

## Sale of Land on Watershed Gives Council Members and Mayor Grief

### City Attorney To Study Legality of Terms In Order To Clarify Problem of The Sale

City Attorney Harry A. Skerry will submit a written report to the Ashland city council at the next meeting of the council concerning the legal technicalities of the definition of "water shed." Skerry was instructed to study the term after last Tuesday night council session which found the question of the sale of 700 acres of land below Reeder still debatable. Council members and Mayor Tom Williams discussed at the meeting whether or not the land was in the watershed. Mayor Williams pointed out that the charter of the city of Ashland was very specific about the fact that no land in the watershed should be sold.

Prior to this week's meeting of the council the members of that body had authorized transfer of the land to the federal government for \$32,000.

The watershed question was one of the hot issues in last fall's knock down and drag out political campaign.

Speaking for himself in an interview Wednesday morning Mayor Williams said that he personally thought that the issue might well be settled by the people of the city. He suggested that no action need be taken on the watershed sale until the next election were held in the city at which time it could be put on the ballot.

## Water System Is Near Completion

Present leakage of the new lower Canyon reservoir amounts to 19 gallons a minute according to Elmer Biegel, city superintendent, but this is not unusual in new reservoirs of this type, he pointed out in an interview Wednesday.

"However," Biegel went on to say, "The city will not accept the reservoir until this has been corrected."

Pacific Bridge company, the contractors are now engaged in tightening up the reservoir. The leak is on the rim.

Fred J. Early and sons, contractors who built the filtration plant, will probably finish sometime this week Biegel said. Filtration equipment is being put in use sometime near the first week of August.

Covering of Crowson reservoir will not take place immediately as funds have to be obtained and use of the reservoir can be curtailed.

## DOING THE TOWN

TOM WILLIAMS says he didn't and George says he did. The feud between Tom Williams, the fighting mayor, and George Green boiled over again this week when Tom took exception to George's published statement that Tom had said punchboards should be licensed here.

TOM claims that his statement should have read, "in case punchboards are legalized in Oregon I think Ashland should license them."

TOM wants George to retract the published statement but George claims that the question is just a "hot potato."

SOME of the boys about town tried to arrange a mill to go for six rounds during the Fourth of July celebration, but this fell through. According to Tom it's just as well; he claims it would have gone less than a round anyhow.

PAULINA CARTER, nationally known as a pianist, gave quite a lift to Ashland's Fourth of July parade. Miss Carter, whose home has been in Ashland, was the assistant parade marshal and aided Walt Hamby in the performance of his duties. The outfit which stole the parade, however, was the little boy and the small burro.

AFTER having been away for a while the things we noticed most on our return was the climate—it's cool here. We also noticed the changes in the appearance of Dodge Furniture company's window. Dick and Mrs. Herndobler are really brightening up the center of the block.

THE Fire ladders who keep the parking strips in the Plaza so green are considering resigning the grass to its fate. Seems there has been some griping about too much water on passing cars.

# Audit Released by State

## Recommends A Better Budgeting System and Tighter Accounting

Recommendations made in the audit report prepared by the Division of Audits, Secretary of State's office, concerning the audit of the City of Ashland's books, were primarily that more careful budget preparation was necessary in this community and that accounting procedures should be partially revised.

The audit, which was made last spring, after the change of city administrators, was handled by Raymond W. Field, certified public accountant, and was released this week by S. W. Carr, supervisor of the state division of audits. The audit covered the period July 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948.

Concerning the budget overdraft of \$173,333.19 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, the auditor's report stated that this was the excess of actual expenditures as recorded over budget appropriations. Factors which brought about the overdraft included special assessments authorized and credited against street and lighting expenditures and special assessment costs which were actually incurred during the fiscal year and charged against the street budget. The over-expenditure was \$3,390.81 in this department.

The budgetary difference in the utilities department totaled \$24,260.71. This was brought about by an increase in stores inventory not included in budget expenditures and equipment and stores ordered the year previous which were not received nor paid for until the fiscal year which was in question.

According to the state auditors department the budgetary amounts both before and after revision disclose several important defects in preparing the budget for the year. However, not all of the budgetary differences appear to constitute illegal expenditures. Funds for plant expansion of the utilities department were on hand but were not budgeted for that purpose. Other expenditures affecting the budget difference appear to have been caused by repair of streets, bridges, and fire equipment damaged by the flood that year.

### Accounting System

The current accounting system is deficient, the auditor's report indicated in the following aspects: 1. The accounting records are not such that complete and accurate financial reports may be readily prepared. 2. Accounting control is not maintained over certain important assets such as materials and supplies. A. The accounting system does not provide adequate methods of internal control.

The auditors recommended that all accounts should be centralized under the direction of one person and that a double entry system of bookkeeping with a general ledger for financial transactions be used. Accounts should be maintained in balanced fund groups. Mechanized accounting equipment should be utilized. Persons receiving cash should not have access to accounting records pertaining to accounts receivable. A centralized purchasing procedure which utilizes requisitions and purchase orders should be used. A central stores department and perpetual inventory of stores should be maintained. Cost accounting should be installed in each department in order to ascertain expenses. The accounting system should include budgetary control over revenues. Revenues should be classified by fund and by source. Expenditures should be classified by fund, function, activity and object. The accrual method of accounting should be employed so that known assets and liabilities are reflected in the financial statement. All revenues should be made part of the general fund.

### General Comments

The auditor commented on the following items in addition to procedure shortcomings in the city's budgeting and accounting system.

1. A register has not been maintained for bonds payable.
2. The librarian's records had

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## Rotary District Assembly Is To Be Held in Ashland

### July 15 and 16 Are Dates for Conference

Bob Hardy, newly elected president of the Rotary club, reports that the Rotary district Assembly will be held in Ashland, on July 15 and 16.

Governor Charlie Cooley will conduct the assembly, bringing to local Rotarians and delegates from Oregon and Washington the instructions he received at Rotary International which was held in New York recently.

This district, at which Mr. Cooley was elected governor in Spokane last month includes 39 clubs. Each club is sending its president and secretary as delegates.

Most of the meetings will be held in the Elks basement and Lithia Springs Hotel. The regular Rotary meeting for Thursday has been postponed to Friday, the 15th. Each local member will take a visiting Rotarian as his guest.

A banquet will be held in the Elk's ballroom Friday evening and Saturday's luncheon will be a picnic in Lithia Park.

Western Stores, The Rogue Shop, Dodge Furniture Co., Marshall Wells Store, Ashland Groceteria, LaMare's Prescription Drug Store, Fortmiller's, Dial Electric Co., Ashland Auto Parts, Kerr's Markets, B J Jewelers, Sheldon Jewelry, Metz Store, Palace Cafe, Memory Lane Studio, Ingle Drug Co., Ted's Feed & Seed Store, Lumber company, Excell Dress Provete Furniture, White House Shop, Pritchard's Grocery.

## Henry Gerdes Loses Second Round In City Water Fight

Henry Gerdes, perennial battler with the city, lost the second round of his second fight with the city this week when members of the city council refused to do anything about stopping water seepage from the G. P. Hance property onto Gerde's land.

Gerdes, and his attorney, Ed Kelly, Medford, hold one decision over the city of Ashland. A case brought by Gerdes against the city requesting damages resulting from flood conditions was settled out of court last winter.

This second battle, which began a month ago, has Councilmen Fred Homes, and Dick Neill on Henry's side, while Councilmen Phil Stansbury, Emil Kroeger, E. Sheldon and Harold Merrill say that for the city to dig a ditch to protect Gerde's property from his neighbor's irrigation water would be setting a precedent which would bring the city into every neighborhood fracas.

Gerdes is not through yet, and the third round is coming up, he has indicated.

Grocery, Peoples Market, Plaza Grocery, Plaza Meat Market, Kens Associated Service, Union Service Station, Thompson's Grocery, Bushnell Studio, Rolling Pin Donut Shop, Dale & Grimes Market, AorGutry, Autry's Grocery, Pentzer's, Boulevard Meats and Grocery, Ashland Creamery, Glenn's Confectionery, Glenn Smith Tire Shop, Weitzel's Jewelry Department, Carlisle's Mobil Service, Plaza Cafe and Confectionery, Ken's Camera Shop, Bosshard's, Lumber company, Excell Dress Provete Furniture, White House Shop, Pritchard's Grocery.

## New Ordinance May Change City Payroll

Dick Neil, Fred Homes and Emil Kroeger, members of the city council's salary committee, are to meet Thursday evening to study a new ordinance concerning salaries of city employees.

The meeting was brought about by an apparent overdraft in the police department budget. The council has authorized an expenditure in that department of \$1200 more than had been approved in the budget.

Chief of Police Vern Smith stated that he did not know who had authorized the additional expenditure nor was he aware that the budget was being overdrawn.

The possibility of using parking meter money for the police department is being considered.

## Newbury's Heads List of Parade Winners

Winners in the parade for the July Fourth celebration were announced this week.

Newbury Orchards float won the parade grand prize.

In the commercial division Fortmiller's float won first and Gunter Fuel company won second. In the civic body float division, the Church of Christ won first place.

## Vesper Services Traditional In Lithia City Park

### Services This Year Will Begin Sunday, July 10

The custom of conducting vesper services on Sunday afternoons in Lithia Park dates back to the time of the Chautauqua in Ashland. Then the united church services on Sunday was a part of the Chautauqua. Ministers of the various denominations were brought in from many different communities. Large crowds attended these meetings and great interest was shown not only by the citizens of Ashland but by visitors attending the Chautauqua programs.

Later the Ashland Ministerial association took over the responsibility for these meetings and it has been customary for that organization to sponsor these services. There have been but few years when this program has not been followed.

This summer, the regular set up has been greatly augmented by the city authorities who have granted the churches the free use of the new Butler Memorial band shell and the splendid Wurlitzer organ. The services this summer should be the most helpful and enjoyable of park vespers. Each minister will furnish his own soloist and organist.

There is a change in the meeting time from five o'clock to six o'clock in the afternoon due to the position of the sun. At five o'clock it will be impossible to face the sun. It will also be harmful to the organ to have brilliant sunlight on its fine finish.

The schedule for the meetings is as follows:

Sunday, July 10. Evart P. Borden, speaker. George M. Shuman, Sunday, July 17, George M. presiding.

Shuman, speaker. Earl F. Downing, presiding.

Sunday, July 24. J. C. Green, speaker. Robert McIlvanna, presiding.

Sunday, July 31. O. W. Klingheim, speaker. T. O. Satterfield, presiding.

Sunday, August 7. Earl F. Downing, Speaker. Evart P. Borden, presiding.

Sunday, August 14. Robert McIlvanna, speaker. C. Wesley Broughen, presiding.

Sunday, August 21. T. O. Satterfield, speaker. J. C. Green, presiding.

Sunday, August 28. C. Wesley Brough, speaker. O. W. Klingheim, presiding.

## Appreciation Day Set For July 13

Appreciation day is set for Wednesday, July 13, according to an announcement made today by the Appreciation day committee, Winston Marks, chairman. The date was set Tuesday evening at a special meeting of the Ashland merchants who are participating in the Appreciation day program.

Big event of the day will take place at 2:30 p.m. at the corner of Main and Gresham, near the Library, when the merchants of Ashland plan to give away to some Ashland shopper a share of a treasure chest. Total amount of money in the treasure chest totals more than \$650.00.

In order to participate in receiving the award of money the winner must be present.

Ashland merchants are preparing for a big day this coming Wednesday and the program will continue each Wednesday thereafter with the treasure chest dividends to shoppers becoming greater each week.

Stores and businesses who are participating in the program include:

Weitzel's Dept. Store, Busch Motor Co., Wardrobe Cleaners, A & B Sport Shop, Drive In Market, Ashland Hardware, The Mart Ashland Home & Auto Supply

## Band To Play First Regular Concert Thursday, July 14

The first regularly scheduled concert of the Ashland Municipal band will be held Thursday, July 14, at the new Gwin S. Butler Memorial band shell. The shell was dedicated by the band at a special dedicatory program, on Thursday, July 30.

More than 3000 people were present at the special dedication which was highlighted by a series of selections on the Wurlitzer organ played by Jean A. Greif, of Spokane, Washington.

Henri Schumann-Heink, Portland, son of the famed singer, Madame Schumann-Heink, was present at the dedication and directed the Ashland municipal band and the audience in the singing of America. He is a representative of the Wurlitzer company.

William Briggs and I. R. Frieder, executors of the estate of the late Gwin S. Butler, explained the provisions of the will which set up a fund to provide a memorial, which is the Memorial band shell.

Fred Homes, chairman of the council, who represented Mayor Tom Williams at the dedication, accepted the band shell on behalf of the city. Homes introduced Clarence Lane, who was one of the first members of an Ashland band, and he introduced Bert Freeman, band president, who was instrumental in securing plans for the present structure.

Special mention at the dedication was also given Deway Van Curler and Elmer Biegel for their help in getting the band shell constructed.

Bob Reinholdt was master of ceremonies. Guests of honor were Mrs. Homer Barron and Mrs. Kate Scroggins.

## Fred Homes To Be Honored Sunday

"Fred Homes Day" will be held Sunday at Fuller Field when the Ashland Lithians open the second half of the Southern Oregon League season against Myrtle Creek.

The members of the ball club are planning the celebration in honor of Homes who has been one of the mainstays of organized baseball in Ashland for as far back as the current crop of players can remember.



Members of the Ashland Municipal band are shown above as they appeared recently in concert at the new Gwin S. Butler Memorial band shell. The band shell is one of the most modern on the Pacific Coast.

Members of the band are R. Alred, J. Anderson, M. Bailey, C. Baker, E. Beeson, Elmer Biegel Jr., Bill Bissell, Herb Brower, Lenore Brown, Charles Cook, director; Shirley Damon, Nancy Dunken, A. Bert Freeman, Barbara Gertson, Nina Graber, Sheldon Greer, Tom Harvey, Don Hibbard, Lila Holt, Randy Hugdahl, A. Huntemann, Virgil W. Jackson, Harry Kannasto, Betty Lou Kerby, William Logmore, Carline Mark, Charles Martin, Glenn Matthews, Keith Mirick, Bob Myrick, James A. Neff, Henry Padgham, Cliff Tense, Bob Reinholdt, Jeanne Rice, Francis Schuchard, Richard Schuchard, Carl Sears, Ruth Seitz, Fred L. Stang, Ruth Taylor, Diane Tucker, Deway Van Curler, Margaret S. Wagner, Harold West, Chris Williams, Harvey Woods, Jr., and Marcus B. Woods. (Photo by Ken's Camera Shop)



Pictured above is a photo of the 1916 Ashland Concert Band which was under the direction of Carl Loveland. From left to right in the back row are Mrs. C. C. Robertson, O. A. Paulserund, unknown, Lynn Mowat, unknown. Middle row: Paul Isenhower, Meredith Beaver, Frank Jordan, Carl Loveland, Wilson Wait, unknown, Henry Enders, W. F. Loomis, O. F. Carson, unknown, Clark Bush, and Andy McGee. Seated: Mr. Ross, Ed Soot, Arche Eubanks, A. Bert Freeman, and Floyd Dickey. Wilson Wait is now living in Medford. Mr. Ross lives in Central Point, and Ed Root lives in Medford. The News Review will greatly appreciate it if anyone can identify the other members of the 1916 band.