

By Willamalane Board for Improvements

\$24,000 Asked for Extant Parks

Directors of the Willamalane Park District Tuesday evening recommended the expenditure of \$24,000 during 1963-64 for improvement of existing park areas.

The recommendation will receive formal consideration when the district's budget committee—composed of the five park board members and five lay members—meets in April to formulate the park district's 1963-64 budget.

Monies for the park improvement work will come from the

10-year serial levy district voters approved several years ago.

The park board also gave final approval to a "fact sheet" drawn up by Supt. Robert Artz. The document will be circulated in the areas east and north of the park district, giving information on the services the district can provide in the event people in these areas are interested in annexation.

Artz announced that the Georgia-Pacific Corp. has tentatively agreed to permit the park

district to utilize company land in the Wendling area (about 18 miles northeast of Springfield) for a day camp site.

Artz said the property, along Mill Creek, can be used as a primitive camp area. Final arrangement should be worked out soon, the superintendent said.

These are the park improvements the park board has recommended for 1963-64:

Island Park — rest rooms, \$1,500; Willamette Heights —

clearing and grading, \$500; landscaping, \$500; Lee-Beverly Park — clearing and grading,

\$700; ball diamonds, \$1,500; irrigation, \$3,000; planting and landscaping, \$2,000; Meadow Park — spray wading pool, \$2,000; ball diamonds, \$800; picnic tables, \$100; horseshoe courts, \$200; E. 35th Street Park —

shelter, \$500; spray wading pool, \$2,000; planting, \$500; Royal Delle Park — shelter, \$500; Kelly Butte — driveway, \$500; Page Park — grading,

\$500; design, \$500.

The park board is also recommending the purchase of maintenance equipment costing an estimated \$3,000 and the lighting of two existing tennis courts at an estimated cost of \$2,200.

In another matter, Artz reported that the Willamalane Recreation Council, an advisory arm of the park board, will meet Monday evening to lay final plans for the community's annual Easter egg hunt.

Artz also announced that the More Beautiful Springfield Committee will supervise the planting of some 150 trees in four residential areas on March 23. Trees will be planted in the Rambling Acres subdivision, on Quimilt Street, Olympic Street, First Place and on K Street, Artz said.

The new chairman of the More Beautiful Springfield Committee is Donald Kalstad, 1438 1st St. Kalstad, a Springfield teacher, succeeds Max Gardner who resigned recently for health reasons.

Trained Worker Need Cited

By BOB NEWCOMB
Of the Register-Guard



GEORGE W. GLEESON
Automation Raises Problems

Industrial automation in the United States is growing at a much faster rate than is the number of people being trained to meet the resulting technological challenges.

That is the opinion expressed by George W. Gleeson, dean of the school of engineering at Oregon State University. The result, he adds, will be that by 1975, "there will be a demand for people with talent that can't possibly be provided as we are operating at the present time."

"This leads me to the belief," he concludes, "that we will not be operating as we are at the present time."

Gleeson spoke Tuesday night in Springfield before the Upper Willamette chapter of the Pacific Northwest Personnel Management Assn. on the subject, "Jobs in 1975."

By 1975, Gleeson said, it is estimated that there will be more than 26 million young people entering the country's labor force. "Ten million of them will not have finished high school; two million will not have finished grammar school," he said.

"And I can tell you," he said, "that the person who has not gone beyond the high school level—that his opportunity to engage in anything will be limited."

TRAINED PERSONS IN DEMAND

The growth of automation in industry and of sophistication of business are demanding a higher degree of employee education, and by 1975, he said, there will be an insufficient number of trained persons to meet the demands.

He said there will be 33 per cent more people in the labor force than at present in the 45-year-old age group, and 1 per cent less in the 35 to 45-year-old group.

It is in that middle group, he said, "where men become career men." "Most Nobel Prize winners fall in that age group," he said. Today 12 per cent of the population is in supervisory functions, and in 1975 we probably will need as many but they won't be available," he said.

Industrialists are finding, said Gleeson, that automated machinery can do a multitude of jobs now being performed by man—"and without problems of fringe benefits and safety programs." Mechanization and automation are two different things, he said.

"Mechanization has taken the burden away from man," he said. "It has become a way of life and has resulted in more products and a better life."

But automation, he said, carries the meaning that a machine controls itself. "It is a system that can store within itself the information needed to do the job it is expected to do, with man only providing the original direction."

FEWER BLUE-COLLAR JOBS

By 1975, he said, the largest single outlet market for electronics will be for automation equipment.

"The point is," according to Gleeson, "we foresee a definite decline, due to automation and other factors, in job opportunities for the blue-collar worker."

Gleeson said he does not place much stock in the statistics that state there are 5½ million people in the United States unemployed.

Not taken into consideration, he said, is the fact that large numbers of those listed as unemployed are merely moving from one job to another, or are in the 14-to-18-year-old age group and are "unemployable," or they are housewives who enter and leave the labor force spasmodically.

River Road School Head Appointed

Gordon Corner, principal of River Road Elementary School, is one of three members of a state-wide selection committee for a new Richard L. Neuberger memorial teachers' scholarship.

The scholarship of \$500 was announced Wednesday by Sen. Maurine Neuberger, D-Ore.

The scholarship will assist two Oregon teachers in attending the annual Washington-United Nations summer seminar. The teachers will get \$250 each.

Other members of the selection committee are Harold King of Portland and Leland Hess of Monmouth.

The seminar sessions are held June 23 through Aug. 2 in Washington, D.C., and New York City, sponsored by the National Education Assn.

Applications for scholarships will be available from school principals and superintendents. All letters of application must be received by April 15.

Lost Chords

Where, Oh Where Did Piano Go?

And then there's the one about the people who lost a grand piano.

F. D. Hollister of Pine Grove, Calif., formerly of Eugene, wrote the Register-Guard a letter about it, asking our help "with a deep blush of embarrassment."

Seems the Hollisters left Eugene in August of 1958. They advertised the studio grand to be loaned out to someone who would keep it for them for a year or two.

Hollister said they "let it go to very nice people then living beyond River Road Number 2 (presumably he means River Loop No. 2)." But now the Hollisters would like to have the piano back and they've lost the name and address of the folks keeping the piano.

So you out there—if you've got the Hollisters' piano, how 'bout dropping them a note down in Pine Grove (no street address needed). Or you can call a friend of theirs, Mrs. Ralph Follett, at DI 4-7488, and she'll relay the information.

Reuniting the Hollisters with their piano would, without question, be a grand gesture.

Troops Airlifted

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Joint Groups To Discuss Pearl Street

Routes for the extension of Pearl Street from 24th to 30th Avenue will be discussed next Monday at a joint meeting of the Eugene City Council and the Eugene Planning Commission.

The date for the meeting of the two groups was announced as March 25 at Monday night's council meeting but City Manager Hugh McKinley said Wednesday the regular date for the joint meeting falls on March 18, next Monday.

The two groups get together the third Monday moon of each month at the Eugene Hotel.

The city council delayed adopting a route for the street, along the western edge of Amazon Park, after a number of persons spoke out against it Monday night.

Organization To Aid Alcoholics Meets Thursday

A newly formed organization to work in fields of counseling, rehabilitation and other helps for alcoholics, the Lane County Council on Alcoholism, will meet at the Eugene Hotel Thursday.

The meeting, open to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Carlton Buck, pastor of First Christian Church and acting chairman of the group, said the plans of the council include work in a number of fields, all with the aim to help the alcoholic with his problems.

He said plans are being made to coordinate the council's work with state and local agencies concerned with problems of alcoholism, and to incorporate the council as a non-profit organization in the near future.

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