

Willamalane Official Urges Repeal of Laws

Statutes which allow a city to take over services and facilities of a special district by council action should be erased by the next Legislature, Jack Lively, attorney for the Willamalane Park and Recreation District in Springfield, said Thursday evening.

Lively and other officials of the park district met with members of the Lane County legislative delegation at a dinner meeting.

Operation of a park district does not conflict with city functions, Lively argued. "There is

no duplication of facilities," he added, "and it is economical for a district to operate separately."

Willamalane and six other park districts are governed by laws on "special districts." These laws give city councils authority to take over any part of a district at any time, following a public hearing, if the area is within city limits.

Lively said a better procedure would be to require a public vote.

Sen. Donald Husband, R-Eugene, told Lively that "your fears are more fanciful than real," but the park district at-

orney said that the existence of the statutes might "make it difficult to sell bonds" for financing improvements.

Another "fear" expressed by Lively was that the coming Legislature might adopt a statute calling for uniform election dates of all districts and municipalities. Such legislation was introduced in the 1961 session but was not approved.

"It is physically impossible," Lively said, "to hold all elections at the same time when boundaries are different, when precinct lines are different. . . There might have to be four or five polling places and then people could not inform themselves on all the issues from the several districts."

Richard Kennedy, state representative-elect, said that he doesn't believe such a bill will be introduced. But he is sure there will be one which would require more policing of poll books and voter eligibility, he said.

Husband said he doubted that such requirements are necessary, but Kennedy said "we take great care in elections for president and governor but not with these special district elections."

There is a danger of impropriety in such voting," Kennedy said that as the executive secretary of the Legislative Interim Committee on Local Government he found cases where a county directory was used to see if a voter was in the district. In other cases, he claimed, a person was allowed to vote if he just signed his name.

Husband, who serves as attorney for many special districts, said that there is protection at present against improper voting. "If the vote is close, we check, if it isn't close, it doesn't make any difference."



NEW CHAIRMAN—Leonard M. Preston, 2641 Castle Dr., Springfield, has been named chairman of the Three Sisters district of Boy Scouts. The district covers Springfield and eastern Lane County. Preston replaces Gordon Hale, who has been chairman for the last year and a half. Preston is superintendent of the Georgia-Pacific Springfield plywood plant No. 2. He is married and has three children.

Cheer Office Drive Lagging By \$3,500

Salvation Army Christmas Cheer officials are optimistic that the fund drive's goal would be reached by Monday afternoon, even though donations are lagging behind last year.

Capt. Oliver Stenvick, commanding officer of the Eugene Corps, said Friday morning the donations total \$12,500—\$3,500 under the goal of \$16,000. Last year at the same time, he said, donations totaled \$13,500.

Requests for aid, he said, reached a record of 651 families as of Thursday afternoon. He asked other families wishing aid to call in person at the office, 645 Olive St., where appeals for aid will be received until 3 p.m. Monday.

Last year, 632 families appealed to the Army for help.

Persons wishing to aid families during the holiday season may call DI 3-3328, Stenvick said.

Second Polio Case

BEAVERTON (AP)—Washington County's second known case of polio this year has been reported by county health authorities. The victim, a Western Washington County man in his 50's, is hospitalized with non-paralytic poliomyelitis. County health authorities said he had no immunization against the disease.

Man Admits Stealing Items for Evidence

Carl Roland Hagberg, accused of stealing trial evidence from a Lane County Circuit Court reporter's car, pleaded guilty in circuit court Friday to a charge

of entering a motor vehicle with intent to steal.

Hagberg, 33, of 3321 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, refused the services of a court-appointed attorney before entering his plea. The case was continued for sentencing later.

Lane Court Sentences 3 For Felonies

Three persons were sentenced on felony charges in Lane County Circuit Court Friday.

Joel David Clarke, 19, of 2986 Eldridge St., Eugene, was sentenced to two years in the Oregon State Correctional Institution for using a vehicle without authority. He was accused of taking a care owned by Vernon Ray Golden on Oct. 10.

Clarke had pleaded guilty to the charge.

Jerry Dennis Strickland, 23, of 2110 E. Main St., Cottage Grove, was placed on probation for five years. He had pleaded guilty to burglarizing the Borden Chemical Co. building in Springfield on July 15.

Ellen Marrill, 18, of Granger, Wash., was placed on probation for two years on a bad check charge. She had pleaded guilty to issuing a forged \$42 check to McGee's Texaco Service station in Cheshire on Aug. 17.

All three sentences were imposed by Judge William Fort.

Supreme Court Upholds Sentence

The Oregon Supreme Court this week upheld the sentence of a Springfield man who was given a life term in the state penitentiary for assault with intent to rape.

The convicted man, Virgil Nelson, 34, was sentenced in Lane County Circuit Court last January. The sentence was imposed by Judge Lyle R. Wolff of Baker who was serving here temporarily at the time. Nelson appealed the sentence.

Nelson was found guilty by a jury of assault with intent to rape his 11-year-old daughter. The victim lives in eastern Oregon with a name different from Nelson's.

Arrested Dec. 11

Hagberg was arrested by state police in Florence on Dec. 11. He is accused of breaking into a car owned by court reporter Jeannette Van Horn on Nov. 30.

Missing from the car in the theft were four pistols and other evidence Mrs. Van Horn had been using in preparing transcripts of a trial appealed to the State Supreme Court.

Also in circuit court Friday Loren Eugene Sicks, 22, of 2110 W. 23rd Ave., Eugene, entered demurrers to two indictments.

One of these contains two counts charging him with sexual perversion and with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, both involving the alleged commission of improper sexual acts with a 13-year-old boy on Sept. 8, 1961.

Second Indictment

The second indictment charges Sicks with contributing to the delinquency of the same boy, alleging acts committed on Sept. 27, 1961.

Richard B. Ausmus, 20, of 1112 E. St., Springfield, pleaded innocent to charges of larceny in a dwelling and knowingly uttering and publishing a forged bank check.

He is accused of stealing checks and a check protector from Walt's Concrete Co. in Springfield last month and of issuing a forged \$109 check to McKay's market on Coburg Road.

Mrs. J. A. Person Dies at Age of 58

Funeral services are pending for Mrs. J. Alfred (Jenneth) Person, 58, of 662 E. 14th Ave., Eugene, who died Thursday after a short illness.

Mrs. Person was a third grade teacher at Clear Lake Elementary School in the Bethel district. From 1949 to 1960 she had taught the first, second and third grades at Alvadore.

Poole-Larsen Chapel in Eugene is handling funeral arrangements.

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