

Highway Report States \$71,225 Given To Ashland

Highway Users Help In Maintaining Street

Ashland has received a total of \$71,225.00 from the state of Oregon's highway users during the five years, 1944 to 1949. The Oregon state highway commission released the figures this week in a report that indicated how much money highway users had contributed toward the construction and maintenance of the streets of the state's incorporated cities.

The allocation of funds given to the cities is based upon population. During the same period Medford received \$169,371.00. Other communities in this area which received funds from the state's highway users included Phoenix, \$8730.00 and Talent, \$7214.00.

Highway users, during the years 1944 to 1949 inclusive, have contributed to the incorporated cities of Oregon a total of \$8,617,293 for the construction and maintenance of their streets (which are not within the state highway system). This does not include the sum of \$250,000 withheld in each of the years 1948 and 1949 by direction of the 1947 legislature to be spent by the commission on city streets subjected to excessive wear due to unusually heavy industrial traffic, and to be advanced upon application made by the affected cities.

Prior to 1944 city streets not on the state highway system were improved out of revenues derived from direct city property taxes. The 1945 legislature diverted 5 percent of state highway income to use on city streets. The 1937 session increased the take to 10 percent.

During the period 1917 to 1947 inclusive the highway commission has advanced for right of way, construction and maintenance of these city streets a total of \$16,067,048, and now is being obligated under the mandate of these various legislative acts to the construction and maintenance of a continually lengthening mileage of city streets, and this in addition to that portion of the highway revenue under the 5 percent diversion of the 1945 and the 10 percent diversion of the 1947 legislative sessions.

These sums which have been diverted from state highway construction by the legislative constitution, in practical effect, a state subsidy proportionate to and in lieu of local property taxes for street improvement.

DOING THE TOWN

Then there's the case of the Jail Docket which popped up this week down at the city hall. Seems as if someone, in the previous city administration, ordered a jail docket from our esteemed contemporary up the street. Price was \$97.35, for a stock printed book. The bill was not presented, however, during the stir and fuss which Dr. Charles Haines, Councilman Harold Merrill and Phil Stansbury were kicking up about the \$87.50 which the city was being asked by the News Review, to pay for specially printed court dockets. And so, this month the bill quietly made its appearance. Too late, Chief of Police Vern Smith says he didn't order the book, doesn't plan to use it, and won't accept it. The book is being returned. It should be. The old order changed.

Chief of Police Vern Smith and Municipal Judge L. Peers Wilmet made a trip on their own time and in their own conveyance Wednesday night to Yreka California, to straighten out a gentleman there who had been in Ashland Wednesday morning displaying his charms to two little girls, age five and six. As the complaint was on a misdemeanor or charge it was impossible to extradite the character. Thus the trip, and a lecture, and orders to him to stay in his own back yard.

Mail Dispatch Time Changes Announced

E. E. Vail, postmaster, announced this week that due to changes in train schedules the following changes are in effect for closing time for dispatch of mails.

First class and air mail for Medford and Grants Pass will close at 5:00 a.m. and 11:50 a.m.

First class mail and special delivery parcels for Klamath Falls will close at 10:30 a.m.

All classes of mail for California closes at 4:00 p.m.

All classes of mail for the northern and eastern states will close at 5:00 p.m.

First class and special delivery for the south will close at 6:30.

City and route delivery times will remain the same.

Shuman To Speak At Vesper Services

The Rev. George M. Shuman will be the speaker this coming Sunday at the Lithia Park Vesper service. The services, traditionally a Sunday evening event during the summer, are sponsored by the Ashland Ministerial association.

The Vesper services begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Gwin S. Butler Memorial band shell.

Business Census Is Now Underway In Lithia City

Enumeration Of Businesses Slated

Retail, wholesale and service trade establishments in Ashland will be asked to report on their 1948 business operations by one enumerator who began working in Ashland Monday July 11. Enumeration of business establishments in Medford, Ashland and remaining areas in Jackson county is part of the complete census of business being conducted this year by the United States bureau of census. The district office serving Jackson county is located in Eugene, with Olga A. Freeman as district supervisor.

Mrs. Freeman, who was in Ashland last week completing arrangements for the census, reports that the calling on businesses has been completed in Lane and Linn counties. Her office will have charge of the business census in Josephine, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties as well.

First Since 1940

Information on sales volume, payrolls and employment, principal merchandise lines and other basic items concerning the country's distributive system will be collected for the first time in nearly a decade. The most recent business census was taken in 1940, covering activities in 1939. The census reported retail sales of more than \$42 billion and wholesale trade of more than \$55 billion. It has been estimated that comparable figures for 1948 will nearly treble the 1939 totals. The nation's first census of business was conducted in 1930 and covered operations in 1929. Its purpose was to provide a complete statistical description of the distribution trades, primarily for business men who needed such information as a guide to market conditions.

Many other uses soon supplemented the census' original function, it was stated. Merchants are said to have discovered that its authoritative count of establishments by kinds of business classifications and its information on sales volumes, payrolls, employment and other basic data aided them in understanding their own operations, inventory sales-rates, sales per employee and similar measures of efficiency in their own establishments. It reportedly gave the men gauge for determining their own position in their individual fields; it located each business group's position in the national structure.

The original census law, passed in 1929, as well as the present law, requires all business establishments coming under the classification of retail, wholesale and service trades to file reports and imposes upon the census bureau the responsibility of guarding against publication of data in any form which would reveal operations of individual establishments. All census employees are bound by an oath of secrecy and are subject to penal action if they violate their pledge.

Business Tax Proposal Expected To Create Warm Council Session

A warm session is expected at the next meeting of the city fathers of Ashland which will be held at the city hall, Tuesday, July 19.

Fireworks are expected to be set off concerning the proposal by E. Sheldon, councilman, that Ashland businesses be taxed to bring additional revenue to the city.

The system of taxing businesses has been proposed in order that a special election to permit the city to exceed the 6 per cent limitation need not be held. Sheldon pointed out in his proposal that most cities operated with some type of business tax.

Budget Approved By City Council

An ordinance accepting the 1949-1950 city of Ashland operating budget will be filed by City attorney Harry Skerry this week with the Jackson county clerk. The budget calls for a tax levy of \$65,222.

The \$1850.00 which was to go to the Chamber of Commerce was cut from the final figure because it would have caused the budget to exceed the six per cent limitation.

Members of the council, meeting in special session Tuesday, accepted the budget.

Shakespeare Theme Lectures Continue

Dr. Margery Bailey, Stanford University, who is working with Angus Bowmer and the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association this summer, will present the second of a series of lectures on Shakespeare's debatable characters this Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at Susan Holmes hall.

This Sunday the lecture will be on the Dangerous Comedians, Polonius and the Nurse. The lecture last Sunday was on Lovers and Fortune Hunters.

During the period August 7-21 a series of readings in formal groups will be presented. There will also be during the August series a special performance of Tudor dances directed by Miss Eller, with Elizabethan folksongs by Miss Bailey.

No charge is made for these lectures.

Rotarians Set For Convention

Rotarians this week made final preparations for the Rotary officers convention which is to be held Friday and Saturday. Visiting Rotarians are expected to begin arriving in Ashland early Friday morning with registration scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

Bill Crook is handling registration. Jim Busch is in charge of the Rotary picnic. Gene Eberhart is in charge of banquet arrangements. A. C. Woodward is handling entertainment, John Cotton, decorations, Phil Stansbury, reception and Elmer Biegel, transportation.

Annual Picnic Of Pythians Sunday

All members of the Knights of Pythias and the DOKK and their families are invited to the annual Pythian picnic which will be held this coming Sunday in Lithia Park. John Riley Pittenger is in charge of local arrangements.

Dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. Guests are asked to bring their own picnic dinner baskets and service. Coffee & cream will be served by the committee. The picnic area is in the Upper Park.

Utilities Engineer And Housewife Lock Bumpers on Curve

Mrs. Mary Louise Dotson and Elmer Biegel tangled automobiles on Granite street below the city reservoir Monday. The accident took place on the blind curve leading to the reservoir.

Mrs. Dotson was driving a 1941 Plymouth and Biegel the city of Ashland's 1947 Chevrolet. Mrs. Dotson and her children were shaken up and bruised by the accident.

Lions Are Planning Opportunity Sale

Plans for the annual Ashland Lions club opportunity sale are presently being made by the chairmen of the committee for the sale, Frank O'Neal and Roland Parks.

According to Bob Snider, president of the Lions club, the sale will be held in the City hall some time within the next three weeks.

At the sale, which is in the form of a rummage sale, buyers will be given an opportunity every half hour to buy a new article of merchandise at half price. This is one of the main features of the annual affair.

Funds from the sale are used by the Lions to assist in community projects. Funds from last year's sale were used for scholarships, and assisting various school teams in traveling and meeting expenses.

COPCO Raises Wages For Fourth Time

Medford, July 14 — According to a statement issued today by A. S. Cummings, president, The California Oregon Power Co. has approved wage increases effective July 1, 1949 aggregating approximately \$184,000 on an annual basis. This adjustment, which represents this company's fourth general wage increase since the war's end, is applicable to both union and non-union regular employees, and results in average increases of about five and three quarters per cent.

DeBoer Announces Model Plane Meet

A record breaking number of entries, estimated to exceed 250, are expected to participate in the state wide model plane contest to be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17 at Eugene. This will very likely break the mark set last year, according to Walter DeBoer of Lithia Motors, Ashland Plymouth dealer, and a member of the Plymouth Dealers of Oregon who are sponsoring the annual contest.

Spotlighted on Saturday's program will be speed and stunt events scheduled to take place on the University of Oregon campus and using the Webfoot baseball field.

The following day will see free flight models performing at the Eugene airport. Awards will be made following events on each day.

Contest plans for this 1949 state meet will offer prizes including three scholarships to any Oregon college or university to be offered to winners from 14 to 18 years of age.

In addition to the scholarships, there will be presented four all-expense paid trips to Detroit, Michigan. There, winners in all the state meets will compete in the August 22-29 Plymouth Third International Model Plane Contest for \$8750 in prizes.

Contestants in the age group nine to 26 years may win the trips while additional awards will be presented to winning modelers in all age groups.

Church Council To Study DP Question

Mrs. Arthur Peters was appointed program chairman and Mrs. James Madison, publicity chairman at a meeting of the Advisory Board of the Council of Church Women, held last week at the Church of Christ.

The Council is composed of delegates from six member churches. At the last meeting Dr. Kenneth Campbell, who is on a furlough from China, spoke on the help which could be given displaced persons by the churches. Dr. Campbell, who is from the Presbyterian board of foreign missions, is presently working with the general assembly for resettlement of displaced persons.

Dr. Campbell stated that there was a need for assurance for protestants, and told of the fact that the government had requested that the churches help with the displaced people.

Other events at the meeting included a report by Mrs. Martin Barnett on juvenile delinquency.

The next meeting will be held the second Friday in October.

Services Here For Naval Air Cadet

Virgil Gillette, son of Mrs. E. K. Edsell, Portland, and grandson of John Riley Pittenger was killed the forepart of this week in an airplane accident at the Naval Air Base at Pensacola, Florida.

Gillette, who was to have graduated from the Navy flight school this year, had received his elementary education in Ashland.

The body is being returned to Ashland where services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 18 at the Litwiller funeral parlors.

Softball Epic To Take Place Friday Evening

Kiwanis Club Meets Lions in Annual Classis

Softball fans of Ashland will see two stellar teams in action Friday night at Walter Phillips field when the Roaring Lions of Lithia Springs meet Bert Miller's "Keewanees."

The Kiwanis club, which was sparked by five Jr. Chamber of Commerce players during its last game, which was with the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, is expected to have a slight edge on the Lions as advance reports from the Lion's club indicates that every member of the organization plans to get in the game.

Bob Snider, president of the Lions club, pointed out, however, that the Lions are all rested up and rarin' to go whereas the Kiwanis club is tired out from the Jaycee game and should be easy to take.

GETS BOB CAT THURSDAY

Siskiyou Summit, July 13—"Red" Kissinger got a bob cat Thursday evening while driving down the road. Seeing the cat's eyes, Kissinger stopped his jeep and using a 32 calibre pistol fired. The animal weighed 30 lbs.

Kilty Band To Appear In Salem

Ashland American Legion Post No. 14's Kilty band, complete with all Scottish trappings and including Hollis Hill, trampoline artist will be a featured attraction at the State American Legion convention to be held in Salem beginning Friday, August 5th.

A call for bands, drum corps and other musical or marching organizations to perform at the state American Legion convention went out from Salem Legion headquarters this week.

Legion committeemen extended an open invitation to any such organization to participate in the three-day conclave's Grand Parade, scheduled for Salem on Friday, August 5. Interested groups are requested to contact the convention commission, post office box 13, Salem.

LaGrande's defending champions will be on hand for the drum and bugle corps competition. Among units expected to contend is the Clatskanie post corps, which in pre-war days was a junior unit of 38 teen-age sons of Legionnaires. Now World War II veterans and full-fledged Legionnaires in their own right, 34 of the original members will take the field.

Chiropractors Hold A Picnic Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Oregon Society of Chiropractic physicians was held in Ashland Monday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Terrill, on Beach street. Tables were arranged on the lawn, and a picnic supper was enjoyed by the group comprised of doctors and their families, from Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland.

Dr. Terrill, newly elected President of the group, made committee appointments, and ground work was laid for activities of the society for the ensuing year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Jester, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Borden spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Jester's daughter and family on their ranch near Mt. McLaughlin.

Carl Moline, Oregon City, visited Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Borden Tuesday evening.

Six Hundred At Appreciation Day Ceremonies Here

To Take Place In Plaza Next Week

Six hundred interested participants attended the first weekly Appreciation day meeting which was held Wednesday afternoon at the corner of Main and Gresham. Five names were called before the Treasure chest of \$30.00 was awarded to an Ashland shopper who had participated in the Appreciation day.

Walt Hamby was master of ceremonies and was assisted by three ladies and a girl who were selected from the crowd. Bill McGee, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce helped make arrangements for the awarding of the treasure chest.

According to Winston Marks, chairman of the Appreciation day committee, the next Appreciation day meeting will be held in the Plaza, next Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Marks also expressed the committee's appreciation of the assistance given in the program by Fluhrer's bakery, which furnished a sound truck, by Ashland cabinet works, which supplied a pickup used Wednesday, and by the manager of the local theatre's Jerry Covell, who furnished the ticket drum.

Council Seeking Legal Advice On Attorney's Fees

The League of Oregon cities this week informed city recorder J. B. Austin that they were not prepared to offer a legal decision concerning the validity of the \$1000.00 bill for services rendered the city of Ashland by local attorneys, Harry Skerry and Ben Lombard.

The bill was presented by the two attorneys after they had been retained by Mayor Tom Williams and the City of Ashland in a judgment suit last winter brought by the Common Council of the City of Ashland to determine legality of an ordinance which would have prevented the mayor's suspending city employees.

The council was represented by former city attorney William Briggs, who has also presented a bill for \$1900.00.

Concerning the Lombard-Skerry bill, the city recorder has been requested by the present mayor and council to contact Virgil Langtry, Portland attorney, for a ruling on the case.

The League of Oregon cities representative, Deane Seeger, in refusing to give an opinion, stated: "In the opinion of the officials of the league this matter is strictly a local dispute and we are not in a position to offer legal advice. Such matters must be left to the discretion of the local governing body on the basis of facts and the counsel of competent legal advice."

Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Borden and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wines, and son, Bill, were guests at a picnic dinner at the home of Mrs. Sadie Stratton and Mrs. Marjorie Barker, Wednesday evening.

Ashland Lions To Help Jacksonville During Jubilee

Planning to Operate A Novelty Booth

Members of the Ashland Lions club under the direction of Herb Huston, Bill Yates, and Ken Peabody are planning to set up a novelty booth at the Annual Gold Rush Jubilee celebration which will be held in Jacksonville August sixth and seventh. The Lions club of Jacksonville is sponsoring the jubilee and other Lions clubs in the Rogue River valley are assisting.

The Ashland club, according to Lion president Bob Snider is considering entering a queen in the queen contest which is one of the features of the jubilee. The winner of the queen contest will receive a \$300.00 wardrobe while the runner-up will get \$50.00 in gold.