

Mothers Request Railing To Keep Kids From Creek

It was decided at the last meeting of the Westdale Mother's Club, December 7, at the home of Elva Wagner, that a letter be written to proper authorities regarding the installation of a railing over the aqueduct of a branch of Beaver Creek flowing under Ellis Avenue. It has been felt for some time that this should be done for the protection of the children.

Helen Chapman was appointed to gather information concerning a Red Cross First Aid course for the club members.

An announcement was made that square dancing classes would resume January 8 at Beaverton High School for the Westdale group.

Mildred Norquist, Lousye Wood, and Winnie Webster reported on the County Library Tea held at the Masonic Temple, December 5.

The rest of the evening was spent wrapping Christmas toys, which they had made for Fairview Home.

At the November 21 meeting, Mrs. Yeager gave an interesting demonstration on Christmas decorating and dry flower arrangements.

ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

EVENTS AS SCHEDULED BY OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN SURROUNDING NORTHWEST COMMUNITIES

SIREN REALLY LURES 'EM

A siren, slinky variety or otherwise, is supposed to lure those within her reach. And Lebanon found another sort of siren reaches out, too.

But, according to the EXPRESS, there was a little disappointment when a fog horn was tried out as a possible air raid warning siren. The fog horn had seen service during World War II aboard a navy vessel. And local firemen gave it a thorough trial, one evening.

Some thought it sounded like water pipes rattling in walls. Others thought it too deep and ominous for the purposes being designed. But there were some who answered the call of the siren almost immediately.

That's right. Within minutes after the fog horn sounded off, a large crowd of former sailors appeared from all corners of the town.

"We thought the navy was docking," they explained.

WATER SYSTEM CHECK

It isn't the water being used which troubles the city of St. Helens. It's the water being wasted.

So, reports the CHRONICLE, a meter has been installed by the reservoir.

This device will measure the volume of water leaving the source of supply. Comparing it with the amount of water used by residents will present an accurate picture of how much water is lost by the wayside, by leakage from mains.

The condition of water mains, after fifteen, twenty or more years underground is something that has plagued many a city. As long as there is sufficient water pressure at the consumer's end of the line, the public hardly gets in a lather over it. But such wastage, if left unchecked, might eventually result in water famine.

Attached to the meter installed is an electric recording device which gives the rate of flow from the reservoir per hour for seven days. At the end of seven days a check on water users' meters will tell how much has been used and how much "failed to arrive".

Which sounds like a fast trick, if you can do it!

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

Oakridge is in the midst of perfecting a hot lunch program in its grade school.

The TELEGRAM advises it is necessary for meals to be paid each day or arranged for in advance.

Basis of the lunch project is present federal assistance, which permits use of surplus products and advances a share of the program's cost. Until the staff knows just how the deal works out, however, students within walking distance to school are asked to lunch at home.

Three electric ranges have been secured from surplus commodities, according to the school superintendent.

CAMPAIN ON WIND, RAIN

Gresham sees the beginning of results from a determined soil conservation drive.

The OUTLOOK notes the start of a campaign on wind, rain and erosion of soil.

A specialist from the federal conservation agency has been appointed to the area, following the formation of an East Multnomah Soil Conservation district.

Erosion, however, is not the only problem to be faced. Work will also be done on matters of drainage, improved irrigation and soil fertility.

Farm improvement will be voluntary and there will be no one standing in the background with a spiked club demanding that farmers help themselves by revitalizing the soil within their control.

The present rainy season has occasioned much damage in the area, with deep gullies and land shifting noted. The board of directors of the soil conservation district will be in charge of all phases of the program and will contact landowners in regard to a cooperative program.

POWER PLAN PFTTS!

The city of Forest Grove had just about decided to enter the power picture, in a small way. But the plan has gone pfft!

NEWS TIMES explains that negotiations were underway for extension of municipal electric power lines to a Scoggins valley hard-board plant and mill.

But the PGE reportedly came in, too, with an even lower rate than the city could offer. Previously, the understanding was that the private utility would be unable to supply firm power for the industrial need.

The city fathers were not happy over the "horse trading" aspects of the deal. The municipal offer was lower than what PGE had been charging industries before the offer came that blew the whole scheme sky-high.

OFFICIAL XMAS MUSIC

Lakeview is hearing Christmas music in its downtown area this year, with official blessings.

The EXAMINER points out that the chamber of commerce dreamed up the musical feature and the town fathers added a stamp of approval.

The seasonal backdrop comes over a couple of public address systems which were commandeered for the occasion and is a feature of noontime and evening hours.

The chamber is not letting this represent its total effort for the Yuletide, however. It is lending its advisory talents to the Eagles lodge, which donated a Christmas tree for setting up in the heart of the city.

The Elks have staged their fourth annual Christmas tree party for boys and girls of the county and retail merchants have added their stint to the Christmas spirit by sponsoring a free movie show for the youngsters.

MORE HOLIDAY SIGNS

More holiday signs over the state appeared in Willamina, after the firemen bent their talents toward stringing lighted decorations across Main street.

The TIMES adds that a large Christmas tree has been set up; that an illuminated (not by a red nose only, either) Santa Claus and his reindeer is attracting considerable comment; that window and interiors of most stores are definitely holiday in atmosphere and that merchants have definitely agreed upon a nine o'clock closing hour for Friday shoppers—until Christmas, that is.

FORTY YR. FLASHBACK

In Oswego, a group of fathers recently presented a forty year flashback on how school Christmas programs were enacted in their trying days of school-age.

The REVIEW reviews a program of the parents' association.

Dressed in appropriate garb, the dads went all out. One recited "The Night Before Christmas", with necessary prompting by "mama", of course. Another, dressed as a "cute little girl" gave a whirling dance, which revealed petticoats bearing the labels of "U and I Sugar" and "Mothers' Best". Another gave an

harmonica solo and others essayed a wide variety of musical ventures.

To top it all, of course, a buxom Santa Claus appeared on the scene and proceeded to hand all the "little children" their usual rewards for being good.

Patterson Tells Of State's Share In Federal Funds

Apportionment of \$5,039,655 as Oregon's share of the federal aid highway fund for the fiscal year 1951 has been announced by the department of commerce, Paul Patterson, president of the Oregon State Motor Association, announced today.

Patterson, who is a member of the legislative highway interim committee of the eleven western states, said the Oregon apportionment was this state's share of the approximately \$400 million apportioned for the 48 states, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

The state may use federal aid funds for highway construction and right of way acquisition, Patterson said. Of the total apportioned Oregon so far, \$768,408 is earmarked for urban highways, \$2,124,458 for secondary or feeder roads, and \$3,046,789 for roads that constitute part of the federal aid highway system.

"Funds for the federal aid system are distributed in proportion to area, population and mileage of post roads," Patterson explained. "The remainder of the funds due each state therefore will be apportioned when final figures on the 1950 urban and rural population are reported by the bureau of the census."

Patterson said Washington receives \$6,315,141 and California \$20,417,231 on this apportionment, making a total of \$32,672,027 for the three Pacific coast states.

SHOWER HOSTESS

Mrs. Connie Enger was hostess for bridal shower Monday Dec. 4 at her home in honor of Miss Dorothy Vasileff. The guest of honor received many gifts.



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