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Fire Trucks Can Not Go Beyond The City Limits

The city council at its Monday evening session made an order that the fire department should not answer fire calls outside the city limits, but outside sections were invited to form fire districts and arrange for participation in the cost of maintaining the fire department which would then be subject to call outside the city. The city officials estimated that the cost of answering an alarm is at least \$25 or more besides the damage, if there is damage, to the firemen's clothes.

The report of City Engineer Gearhart on the cost of removing that traffic bottleneck, corners of Henry, Seventh and Coulter streets, for cutting back the pavement to the property line and for concrete curbing and paving, was \$372.20. If a black top surface was laid the cost would have been reduced about \$40 but the engineer was authorized to go ahead with a permanent concrete job.

The offer of Mr. McNair to provide an extension of Tenth street from the present eastern terminus was accepted upon the approval of the city engineer.

The request of Iris Elrod that the city put a price on its Dutch John holdings, at the east end of Second street where an auxiliary water supply was accumulated some years ago, if the city desires to sell the property, was referred to Engineer Gearhart and Water Superintendent Epperson to recommend the value of that six-acre tract.

The application of Drs. Richmond and Stark for permission to have a couple of car lengths marked off on the south side of the Belle Knif Hospital building, for their own private use, was granted by the council.

An anonymous request, signed "A Taxpayer," was read in which it was

New Water Rates Protested

The city council spent more than an hour Monday evening listening to the complaints of apartment house and auto court owners who objected to the change in water rates. Some of these were presented in a temperate manner and others reflected on the intelligence of the councilmen, whose sole thought in the revision was to make the city water rates equitable between users.

The arguments were handed back and forth, the consensus of opinion being that a straight charge for water, used, plus a service charge would be the most equitable way the rates could be fixed, but looking over the amount used by various ones of those present it could be easily seen that the charge for gallons used would amount to more than they will be required to pay under the schedule which the council has not yet voted to establish but which will probably be adopted at the next meeting.

Some of the statements that a tax, which the water charge is considered, should be assessed more heavily on those able to pay than it should on those less able, would hardly hold water in a country where taxes are as uniform and justly levied as they are here.

Under the proposed schedule the apartment houses and auto courts will pay a minimum of \$1.00 for each apartment or cabin, for the first 1500 gallons used by the said apartment or cabin; all in excess of the minimum rate, 15 cents per 1000 gallons for each.

Business buildings in which there is more than one occupancy would pay at the same rate as auto courts or apartment houses.

For multiple services—where several houses are under one ownership and the water for all passes through one meter—a change will be made and a meter will determine the amount of water used by each house, the same as for other private residences.

Vacation Bible School

All parents and friends of those taking part in this summer's Vacation Bible School, and anyone else interested, are invited to attend the Bible School demonstration which will be presented in the Pioneer church tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. All the pupils will take part in the memory work, Bible drill, and in singing the songs they have learned this summer.

City Debt Down \$14,000 In 7 Months

The report submitted to the council Monday evening by City Attorney Caughell showed that from Jan. 1 this year up to July 31, the city's total indebtedness has been decreased from \$126,936.70 to \$112,211.55 or \$14,725.24 in seven months, an average of \$2000 a month.

The decrease in the city's various funds was \$2500 in the general, \$11,830.95 in the several improvement funds, and \$5,000 in the water fund. The outstanding warrants fund has increased by \$4,605.71.

This increase in warrants outstanding is not really due to any increase but is for the city's obligations which were allowed at the Aug. 4 meeting, with the warrants issued for these bills being dated as of July 31. Naturally those warrants had not been picked up then but have been during this month.

Coos C. of C. To Visit Camps

The Coos County Chamber of Commerce, which now holds its meetings on the fourth Monday of the month instead of the third, will precede its sessions next Monday evening, Aug. 25, by a visit to the Fairview logging camps of C. W. Kline, Cal D. and Morris Ray.

According to the schedule announced by Secretary Elton Schroeder, those who wish to see any of these camps in operation are requested to meet at Parke's store at Fairview at two o'clock next Monday afternoon.

The dinner will be served and the chamber's business meeting held in the hall at Fairview that evening.

This is an opportunity which many will wish to take advantage of, but anyone desiring to attend should notify the local chamber of commerce at once, so that the Fairview ladies will know how many to prepare for and serve.

Lyman Carrier Seriously Ill

J. Arthur Berg received a wire from Mrs. Lyman Carrier in Blacksburg, Virginia, Tuesday morning stating that Mr. Carrier was in the hospital and very seriously ill, suffering with pneumonia.

Three Coquille Boys On Grant Hi Squad

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Peterson arrived here last Saturday to attend the Carlson-Wilson wedding that evening, and left on Sunday for their home in Portland, accompanied by their daughter, Eleanor, who is on vacation from duty in the tax collection department.

Alex, who left here some years ago for a position in Portland, says that his son, Junior, is one of three former Coquille boys who will be on the Grant High basketball squad this winter. The other two are Dick Vinton and a young man by the name of Neal.

Police Seek Thirty For Special Duty

Lewis English, Coquille chief of police, who was requested by the Oregon Defense Council to secure the names of 30 men—ten for each member of the force—who would be willing to serve as special police in an emergency, says that so far he has been unable to secure the names of anywhere near thirty and asks that any man, who would be willing, to notify him at once.

Mrs. Sandall To Fill Vacancy

Miss Siegra Young, physical instructor for girls in Coquille High, has resigned that position to accept a similar position in the Tillamook high school. To succeed her, Mrs. Edna Sandall, formerly a C. H. S. instructor, has been elected by the board.

The Coos county board of equalization, consisting of Judge E. L. Peterson, County Clerk L. W. Oddy and Assessor Chas. W. Forrest, met and organized on Aug. 11 but to date only three petitions for reductions of assessments have been filed with them. The last day for filing such petitions is next Tuesday, Aug. 26.

Body Of Victim Of Saturday Night Tragedy Recovered

The body of LaVern Bertsch, postal employee at Long Beach, Calif., was recovered from Ten Mile Lake yesterday morning and was to be shipped south for interment.

Mr. Bertsch was drowned Saturday night when a passing power boat on the lake swamped the craft, on which his family were being taken to the V. M. Arrington home on the lake, and in trying to save them he lost his life. He was an expert swimmer and it is thought he must have suffered a heart attack when he plunged into the lake.

Mrs. Mae Lund Sanders, former Coquille resident, had accompanied the Bertsch family on their vacation trip to Coos county and was with them when the tragedy occurred. She had come north to visit her mother, Mrs. O. O. Lund, her brothers and sister and her many friends in this section.

Mr. Bertsch's father came north as soon as he was informed of the terrible ending to the vacation trip and stopped in Coquille for a few moments Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Bertsch has been in the Keizer Hospital at North Bend since Saturday night suffering from shock and exhaustion and is reported as improving. She is a teacher friend of Mrs. Sanders who teaches in the Long Beach schools.

The party was rescued from its perilous position on the lake Saturday night by R. G. Currier, who was going north in his boat to his summer home on the lake and was attracted by the intermittent gleams from their flashlights.

Visitors From San Diego Here

Mr. and Mrs. Alva A. Nosler, their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thelma Nosler, and their niece, Miss Alice Nosler, arrived here from San Diego Tuesday to visit their several relatives in the valley. They came up by the coast route but expect to return home by way of Crater Lake to view that phenomenon of nature which Mr. Nosler has never seen. He has a two weeks' vacation and will leave next Thursday for home after spending several days at Mrs. Birdie Skeels' cabin at Bandon.

His reports on the activities of government defense work in southern California are very interesting, to which he added that building permits issued so far this year in San Diego total more than \$40,000,000.

City Recorder Has Had Visitors

When Recorder and Mrs. F. G. Leslie returned from Eugene last Saturday they were accompanied by a cousin of his, Miss Olive Leslie, whose home is in Long Beach, Calif., and who will return to Eugene Saturday. Mr. Leslie also visited out there with another cousin whom he had never seen before, Mrs. Fannie Downey and daughter, Margaret, whose home is at Pleasanton, Nebraska, where she operates a 2200-acre ranch.

A niece of Mr. Leslie's and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Treaster, of Beloit, Kansas, were guests at the Leslie home here Monday and Tuesday this week. He is a wheat farmer and although they have been married seven or eight years, they called this their honeymoon trip.

H. S. Band To Practice Monday

The Coquille High School band has received an invitation from the county fair board to play at the county fair at Myrtle Point on Friday, Sept. 12, and has accepted. Mr. Harold Withnell, the new band leader and instructor, will be here next Monday and a rehearsal has been scheduled for 9:00 a. m. Aug. 25. Both senior and junior band members are requested to be present for this first practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Strang, Harry B. Tozier and two sons, left last Thursday afternoon for their home near Etna, in northern California, after visiting relatives and friends here and in Bandon, where Mr. Strang's sister is in poor health. It is 15 or more years ago that they left Coquille for the ranch they operate in Shasta valley.

E. T. Stelle, New Manager Of Coquille Bank

Ed T. Stelle, assistant manager of the First National Bank of Portland branch at Marshfield for the past four and one-half years, was last week named as manager of the bank's Coquille branch and he entered upon his duties here Monday morning.

He succeeds C. M. Howard, who has been transferred to the home office in Portland. The latter had succeeded Harry L. Clatterbos here something less than two years ago.

Mr. Stelle will move his family to Coquille as soon as he can find a house to occupy.

Yesterday morning he expressed to the Sentinel writer his pleasure at being placed in charge of the bank's affairs here and the whole-souled smile with which he greets those entering the bank goes to prove that his words were not an idle gesture.

Mr. Stelle has been president of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce and the Marshfield Rotary club. The latter position he resigned Tuesday noon and will tender his resignation to the chamber at its weekly meeting this evening. He owned the home at Marshfield where he resided and, as well, was just finishing a lodge home on Coos river.

While welcoming Mr. Stelle to Coquille, it is also with regret that business men here bid farewell to Clem Howard who has made many friends during his brief stay. All unite in wishing him success and advancement.

Rotary Club Will Supervise Basement

Geo. A. Ulett was present at the meeting of the Rotary club at the hotel yesterday and told of progress on the Community Building project. As the club had previously accepted the job of supervising the basement construction a committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Ulett on the matter and they met with him immediately after the close of the regular meeting.

The musical program consisted of two beautifully rendered violin solos and an encore by Miss Muriel Dae, accompanied by Miss Anne Barton at the piano.

Visiting Rotarians present were: Floyd Brillson, of Dallas, Texas; Lloyd Rogers, of Alhambra, Calif., who was fishing on the Rogue river and drove up here to make up his attendance; Harry Bower, of Eugene; W. C. Dance, of Oklahoma City; Ed Stelle, the new manager of the First National Bank, and George R. Turney, of Marshfield. Other guests were Ralph Fuhrman, of Sixes, and Jesse Barton, of Ft. Canby, Washington.

Albert E. Schroeder was elected to succeed Clem Howard as vice president at a directors' meeting held after the regular meeting.

Donkey Softball Next Monday

Some years ago a donkey softball game aroused a lot of interest in Coquille and was greatly enjoyed by the spectators. Another donkey game has been scheduled for next Monday Aug. 25, at the ball park here, at 6 p. m., and the players will be chosen from the local softball teams. Admission is to be 25 and 10 cents.

Harold Stevens who is managing the show, says that arrangements have been perfected and that the donkeys will be on hand.

Masonic Picnic At Lee, Sunday

The annual Masonic picnic for southwestern Oregon will be held in the Shrine grove at Lee as usual, the date being next Sunday, Aug. 24. The committee in charge will furnish ice cream, coffee and cream for the 12:30 picnic.

County Clerk Oddy has received word that Judge Dal M. King has set Friday, Sept. 5 as the date for the next motion day in circuit court.

The Three Links Sewing club's rummage sale is in full swing now at the vacant store in the Henninger's Block. On Saturday, the final day of the sale, the club will hold a cooked food sale.

To Vote Monday On Consolidation

Qualified voters are again reminded of the school election which will be held, for School District No. 8 voters, at the high school next Monday, Aug. 25, between 2:00 and 7:00 p. m.

The question is on the consolidation of School District No. 63 the Valley View district, with District No. 8, and an election is being held the same day as the Valley View school where the voters of that district may vote.

Valley View is contiguous to the Coquille district and the consolidation will be a benefit to both, pupils from No. 63 having the advantage of the Coquille school system, and the increased assessed valuation providing a large tax return for the Coquille district.

According to the county school superintendent only property owners and taxpayers may participate in the election.

Observation Air Raid Post Ready

President Stewart informed the Coquille Chamber of Commerce session Tuesday noon that C. M. Howard, who has been transferred to the Portland office of the bank, had turned the chamber's books over to him, the president, as well as submitting his resignation as treasurer of the C. of C. Selection of a successor was held over until a future meeting after an attempt to confer the honor on Clarence Oiska had failed due to his objection of being so honored.

George Ulett in a report of progress on the new Community Building project, stated that Marc Shelley had been named by the general committee to be foreman in charge of construction.

He also stated that the ground for the building had been staked off Monday and that excavation was to start Wednesday morning. There will be about 3,000 yards of dirt to move and the committee had had one offer of \$150 for dirt to fill a hole back of one business establishment, other offers were expected and another short haul being considered was in Moulton street near the Masonic temple.

Dr. T. De La Rhue gave a report on the air raid observation post and signal which is being set up on the city hall roof where, when the need arises, it is planned to have a couple of men stationed on two-hour shifts.

The patrol has been selected, the city has provided steps to the pent house on top of the building, a guard rail enclosure to prevent accidents, and the instruments to be furnished by the government will be set up there as soon as received.

President Stewart, appointed chairman of this defense program for this area, said that he had already made arrangements for such observation posts at Fairview, Dora, Lampa and Coquille, and that eventually it is expected to have one in every township in Oregon and in the entire United States.

The Coquille post is the first to be made ready in Coos county. When more have been installed and equipped, there will be a test flight by airplane with the accompanying reports from the hundreds of observation posts.

C. D. Rays Go East For Shoot

Mr. and Mrs. Cal D. Ray, of Fairview, where he operates the C. D. Ray Logging Co. camp, left last Friday for Portland and from there went by plane to Vandalia, Ohio, to participate in the Grand American trapshoot, he in the Grand American and she in the ladies' contests. Both these Coquille valley trapshooters have made splendid records wherever they have entered national events and are recognized as being among the best marksmen in the country.

Hope To Open Bootery Next Week

Mrs. David B. Biegger stated yesterday that she and her sister hope to have "The Bootery, exclusive ladies' shoe store, opened by the end of next week. The shoe stock which they have been waiting for has been shipped from St. Louis and is expected here within the next few days.

The Bootery will be situated in the W. O. W. building, between Miss May's Shop and Nosler's barber shop.

Wrecks Near Coquille The Past Week

Wrecks, one of them quite serious, have been happening altogether too frequently the past week, one in particular being due to carelessness.

In last Saturday noon's wreck, Junior Woodward and Marion Denzer, boys about 14 years of age, were riding in the Woodward 1928 Chev. west on Tenth street. Elmer Winslow was driving his '33 Ford south on Coulter and at the intersection of those two streets the Woodward car caught Winslow car at the rear wheel. Both cars were turned over and both badly damaged. Junior says it happened so suddenly he cannot tell the reason for the collision.

The Denzer boy has been in the Belle Knif Hospital since, having received a fractured hip and a broken nose in the mishap. Winslow got off with a scratched forehead and young Woodward escaped unscathed.

The wreck about 8:30 Sunday evening two or two and a half miles down the dike, involved three cars, and Mrs. George Smith, who resides a short distance out on the Marshfield highway, suffered a fractured right shoulder and hip when the car Mr. Smith was driving was knocked off the highway and turned bottom up in the ditch.

It is difficult to get the straight of this accident. The cars of Frank Leslie Byers, of Marshfield, Route 1, O. E. Molthu, of Riverton, and Mr. Smith were involved.

One report had it that the Smith car had been clipped twice by passing cars, throwing his car over in front of the Molthu car which cracked it a second time before it went over into the ditch.

The report of one of the drivers differs from that, his statement being that he was about to pass the Smith car when he was hit from behind causing him to crash into the car he was passing.

Whatever caused the trouble, the Smith car went overboard, Mrs. Smith was injured, Mr. Smith received a wrenched neck and other bruises and traffic was held up for some time, both ways, until the ambulance arrived and the Smiths were taken to the hospital.

Another wreck which occurred about three o'clock Monday afternoon was due to the California car being three or four feet across the yellow stripe on that blind turn beyond the Smith plant, at the Union Oil Co. tank curve.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stadler, of Downey, Calif., were driving south and, as shown by the wheel tracks, they hit the car driven by Floyd Hawkins just as he came around the curve. The marks on the pavement where he was forced back by the Stadler car show his left front wheel was three feet inside the line.

The horn ring on Mr. Stadler's car was broken and the wheel considerably bent, besides the damage to the front end. He received a serious forehead gash from striking his head but there was no broken glass.

Mr. and Mrs. Stadler are still in the Coquille Hospital.

Mrs. Frank Sanders, of McKinley, was brought to the Coquille Hospital Tuesday night suffering from a severely strained back. She was driving her car from McKinley to Dora and when meeting another car pulled too far over, on to the soft shoulder along the road, and her car turned over. Her two boys with her were not hurt.

Month Old Baby Of The Melden Carls Succumbs

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melden Carl of Arago, Sherral Ann, aged one month and five days, passed away at a local hospital this morning. The funeral services will be held at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here at two o'clock tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, Rev. F. H. Barr, of Myrtle Point officiating. Interment will be in the Norway cemetery.

Graydon Crews, Junior Hi Principal, To Serve In Navy

Graydon Crews, for several years principal of Lincoln Junior high, will report Monday at Sand Point Naval Air Base, Seattle, for active duty in the Navy. He holds a commission of Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Naval Reserve. Mrs. Crews plans to remain here in order that she may fulfill her contract to teach at the Valley View school.