

Legislators May Hold City Office, Thornton Says

There is nothing in the law to prevent Eugene Mayor V. Johnson and Eugene Councilman Edwin E. Cone from retaining their present offices if they are elected to the state legislature in November, Attorney Robert Thornton stated in a written opinion submitted to Lane County District Attorney John Yenn who several months ago referred the matter to Thornton for a ruling.

Johnson and Cone are Republican candidates for Representative in the 1955 legislature.

"I find no statute that prohibits a mayor or councilman from serving in said capacity while a member of the legislative assembly," Thornton's opinion stated.

There is also nothing in Section 1 of the Oregon Constitution to prevent Johnson and Cone from holding the two positions, Thornton added.

CASES CITED

The attorney general also cited cases to buttress his contention that city officials execute no general state laws, nor are they concerned with the administration of any state law. "They act solely in the capacity of a corporate officer of a municipality," the opinion said.

Thornton said the Oregon Constitution provides that no person charged with official duties under one of the three powers of government—legislative, executive or judicial—shall exercise any of the functions of another.

"If a person elected to the legislative assembly is prohibited from retaining the office of mayor or councilman, it must be because the latter is charged with official duties or exercises some of which are the functions of the executive department of the state government," the opinion stated.

NEGATIVE OPINION

The issue is this, Thornton said: "Does a mayor or councilman exercise any of the power, jurisdiction or authority of the executive, including the administrative, department?"

Thornton's opinion concluded they didn't.

The attorney general said the Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one "lucrative office" at the same time, except as expressly permitted in the Constitution.

"In this case," the opinion said, "neither the position of mayor or councilman is lucrative in the City of Eugene."

Fireman Quits After 34 Years

Captain Lloyd E. Johnson, 55, retired voluntarily Thursday from the Eugene Fire Department after 34 years' service with the organization.

The senior captain's last assignment was at the substation at W. 1st Ave. and Jackson St. Formerly, he was in charge for about two years at the East Side substation of the EFD, and spent many years of service headquartered at the main fire station downtown.

Johnson's experiences in the field of disaster work were many, ranging from smoke scare alarms to major fires involving the burning of people and valuable property.

He intends to work with his son at a service station at 24th Place and Willamette St. in Eugene. His 34th year of service would have been completed Aug. 13 of this year.

Belknap Road Bids Called

Bids were called Friday by the Bureau of Public Roads in Portland for grading of 6.6 miles of the Belknap Springs Highway, starting from a connection with the McKenzie Highway near Belknap Springs and extending northeast toward Clear Lake.

Harvesting of timber is the principal reason for the road at this time, although eventually the road will link the McKenzie and South Santiam Highways.

The highway lies in Lane and Linn Counties. Right-of-way was cleared earlier this year.

HURDLE PASSED

ROME (AP)—The European Defense Community treaty passed another hurdle Friday. It won approval of the Italian parliament's defense committee, 30 to 19.

Autopsy Confirms Drowning Verdict

An autopsy on Clifford Cross, 41, Partridge Way, has confirmed that he drowned Wednesday afternoon while attempting to swim to shore from a raft in pond near Creswell, County. Fred Buell said Friday.

Cross was swimming with three boys. He surfaced once, but failed to get out of the water. Sheriff's deputies then grappled with hooks and recovered the body Thursday morning.

Man Pleads Liquor Charge

James Small, 61, of South Falls, pleaded not guilty Friday morning in the Eugene Municipal Court to a charge of drinking liquor.

Small was set at \$200. He was released by city police at 6:20 Thursday at W. 8th Ave. Adams St. while driving a



(Register-Guard photo, Wiltshire Eng.)

CLEAN THE STREETS is the punishment for the losing team of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce's recent membership drive. Under the watchful eyes of Officer Frank L. Marshall, members of the losing team prepare to dust off the streets. Albert Jagger, general of the team, is handcuffed while other members of the team were handed brooms. Ted Goodwin and Fred Brenne, Chamber manager, are among the first to leave the Eugene Hotel for the much undesired task.

Gifts to FHA Said Common

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Richmond, Va., builder who said he is a friend of Clyde L. Powell, ousted Federal Housing Administration official, told probing senators Friday it was a common practice for builders to give gifts to FHA employees.

Bertram Bonner of Richmond, New York and Florida said he would not call Powell an "intimate" friend but acknowledged under a barrage of questions that Powell had "dropped by and paid his respects" . . . maybe once or twice, including once in Florida.

He said he did not recall that Powell ever stayed overnight with him.

Powell, former FHA official in charge of rental housing programs at the time Bonner built seven government-backed apartment projects, has twice refused to testify before the Senate Banking Committee in its wide-ranging probe of government housing programs. He stood on his constitutional rights not to be a witness against himself.

BPA Takes Power Line

The Bonneville Power Administration Friday noon took over a new power line from Lookout Point Dam to Oakridge.

BPA energized it and the new Bonneville substation at Oakridge. The line was built in 1953 by the Lane County Electric Cooperative and "Bonneville took it over Friday under an option agreement signed at the beginning of construction."

The agreement was made at that time, according to BPA Administrator William A. Pearl, to avoid costly duplications later.

The line has a 115,000-volt capacity. The co-op has been operating it at 33,000 volts to carry power from Alvy Substation at Goshen to Oakridge.

Eventually, Bonneville will use it and the Oakridge substation to supply not only private users but the Corps of Engineers when they start construction of the Hills Creek project. Later it will integrate the dam's output with the Columbia River grid.

WORST IN HISTORY

HONG KONG (AP)—This summer's Yangtze River floods are the worst in China's history, according to Chinese Communist press and internal radio reports reaching Hong Kong.

Concert to Begin Annual Park Tour

Everyone's invited to take part in Eugene's annual tour of city park and recreation facilities, sponsored Sunday by the Eugene Recreation Commission.

Parks Superintendent W. R. Matsler said the public is urged to come to Skinner's Park with picnic lunches Sunday noon. A free band concert by the Eugene Concert Band under the direction of Douglas Orme will get the program under way from 2 to 3 p.m.

For people who lack transportation to the park, the city will provide a bus, leaving the city hall between 1:30 and 2.

Following the concert, a caravan tour of other park areas will be held. The tour will stop first at the George Owen Park Rose Garden at the north end of Jefferson St., then go to Hendricks Park and the rhododendron garden there, then to University Park at 23rd and University Sts., and Amazon Park on 24th Ave., where ball fields are under construction, then to Washington Park where the tour will end.

Refreshments, furnished by the Soroptimist Club, will be served at Washington Park by Girl Scouts under the direction of Mrs. Clyde Quam.

Matsler said the city recreation commission sponsors the tour each year to acquaint the people of Eugene with the park and recreational facilities which are available to them.

WEATHER



RISING TEMPERATURE FIRE WEATHER

PORTLAND (AP)—Fire danger will continue moderate through the weekend in Oregon. Humidity slightly lower each day except little change immediate coast.

U. S. WEATHER FORECAST: Eugene and vicinity: Fair Friday p.m. and Saturday, except for cloudiness late Friday night and Saturday morning. Expected high temperature Friday, 80; low Saturday morning, 55; high Saturday, 82.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Thursday, 71; low Friday, 54; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m., none; total for month, .19 inches; normal for month, .26 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m., Friday, 2.4 feet; barometer 30.04, falling; humidity 55 per cent; wind at 10:30 a.m., Friday N-8; prevailing Thursday N-9.1.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Saturday, 4:45 a.m. and 7:51 p.m. Sunday, 4:46 a.m. and 7:50 p.m.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS 24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Friday

	Max.	Min.	Prp.
Baker	88	55	.10
Bend	86	42	—
Klamath Falls	87	52	—
Lakeview	89	58	—
Medford	89	55	—
Newport	80	52	—
North Bend	61	53	T
Ontario	84	61	—
Pendleton	82	62	—
Portland	62	57	—
Roseburg	69	49	—
Salem	70	56	—
Boise	84	70	—
Chicago	78	63	—
Denver	88	67	—
Los Angeles	93	70	—
New York	84	64	—
San Francisco	84	64	—
Seattle	68	53	T
Spokane	89	59	—

Coroner Asks Detector Tests

Request Covers All Principals

CHICAGO (AP)—Coroner Walter E. McCarron is seeking lie detector test for all principals in the mysterious death of Montgomery Ward Thorne, heir to a mail order fortune.

McCarron said Friday: "There has been a lot of conflicting testimony in this case. I am not singling out any one person. If lie detector tests are to be given they should be given to everyone. I'm just trying to be fair."

Police Sgt. Thomas Mulvey, who is helping direct the investigation, said he will consult the Chicago corporation counsel about police authority in the matter. He said he does not believe police could ask for such tests unless there are arrests.

The issue of lie tests arose after Charles Magistro, a classmate of Thorne at Fordham University, was asked if he would take such a test. Magistro, who testified at a coroner's inquest that he saw Thorne smoke a marijuana cigarette, said he will take a test if other witnesses will, and if his parents consent.

Thorne, 20, died June 19, nine days after he rewrote his will to leave three-fourths of his estate to his sweetheart, Maureen Ragen, 18, and her mother Helen. His own mother, Marion, who was sole beneficiary under the original will, was bequeathed a one-eighth share.

The inquest will be resumed Monday.

Lions Hear Broadcaster

Bob Blackburn, Portland Beaver baseball broadcaster, and Jack Wilson, former Beaver player, entertained members of the Eugene Lions Club this week with their recollections of baseball.

Blackburn, who broadcasts as a team with Rollie Truitt, recreated an inning of a game for the Lions. Wilson told the Lions of some of his experiences with the Portland Beavers and the Boston Red Sox.

Lions Club President G. L. (Spec) Murray returned recently from the Lions International Convention in New York City which attracted more than 25,000 delegates and their wives. Madison Square Garden proved too small for one of the convention functions, he said.

BLONDIE By Chic Young



Polio Patients Slate Fifth Annual Picnic

The fifth annual Lane County polio patients picnic will be held Sunday, July 18, at Benton-Lane Park, six miles north of Junction City on Highway 99W.

The picnic, held at Benton-Lane every year since 1950, is a "reunion" of several hundred poliomyelitis patients. People attend in wheelchairs, on crutches and walking with braces.

The picnic will begin with swimming in the park's enclosed pool at 9 a.m. Physical therapists volunteer their time to help any of the patients swim. Even wheelchair cases may swim. Use of the pool is donated every year by the proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stadt.

A potluck lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Member and friends of the association must bring their own table service.

In the afternoon, John Summers, owner of the park, will donate free rides on amusement devices to the kids as he has done every year.

Mrs. J. C. Ingraham, chapter chairman, reported more than 400 invitations to the picnic were sent out this year to former polio patients, some of them as far away as Medford.

NEWS BRIEFS

WILLAMETTE RIFLE and Pistol Club will meet at the Armory Friday night. The advanced group will meet at 7 p.m.; the secondary group at 7:30 p.m. The club is sponsored by the Lane County Sheriff's Assn.

THERE WILL be no Santa Clara Grange fun night Saturday because of the harvest season.

ALL FORMER students of Prineville grade school from 1887 to 1910 are invited to the annual school reunion Saturday, July 31. A no host smorgasbord dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Ochoco Inn dining room in Prineville. Notify Stella Hodgess, Prineville, for reservations.

EUGENE Art Center will hold its regular children's painting class Saturday at the Art Center Building, Lane County Fairgrounds. Bob Gilmore will instruct. Children ages 8-12 meet at 10 a.m.; teenagers meet at 1 p.m.

CHAPTER 79, National Assn. of Retired Civil Service Employees, will meet Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in Skinner's Butte Park for a picnic dinner. Each member is asked to take a covered dish or salad. Ice cream, coffee and rolls will be furnished.

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