who is 4 feet 4 inches.

Schools to Establish Class For 'Gifted' Children as Test

The Eugene School Board Monday night re-affirmed its anti-dog racing stand last year and accepted a proposal by the State Board of Education to establish an experimental class for gifted children in the District 4 school system for the coming year.

These were the major actions taken by the board at a regular session. Members also agreed to purchase three lots adjacent to the Dunn School, approved initial architectural plans for construction of a Westmoreland School playshed, and agreed to give further consideration to its policy regarding liquor dispensing establishments near schools.

The anti-racing stand was voted over the objection of the new board member, Otto Vonderheit, who told fellow-members that official board action in that area exceeded the duties of a school board.

The board recently has had requests from Foodland Market at 661 E. 19th Ave. and Don Brooke who operates a grocery store at E. 19th Ave. and Agate St. to re-study its policy of recommending to the state liquor commission that no new licenses be granted to stores within 1,000 feet of schools.

Brooke was at the meeting Monday and emphasized that he has not applied to the commission for a license but has asked the board to re-evaluate its policy with the intention of obtaining a license. He has requested that the board take o "more realistic approach" to granting licenses on the basis of studying each separate case. His store is near the Condon School.

Also protesting a change of board policy regarding the proposed liquor licenses was Leo Deffenbacher, 1974 Hilyard St. and the Condon PTA. Victor Hershiser, president of the PTA group, attended the meeting to back up a letter submitted by his group which criticized the "adverse influence" of stores selling beer and wines where children gather.

Board members agreed to give further study to the license policy after Superintendent Clarence Hines has contacted several larger school districts in Oregon to determine what their policies are in the matter.

In other action the board approve district participation in a state-sponsored pilot program to develop better methods for educating gifted children. The program will be initiated here for one year starting this fall.

The board also agreed to buy three lots and an existing house on one of the lots near Dunn School from Don Woodward for $7,000. The land will be cleared and developed for parking and playground.

Architect John Reynolds was authorized to complete initial plans for construction of a covered playshed at the Westmoreland School. It is one of five such structures to be built at about $15,000 each.

Reynolds submitted preliminary sketches of the structure for board consideration Monday night.

Death Cause Of Ward Heir To Be Probed

CHICAGO (AP)—Mrs. Marion Thorne, wealthy Chicago socialite, has agreed that her son's body should be removed from its grave for final efforts of medical scientists to fix the cause of his mysterious death.

"I want to get at the truth," her attorney, Bartlett Marimon, quoted her as saying.

The inquest in the case resumes Tuesday.

Coroner Walter E. McCarron said he will appear before Chief Justice Charles S. Dougherty in Criminal Court Tuesday to get legal authorization to exhume the body of Montgomery Ward Thorne, 20-year-old heir to a mail order fortune.

The request came from a panel of prominent pathologists, who were unable to determine the cause of death after reviewing the findings of Dr. Harry Leon, coroner's physician who believes young Thorne met with foul play.

Thorne died suddenly June 19, nine days after he rewrote his will and left three-fourths of his estate to his sweetheart, Maureen Ragen, 18, and her mother Aleen. His mother, who was his sole beneficiary under an earlier will, was left a one-eighth share.

Thorne told his attorney, Jay Stough, at that time he feared he might not live until his 21st birthday in October. He asked that his death, if it occurred, be thoroughly investigated.

Dr. Leon attributed Thorne's death to the depressive breath-halting effects of narcotics, a sleeping potion and wood alcohol. He said a second person might have administered narcotics in Thorne's veins.

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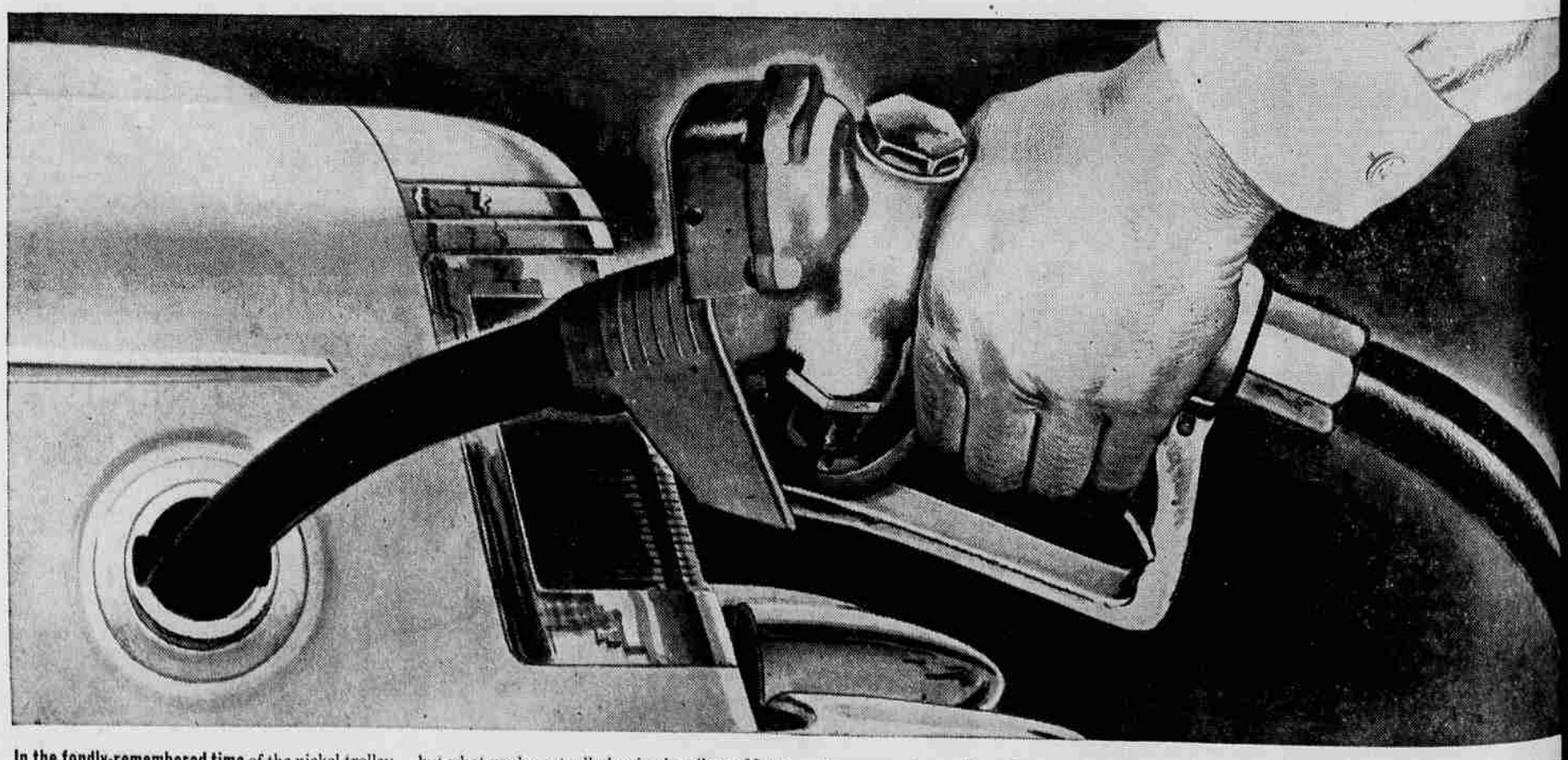

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