

Council Imposes New Regulations On Local Mills

The Ashland city council passed last night an ordinance that would require all sawmills within the city limits to install, and use, a sprinkler system in their burners—designed to prevent the sawdust from escaping the mill confines.

H. V. Utterbeck, of the U & S Lumber company, expressed his willingness to do whatever is possible to prevent disturbance from the sawdust but opined that a sprinkler system would be ineffective. John Cotton representing Lumber Mills, Inc., agreed with Utterbeck.

Councilman E. E. Sheldon moved that the ordinance be passed, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Dick Neil.

In other action last night, the council:

1. Referred a request to tax free-play slot machines and punch boards, to City Attorney, Harry Skerry. The council asked the attorney to draw up an ordinance taxing all coin machines, including all coin machines, including juke boxes and pin-ball machines.

2. Ordered Chief of Police Vern Smith to enforce certain recommendations of the County Sanitation officer.

3. Voted that the \$1,006.80 bill for attorney fees presented by Skerry and Lombard be thrown out as disallowable.

4. Granted a request for approval of an on-sale and packaged beer permit for the Plaza Cafe and Confectionary.

5. Decided that payment for special police at the band shell must come from the budget allowed to the band committee.

6. Heard brief explanation of civil service program by Mayor Tom Williams.

7. Considered a tax on house trailers parked with the city.

8. Appointed George Bennett to replace temporary patrolman Merle Carter in the police department.

9. Renewed 90-day option on lease of city golf course to Marion Kinder.

10. Recommended action on various complaints submitted by citizens.

Lighting Improvements Made By School Board

Purchase of 60 slimline lighting fixtures and the enlarging of the pressbox at Walker Phillips field are the newest improvements scheduled for the Ashland school system.

Directors of Ashland School District No. 5 recently approved the plans and, in addition, considered renovation of the science room at the senior high school.

Lighting improvements were begun a year ago and with installation of the new fixtures, all rooms will be up to State standards in candlepower.

The directors voted to call for bids to enlarge the pressbox at the high school field. The larger box will now be able to accommodate both newsmen and sportscasters, including radio engineers as well.

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Jacksonville Jubilee Officials Plan Busy Week-end Schedule

JACKSONVILLE (Special)—With the sky for a backdrop and the rose-hued quarter-moon looking down, the open air pavilion in Jacksonville, was the scene of the Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee Queen's Ball, last Saturday night. After a fan-fare by Dick Spain's Western Swingsters, announcement of the winners of the queen contest was made to the large crowd which had been anxiously awaiting word of the final tabulation of votes.

Elizabeth Wolff, Jacksonville, sponsored by Ben's Food Market, and who has been a high contender throughout the contest, was announced winner. At opening ceremonies of the Gold Rush Jubilee next Saturday morning, she will be crowned "Queen Elizabeth."

Freda Gravelle, also of Jacksonville, and sponsored by the Jacksonville Ice and Cold Storage, was introduced as second place winner. Connie Frohs, of Jacksonville, sponsored by the Nugget confectionery, was introduced as third place winner.

Both Freda and Connie will be crown princesses to the queen as will all other contestants.

The continuous program for the two days of the Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee celebration will begin this coming Saturday August 6, with a kiddie parade starting at 1 p. m., followed immediately by older persons and others dressed in old-time attire.

Log bucking contests, both hand and machine, will take place during Saturday morning. Much interest has been created in these contests with contestants entered from throughout Southern Oregon, and the spirit of competition is high.

Other entertainment will include old-time fiddlers and barber shop quartet harmony contests Sunday afternoon. There will be dancing in the evenings in the open air pavilion and the gigantic grand parade begins at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

A special feature will be the big open-pit barbecue. Church services will be held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Invitations for the parade have been extended throughout the state and Northern California for parade entries and many out-of-towners are expected here for the Jubilee. Included parade entries are the Ladies Mounted Troop, Auxillary to the Jackson County Mounted Sheriffs Posse; the Medford Coonskinners, who will be dressed in their fringed Daniel Boone outfits with racoon caps; Bliss Heinie's drum corps; Eve Prentice's Accordiana Band; and the Medford Trail Riders.

Local Man Attending Naval Air School

Lt. (jg) Rolo Lester Farrell, Jr. USN, husband of Mrs. Christina M. Farrell of 480 Harrison St., Ashland, Oregon, is attending the Combat Information Center Officers' school at the Naval Air Technical Training Unit Naval Air station, Glenview, Ill.

The course of instruction at the school includes classes in evaluation and location of targets, fire control direction, and target plotting.

The current class at the school convened July 15 and is scheduled to graduate Nov. 4, 1949.

Band Instructor Hired for AHS

C. E. Wiggins, Seattle, will be Ashland HI's new band leader this fall. Leland P. Linn, superintendent of schools, said that Wiggins comes from the University of Washington, where he was assistant conductor of the college band.

U. of W. music department heads report that Wiggins is one of the most outstanding men they have sent into the field for many years. He has been playing with the Seattle Symphony orchestra, including a good deal of solo work on the clarinet.

While in the service, Wiggins conducted the Santa Ana Army Air Force recording band.

He will arrive in Ashland in September to begin teaching duties at the high school.

The Kiltie Bagpipe band from Ashland will also participate; and the Grants Pass Cavemen have been asked to join in the parade.

Organizations or individuals wishing to enter the parade or entertainment are cordially asked to do so, and should contact A. C. Van Galder, chairman of the parade and program committee, phone Medford 4892; or Jacksonville 452. A special invitation is extended to the older folks to enter the Saturday morning's parade wearing old-time attire.

Transportation will be provided for those who are unable to march, and prizes will be given for the most authentic old-time costumes. Suitable prizes will also be given for all winning entries in parades and entertainment.

The Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee is sponsored by the Jacksonville Lons club, and a full program of events has been lined out for the two days Aug. 6 and 7.



KING RICHARD II—Phillip Hanson of San Francisco will appear as the English monarch in one of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival productions scheduled at Ashland, Ore., from Aug. 2 to 24. (Shnell Photo)

Kilty Band Chosen Best At Legion Convention

The Ashland American Legion kilty band, one of the oldest Legion musical organizations in the country, walked off with top musical awards this morning in the State Legion Convention parade at Salem. Harry McNair leads the prize-winning bagpipers.

"Dream" Opens At Theater Tonight

Tonight's presentation of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival players will be the farcical, fantastical "Midsummer Night's Dream." "Othello" on Friday and "Taming of the Shrew" Saturday night will wind up the opening week of the ninth annual festival.

The largest opening crowd in the history of the yearly round of Elizabethan plays was on hand Tuesday for "Romeo and Juliet," including Gov. and Mrs. Douglas McKay and Sec'y of State and Mrs. Earl Newbry. Another large audience attended the presentation of "Richard II" last night.

A banquet honoring the dignitaries present for opening night was held at the Lithia hotel prior to the play. Guests were, besides Gov. McKay and Sec'y Newbry, Speaker of the House, Frank Van Dyke, Senator William McAllister, city and county officials of Southern Oregon, Herbert Larson, drama editor of the Oregonian, and Arnold Marks, drama editor of the Journal.

Five Ashland Men Named in Recent Issue of "Who's Who on Pacific Coast"

Carr Becomes Partner In Sheldon Jewelry

D. D. Sheldon and Phoebe S. Green of Sheldon Jewelry have announced that Henry Carr, Jr. watchmaker at the store for the past 1½ years, is entering the firm.

They said that Carr, formerly of Spokane, is a watchmaker and jeweler of skill and experience. Carr said he likes Ashland and Ashland people, and will enjoy his new position as a member of the firm.

Lithians Slate Tilt With G P

Southern Oregon League	W	L	Pct.
Roseburg	9	2	.818
Myrtle Creek	8	3	.727
Ashland	7	4	.636
Medford	7	4	.636
Central Pt.	6	4	.600
Crescent City	3	7	.300
Grants Pass	3	8	.273
Prospect	0	11	.000

Cliff McLean's skidding Lithians are all set to tackle the Grants Pass baseballers here on the Fuller Field diamond Sunday.

Plagued by what appears to be a chronic case of butter-fingers, the Ashland nine has lost its last two starts, slipping from a first place tie to share the third rung on the Southern Oregon loop ladder with the Medford outfit. Another loss could scot the Lithians out of the Shaughnessy division.

Tungsten Discovery Made Near Ashland

Discovery of a layer of scheelite, the ore from which tungsten is derived, has been reported made on the L. A. Bratcher property three miles southwest of Ashland. The recent issue of the publication of the state dept. of mining and geology announced the find.

The article stated: "Discovery of scheelite in samples taken by L. A. Bratcher was made by C. L. Hodges, Ashland agate and fluorescent mineral collector, through the use of an ultra-violet lamp. An ore zone 4 to 12 feet in width is exposed by initial workings. The length and depth of the deposit are as yet undetermined. More than 100 tons of ore has been shipped to the Tulare County Tungsten mines plant near Lindsey, Calif., for milling. Five men are employed at the Bratcher property."

The second edition of "Who's Who on the Pacific Coast," recently released by the A. N. Marquis company, contains the biographies of six Ashland residents.

Included are: Dr. Edward E. Brown, pediatrician. Dr. Brown was chief of the pediatric chest clinic at Columbia University's Post-Graduate Medical school and hospital 1938-1943. He has been a contributor to numerous medical journals and has a textbook in preparation now. He was the only pediatrician in the state to be listed.

Rev. Aronah Henry McDonnell, vicar at Trinity Episcopal church in Ashland since 1942. He is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Va., and has been active in clerical work for the past 29 years.

Dr. Elmo Nail Stevenson, educator, who has been president of Southern Oregon college since 1946. Dr. Stevenson is the author of a number of books and articles to various natural history and educational publications. After receiving his Doctorate degree from Stanford in 1938, he was associated with Eastern Oregon college and Oregon State.

Rev. George M. Shuman, clergyman, has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Ashland since 1944. He is a graduate of Univ. of Illinois and the McCormick Theological Seminary. Before coming to Ashland, Rev. Shuman was connected with Presbyterian churches in San Diego and Exeter, Calif. He was president of the Ashland Ministerial association, 1945-1947.

Miss Cora Elizabeth Mason, Public Library since 1942. She has been with the local library staff since 1940. Miss Mason holds degrees from Oregon State college, Willamette, Pacific Univ., and the University of Washington.

Dr. Walter Redford, former president of Southern Oregon college. He received his doctorate degree from the University of Washington. He came to So. Oregon college in 1926, serving as head of the geography department until 1932 when he was appointed president. Dr. Redford retired January 1, 1947.

Unemployment Rises

Payments to Oregon's unemployed in July climbed to \$1,201,435 an increase of \$87,597 from June and the highest mid-summer month on record with the exception of 1946 when thousands of war workers and returning veterans were looking for jobs, the State Unemployment Commission reported today.

W. M. Blair Continues Working Neil Creek Granite Quarry



The final stage in the operation of turning raw granite into finished monuments and building blocks is accomplished at this building on Neil Creek where the Blair Granite Quarries are located. (Photo by Don DeLisle.)

Walter M. Blair, 74, a granite cutter from way back, is working a granite quarry up on the North side of Neil creek, which could be one of the major industries in Southern Oregon, Blair is working the quarry himself because of lack of competent granite cutters.

The quarry has had a stormy history. For several years before the war Blair operated it and then in 1937 it was refinanced by several Ashland people and was operated by one of the Applegates. This phase of operation lasted two years and then in 1940 Blair took over again on a quit claim deed from the RFC. He has been attempting to operate it by himself since then.

Located on Neil Creek The quarry is located on Neil creek, six miles in an airline south of Ashland. There is on the hillside an immense body of grey granite in shades of light medium and dark grey, possessing all the essential and desirable qualities of a high grade monumental and building granite.

In texture and mineral content the Blair granite is equal to that of the well known Barre, Vermont quarries. The joints seams and rifts are so spaced as to allow quarrying of large blocks. New bodies of granite are still being found in the area, one of

the latest being a body of almost black, fine grain granite which Blair found a year or so ago farther up the hill. The granite from the quarries has passed government tests for fine building granite.

Today, the granite which Blair takes from the quarries is being used for fine monuments and special orders which Blair alone can handle.

The machinery and equipment at the quarries are sufficient to keep 15 men working full time but Blair states that men are not available. The equipment includes an eight blade saw with a 50 horse electric motor. The saw can cut a piece of granite weighing 60 tons. A highline for moving the slabs from the quarry to the saw. A polishing machine, two buffers, and chilled shot for cutting. A number 80 carborundum wheel, 60 foot overhead crane with a 30 foot side delivery, and motors for all equipment. Blair stated the machinery itself was worth \$37,000.

Before the highline was put in, blocks were skid out of the quarry by horses. Murry Murphy, Ashland, was one of the skimmers.

Blair says, "Today she could be going slippety-bang, there's granite here that's quarried itself, but I can't get cutters."



Bob Sharyon, Ashland rock hound, enjoys the view of the pool at the lower quarry of the Blair Granite Works on Neil Creek. (Photo by Don DeLisle)