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State to Pass on Street Repairs

Town to Seek Federal Fire Equipment Aid

A resolution seeking approval of the state highway commission for grading and graveling of Cave Junction streets was passed by the town council Monday night.

The resolution will have to be acted upon by the commission before funds for this work can be allocated.

A letter from Robert Taylor, Oregon defense fire chief, was read, which stated certain types of fire equipment can be purchased by municipalities with federal assistance. The council was to look into the types of equipment allowed, so proper applications can be made before the deadline.

Other business before the council was as follows:

1. Letter was read from Christian Science church requesting work done on streets leading to church.

2. The financial report and monthly bills were read and approved.

3. The council voted to seal all music boxes belonging to Martin Music Co. and Sutherland Music Co. unless license fees of \$25 per machine for '51 and '52 are paid.

4. The council repeated that Earl Sherier, according to town records has been and still is city fire chief.

5. A county court resolution was read which transfers ownership of the town grader to the City of Cave Junction.

6. Three bids on fire hose were opened, the matter being tabled until further information is received on possible federal assistance in purchasing fire equipment.

7. A 25-cent raise in garbage collection fees was granted Pat's Sanitary service, subject to OPS approval.

8. Discussed need for ordinance requiring property owners to keep property and lots free of brush and rubbish.

9. Announced there would be no council meeting Monday night due to the special meeting that night to select a representative to the advisory committee to the state highway commission.

Action on School Additions Expected

Action is expected possibly next week from the county school board on the proposed addition of grade school rooms to Illinois Valley schools.

The board has \$55,000 at its disposal for elementary room additions, and is expected to approve rooms for Selma and O'Brien. By contracting the expansion to one builder, the board thinks it can build five additional rooms in the county with available funds.

There has been some discussion by the board whether to add one room to the Selma school and make it a six-grade school, or add two rooms, making it an eight-grade school. A proposal to add the needed elementary rooms to the Illinois Valley High School building has been discarded for the present.

18 Cases Before Hubbard in 2 Weeks

Justice of the Peace Hubbard's court had its usual good business during the first two weeks in April.

Following are the persons tried, the charge, and fine:

JUSTICE COURT

James P. Earp, no vehicle license, \$2.50 and cost; James W. Huffman, no operators license, \$2.50 and costs; Joseph P. George, no P.U.C. permit, \$5.00 and costs; Lawrence A. Maxon, truck speeding, \$5.00 and costs; John Wages, disturbing the peace, \$10.00 and cost; Goldie L. Westfall, no operator's license, 30 days suspended, \$1.00 costs; Chas. R. Williams, hauling logs prohibited hours, \$5.00 and costs; Marion E. Townsend, no operators license, \$1.00.

MUNICIPAL COURT

John F. Salz, speeding, \$10.00; Walter N. Edwards, speeding, \$7.50; Stanley C. Enevoldsen, speeding, \$15.00; Cecil Thurman, failure to stop for school bus, \$5.00; Gene Kuder, speeding, \$15.00; Fred Warren, speeding, \$5.00; Mack L. McCabe, speeding, \$5.00; Iram C. Butcher, speeding, \$5.00; Edward B. Smith, expired operators license, \$5.00; Wesley Driskell, speeding, \$5.00.

TALILMA HOME DEMOLISHED



Only rubble and charred house furnishings were left for these young boys to play amongst after a flash fire had leveled the Jack Short home in Takilma Thursday. The boys are: (l.-r.) Harry Coffman, Robert Harrison, Jimmy Carter and Fred Short, one of the seven children in the family. —ILLINOIS VALLEY NEWS PHOTO

Fire Destroys S. J. Short Home

Frosh Sponsor Drive For Clothing, Food

An early morning fire burned the Takilma home of the S. J. Short family to the ground last Thursday. All nine members of the family escaped uninjured.

Breaking into flames at about 4 a.m., the fire leveled the small dwelling in a few minutes allowing only a washing machine and trunk to be saved.

No insurance covered the house which was a total loss. Short is a logger.

The Short family, which includes seven children, moved immediately into a furnished home in Takilma.

The IVHS Freshman class is sponsoring a drive for food and clothing for the Shorts, and are giving a clothing shower for their classmate, Frieda Short.

The ages of the Short children are: girls—2, 4, 6 and 15; boys—8, 10 and 13 years.

Marshall Explains Smoke Jumping

Forest rangers and loggers attending the Siskiyou area Society of American Foresters meeting at the Illinois Valley Grange hall Friday night, April 11, were given the latest developments in smoke jumper fire fighting by Cliff Marshall, foreman of the Siskiyou Aerial project.

Harold Bowerman was host ranger for the meeting, with the Grange ladies serving a ham dinner.

As featured speaker, with the use of a colored training movie Marshall explained the value and technique of smoke jumping fire fighters.

Smoke jumpers are used for blazes not quickly accessible. With the use of the plane based at the local airport, men and equipment can be quickly parachuted to any fire within the Northwest.

An innovation in 1951 smoke jumping technique was the back-breaking job of back packing the 70-80 pounds of equipment which accompanies each jumper.

Regardless of age or background, smoke jumpers soon learn theirs is not a glamorous task, Marshall said. Young men over 18 with woods or farm experience are preferred.

Fire school takes but three of the thirty days training, with tree climbing and other woods technique taking the bulk of schooling time.

Specialized tools including such articles as small pumps and machetes are carried in the plane and dropped when needed.

Each smoke jumper's pack includes rations for two days, which includes C-rations of an improved variety.

Marshall said his crew of jumpers escaped serious injury last season in 400 jumps. Only one man suffered a sprained ankle. Of this number of jumps, 212 were for fires, the remaining were training jumps.

Marshall has been training his own jumpers at the local station since 1947. They previously were trained in Montana.

Rains Force Sunrise Services Inside on Easter

Rainy Sunday weather forced Easter Sunrise worshippers to hold services in the Cave Junction Community church instead of on Proctors' hill as originally planned.

A pastors' chorus featured the joint Good Friday services also held at the Community church. The chorus was comprised of Don Wantland, Douglas Field, George Gray, Gilbert Wantland, Jacob Boss, Orin Ogier, Van McCoy, Charles Rhodes, Clayton Carver and Paul Kroon.

Mary Lou Wantland, Eileen Ogier and Mae Wantland comprised a ministers' wives trio which sang in the same service.

Valley To Pick Road Delegate

A public meeting of Valley organization members and citizens interested in the Grants Pass road will meet Monday night at the Legion auxiliary room to elect a representative to serve on an advisory committee before the state highway commission in Salem.

This Valley representative will serve with others from Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland to present the highway needs of Josephine and Jackson counties in a combined body. The improvement of the Cave Junction to Hayes Hill road will receive major attention by the Josephine county representatives.

In the past bi-county cooperation on presentation of road needs for the two counties as a whole has met with success.

The Monday meeting was planned at the Cave Junction Chamber of Commerce meeting last Thursday night. Attending the meeting from Grants Pass were Judge Lathrop and Mr. McLain, Grants Pass representative to the advisory committee.

Caveman Initiation Set For Benefit Dance, 26th

Several Valley men will be initiated into the Cavemen as part of the entertainment for the queen benefit dance at the Legion hall, Saturday night, April 26.

Dance tickets go on sale this weekend which entitle the purchaser admission to the April 26 dance, a vote for Illinois Valley queen contestant Roberta Bryant, and admission to the coronation in Grants Pass May 10.

The Jim Coons orchestra of Grants Pass has been obtained for the dance, and will feature modern music.

Miss Bryant will be guest of honor at the dance April 26.

Medical Center Pledges, Donations Needed Now

Plans for the future development of the Illinois Valley Medical Center were formulated April 10, when the executive board met at the home of Mrs. George Martin.

Some of the restaurant equipment acquired with the purchase of the building to be used for the Center is being sold to meet expense of present improvements. All unpaid pledges, as well as new contributions, are needed now. Mrs. Martin reports.

Relay Victory Wins for IVHS

Squad Goes to Roseburg Invitational Friday

Illinois Valley High School tracksters beat out Rogue River by only two-fifths of a point in a triangular track meet at the Grants Pass High School track Saturday by winning a first in the last event, the 880 relay.

The results were Illinois Valley, 55 2/5; Rogue River, 55; Eagle Point, 13 3/5.

Had the team positions in the relay results been otherwise, IVHS would have received second. Eagle Point helped the IVHS team in its victory by relegating Rogue River to third place in the decisive relay.

An Illinois Valley sophomore, John Clayton, lead the field in the mile by many yards, bettering five minutes without sprinting over the finish. His time was 4:58.

The next meet will be the Roseburg invitational today (Friday.)

Meet results were as follows:

120 yd. high hurdles, Brown (IV), Boulter (RR), 15.8

100 yd. dash, Hiner (RR), Brown (IV), 10.5

Shotput, Boulter (RR), Blue (IV), Smith (IV), 41' 4"

Mile run, Clayton (IV), Tywell (RR), Eastgate (EP), 4:58.

440 yd. dash, Shaw (RR), Cooke (IV), Howell (RR), 55.5

Javelin, Biggers (RR), Smith (IV), Watson (IV), 146' 5"

180 yd. low hurdles, Boulter (RR), Callihan (EP), Watson (IV), 21.3.

220 yd. dash, Hiner (RR), Borton (IV), Watson (IV), 24.2.

880 yd. run, Pritchett (IV), Hunt (RR), Lucas (EP), 2:15.3.

Discus, Blue (IV), Tilly (RR), Tippetts (RR), 101' 5"

Pole vault, Plumley (IV), Hakney (EP), Reich (EP), 10' 4"

High jump, Boulter (RR), Hubbard, Hackney, Merrill, Reich, Brown, tied, 5' 6"

Broad jump, Boulter (RR), Brown (IV), Whelen (RR), 19'

880 yd. relay, Illinois Valley team—Behm, Barton, Spalinger, Brown; Eagle Point; Rogue River, 1:42.2.

Burning Should Be Done Before Season

Fire hazards around the home and ranch should be cleaned up before the fire season, the forest service warned Valley residents this week.

Burning can still be done without permit both in and outside Cave Junction city limits.

The city council this week reminded town residents that Earl Sherier is still, and always has been city fire chief and should be contacted in any matters relating to fires or fire prevention.

The Medford office of the state forest patrol reported an 85-acre lightning fire last weekend which serves as a warning of coming fire danger and the necessity for getting all burning and cleaning done immediately.

Any uncontrolled fire outside the city of Cave Junction should be reported to the Illinois Valley ranger station, or to the state forest patrol at Kerby.

Boxing, Wrestling Matches Benefit Turf

Ten boxing and one wrestling matches staged by Illinois Valley students entertained fans at a smoker Friday night in the IVHS gym. The event benefited the football turf.

Results of the smoker and the grade and weight of the contestants were as follows:

BOXING—

Teddy Walden, 8th grade, 119; Gene Harrison, 8th grade, 114 fought to a draw.

Guy Scott, 7th grade, 131, beat Kenneth Blair, 7th grade, 131.

Roy Cole, 7th grade, 137, beat Eldo Swift, 7th grade, 150.

Jack Arnold, 9th grade, 134, beat John Fillman, 8th grade, 140.

Gary Bolinger, freshman, beat Marvin Miller, freshman, 137.

Jim Wright, senior, 142, and Larry Farmer, sophomore, 143, fought to a draw.

Arnold Mellow, sophomore, 143, beat Bob Wade, sophomore, 130.

Ron Cole, 9th grade, 145, and Al Laborde, 9th grade, 146, fought to a draw.

Bill Smith, sophomore, 205, beat Bill Winterbottom, freshman, 185.

Dick Merrill, senior, 160, beat Joe Mellow, senior, 160.

WRESTLING—

Buddy Savage, sophomore, 150, beat Jack Cooke, junior, 147.

\$100,-150,000 Fire Destroys Salvage Mill Tuesday Night

Nickerson Re-Appointed Conservation Supervisor

Ray Nickerson of Cave Junction has been re-appointed to a three-year term as district supervisor of the Illinois Valley Soil Conservation district.

Nickerson's re-appointment was made by the state soil conservation committee of Oregon.

The Illinois Valley Soil Conservation district is comprised of five supervisors, two appointed by the state committee, the other three elected. The other supervisors are: Ray Frost, Harry Smith, John Valen and C. R. Cole.

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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

by Lucille Pritchett

Mothers' Tea Planned for April 22

Every year about this time the girls of Illinois Valley High School give a tea in honor of all mothers. The tea is planned for April 22 at 2:30 p.m. this year.

The tea is going to be different from the other teas that have taken place here. A great entertainment program is being planned. The mothers will be welcomed by the Hospitality club. A sextet of seniors will sing, the Freshmen and Sophomores plan a square dance. A Maypole dance is being planned by the Juniors. Also there will be a clarinet solo and a fashion show by the home economics class, followed by a response by one of the mothers.

Each class will decorate a table and the one with the most attractive table wins a five pound box of candy. The judges will be three of the mothers.

Frosh Take Collection for Jack Short Family

The girls of the Freshman Class are taking up a collection to buy clothing for the Jack Short family who recently lost their home and personal belongings in a fire. Clothing has been made by the Freshman home economics class, and food has also been brought in.

All of the food and clothing has been sent to the Short family.

Seniors and Freshmen to Take Special Exams

There is a special schedule planned April 15 and 16 because of the Iowa Tests of Educational Development which are to be given to the Freshmen and Seniors. This schedule will be coordinated as closely as possible with the regular class schedule.

The Seniors and Freshmen are to be divided into even numbered groups. Mrs. Kelley, Mr. Larson, Mr. Peters and Mr. Newman will each administer one testing group. When the teachers do not have a regular class because of testing, they will substitute for a teacher who is testing.

Five Band Concerts Slated for April

The County Band presented its first concert of the season in the Illinois Valley high school gym, Thursday, April 11 at 8 p.m. The band is under the direction of Mr. Jameson.

Numbers played during the evening were: Front and Center, Western Horizon, Camp Taylor, Mocking Bird Hill, Tennessee Waltz, Little Colonel, Enchanted Hour, Washington Post, Redwood Forest and the National Anthem.

The concert schedule is as follows: Jerome Prairie April 11; Murphy, April 16; Williams, April 18; and Fruitdale, April 23. All concerts begin at 8 p.m.

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Lumber Valued Over Worth of Mill Saved; Started in Wiring

Starting with an explosion and flash, a \$100,-150,000 fire destroyed the major portion of the Salvage Brothers mill at 10 p. m. Tuesday night.

Lumber valued at an amount exceeding the worth of the mill was saved in addition to the burner, green chain, gas pump, shop and office. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

The night man on duty reported the fire broke out with a flash in the vicinity of the switch boxes and spread rapidly. The phone operator, Mrs. Isabelle Mellow, contacted help from the other mills and the forest service. A lack of wind and small pumps from the Oregon Caves Lumber Co. and forest service aided in saving most of the nearby stacks of lumber.

The financial loss to the mill exceeded that of any mill fire in the past 13 years, according to Harold Bowerman, district ranger. The Tuesday night fire was the fifth of its kind during that period of time.

Observers reported the Caves highway to be clogged with traffic soon after the discovery of the blaze.

Owned by Howard, Herb and Fred Salvage for the past five years, the mill employed about thirty men. Destruction of the mill affects many additional Valley families including over twenty loggers with crews of three to six men, and four truck drivers.

Salvage Bros. have been shipping about 50,000 board feet of lumber daily to the Table Rock Lumber Co. of Medford.

No immediate plans for the future have been decided by the Salvages. The mill owns less than one-year cutting of timber.

The Salvage mill specialized in pine timber and precision cut lumber. It was one of two band saw mills in the district, commanding a premium price for lumber.

Included in the destroyed portion of the mill was \$1,000 in millwright tools, the seven-foot band saw, edger, and carriage with steam loader—all in top shape.

The Salvage Bros. purchased the mill five years ago from Sanders and Kindell after having previously run it for two years.

Aiding in fighting the fire and salvaging property was: Keith Owen who brought the Oregon Caves Lumber Co. pumper, Stevens and Brown who operated the forest service pumper, Harold, Charles and Clint Trefethen who worked the cat and helped with the hose, Wes Vahrenwald and Scott Turner who helped save several truckloads of lumber, in addition to unidentified mill hands.

Cougars Lose 5-4 to Myrtle Creek Nine

The Cougar baseball nine lost its second close heartbreaker on successive weekends when it dropped a 5-4 game to Myrtle Creek here Saturday.

Sutherland high meets Illinois Valley Friday at 2 p.m. on the local diamond and the Cougars journey to Crater high field for a game Saturday.

McCarley for Myrtle Creek kept the local boys hitless going into the seventh, when he allowed three hits.

The local nine scored two runs in the fourth on three errors and three hits. A base on balls gave them their last two runs in the seventh to tie the game at four-all.

A run on two hits in the eighth gave the Myrtle Creek boys the game in the overtime period.

Pickle pitched for Illinois Valley allowing nine hits. One hit each was batted by Jones, Maurer, and McEntire.

Farmers Should Bring Work Programs to Conservation Meeting

Farmers desiring work done by soil conservation equipment are urged to bring their work programs to the Illinois Valley Soil Conservation district meeting Friday (today), April 18 at the Legion hall.

The work programs will be necessary so that equipment schedules can be completed. All farmers interested are invited to attend this meeting.

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