

Annual Savings \$1,800

Bethel Directors Tip Hat To EWEB for Rate Cut

The Bethel School Board said thank you Wednesday night to the Eugene Water & Electric Board.

It did so because EWEB recently decided to remove its 10 per cent surcharge to customers outside the city of Eugene. Supt. Tom Powers explained that the school district will save about \$1,800 on its annual utility bill because of the surcharge erasure.

The board directed Powers to send a letter to EWEB expressing gratitude.

After the superintendent explained the services that would be available to the district, the Bethel board voted also to join the Central Lane Planning Council. The council had extended an invitation to join.

Powers said the council's professional staff can offer such services as making population studies to determine which areas of the district will develop next and how great the need will be for schools.

Powers estimated the district's proportionate share of the council's annual budget will be from \$420 to \$490. Springfield and Eugene school districts are already members.

The greatest time devoted to an agenda item was given by the board to proposed acceptance of a federal Housing and Home Finance Agency grant to pay for advanced planning of additions to four schools.

The board did, after about 40 minutes' discussion, vote to accept a \$23,000 grant and to hire Wilmsen, Endicott and Un-

thank as architects since that firm designed all four buildings.

The discussion concerned ways of promoting more interest and competition among local architects for Bethel building projects. Several board members indicated that the next time the district has a new building to erect they want to call a variety of architects to get their ideas before selecting a firm.

Two other items came before the board Wednesday.

Powers gave the board copies of a statement of philosophy and plan and organization for a competitive athletic program adopted by Medford schools.

Powers asked the board members to look it over to see whether some of the ideas might be adaptable in Bethel.

The board also approved a revised Bethel proposal for participation in the Oregon Program during 1963-64. Powers explained that some changes had been made in the proposal for using teacher interns. The revision will cost about \$7,300 more than estimated, and this amount is being requested from Oregon Program funds.

The Oregon Program is a state-wide program involving several colleges, the State Department of Education and 28 school districts. Supported by a \$3.5 million grant from the Ford Foundation, the program is an attempt to improve public school teaching, to improve public school curriculums, and to improve the preparation and training of teachers.

Clinic to Break Smoking Habit Set in Springfield

People who want some help in giving up the smoking habit are invited to take part in a stop-smoking clinic next week in Springfield.

There's no charge. Sessions will start Sunday night and will continue each night through Thursday. Films, lectures and group discussions—plus day-by-day aids—will make up the program.

The clinic will be 7:30 p.m. each night in the Green Room of the Willamalane Recreation Bldg., Eighth and A Streets.

Sponsor of this and previous clinics is the Seventh Day Ad-

ventist Church. The Willamalane Park & Recreation District is making the meeting place available without charge to the clinic.

Ralph Sneed, minister for the Springfield Seventh Day Adventist Church, said some 150 people have now taken part in stop-smoking clinics in Eugene, Springfield and Cottage Grove. Well over half have had initial success in quitting the habit, he said.

A follow-up dinner is planned sometime in the future for those who have participated in the various clinics, he said, to see how successful they have been in stopping smoking permanently.

"We've helped a lot of folks," he said. "Anyone is welcome to join our new clinic."

Participants may register Sunday night, or if they wish, they may call Sneed, at RI 7-8009, or Dr. James McHan, RI 6-4921, in advance of Sunday's meeting.

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A probationary term was given in Lane County Circuit Court Wednesday to William C. Harris, 25, of Salem, who pleaded guilty to a charge of passing a worthless \$10 check on May 4, 1962, to a Eugene market.

Harris' three year probationary sentence will begin to run after he is released from prison for a five-year sentence he received in Marion County.

Request Rejected

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission refused Thursday to approve the Southern Pacific Company's plan to abandon 6.3 miles of line between Alta Mesa and Simla, Calif. The ICC said the railroad had failed to show the operation was not financially feasible.

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