

Civic Betterment League Explained

Members of the Civic Betterment League this week explained their organization through Pat Lawrence, who was acting as spokesman.

A. A. Wasson is president of the league. W. C. Lawrence, vice president, Mrs. Gertrude Robuck is executive secretary, and J. Q. Adams is treasurer.

The Civic Betterment league has been responsible for the recall movement of the three councilmen, John Daugherty, John Nosler, and Herb Fischborn.

At present the league is petitioning for a charter amendment which will provide for a special election to fill any vacancies brought about by recall movements.

According to Mrs. Lawrence: "In the beginning this was simply a small group of ordinary citizens who were vitally interested in civic affairs and willing to work for what they believed to be right. Everyone has convictions of some sort and apparently many Ashland folks held the same ones that gave this group of people the incentive to go to work, but not everyone can or will work to support those convictions. This group intends to prove by word and deed that they are not an irresponsible, radical element but are aggressively civic minded.

"We WILL attend all announced council meetings to represent even the most humble, law abiding citizen in our town.

We WILL promote good government and a progressive city. Many folks have told us of grievances that could have been corrected but were ignored. We can not promise to make your dreams come true but will promise that in the future, at your written request to us, your particular grievance will receive prompt and continuous attention until the problem is solved.

"We ARE NOT as charged, an irresponsible radical group of people, but are home-owners, taxpayers and business men and women. We WILL NOT knowingly tolerate Communism in any form in our midst and will make it our business to know and eliminate any such element.

"We WILL NOT endorse any candidate for office, or support any official in office for any other reason than that we believe him to be honestly, and actively devoted to the Betterment of Ashland as a place to live and work and rear our families.

"WE HEREBY SERVE NOTICE that if we detect corruption, highhanded, selfish interests in a candidate or official that we have endorsed, we will withdraw our support and expose these things."

Winston to Address Northwest Council

Mrs. Mabel W. Winston, Registrar and Dean of Women at Southern Oregon College, will address the Annual Conference of Northwest Council of Guidance and Personnel Associations, in Portland, February 11. The theme of the conference is Personnel Work: Time to Take Stock.

You have read in this column about the phenomenal new COLUMBIA LP (long-playing) RECORDS and players. Briefly, by cutting three times as many grooves per inch, and by means of a slow turntable speed, it is possible to put the contents of a complete album of records on one single unbreakable plastic disc.

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PETITIONS OUT FOR CHARTER AMENDMENT

Two actions this week by the members of the Civic Betterment league brought the proposed recall election and change in the city charter closer to completion.

First: A Medford attorney was instructed to serve a writ of mandamus on J. H. Hardy, city recorder, demanding that the special election for recall of councilman specified and guaranteed under Article II, Section 18, of the Oregon constitution be held. The mandamus will ask Hardy to explain why the petitions were held in his office for several days.

Second: petitions requesting a special election to amend the charter of the city of Ashland in order to permit a special election in case of the recall of an elected city official be made legal.

The writ of mandamus was brought about by the action of acting city attorney William Briggs and J. H. Hardy, city recorder, who failed to transmit the petitions requesting a recall to George Carter, county clerk immediately upon receiving them. This action held up the date of the recall election.

Hardy, who was acting on advice from Briggs, held the petitions in the Ashland city hall and had been checking them for errors in the signatures. Briggs, acting as counsel for Hardy, later changed his opinion concerning the checking of the signatures and suggested that they be taken to the county clerk. This Hardy did, after having held the petitions in Ashland for seven days.

According to a letter from Gertrude Robuck, secretary of the league the action of Hardy was in violation of State Election Laws. Her letter pointed out that it was a felony "for any person to offer, propose, threaten, or attempt to sell, hinder, or delay any petition or any part thereof, or of any signatures thereon mentioned in this act", and "to offer, propose, attempt, or threaten in any manner or form to use any petition or any power of promotion or opposition in a manner or form for extortion, blackmail, or secret or private intimidation of any person or business interest."

Judicial decisions forbid the withdrawal of signers' names from a recall petition after its presentation to the clerk, which according to Mrs. Robuck's letter, invalidated statements made by Hardy concerning the withdrawal of names from the petitions.

According to Mrs. Robuck the league does not plan to tolerate opinions based on error or simply belief... competent attorneys, she pointed out in her letter are supposed to either know or determine the law before they issue any opinions.

Charter Amendment

The petitions for the charter amendment are being circulated and are finding ready acceptance. Many people who did not sign the petitions for recall have signed the petition requesting a special election be called to amend the charter, permitting an election to fill the place of an official who has been recalled.

This charter amendment provision will probably be on the same ballot as the recall.

Phoenix Team to Play in Tourney

Phoenix, Feb. 10 — Phoenix high school basketball team will compete in the St. Mary's basketball tournament in Medford beginning Thursday, Feb. 10, and continuing throughout the weekend.

The Phoenix team stands in second place in the Jackson county class "B" school league after defeating Talent Monday evening by a score of 41 to 37. Rogue river is in first place with Talent placing third.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gillam and family were recently in a wreck in California. Mr. Gillam and their daughter were seriously injured.

Junior Chamber to Organize Friday

Officers of the Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce will be elected Friday evening, February 11, at the Western Auto Store. Bill Yates, Jr., Jim Glenn, Don Berg, Bert Terry and several other business men have indicated that they will join the club.

Terry stated, that it was necessary that they have at least twenty members before they will be granted a charter, but that at least forty persons have indicated that they would like to join the organization.

The regular business meeting of the Soroptimist club will be held Friday noon at the Elks dining room.

Legion Planning Work on Flag Pole

John von Kuhlman, commander of Ashland Post No. 14, American Legion, told the members of the Auxiliary and the Legion at a joint meeting Monday of the present status of the Legion's flagpole project.

The total cost of the flagpole and base will be approximately \$750.00. Contributions are being accepted from members of the Chamber of Commerce and other interested people. The flagpole will be erected on one of the Plaza islands.

A large parade is being planned for the dedication, with Air Corps squadrons participating as well as delegations from Roseburg, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Medford, and the Ashland Kilty Band. B. E. "Kelly" Owens, Department Commander will be on hand for the dedication ceremonies of the artistically planned base and flag pole raising ceremonies. Tentative plans have been made to have other high Legion and State Officials present.

Von Kuhlman also reported that plans are going forward to present pictures on Communist activities to the public.

Oregon's Farmers Operate Largest Business In State—\$455,000,000

Farming in Oregon is big business according to a report released last week by the Federal Co-operative Extension service, Oregon State College. The farms of Oregon are worth 850,000 and last year they produced \$455,000,000.

Oregon's first farmers were retired trappers who left the Hudson's Bay Company to farm in the Willamette valley. They grew food to sell in the ports where ships stopped for provisions.

At the time of the gold rush the Oregon farmers sold their produce to the gold miners of California. Later as more people came westward and the farms grew in size and scope the farmers of Oregon learned just which types of product could and would bring the largest income.

In 1924 leading farmers, agricultural scientists, produce dealers, and business men in a meeting at Corvallis began a series of conferences that have shaped the destiny of Oregon's farm lands.

Today, partly as a result of that conference the following things are taking place: Specialty crops such as seed and mint

Flood Danger Great

Warmer Temperatures Forecast For Region; Will Move Snow Fast

Flood threatened Ashland this week as warm temperatures combined with some light showers started to move the record snowfall off the hills and into the creeks and drainages.

Wednesday warm winds and a warm night brought about a dangerous temperature condition which could bring about another flood even greater than the one which caused so much damage during the spring of 1949.

Continuous snows, culminating in a record eight inches Sunday left more snow on level ground than had been seen about Ashland for many years. Warmer temperatures and rain have been forecast for this region.

Officials of the Medford, Oregon, weather bureau have stated that the flood potential is "dynamite" and they have warned residents of low lying areas to prepare for sudden evacuation. Other residents in potential danger areas have been requested to lay in supplies of fuel and food, because if warm Chinook winds or warm rains come the danger is extreme.

Mayor's Answer in Case To Be Filed

Mayor Thomas Williams' answer to the complaint filed by the city council asking for a declaratory judgment on the legality of the passage of Ordinance 1094, and the council's refusal to confirm the mayor's appointments will be filed sometime this week end, according to Ben Lombard and Harry Skerry, attorneys for the mayor.

Judge Orvil Millard, Grants Pass, who will hear the case, has previously indicated that he has an open date February 15, at which time he would pass judgment.

The council's revised complaint, prepared by William Briggs, was served last week. Since that time Lombard and Skerry have been preparing an answer.

Kennel Club To Hold Point Show

Ben T. Lombard, president of the local club said the American Kennel Club had approved the 29th of May, 1949, as the date of the Southern Oregon Kennel Club's first point show. The location will be Walter Phillips field, Ashland.

The show is expected to provide competition for many of the outstanding show dogs of the west coast. Points will be offered towards championship in breeds represented at the show. A dog to complete his championship, must win fifteen points in competition. No more than five points are given to any one dog at one show and a dog must win points under at least three different judges.

Mrs. A. E. Hall returned home from the hospital Saturday.

Minister To Give Question Answers

Local high school and college students will help provide material for two messages on Building Better homes to be given by Earl F. Downing, minister of the First Church of Christ. Questionnaires dealing with marriage ideals have been submitted to about 100 local high school students and 50 students at Southern Oregon college.

The first message will be given Sunday night on the subject, "Young Man, What Kind of a Girl Do You Want to Marry?" Then on the Sunday night following the subject will be, "Young Woman, What Kind of a Man Do You Want to Marry?"

These two messages will be followed by two on "Advice From Dad About Marriage," and "Advice From Mom About Marriage." This advice will be gathered from questionnaires submitted to the mothers and fathers of Ashland, stated Earl F. Downing minister of the church.

The services are open to all. They begin at 7:30 p.m.

SEWING CLUB MEETS MONDAY

The Sewing club, sponsored by the child welfare committee of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet, Monday for an all day sewing bee, at the home of Mrs. Roy Frazier, Iowa street.

Women attending are requested to bring sack lunches and sewing kits. Work is being done on layettes and children's dresses with all material being furnished by the Auxiliary.

County Clerk Has Recall Petitions

ELECTION WILL BE SET SOMETIME IN MARCH

Date of the election for the recall of councilmen John Nosler, Herb Fischborn, and John Daugherty will be set as soon as all names on the petitions have been checked by George Carter, Jackson county clerk.

Carter's office so far has checked 210 names and these names and the petitions they were on were returned to J. H. Hardy, Ashland city recorder, Wednesday.

Carter states that they will send the checked petitions back to Ashland as quickly as possible. When the last petition has been received by Hardy the councilmen will have five days in which to resign, at the close of the five days the election will be set, to be held within 20 days.

At the rate Carter's office is checking the names the last of them will probably be sent to Ashland by February 16. This will place the date of the election approximately Monday, March 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallace and daughter, Jackie are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Millett.

Altizer's Students Present Recital

Twenty steel guitar students participated in the steel guitar orchestra recital which was given Saturday afternoon at the Women's Civic club house by students of Jos. D. Altizer.

The recital was restricted to friends and relatives of the students although, according to Altizer, another recital is planned for this spring at which time the public will be invited.

Ashland students who took part in the program included: Sue Endey, Virginia Martin, Karen Bohls, Richard Green, David Hershberger, and Luke Heinzeman.

IN MEMORIAM

Mildred Eddy Dies In El Cerrito, Cal.

Friends of Mildred Eddy, formerly of Ashland, were saddened recently to hear of her untimely death. She was well known here and very active in civic affairs and church circles. One of her activities was that of secretary-treasurer of the local American Legion Auxiliary.

Her late husband, Reverend Howard Eddy was minister of the Presbyterian church for many years, and was also adjutant of the local American Legion. Their daughter, Virginia, is also well known here and her many friends sympathize with her in her bereavement. Burial was in Berkeley, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lombard were visitors at the Jim Busch home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ritchie and children were driving in Lithia Park Sunday.

Parks Announces Tourny Dates

Roland Parks, principal of Ashland High school, has been selected as chairman of the Southern Oregon Tournament association. Parks, this week, announced that the tournament would take place this year at Eagle Point, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 24, 25, and 26; and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 3, 4, and 5.

Competing teams will include Klamath Falls, Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Eagle Point, Central Point, and Kerby. Games will begin at 6:30 p.m., admission is \$1.00 per evening for adults and 50c per evening for students. Other members of the tournament committee in addition to Parks are H. P. Jewett, Central Point; Glen Hale, Eagle Point; and Jim Brown, Klamath Falls.

good sires. (2) Production testing will be used more for culling, feeding, and breeding. (3) Home grown pasture and roughage will improve dairy feeding.

Small woodlands which now produce 325 board feet of lumber will produce double that amount in 25 years.

Room is available in Oregon for gradual expansion and increased poultry production.

Foresight and planning will bring about a greater expansion and greater profits to Oregon people and to Oregon farmers according to the farm experts at Oregon State college.

That this is needed is evident in the figures which indicate that Oregon is the fastest expanding state in the nation.



Pictured above are the Southern Oregon College Red Raiders who will meet a ball club from Eugene Saturday night in Memorial Court. From left to right, kneeling, Veenster, Neideigh, O'Neal, Barger, Foster. Second row, Archer, manager, Gatlin, Bonney, Wade, Weaver, Jandreau and Coach Ted Schopf.