

What It's Worth

By K. D. P.

That was a real good game that the boys played against the Talent high school team. They lost to a team who were hotter than nobody's business that evening though the score was very close 25-19. It was a stalling of Talent team that pulled them through to victory in the final minutes of the game.

Our boys are getting much better every game they play and I expect that they will remain at top form throughout the season as long as they do not get stale—the bane of all players.

They do still need more minor improvements a lot, just as hanging on to the ball, improving their passing and grabbing the ball under the basket.

The fishing season will open April 15th with practically the same rules applying to the trout limit catch. Only one change was made from last year in regard to steelhead

or salmon over 20 inches long. Last year the limit on salmon and steelhead were five a day. This year they have cut down to 3 fish a day. Can it be possible that the fish commission think that too many salmon and steelhead have been caught last year so they want to conserve fish this year by cutting down the limit.

I caught a couple of salmon last year and have never caught more than three steelhead in one day. And I have seen no person come in with the limit catch of five. The fish commission members are certainly a strange bunch of persons to me for no one can keep up with their vague notions.

It looks like that we will not be able to go fishing more than we did last year. The gas rationing is beginning to hurt though I am not complaining for we are in war—total war for freedom—and our boys who fly planes, or drive jeeps and trucks do need gas and plenty of it.

The only thing I can say is "Boy, will not the fishing in the valley be good for the boys when they came marching home victoriously?" I be-

lieve so because with less gasoline, lack of good tires, there will be fewer fishermen in the river which will improve the fish life considerable.

Navy Boy Tells of Sights in Solomons

To Mrs. Martin of Allen Street The News is indebted for a fine description of Guadalcanal sent to her by a friend, Carl H. Kaup of the United States Navy from Cherokee, Okla. It is of interest since so many Washington and Benton county boys are in the South Pacific at the present time. The letter, written Sept. 26, follows: "We left this morning at 4:30, an Army Lt. taking another Lt. Chief Hill (my roommate) and myself and we started out to see the island. We saw a good portion of it though we never left Highway 26. Some parts of it were good, but the most of it was worse than any roads you can think of, but we made it back safe and sound and I would not take anything for what I saw. I will try to tell you some, leaving out a lot.

"We traveled the only road around to the end of this island, which for the most part was along the beach, sometimes in the ocean and sometimes back in the cultivated coconut trees, only they are not cultivated

now since the Japs arrived. Therefore it is growing up in young coconut trees and various other vegetation. Two years of coconuts are laying on the ground. Before the war coconut oil was distilled here or whatever they call it. All I know is that they cook it. The Japs destroyed these cooking plants by burning or shelling them. The place where the plantation overseer lived was wrecked and burned. It must have been a beautiful place judging from the flowers, walks and walls that are still standing. Some of the most beautiful fuchsia colored flowers, among many others.

"The coconuts were still in the processing shed with the big wagon still loaded. All along the way you will find native villages. We stopped at most of them, six in all. When you drive up to one of them, which comprises eight or ten huts, you are greeted by a native who can talk English. If you tell him you want to look around he will be only too happy to show you around. However they do not show you the inside of the huts, but if you want to buy a grass skirt, shells, warclubs and such, he will start jabbering and someone will stick his or her head out of a hut.

(To be continued)

TO ATTEND MEETING—

C. E. Brockway, Arnold Bohnert and C. E. Hoyer left Monday for Salem where they will attend the annual convention of the Oregon Seed

Growers' league. The three men will represent the Jackson County seed growers.

Arnold Bohnert will continue on to Portland to attend the meeting of the Oregon Grange Wholesale.

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City Recorder's Financial Report for The Year 1943

To the Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council and the People of The City of Central Point:

Following is a record of Receipts and Expenditures of all City Business during the Year 1943, showing the balance on hand in the various funds on December 31, 1943.

WATER FUND RECEIPTS

Balance on hand from Year 1942	\$ 1,138.32
Water Rentals	7,253.40
Water Deposits	120.00
Meters and Installation	77.50
Loan from General Fund	1,000.00

Total Water Fund Receipts—Jan. 1, to Dec. 31, 1943 \$ 9,589.22

WATER DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

Water Superintendent's Salary	\$ 1,595.02
C.O.P. Co. Power at City Well	993.63
Guard at Pumping Plant	1,033.30
Maintenance and Repair for parts only Old Plant	94.60
Cost of Drilling, New Well, Pump, Fixtures, Wiring, Labor, Motor and complete expenditures on same	4,001.72
Refund of Water Deposits	60.00
Printing, Water Bills, Publishing Notices	64.65
Insurance on Buildings	24.04
Meters and Connections	216.00
Annual Inspection Fee—Bureau of Labor	2.00
Telephone Service	24.77
Extra Labor on old system	49.50
Income Tax Deductions from Employees' Salaries	45.30
Interest on Water Bonds to Jan. 1, 1944	112.50

Total Water Fund Expenditures—Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1943 \$ 8,317.93

BALANCE ON HAND TO JANUARY 1, 1944 \$ 1,272.19

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

Balance on hand from Year 1942	\$ 788.31
Rec'd from County Treasurer—Special City Taxes	10,758.40
Rec'd from County Clerk, City Share from sale of County owned property in the city	1,203.03
Sale of City Lots	1,235.00
Sale of Bike Licenses	37.50
Sale of 1 Spot Light	10.00
Payment of Delinquent Sewer Liens	12.80

Total General Fund Receipts—Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1943 \$ 14,045.04

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Treasurer's Salary	\$ 180.00
Recorder's Salary	1,700.40
Marshal and Street Supt.	1,729.07
Rent on Fire Hydrants—56 @ \$1.00 per month	672.00
Jack Tharp, Salary Fire Chief, \$5.00 per month	60.00
Contribution to V. F. Dept.—\$5.00 per month	60.00
C. P. Library, Support \$1.00 per month	120.00
Street Lights—Bulbs and Power	257.50
Library Light and Fuel	22.81
State Ind. Accident Insurance on Employees	149.45
Phone Service and Assessments	46.51
Fuel for city buildings	60.23
Printing and Publishing Budget and Notices	70.15
Office Supplies for Recorder, Treasurer and Misc.	109.79
Tools, Hardware, Blacksmithing and Repairs—City Truck	
Police Car, Grader and Fire Truck	188.04
Gas & Oil for Truck, Grader, Police Car & Fire Truck	205.85
H. C. Skyrman, Legal Services for Year	65.00
Treasurer's and Recorder's Bonds	37.50
Extra Labor on Streets and Drains	123.16
Extra Police, Acct. Halloween	41.25
Digging Sewer, Tile, Cement and Ts—So. Haskell St.	380.15
Chamber of Commerce and League of Oregon Cities dues	28.24
3 Tires for Police Car	78.74
150 Feet Fire Hose and 2 Grader Blades	127.35
Insurance on City Buildings	53.60
Liability Insurance on all City Cars and Trucks and Officials' Cars while on city duty	116.41
Volunteer Fire Dept. Fighting Fire at Faber's and Lawton's	15.00
Income Tax Deductions from Employees' Salaries	201.62
Taxes on Herbst Tract	47.16
Interest on Bonds	961.88
Loan to Water Fund	1,000.00
Redemption of Bonds	4,500.00

Total General Fund Expenditures—Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1943 \$ 13,314.43

BALANCE ON HAND FORWARD TO YEAR 1944 \$ 730.65

SPECIAL FIRE FUND RECEIPTS

Balance on hand from Year 1942	\$ 44.88
Slot Machine Taxes	560.00
Punch Board Taxes	54.00
Fines	58.80
Card Table Tax	45.00
Beer License Recommendations	20.00
Hauling Junk	86.50
Rental on Dump Ground Keys	20.40
Building Permits	5.25
Rental from City Property	16.00
Liquor Tax Apportionment	169.28
City % of receipts from sale of Liquor permits	67.16
Plumbers' Licenses—Montgomery Ward, Elmer Wilson, E. C. Amidon and Brownie's	60.00
Permits to shoot in the City Limits	1.50
Rogue Valley Transit Co., Annual Parking Permit	1.00
City share of grain and hay from Herbst Tract	83.86
Burning Grass	34.50
Miscellaneous Receipts	11.85

Total Special Fire Fund Receipts—Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1943 \$ 1,350.24

There were no disbursements from Special Fire Fund during the Year 1943

Total Receipts during the Year 1943 \$ 24,984.58

Total Expenditures 21,631.46

Balance cash on deposit with The First National Bank—Medford Branch \$ 3,353.12

Following is a record of the total Bonded Debt of The City on January 1, 1944:

Balance of the 1938 issue of \$15,000 for building the new 8-inch main from Pacific Highway to Pumping Plant	\$ 7,500.00
Refunding Bonds—Sewer & General Obligation Bonds	15,000.00

Total Bonded Debt \$ 22,500.00

Last of the old Water Bonds were redeemed December 31, 1942

In behalf of the Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Girls' Community Club, Jackson County Public Health Association, Jackson County Recreation Committee, the U.S.O., United Seamen's Service, War Prisoners' Aid -- and 14 other organizations extending sorely needed aid to our Allies, we say --

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YES, the 23 organizations participating in the 1943 Medford Community and War Chest campaign are truly grateful to you for your contributions, generously given from the heart.

IN giving to this worthy fund you have made it possible for our own six Community Chest organizations to continue their useful work here. You have furthered the vitally needed job of helping our fighting Allies—helped to keep their morale up, helped to keep them in the fight.

MOREOVER, you have helped to boost the morale of our own fighting men—at home and abroad—provided opportunities for relaxation and pleasure so greatly needed. You've extended a friendly hand to our own fathers, sons and brothers in enemy prison camps—given them the strength to live—and the will to win!

MEDFORD'S Community and War Chest campaign is closed—and we're still a little short of the goal. The work of these organizations knows no bounds—and a campaign to "keep them in business" need not necessarily be restricted. It isn't too late for YOU to help your neighbors, your gallant fighting men and your valiant Allies.

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