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Haines Is Regusted, Quits

JUDGE RETAINED OVER DOCTOR'S OBJECTIONS TO LOCAL POLITICS

Haines Requested Wilmeth Resign

Dr. Charles A. Haines, who has been one of the main participants at recent council meetings, stated today that he was through addressing the members of the Ashland City Council as a taxpayer. Haines, who requested the resignation of Judge L. Peers Wilmeth at Tuesday night's council meeting, said he planned to have nothing more to do with the city council if they were going to condone the fact that Judge Wilmeth had broken charter rules in buying printed city court dockets from the Southern Oregon News Review.

According to Haines, "Wilmeth exceeded his authority when he personally placed the order, rather than going through the city purchasing agent."

Wilmeth who was appointed judge by Mayor Thomas Williams was vindicated by a vote of the council when they voted three to two not to ask for his resignation. Harold Merrill and Phil Stansbury voted to ask Wilmeth to resign and Dick Neill and Fred Homes voted to retain Wilmeth. Emil Kroeger made no vote and Mayor Williams cast the deciding vote in favor of Wilmeth.

The action on Wilmeth was part of the late fireworks at a council meeting which lasted until 12:15 a.m.

Dr. Haines had asked that Wilmeth resign his position as Judge of the City of Ashland, inasmuch as he was the main member of the Civic Betterment League, and through his efforts through the press, radio and personal contact had caused the recall of the three councilmen, John Daugherty, Herb Fischhorn, and John Nosler.

Haines said, "Wilmeth disobeyed the law when he bought printing from the Southern Oregon News Review, his cohort, without going through proper channels."

Haines also said, "Wilmeth admitted on the floor of the City Council that it was through ignorance that he had disobeyed the rule, and that was along the same lines that Wilmeth had had a hand in recalling council members."

Haines also claimed, "Wilmeth held court at four o'clock which cost the taxpayers of Ashland money, because many times victims were held in jail overnight and had to be served their lunch the next day while waiting for court at four o'clock in the afternoon. Also that the job of City Judge was secondary with Wilmeth and that his job with the railroad was primary."

Dr. Haines said during the interview that he wanted it made clear that he wasn't mad at anyone and held no grudges, and did not plan to address the council as a taxpayer at any other time.

DELSMAN NOW A 2nd LOOIE

It's Lt. Delsman now, Sergeant Charles N. Delsman, Jr., of Battery A, 732 AAA Gun Battalion of the Oregon National Guard, has been commissioned a second lieutenant.

Delsman, who was a staff sergeant with the 34th Division in the European Theatre of Operations, has been a member of the local battery since December 20, 1948.

Wilmeth Explains His Side of Story

Mayor Thomas S. Williams broke a tie vote on the requested resignation of Judge L. Peers Wilmeth at the Tuesday night council meeting when Wilmeth's side was requested by Dr. Charles A. Haines, self appointed critic of the present administration's policies.

Haines had requested Wilmeth resign on grounds that he had taken a partisan part in the recent recall election and that he had exceeded his authority when he bought two court dockets from the Southern Oregon News Review at \$87.50 each.

Councilman Phil Stansbury reiterated Haines' stand in making a motion that Wilmeth be deposed. Stansbury was seconded by Merrill.

Councilman Dick Neill stated that inasmuch as Wilmeth had committed no malfeasance in office he did not see why he should be removed. Wilmeth had pointed out to Haines and the council that not only himself but other members of the city government and council had taken a partisan part in the recent recall election.

Wilmeth went on to say that he felt that his rights as an American permitted him to take part in a community election and that he knew no law of the state of Oregon which would prevent him from being active in governmental affairs.

Mayor Thomas S. Williams stated that in his opinion Wilmeth had been a good municipal judge and that he would support him. Councilman Fred Homes agreed with the mayor and when the vote was taken voted along with Councilman Dick Neill and the mayor to retain Wilmeth.

Concerning the two dockets which were bought by Wilmeth from the Southern Oregon News Review, the judge said, "My predecessor made the suggestion that I order court dockets in, I believe, the honest belief that the city judge had the right to order incidental supplies as needed. The supplies which I ordered, then, were so ordered under the assumption that I had the right to order court dockets."

"Later it was called to my attention that the city superintendent was the purchasing agent and should have ordered the dockets. The catch in that is that apparently Ordinance 482 limits the purchase by any city officer to \$50.00. This means that for the past several years even the city's purchasing agent has been operating in conflict with city ordinances."

Wilmeth recommended that a standard operating procedure for purchasing of incidental supplies be set up immediately and that all city employees be briefed on the system so that there would be no further errors made in buying supplies for the various departments.

According to Haines, no further action against any member of the present administration is planned by himself.

Mrs. Elva Miller and daughter Ann, of Medford, visited friends in Ashland, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. St Clair returned to Pasadena Tuesday morning after visiting Mr. and Mrs. William McGee, High street over the Easter holidays.

500 Job's Daughters Convene In Ashland

Margaret Wagner Will Welcome Daughters



Miss Margaret Wagner, Honor Queen of Ashland Bethel No. 22, International Order of Job's Daughters, will give the address of welcome to all members of the order at the Friday morning opening of the 25th Annual Grand Session which is being held in Ashland. Miss Wagner is a senior in the Ashland High School.

Ashland welcomed Job's Daughters from all over the state of Oregon Thursday at the opening of the 25th Annual Grand Session of the International Order of Job's Daughters for the state of Oregon. A full program has been planned by local representatives of the order under the direction of Mrs. Martha Elhart, 180 Alida, who is Vice Associate Grand Guardian. Assisting Mrs. Elhart in planning the silver anniversary session have been Andy Stevens, Grand Outer Guard, Mrs. Obera Dunn, Mrs. Geraldine Yates, Mrs. Mabel Rose, and Ms. Marchial Stansbury.



MRS. CARLETON ELHART, vice associate grand guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters, who is a candidate for the post of Grand Guardian. Mrs. Elhart resides at 180 Alida St.

DODGE TO BE HONORED 28th

A reception and dinner will be held Thursday, April 28, at the Masonic Temple in Ashland in honor of Robert E. Dodge and the Rev. A. H. MacDonnell. The affair is being given by Ashkiyou Chapter No. 21, Royal Arch Masons.

Dodge was last week elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at the 88th annual convocation of the order being held at Albany. The Rev. A. H. MacDonnell was appointed Exalted Grand Sentinel of the order.

Other Ashland men appointed to important offices include John Daugherty who was named to time and place committee, M. E. Newton who was appointed to the arrangements committee and A. J. McCallen, capitular reviewer. The meeting Thursday is for Companions and ladies. There will be a special program, and band concert. It will be a covered dish dinner with the chapter furnishing rolls, cake and ice cream.

Mayor Tom Williams left Wednesday for Salem and Portland where he will remain until the end of this week. While in Portland he plans to contact Don Haynes and introduce the "Seaman of the Sealed Car" to Dorothy McCullough Lee, Mayor of Portland.

Color Center Adds New Paint Equipment

Sherman Hadley, owner of the Ashland Color Center, announced this week that he had added to the equipment of the store an electric color eye and a line of auto paints, the Western States Auto Finish, known as Hi-Glo.

Hadley stated that by use of the color eye equipment he would be able to mix paints for all types of auto finishes and all models of

Registration and checking of credentials took place Thursday at the Masonic Temple. A silver tea was held from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. At 6:30 Thursday evening a banquet was held in the Elks for more than five hundred. Following the banquet a dance was held.

Miss Margaret Wagner, Honor Queen of Ashland Bethel No. 22, will give the address of welcome Friday morning.

Friday afternoon will be the Memorial ceremony followed by the 25th Annual Grand Session. Friday evening will be ritualistic work with queens from all over the state of Oregon taking part.

Saturday morning several of the girls and their guardians will go on a bus trip to The House of Mystery, and others will tour the Rogue River and Bear creek valleys. At 11:00 a.m. Saturday morning a Daughter's hour will be held. This will be followed by a Daughter's luncheon at 12:00 noon. At 2:00 p.m. Saturday eight drill teams from as many Bethels will participate in drill contests at the Junior High school gymnasium. LeRoy Farmer, vice associate grand guardian, will direct the drills.

Installation of newly elected officers will take place Saturday evening.

Presiding officers at the sessions will be Mrs. Felicia Ehlert, Portland, Charles Cooley, Grants Pass.

Mrs. Elhart, who is planning the arrangements for the ceremonies, is a candidate for the post of Grand Guardian, Council of Oregon. Mrs. Elhart has been prominent in state Job's daughters circles since 1945. She is Vice Associate Grand Guardian.

A welcome sign placed across main street was sponsored by Jordan Electric, Sear's Inter-mountain Music house, Spottite cafe, Plaza cafe, Palace cafe, Steakhouse, Ashland hardware, Rosemary's and the Lithia hotel. Mrs. Don MacWhirter was in charge of arrangements for the banner.

Among the girls who will be in Ashland for the session are the Honored Queens of the 42 Bethels, the Junior and Senior Princesses, Bethel officers, and various representatives from each Bethel.

Sunrise Services Well Attended

Phoenix, April 21 - About 125 attended the Easter sunrise service held on Reservoir hill Sunday at 6 a.m. Music was provided by six members of the Prentice accordion band.

The Easter message was given by the Rev. C. H. Lacey, pastor of the Nazarene church. The Rev. E. H. McGee, pastor of the Christian church and the Rev. E. J. Clark of the Presbyterian church assisted with the program.

Breakfast was served at the Presbyterian church to more than 100 persons following the hilltop ceremonies, with representatives from the three churches assisting with preparing and serving.

Parks Appoints YM Standing Committees

Standing Committees for the year were appointed by President Roland Parks at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ashland Y.M.C.A. Monday evening, April 18th. Chairmen of the eight committees include: Finance Committee, Chet Thompson; Building Committee, Rev. E. P. Borden; World Service Committee, Homer Billings; Membership Committee, Allen O. McGee; Program Committee, Jake Weitzel; Girls Work Committee, Mrs. H. A. Thomas; Boys Work Committee, Elliott McCracken; Camp Committee, C. R. Elason.

The monthly report of activities showed a total of 130 boys and girls registered in the Y. M. C. A. Building Membership under the new Voluntary Contribution policy set by the board early in the year.

Raiders-Central Point Clash in "Diamond" Battle

Sunday afternoon the Southern Oregon college Raiders defeated Central Point 7-6 in a baseball thriller.

Tex Gatlin was on the mound for SOC for the first six innings and then relieved by Ron Pinkham who was credited with hurling the team to victory.

Going in to the last inning the score was 6 all. Snuffy Smith got a hit and made it to third as Blevins came to bat. Central Point attempted to walk Blevins but got one a little to close and Blevins drove a high one into center field as Smith came in standing up for the winning run.

	Hits	Runs	E.
Central Point	11	6	
SOC	10	7	1

Mrs. J. C. Ridgeway, Battle Ground, Washington and Mrs. J. E. Magors, Vancouver, Washington are visiting Mrs. Ridgeway's daughter, Mrs. G. W. Wall on Route 1.

Ashland City Council Has Hot Session During Tuesday Evening Meeting

City council meeting Tuesday night turned into a wide open session with former City Recorder J. Q. Adams returning a watch to the city. Dr. Charles Haines demanding the resignation of Judge Wilmeth, the hiring of A. A. Powers, Hilt, as city street superintendent, and the continuation of the argument about who is to pay the \$2000.00 attorney fees for the recent court fracas.

The session lasted until 12:15, when all fireworks were finally extinguished.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Williams with all council members present except E. E. Sheldon. City Recorder J. B. Austin read the minutes of the previous meeting, and they were accepted by the council. Elmer Biegel, city superintendent of light department, then read his report, which was accepted.

Recorder Austin then presented outstanding bills from the hospital to be paid out of the \$4,000 which had been put up by the present lessees. The council voted to accept these bills and have the recorder pay them.

Austin then read a letter from Neel Heard requesting that the council take action on a bill that he had received from the city for sewer connection, which connection had never been made. Biegel stated that this bill was in error

and should never have been sent to Heard.

Other communications read by Austin included one from Earl Lininger which requested that the city donate 200 loads of granite to the Parker airstrip as soon as possible. Mr. Lininger said that he was sure that Mr. Parker would make an agreement with the city that this remain an airport if the city saw fit to put this granite on the airstrip. Biegel approximately \$1.00 a yard and it would require 600 yards. The Mayor appointed Phil Stansbury, investigate this situation and report back to the council at the next meeting.

A letter was then read from William Briggs concerning Talent Irrigation rights. The council referred this to city attorney Skerry. The salary of members of police department was also referred to the city attorney.

Chief of police Vern Smith requested that the police department be allowed to count the parking meter money that is collected inasmuch as members of the department are bonded to handle this money and he felt that it should be counted there. In the past Mrs. Phil Ritter has been counting this money. Councilman Neill moved that this money be counted by the police

department. Kroeger seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Baptist church members asked that something be done about future noise from the roller skating rink which is being built in the Motor Inn building. The church members stated that the noise from this rink would create disturbances especially when they were having their Sunday evening radio broadcast and the Wednesday evening meeting. Joseph Bowdoin, representing the Baptist church, in speaking from the floor, asked that the council have a definite understanding with Joe Leveque, owner of the rink, so that he make his building soundproof or in some way arrange it so the noise would not be too great. City Attorney Skerry stated that he did not think this was a problem for the city council but would confer with Leveque and the Reverend Leland Wilkinson of the Baptist church in order to see if something could be arranged to alleviate the noise.

Richard Neill gave a report of the finance committee. Neill stated that the finance committee composed of himself, Homes and Kroeger had met with William Briggs and Ben Lombard and had decided after much discussion that the problem of the bills, which both attorneys had presented to the city at the previous

meeting be referred to two disinterested attorneys, and that the News Review bill be referred to the purchasing agent, Elmer Biegel. Phil Stansbury made a motion that this report be tabled. Harold Merrill seconded the motion and it was carried.

Concerning a calculator for the city recorder's office Biegel stated that he could obtain one for \$447.50 or could get a Remington adding machine for \$297.00.

New Fire Station?

Fred Homes, chairman of the fire committee, read a letter from William Briggs stating that the warehouse being used by Herbert's Grocery and owned by Briggs, but mortgaged by the Butler estate, was for sale and that he thought it would make a suitable fire hall. Briggs is asking \$13,000 for the building. Neill suggested that Biegel look at the building and get an estimate of what remodeling costs would be to make a fire hall out of this building.

Clint Baughman, fire chief, said "use of this building would be a dream come true because the fire department had been so crowded for years and that it had been very hard to work under those conditions."

The matter of replacing the curbing at the Cottage Grocery

was discussed and Kroeger made a motion that this curbing be put in. Merrill seconded the motion, which was carried. Gutter and paving were also voted to be put in on East Main street to B street. Stadium street was voted opened.

The manager of the hospital, through the Realty committee, requested a circular drive in front of the hospital in order that persons visiting the hospital could come in the front entrance instead of having to use the back door. This was granted.

Merrill, chairman of the realty committee, also stated that many persons had asked him about the golf course and was wondering if the city would be interested in selling or making use of it. Biegel stated that if anything was done about the course, that the pipelines would have to be replaced.

Dr. Chas. Haines, speaking from the audience, made the statement that he thought they would have a hard time promoting a golf course in the city of Ashland as persons had donated several times to this project and never even gotten a nickle for their dollar. He stated that he had been letting a couple of his horses pasture on the course to get his money back.

Bert Freeman spoke in behalf of the band committee and asked that seating capacity be arranged in the park area where the But-

ler Memorial is being erected in order that when the bandstand is completed the entire project will be completed at the same time. Biegel stated that this seating project would cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000.00.

Attorney Skerry presented a report of the city mausoleum to the council members to read and report on at the next scheduled meeting.

Unfinished business was then taken up with the duties of Elmer Biegel being the first on the list. The Mayor appointed Neill, Merrill and Kroeger to discuss this problem with Attorney Skerry.

Benard Pederson spoke from the floor and asked that something be done about the sawdust from the Magnolia Lumber mill and also the street along that area.

Twenty applications for the street superintendent's job were read by Mayor Williams and the council accepted the application of A. A. Powers, Box 111, Hilt, California.

After several other small matters of unfinished business Dr. Charles Haines obtained the floor and requested the resignation of L. Peers Wilmeth as municipal judge. The city council by a vote of two to three retained Wilmeth. (See story in adjoining column).