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Irrigationist and reclamation interests are preparing for a battle with the sportsman groups June 8 when the public hearing is held on the Rogue River Basin project. According to R. M. KENT of the Talent Irrigation district the recently released report gives the water boys some powder for their guns and they hope to be able to sell the plan. KENT says he feels as though the addition of dams as proposed would help the fishing, would just change the style a bit. Fishermen claim, however that they'd cause a sport fishing loss of more than \$2,000,000 a year.

DR. GEORGE HULL is lobbying for a city ordinance which would require that all city elections which concern sums of money over \$5.00 be held in the roof garden of the Lithia hotel, and that voters not be permitted to use the elevator.

Story of the week is the one about the Phoenix shoemaker which, however, can't be printed here.

And the difficulties between COACH O'NEIL and KEN MILLER concerning baseball for boys have been ironed out. The American Legion Jr. Baseball league is now in operation for boys 11 to 18.

Omar's Will Open
Friday, March 19

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hill will open their new steak house, "Omar's," Friday, March 19, according to Hill. The new cafe and dining room is located at the intersection of Highway 99 and Highway 66, and will feature fine beef and charcoal broiled steaks.

The building is constructed of pumice blocks. The interior is knotty pine with antique replica lamps furnishing the lighting. A dining room which will seat 30 is separate from the cafe which has a counter with stools and a series of booths.

Hill said that he planned to cater to parties and small clubs and that he would accept reservations.

Christian Scientists
To Hear Denton

Cecil F. Denton, C. S. New York City, will deliver an address entitled: Christian Science; The Availability of Divine Law at the Christian Science church, Pioneer Avenue south, Tuesday evening, March 23 at 8:00 p.m.

The lecture is sponsored by the First Church of Christ Scientist, Ashland. Denton is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts. The public is cordially invited.

Dr. and Mrs. William Bracker entertained Dr. and Mrs. George K. Goodrich at dinner Saturday evening.

Classics
and
Children's
Records

Tubby The Tuba
12" record performed by
"Miracle Man" Danny
Kaye.

The Nutcracker Suite
Performed for the kiddies
(with apologies to Tchakovsky) by Spike Jones.

The Pied Piper of Hamelin
With musical score by
Victor Young. Told by
Ingrid Bergman.

The Children's Hour
and other favorite poems
by Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow. With music
by Victor Young. Read
by Donald Crisp.

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City Council To
Grant \$1200 For
Recreation PlansSUM TO BE SPENT ON
SUPERVISORS SALARIES

Twelve hundred dollars was granted the Parent Teachers Association recreation committee by the Ashland city council Tuesday evening. The money will be spent for salaries during this summer's recreation period. The P.T.A. group is to add \$600 to that sum for equipment.

Frank O'Neil is chairman of the summer recreational program, for all age groups. Mrs. James Wade and Les Grant are other members of the committee.

The age group from 8 to 12 will follow a program which will include softball, ringball, jumping rope, kickball, handcraft, bean bag and other group games.

Children in the 13 to 15 age group will participate in softball, basketball, volleyball, archery, handball, social dancing and folk dancing.

The 15 to 18 age group will have activities including softball, baseball, volleyball, archery, football, social dancing, and a teen age club.

O'Neil pointed out that the adults would not be forgotten in the program and that horse shoes, a reading club, group singing, handcraft, ping pong, needle work, and other activities specifically designed for adults would be followed.

Four field days, including the Fourth of July, will be held during the summer at which time tournaments will take place and prizes in the various sports will be given.

The American Legion Junior League baseball will cooperate with the program. The Junior League ball club is for boys 11 to 18.

Day camps will be held by the Girl Scouts during one week and the Campfire girls will hold their camp the first week in August.

Along the line of camps it was recommended by Dr. Elmo Stevenson that some camping program be carried out during the summer for underprivileged children.

Mrs. Jesse Vail, a member of the Teen-Age club committee, reported on the club requesting that a letter be written to the superintendent and the school board members of District 5 requesting that the club be permitted to use the Junior high school gymnasium and kitchen. Other members of the Teen Age committee are Roland Parks, Mrs. Henry Metz, and Mr. Vail.

The Recreation committee will meet again Monday at the Public library.

Mr. and Mrs. Don H. Sprague of Lake View spent the week end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Cad Ellis, 922 Siskiyou boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bosshard spent Sunday afternoon calling on friends.

Plan Scout Program
For Older Boys

Teen age boys who are interested in Air Scouts, Sea Scouts or Explorer Scouts now have an opportunity to join a troop designed for them, according to Don MacWhirter, leader of the group, which is being sponsored by the Elks.

The group meets each Thursday evening at MacWhirter's shop building, which is located at Fourth and A streets. Boys 15 to 21 are eligible, and MacWhirter points out that no previous scouting points out that no previous scouting is necessary.

PARKS HEADS ELKS

Roland Parks was elected Exalted ruler of the Ashland lodge, B.P.O.E. No. 944 at the annual election held Wednesday night. Buzz Hamby was elected Leading Knight; Delbert Jones, Loyal Knight; Gordon Miller, Lecturing Knight; Sid Reed, Secretary; I. R. Fridegar, Treasurer; Ed Spencer, Tyler, and Ralph McCullough, Trustee.

Among the Ashland dentists who plan to attend an all day meeting on Modern Dental Practices in Medford Friday are Dr. Marcus Woods, Dr. Wm. Bracker, and Dr. R. L. Burdic.

BALLPLAYERS TURN OUT

First Practice At Fuller Field As
Baseball Season Gets Under Way

Baseball season got under way this week with the first turn-out for practice of candidates for the Southern Oregon League.

Meeting at Fuller Field on Wightman street Wednesday evening prospective players began practice under the direction of team manager, Tony Kanchler, who will coach the players and select the outstanding players.

Kanchler stated this week that he is particularly interested in having ballplayers of all ages turn out feeling that perhaps there may be some outstanding players in the ranks of the older boys who feel that perhaps they are too old to play.

Kanchler also said that he is aiming for a championship club this year and wants to get everything in shape regarding equipment and plenty of practice before the first conference game.

The team will be named at a meeting of the team's committee Friday night in the Council Chamber of the City hall. Also at that meeting other details regarding equipment, schedule, entry fee to league and the use of baseball field will be discussed.

The team already has the support of 20 businesses which have contributed toward buying suits and other businesses which have donated for other equipment.

Businesses contributing are: Jean Eberhart's Sporting Goods Store, East Side Meat Market, Erwin Insurance Agency, Valley Refrigeration, Selby Chevrolet Co., Clyde N. Caton, Fir Milling and Planing Co., Steak House, Carter Produce, Palace Cafe, Provost's, Jordan Electric, Ashland Realty Board, Magnolia Lumber Corp, MaNair Bros, Lithia Motors, Federated Store, Newbry Orchards, Standard Cleaners, and Knox Shoe Repair.

Residents Okay
Consolidation For
Talent and PhoenixNEW HIGH SCHOOL
TO SERVE BOTH AREAS

Talent, March 17—Consolidation of the Talent Phoenix school district was passed by Talent and Phoenix voters at an election held in both cities Wednesday evening. The vote was 96 for and 78 against in Talent and 95 for to 15 against in Phoenix.

The next step will be for the boundary to fix the boundaries of the new district, after that has been done the residents of the new district will vote on a site for the new consolidated high school. Three potential sites include the Newbry place on the old highway, the Fish place on the old highway, and the Robinson place on Highway 99.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Herbert have returned from California where they spent two weeks in San Francisco and visited Mrs. Wesley V. Hoxie, Salinas.

H. E. Dudley, Taylor street was ill last weekend.

School Election Passes While
Airport Goes By The BoardsVoters Say Nix on
Airport Proposition

City Voters rejected the idea of buying an airport this week for the second time in a period of two years when they voted 533 opposed and 286 in favor of the proposed purchase.

The property, co-owned by W. P. Hamby, and partially developed has been used as an airport site for the past year but will be plowed up and reconverted to farming land, according to Hamby.

Hamby further stated that following the harvesting of the grain crop to be planted he plans to sub-divide the acreage into 10 acre plots and make them available for purchase at \$3,000 per plot.

Monday's vote totaled 819, a figure less than that registered on the Water Bond Election (1,117) but more than the 709 who voted on the same issue in July, 1946.

Talent Voters OK
Plan For Water

Talent, March 18—Talent citizens went to vote Monday and marked on the ballots unequivocal approval of the proposed \$30,000 plan for the development of the town's water system.

With 110 for and 3 against bids will soon be let out to engineers for the construction of a new water reservoir and the drilling of wells to increase the water supply.

Bellview Unit
To Elect Officers

Election of officers will take place at the next meeting of the Bellview extension unit, April 21. Members of the nominating committee include Mrs. Fred Engle, Mrs. William Hays, and Mrs. Arthur Dankworth.

The subject to be discussed at that meeting will be "Outdoor Cookery." It will also be a plant exchange.

At the last meeting of the group, held Wednesday, Mrs. Fred Engle and Mrs. William Hays, gave a demonstration of "Clean as you Go." The luncheon was given by Mrs. Albert Joy and Mrs. Earnest Knoble. Games and a program were presented by Mrs. Beldon Block and Mrs. Mark True, members of the Homemakers' entertainment committee.

Mrs. Block and Mrs. Stanley Church were elected to the Spring Festival committee.

Hostesses for the next meeting will be Mrs. Felix Johnson and Mrs. Roscoe Owen. Members who wish to send clothing or food to England are requested to bring their contribution to the April meeting.

Mrs. Llewellyn Jones, Highway No. 66, is ill in a Portland hospital.

Bellview Is Only
District To Vote No

Consolidation of five school districts into one was voted by residents of Ashland, Soda Springs, Valley View, Neil Creek and Siskiyou, at an election held Wednesday night. The sixth district, Bellview, voted against the measure and will not be included in the consolidated district.

The vote in three districts was unanimously in favor of the measure. Soda Springs, 10 for, 0 against; Neil Creek, 36 for, 0 against; and Siskiyou 21 for, 0 against; Ashland voted 332 for and 21 against; Valley View voted 38 for and 1 against; Bellview voted 60 for and 65 against.

According to Leland Linn, superintendent of schools, during the coming year Bellview high school students will have to receive schooling elsewhere as present facilities in Ashland will not permit the admittance of tuition pupils. Linn said that the members of the school board appreciated the fact that they received hearings in Bellview prior to the election and wished to thank the people in Bellview who did support the measure.

Sometime during the next week, Linn said, an architect would be called in to prepare preliminary plans for a school plant consistent with the building needs and the monetary resources of the district.

Historical Society
Elects Officers

Officers of the Southern Oregon Historical Society were elected Wednesday evening, March 10, in the Medford Chamber of Commerce offices. Walter Levertte was named president; Robert Dodge, vice president; W. H. Jones, secretary; and Ralph Billings, treasurer. Herb Grey, Amos Voorhies, Miss Clara Hanley and G. R. Carter were elected to the Board of Directors.

Lawrence Pollard of the State Historical Society of Portland was the main speaker for Wednesday evening. Plans were discussed for using the Old court house building in Jacksonville for a suitable museum to house pioneer records, and other things of that nature.

Chief Crumpton
To Be Speaker

Chief Crumpton of the Navy Recruiting Service will speak to Chamber of Commerce members Tuesday noon, March 23, in the Lithia hotel. Chief Crumpton will also show naval pictures on the "Atomic Bomb."

Jim Busch, John Cotton, Phil Stansbury, Elmo Stevenson, Don O'Blenny, and A. W. Woodward, the newly elected board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, will meet sometime next week to elect new officers of the Chamber. Dr. W. W. Weller, who has served as president of the Chamber for the past two years, announced at the Tuesday luncheon that he would not be a candidate for reelection this year.

Ted Schopf, basketball coach of Southern Oregon college, gave a resume of the trip completed by the SOC basketball squad to the Kansas City, Missouri tournament. Schopf stated that the Missouri hospitality and steaks were tops.

Dr. Arthur Taylor of Southern Oregon college was appointed by President Weller to head the Tourist Host school for the second year.

Soroptimists Give
\$100 For Recreation

Members of the Soroptimist club voted \$100 to aid the summer recreational program at their Wednesday noon meeting. This amount will go toward the fund for supplies and equipment.

Shirley Weitzel and Charles Eliason entertained the members with declamatory selections which they had given previously in high school declamation contests.

Mrs. Grace Andrews attended the club for the first time since August. Marjorie Newton an SO C student was a guest.

NO MORE PINK ELEPHANTS

Alcoholics Anonymous Group Is Formed to Serve Valley

The first meeting of the Alcoholics Anonymous Group No. 1, which will serve Ashland, Phoenix, Talent, Medford, and the Rogue valley area, was held last Saturday night, at the Holland Hotel in Medford. Regular meetings will be held at 8:00 p.m. each Wednesday and Saturday.

The meetings are presently held for alcoholics only but an open meeting will be held in the future according to sponsors of the group.

Bill, who is a former New York stock broker, is a co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thirteen years ago he stopped drinking, when he was on the verge of death from acute alcoholism. Today he is touring the country visiting Alcoholics Anonymous groups. To him and to the men like him 60,000 hopeless drunks owe their recovery.

He answered the questions concerning Alcoholics Anonymous. What is AA, how did it begin, what makes it click?

"It's a group of recovered alcoholics and it addresses itself only

to one thing—to carry the message to alcoholics still suffering.

"Nobody invented AA. It grew. (Actually, it grew out of a business trip Bill took to Akron, Ohio, in 1935, where he and a doctor afflicted with the malady of alcoholism worked out the program of recovery.)

"It's a synthetic gadget—one part medicine, one part religion, one part experience. It's a combination of group therapy and individual therapy.

"In 1939, four years after it began, AA had only 100 members. Two years later it had 2000. A census last August showed 48,000, and today the estimate is above 60,000.

"Why this phenomenal growth? For one thing, the publicity that AA got—that people suffering from this ailment can get well. And, then, AA's wide endorsement by the medical profession.

"Today we have groups throughout America, in Canada, South America, Alaska, Iceland,

Guam, Australia, Honolulu, London, Glasgow, Dublin and Medford.

"AA is an accurate cross-section of all America. Because alcoholism lays a heavier stigma upon a woman, it was four years before the first woman came in. Now, in New York, for instance, we get the Park avenue stumblebum on one hand and the Bellevue lush on the other. Ten percent of the United States membership are women, 30 per cent in Manhattan, while in San Francisco you have an all-woman's group.

"Age makes no difference. In New York there's a 16-year-old girl AA; she began drinking at 13. In Los Angeles they have a 20-30 AA group. A few have come in at 70 or so, but usually they're around 50. An active alcoholic seldom sees 70.

"We used to get only the worst, strapped-down type. But that's gradually changed till now we're getting potentials—if they get any symptoms, even though mild, the bottom comes up and hits

them, instead of them hitting bottom.

"How can a person steer a friend or a member of the family to AA? Well, we as AA's are careful not to do any foretelling of the thing—we don't walk up to a drunk and say, 'You're a drunk.' We suggest that you let a doctor get hold of your problem drinker. He can insinuate the idea that alcoholism is a disease—that he's a sick man and why not take a look at AA? So he reads some AA literature and exclaims, 'Why, that's me!'

"AA works because its philosophy restores an alcoholic to sanity—gives him the danger signal when he's tempted to take a drink."

Bill cuddled an unlighted cigarette in his hand and pondered it all a moment. Then he added: "AA is the court of last resort. For us, it's a matter of life and death."

Fourteen years ago—in his Lost Week End days, before the birth of AA—Bill's doctors had given him a year to live.