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## Property Owners File Protest Over Location Of CD Radio Station

The submission of a letter to the city council by Fred Whited on behalf of residents living near the proposed site of Ashland's civil defense radio communications center on Fred Homes avenue caused strong comment at Tuesday's council meeting.

Whited stated that the radio center, which is being constructed across the street from the house of one of the petitioners, would cause this property to depreciate \$1,500 in value. He also said yesterday that if the building were moved 100 feet east towards the cemetery it would alleviate the distraction. "Even placing it back a distance from the road would help," he said.

"We have no quarrel with the civil defense program," he continued, "we back it wholeheartedly. We just can't see something that will take away money from the people." Mayor P. H. Stansbury declared that the \$1,500 amounted to a lot less than the defense value of the station.

Whited declared this was "flag-waving" and not concerning the point of loss of money value to the surrounding residents.

Col. P. B. Waterbury then stated, "I understand that the radio lads propose to paint

landscape, and render the station a thoroughly decent and proper place." He also added, that the short wave frequencies used by the station would not interfere with standard wavelengths used by domestic radios. Elmer Biegel, city superintendent, reported that the street's utilities' convenience were available along the whole length of the street.

Police Chief Vern Smith offered as a settlement measure the use of 13 1/2 acres of land at the head of Park street, which he owns, for use by the radio group.

The matter was referred to the realty committee for further study.

## Home Decoration Contest Judging Scheduled Friday

Judging for the Ashland Lions' Yuletide home decoration contest will be this Friday, December 22.

All Ashland residents are urged by the club to have their homes decorated by this time. The committee in charge of the contest is Bill Yates, Erwin Nelson, and Glen Crisp. They ask that anyone wishing to enter the contest please call Don Lewis at Southern Oregon college so their home will not be missed in the judging.

All homes will be judged whether they have contacted Lewis or not, but it was stated that notification will assure the home-owner that his home will not be missed. Prizes will be given for the winners of the two divisions established by the judges.

## Blood Bank Unit To Visit in April

The blood bank mobile unit will be in Ashland to receive general community donations sometime in April. Dr. T. H. Schutte, Ashland representative for the Jackson county committee, reported yesterday.

Dr. Schutte stated that the mobile unit would be at Southern Oregon college the first week in February to receive student donations. He continued that donors in the 18 to 21 bracket must have their parent's release to participate in the donations.

"Nobody need fear the giving of blood," Dr. Schutte stated. "There is no pain or fundamental discomfort from such an action," he said.

Dr. Schutte, Mrs. Sam McNair, Col. P. B. Waterbury, and Vern Athanas attended a meeting of the Jackson county association yesterday in Medford. Harold Jackson of Portland gave a talk on the history of the national blood movement.

It was pointed out that when the blood unit arrives in Ashland 240 people a day are needed while the unit is in operation. It can handle one person every 15 minutes, Dr. Schutte said.

Dr. Schutte said that he intended to call a meeting shortly after Christmas with Allen McGee, Mrs. Sam McNair, and Col. P. B. Waterbury in order to perfect a more definite committee organization in Ashland.

Another county meeting will be held in Medford, January 4, at the Jackson hotel.

### KIWANIS DATES CHANGED

The Ashland Kiwanis club will hold its next two meetings Wednesday noon, December 27 and January 3, at Roberts Cafe, according to Ed Barnett, club president. The dates were changed since the club's regular meeting dates fell on Christmas and New Year's.

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." —Mark Twain.

# Mayor Asks Budget Compliance

### MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, due to the international emergency the City of Ashland has established a civil defense program in accordance with the provisions of the Oregon Civil Defense Act of 1949, and

WHEREAS, in order to assure maximum protection to citizens of Ashland and others that may need our assistance in the event of an enemy attack or sabotage, it is necessary that each and every citizen volunteer to assist in the civil defense program, and

WHEREAS, the Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce has assumed the duty of contacting people in order to have them sign cards volunteering their services and has designated the Week of December 17th to 23rd as "Operation Sign Up Week," and

WHEREAS, on December 22nd and 23rd booths will be located in convenient locations within the City in order to give citizens an opportunity to sign said cards

NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY PROCLAIM December 17th to 23rd as OPERATION SIGN UP WEEK and with the utmost conviction as to the inestimable value of our civil defense program, earnestly and sincerely urge that each and every man and woman in Ashland sign a card volunteering his or her services to the civil defense program at the booths to be located at the City Hall, First National Bank and California-Pacific Utilities Company.

With everyone participating, the civil defense program may ultimately save many lives and consequently each of us should do his part.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1950.

P. H. Stansbury  
Mayor

## Installation of Vapor Lights Gets Veto; Fred Taylor Appointed City Budget Director for 1951

The state of the city budget as of Dec. 1, 1950, shows 47 per cent spent for the current fiscal year, according to the financial report submitted by J. B. Austin, city recorder, and approved by the council Tuesday night.

Austin reported that \$265,910.07 had been spent, which leaves a balance of \$294,278.93 to finish out the fiscal year. Mayor P. H. Stansbury cautioned each department to stay within their budget for the ensuing part of the year, in his year's summation speech to the council.

Mayor Stansbury announced the appointment of Councilman Fred Taylor as budget director for 1951. He submitted the following budget committee members who were duly approved by the council: for the three year term, Jean Eberhart and Hugh McKeever; two year term, Dr. Elmo Stevenson and Emil Kroeger; and the one year term, Henry Galey and Robert Ingles.

The council voted down, 4 to 3, the electricity committee's proposal asking for installation of three mercury-vapor lights for the Plaza area to eliminate hazardous shadows created by removal of the old lights. The committee estimated the cost of installation at \$1,200. Mayor Stansbury's negative vote broke the tie with the councilmen favoring the following stands: for, Fred Homes, Emil Kroeger, and Mark Hamaker; against, Fred Taylor, Dr. Walter Weller, and Richard L. Neill.

Chairman Fred Homes of the electricity committee said the proposal was decided upon because of the present budget status. The overall plan calls for 36 mercury-vapor lights at a cost of 21 to 25 thousand dollars. He added that the three lights would help the hazardous area and serve as an example to the citizens of what the proposed future lighting system would bring.

Fred Taylor, the new budget director, said "we don't know for sure how we stand on the budget—we should wait until May." Mayor Stansbury seconded Taylor's feelings when he cast the deciding vote. Taylor also mentioned the expected cost of hospital repairs and other necessities. He added, "No-

body has been hurt too bad because of the lack of light—we can get along for a couple of more years."

Ashland's school district No. 5, including the Bellview and Walker schools, will now be subjected to a \$100 charge for each run of the fire department upon call to these schools. This change was made by unanimous vote of the council upon recommendation of the fire committee headed by Taylor for a change in the wording of the

## Medford-Phoenix Highway Subject Of State Survey

Medford, Dec. 20—Surveying crews from the state highway commission are currently surveying stretches of highway 99 between Medford and Phoenix in preparation for the proposed improvement of that sector, it was learned here today.

Local interests led by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce have urged the commission to consider widening 99 to four lanes between Central Point and Ashland but the first surveys are being conducted between Medford and Phoenix since that section carries the heaviest traffic loads. The chamber hopes to have at least part of the project placed on the construction program for the next biennium which begins July 1, 1951.

The commission has also revealed tentative plans to relocate highway 99 south of the Rogue river, bypassing Gold Hill with a five-mile stretch of new highway.

## GOP Lead Grows On County Rolls

The margin between republican and democratic registrations is widening by "default" this week as the county clerk's office throws out names of those who have failed to vote the past two years.

Over 2,000 names have been dropped from the rolls in the elimination process. The ratio of democrats to republicans being dropped is approximately 4 to 5, thus giving a slight increase to the republican lead in the county.

Prior to the general election in November republicans led by 1,503 electors. This lead may exceed 1,900 when final tabulations are completed, workers said.

## Cooler and Rain Is Area Forecast

More rain and lower temperatures are in store later in the week, according to forecasts by the U.S. weather bureau in Medford.

Western Oregon's forecast for the period ending Sunday is for heavy precipitation with recurring rains. Temperatures, which have been above normal, are expected to drop by the end of the week.

The northern California forecast for the same period calls for occasional rain over most of the area Friday through Sunday and temperatures near normal. The weather bureau spokesman explained that a storm front forming off the Alaska coast is expected here Friday or Saturday.

Valley orchardists welcomed the prospect of cooler weather. Recent mild temperatures have caused unseasonal growth and budding on some trees, they report.

## Operation Signup Sets 1,000 Goal

With the official proclamation by Mayor P. H. Stansbury declaring this week as "Operation Sign Up Week," the Junior Chamber of Commerce's drive for 1,000 civilian defense volunteers is in full swing.

Dick Scott, chairman, said at last Tuesday's council meeting that booths would be set up in the city hall, gas company, and bank for people to sign up, Friday and Saturday. He related that most of the service clubs had been contacted and the drive was now concentrating on people coming downtown to do their shopping.

At the same meeting, Col. P. B. Waterbury commended the Junior Chamber of Commerce for their action. He defined the

registration as proceeding quite well. He acknowledged the help received from the Chamber of Commerce secretarial assistant, Mrs. Maxine Colwell. He added, however, that it would be necessary to have further help to get the cards in order.

Mayor P. H. Stansbury lauded Col. Waterbury for doing a "swell job."

Other members on the JC committee besides Scott are George Sennatt, Phil George, and Ralph Hooper.

## County to Require Log Haul Permits

Permits for log hauling over Jackson county roads will be required after January 1, according to an announcement by the county court last Saturday.

The new order states that no logs, poles or piling shall be moved on county roads without the written permission of the county court. County commissioners said the ruling was necessary "in the interest of safety and for the protection of the county roads" and to prevent damage to the roads.

Permits will be issued by the county engineer's office in accordance with provisions contained in the state motor vehicle laws. County Engineer Paul Rynning said issuance of such permits has been authorized by the state for some time, but no permits have been required in Jackson county in the past.

Rynning pointed out that the new permits should not be confused with PUC permits which are issued by the state. The new permits affect only hauling on county roads, he explained.

Haulers who will be affected by the ruling are to make application to the county court. The permit fee is \$5. Copies of the new regulation with instructions for application will soon be issued to haulers.

## Sale of Tidings Effective Jan. 1

The sale of the Ashland Daily Tidings to Mr. and Mrs. Graham M. Dean, Reno, Nevada, was announced last Monday by George M. Green, publisher.

Green, who has been manager of the Ashland Printing company for the last 26 years, will turn over the business to the Deans on Jan. 1, 1951.

## Lions Club Holds Children's Party

The Lions club annual children's Christmas party was held Tuesday night at the Elks dining room with 112 Ashland youngsters present as guests of the club.

Lions club members met at 5 p.m. to arrange and decorate the tables for the turkey dinner, which started at 6 p.m. Following the dinner and the appearance of Santa Claus, the children were shown a movie and each received an orange before the party closed. The affair was over by 8 p.m. so that those who wished to could attend the "Evening of Christmas Music" at the junior high school.

Lee Johnson was general chairman of the party. Those who worked with him on arrangements were Gene Allison, candy; Roland Parks and Vern Southworth, program; Joe Fader, transportation; and Ben Lombard, invitations.

It was announced that the club will not meet next week due to the Christmas holiday. The next meeting will be January 3.

In the club's current membership drive, John Reed's team, called the "Donkey Serenaders," continue to lead over the team led by Roland Parks. The campaign will continue during the month of January, according to Don Lewis, Lions president.

New members who have joined the club since the drive opened are Dan Bulky, Dr. Bill Sampson, K. Nelson Damon, Irving Nelson, Joe Eng, Joe Rooney, Clarence Wiggins, John Hamilton, Ed Oaks, M. L. Wright, and C. A. Irwin.

## Christmas Mailing Sets New Record

E. E. Vail, Ashland postmaster, said today that Christmas mailings handled at the local post office this year have set a new record.

Monday was the season's peak day with 26,788 cancellations as an indication, Vail said. This is 1,000 to 1,200 more than the peak day of 1949 which was the previous record year locally. Although the heaviest work load is past, incoming mail "is just getting started real good," Vail said.

It is expected that most deliveries arriving in the local post office Sunday will be delivered Christmas day, while anything arriving December 25 will be delivered the following day.

Special facilities were installed in the post office prior to the heavy rush and between 15 and 18 extra employees have been added during the past week in order to speed deliveries.

As a convenience to the public, the post office will be open all day this Saturday.

## YMCA to Observe Centennial Year

The board of directors of the Ashland YMCA announced its plans this week for local participation in the 100th anniversary year, 1951, of the founding of their organization.

Special events of all YMCA groups will feature observance of the centennial year. The local group plans to increase all types of membership to a total of 600 for the year. The membership drive will be a part of the Pacific coast members enrollment week, Jan. 28 to Feb. 4, 1951.

The annual meeting of the association will instigate all the programs. A special program will be presented at this meeting under the direction of the following committee members: Mrs. Henry Metz, Jake Weitzel, and Kenneth Jones.

Arrangements have also been made by the board for the annual election of new members to the board of directors. The election will be sometime in January with seven vacancies to be filled. Included in the list of candidates are Mrs. Estel Sohler, Mrs. Thelma Reeder, Sherman Hadley, R. A. Herndobler, Ewald Bosshard, R. A. McFarlane, Edward W. Nelson, Dan Buckley, Robert B. Reinholdt, Jean Eberhart, Giles S. Green, J. D. Woodworth, and R. D. Hutchinson.

city's contract with the school district.

The matter of the mechanical operations on equipment in the L. R. Alexander garage on N. Mountain avenue in violation of the city zoning law was brought up. The Alexanders have been given until January 1, 1951, to cease mechanical operations at their garage. City Attorney Harry Skerry stated that the attorney for Rudolph Schwarzenhorn, who filed the original complaint, had stated that the agreement with the Alexanders had been breached.

Repairs, Skerry said, had been started at 4 a.m. Councilman Weller said he had talked with Alexander and the latter said "it would be a hardship to move out of his garage by January 1." Weller also said that there had been no signs of dismantling done. Skerry was given authorization by the council to proceed against the Alexanders if they have not vacated by January 1.

The matter of a July petition by Magnolia Lumber corporation asking for a 12-foot extension of their present property bounds was presented by Skerry. Skerry outlined the background to the petition and presented George Sennatt, legal counsel representative for the petitioner. Sennatt stated that his client, R. D. Lamb of the Magnolia Lumber corporation was willing to cover any legal expense incurred by the city in a "test case" by announcing a vacation notice of the aforementioned property. The council authorized Skerry to make public such a notice.

Two ordinances coming under the Bancroft act approved issuance of \$15,811.38 in city improvement bonds to mature in 1961. Sewer district No. 46 is to have a total of \$2,401.94 in bonds issued, and paving districts Nos. 12, 14, and 15 are to have \$13,409.44 issued. The council voted to sell the total amount of both issues at par value to the Cemetery Trust fund.

Emil Kroeger made a report to the city council on Ashland's water system. Among others, he recommended that the base rate for sewage disposal be raised from 25 cents to 50 cents a month to make it possible to increase the capacity of the plant. He also suggested that TID water be used in the park for irrigating the lawns and city water be used in the fountains and toilets.

Mayor Stansbury commended Councilman Kroeger on his fine job as councilman. Arthur Kreisman on January 1, stated that "I can cheerfully say that serving on the council has been a pleasure and education; any time that I am called upon I will be glad to work." Kroeger is one of the appointees to the budget committee by the mayor.

Mayor Stansbury thanked the council for its fine cooperation in the last few months. He also expressed his appreciation to all the people interested enough to attend the council's meetings. He said that the council would "endeavor to make 1951 an outstanding year in every respect."

## Superintendents Study Federal School Grants

Supt. R. B. Parr, Talent, and two others left last Monday for Salem where they are to confer with federal officials concerning money grants for school building purposes.

The grants are available in the amount of \$800 per child to school districts where 10 per cent of the parents are under either direct or indirect government contract.

Besides Parr, those making the journey to Salem are Supt. Hale, Eagle Point and Supt. Jewitt, Central Point.