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IMPORTANT COUNCIL MEETING

Tomorrow evening's session of the city council promises to be an interesting one, as several important questions will probably be discussed and acted upon at this meeting, according to information given The Daily Tidings.

A short discussion of the more important of the questions which are scheduled to come before the council is made in the following editorials.

The City Manager

The ordinance recently read at a council meeting, which vests the general management of the electric, water, street and fire departments in one official, is scheduled to be reported upon by the committee to which it was referred.

It is understood that this ordinance has the approval of the councilmen and that it will probably be enacted when brought up for final action.

While the ordinance can at any time be repealed, if the plan does not prove a success, as one councilman told the writer, the object is not to start the city manager plan as an experiment nor to restrict it because of this power to repeal the ordinance.

The Tidings feels confident that the plan is basically sound, and that, if handled properly, it will result not alone in economy, but in greater efficiency and in more extensive and beneficial activities and improvements in every department affected.

A large business enterprise, which had as many departments and handled as much investment in supplies, equipment, properties and labor expense as the city of Ashland does, would be rated low in efficiency if the concern did not have one official coordinating and supervising the several units and the large investments.

The mayor, nor the members of the council, each of whom has private interests to which they must devote their time, can not have the direct and constant contact with the activities of the four major departments of the city. The only method to procure this contact and interrelation between the departments is to have one general manager.

The Daily Tidings is convinced that the city manager plan, as embodied in the ordinance which has been prepared, holds possibilities of economy, efficiency and more extensive activities and improvements, and believes that it should be adopted by the council.

Normal Improvement District

In anticipation of the opening of the Southern Oregon Normal school here, a movement for considerable sidewalk, curb and gutter construction in the streets in that section of the city was recently started.

There may be many protests registered by the property owners who will be assessed for the improvements, but The Daily Tidings hopes that these protests will be few and that even these few remonstrators may be persuaded to approve the movement and thus bring about the construction with no friction.

There are many reasons why these improvements should be made - greater beauty, convenience and increased property values, are a few.

The protests seem to hinge mainly about the belief that the costs will be prohibitive to some of the property owners. If the property owners who hold this as the main reason for their protest would carefully investigate the results which follow such improvements, they would no doubt find that in practically all cases the increased value of the property due to the improvements more than offsets the small cost of the improvements.

The situation here is unique in that almost coincident with the making of these improvements there will be opened the normal school.

One does not have to journey outside Oregon to find an example of how the opening of a school of this nature affects local city property. It is said that in Corvallis property values increased from four to eight times its original value due to the opening of the school there, and other similar instances could be cited.

It is safe to state that long before the assessments for the sidewalk, curb and gutter construction in the local district are paid, property values will have more than taken care of the assessments.

The writer a few days ago visited some of the streets which are included in the district, and found beautiful, modern homes without sidewalk, curb or gutter in front of the property.

Isn't it time that Ashland stepped out of this sphere of provincialism and backwardness? Isn't it time that Ashland streets, curbs, sidewalks and gutters be put on a par with the progress made in other cities, many of whom do not have a foot of residence property without proper street, sidewalk, curb and gutter improvements?

The council may be slightly censured NOW if they order the construction of these improvements, but IN THE FUTURE, their action will be commended.

Sidewalk Crossings

A complex situation arose a few days ago following the proposed opening of an automobile salesroom in the Mickle building on Main street, which would have made necessary an automobile sidewalk crossing in front of the building at this busy section of Main street.

City officials notified the parties that they would not permit the use of the sidewalk in this manner, holding that a sidewalk crossing would be dangerous and contrary to civic improvement. It is understood that several similar requests have been made in connection with Main street property, and that each has been refused.

The Tidings believes it would be harmful to permit any sidewalk crossings, other than those already in use, in the business section of Main street. Aside from the danger and inconvenience sidewalk crossings create, modern city building and street regulation ban them as a sign of retrogression instead of progress.

The Tidings is anxious to encourage the location of new businesses here, but it should not be necessary to sacrifice the safety and convenience of the pedestrians nor one of the principles of city building to attract business men.

GOLF ENTHUSIASM

It is an encouraging sign to see the splendid support which is being given the sponsors of the new Ashland golf club, which has selected a site a few miles south of the city and on the Pacific highway.

It is convincing evidence that Ashland not only wants to better her own welfare, individually and as a city, but that she likewise desired to add to the present splendid attractions for the army of auto tourists who will visit here during the "open road" season.

Business and professional men generally are backing the golf club movement in a gratifying manner. They came to a realization that there is great need for a golf course which would be in every respect an Ashland course, so they set out determinedly to get it. The dream of yesterday is now on the way to realization.

Land settlement work will be given satisfactory impetus at the chamber of commerce luncheon this week. There is no question but that Jackson county will receive her full share of new settlers during the present week.

There'll be no "stalling" in the manner Ashland supports her high school basketball team in the game with Medford here next Friday evening.

With the Lithians on the job, they'll soon have those new cabins at the auto park.

Why go to California when you can get weather like this in Ashland?

SAP SALT BY BERT MOORE. No man is greater than his press agent. No store is stronger than its weakest clerk.

NO MAN WITH COMMON SENSE WAS EVER TRICKY IN A TRADE. No man ever succeeded without getting the worst of it now and then.

NO AUTOMOBILE CAN TRAVEL FARTHER THAN ITS POOREST TIRE WILL STAND UP. No price tag can be depended upon unless it carries an honest man's name.

HEZ HECK SAYS: "No farmer kin make much o' a livin' without mixin' muscle and manure about fifty-fifty."

TOM SAYS. "This is the season of political speeches. Discount them, say an official in a political speech."

SOME PEOPLE ARE SO ORIGINAL THEY CAN SAY THINGS WHICH EVERYONE ELSE HAS FORGOTTEN.

SINCE A NEW TURKISH LAW PROHIBITS GIFTS TO BRIDES, WHO WILL BUY THE CANDLESICK HOLDERS NOW IN STOCK?

NEW YORK'S A FINE CITY. NEW YORKERS BELIEVE IN THE GOLDEN RULE. Last week three detectives were arrested.

IF IT WASN'T FOR PROHIBITION WE COULD SEND THE CHILDREN DOWN TO GET A QUART FOR BREAKFAST.

EARTHWORMS HAVE NO EYES. Yet they are superior to humans in one way. Earthworms can make ends meet.

REAL MOORE HERE. Real Moore, who for the past three years has been manager of the United Press office in Portland, passed through Ashland by auto this morning enroute to San Francisco, where he becomes assistant manager there.

BUSINESS CALLER. Ira Brooks of Hill, California, was a business caller in town Saturday.

SOCIETY NOTES. Mission Study Class Meets. Thursday evening saw a goodly number of interested members and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. J. W. McCoy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monday, March 1 - French Club. Hostess, Mrs. W. M. Foley. Monday, March 1 - Ashland Study Club. Hostess, Mrs. H. O. Anderson. Monday, March 1 - P. T. A. Council Meets, Library, 2:30 p. m. Monday, March 1 - Floral Society meets, Library, 8:00 p. m. Tuesday, March 2 - Westminster Guild banquet, 8:30 p. m. at the Presbyterian church. Tuesday, March 2 - Alpha Chapter, No. 1, O. E. S. Initiation. Tuesday, March 2 - Official Board Meeting Civic Club, 1:15. Club House. Tuesday, March 2 - Civic Club, Club House, 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, March 2 - Delphian Board meeting, Library, 2:00. Wednesday, March 2 - Auxiliary to Trinity Guild, Evening, Parish House. Wednesday, March 2 - Fraternal Brotherhood Dancing Party, Moose Hall. Thursday, March 4 - Trinity Guild, Parish House. Afternoon. Thursday, March 4 - Mission Study Class, Peasant Pioneers, Hostess, Mrs. J. W. McCoy, 7:30 p. m. Friday, March 5 - Woman's Home Missionary Society, M. E. Church, 2:00 p. m.

Thursday evening saw a goodly number of interested members and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. J. W. McCoy, leader of the study classes in missions in the Presbyterian church. This evening opened the discussion of the book, "Peasant Pioneers." Mrs. McCoy covered the first chapters of the book in the interesting opening talk. An unusual roll call; proverbs, Russian and Slavonian was read by those present. The feature of the evening's program, however, was the entertaining address by Mrs. Sands of near Talent. Mrs. Sands, as a teacher in the city schools of Ohio, worked among the foreign born of different nationalities. Later, as the wife of a physician, she was interested in the welfare of the mine workers in a Colorado mining camp. Her experiences and impressions so well told will surely stimulate interest in the subject of the Americanization of the foreign born and their children. At the conclusion of the splendid talk many questions were asked and answered before the meeting adjourned. There will be two other meetings devoted to the discussion of the book; the next on Thursday evening, March 4, at Mrs. McCoy's home. To this, everyone interested is invited. Members are to read the book in their home study. It is expected to have an address on "Bloodless Revolution" as a special number at the next meeting.

Camp Fire Activities

Tula Hulud Camp Fire Girls had a wonderful hike Saturday. It was planned for pleasure and for study; for lessons in woodcraft is a part of their work. A jolly picnic luncheon was part of the fun and all returned happy, tired and a bit wiser than when they started. About twenty two young girls, composed this group who were accompanied by their guardians, the Misses Edna Goheen and Nora Ward.

A. H. S. Camp Fire Girls Meet

The Ashland Camp Fire Girls had their first truly impressive Camp Fire meeting when the Wawokiye and the Wotomachick groups gathered in the High school sewing room last Wednesday evening.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss Indian names, symbols and bead bands. The ceremonies were opened with the singing of the "Wohelo Chant."

Then the new members gave the Camp Fire Law. The older members formed in a circle and they too repeated the law.

This was followed by another song, "America, the Beautiful" and the reading of the Camp Fire charter. Further discussion of names and symbols occupied some time, after which the meeting adjourned. (Reported by Ellen Gailey.)

W. C. T. U. Meeting

The W. C. T. U. held an interesting meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Library. There was the usual business to come before the organization and a good program, details of which could not be learned. It will be very much appreciated if the W. C. T. U. would appoint some one to report the meeting to the Social Editor, for all are interested in the work of this splendid organization.

Floral Society Meets Tonight

The Floral Society has its regular meeting tonight. It is hoped that a full representation of its membership will be present with as many others as can plan to come. Every one interested in beautifying his home and by so doing, beautifying his home city is invited to come. Join the organization if possible but come anyway. Bernard Joy will be present and will discuss "The Preparation of the Soil." Just now, no subject could be more to the point as spring is opening and ever one is thinking of growing things.

Special Music For Easter

At M. E. Church - The Methodist Choir has just begun its work on a cantata entitled "Hosanna," by Roy E. Nolte. This will be presented at Easter time.

Past Matrons' Club Entertained

The Past Matrons' club was entertained at the Civic Club house Thursday evening most delightfully, by Mrs. L. A. Roberts. She was assisted by Mrs. Frank Jordan and Mrs. L. S. Brown.

Silver Jubilee

On Friday evening, "A Mother and Daughter Silver Jubilee," sponsored by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church, was enjoyed by about seventy-five people - members and friends of the "Standard Bearers," a Young Women's Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The event was commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of that organization and a splendid program was presented. (Continued On Page Three)

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