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NEWS REVIEW

All the LOCAL News of the Ashland-Talent Area

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ASHLAND WEATHER

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May 30	66	34	
May 31	71	37	
June 1	71	37	
June 2	79	39	
June 3	79	41	
June 4	79	42	
June 5	72	35	
Total Pre. for May			0.87
Pre. since Jan. 1			8.26

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Talent Council Considers New Building Code

TOWN GIVES \$90 FOR RURAL ALARM

Talent's town council voted unanimously last Tuesday to contribute \$90 to the Talent Rural Fire association to cover the cost of a joint fire alarm system.

Town Attorney Ben Lombard, Ashland, was instructed to draw up two ordinances on vacating alleys and a new building code for Talent. The latter has been the subject of much discussion for several months and will be drawn along the lines of the model building code proposed by the League of Oregon Cities.

Clean-up—June 11-16
Mayor Harold Strauss proclaimed June 11-16 as Talent clean-up week in line with the clean-up campaign designated by Jackson county's civil defense staff. During the week free pickup of all cans and rubbish will be offered.

A discussion was held on the matter of sewage connection from Fairview to Estes streets. A line will be constructed if four more people will connect to the proposed lines. The matter will be under further consideration.

Ashland Ordinance Studied
Mayor Strauss appointed Councilmen Loren Casebier and Roy Coghill to study Ashland's present ordinances and to choose one for Talent which will be adopted by the council for the town's protection.

The council also passed a request by the Talent Rural Fire association to use the city hall Saturday evening, June 23, for a dance and dinner for all interested in the association.

Chrome Miners Urged to Attend Grants Pass Meet

Chrome miners and operators interested in the federal government's proposed buying program are urged to attend an open meeting June 11 at Grants Pass, Ore., Veterans of Foreign War Hall.

O. C. Bradeen, regional director of General Services Administration, Seattle, announced the meeting and stated "It is hoped that those interested in chrome production would make every effort to be present and lend assistance in order to get the program under way."

Bradeen also announced that William Freeman of the Emergency Procurement Service, G.S.A., Washington, D.C., will be present at the meeting, as well as J. Hopkins of the Inspection Service, Ore and Minerals Section, G.S.A., Washington, D.C. Freeman was formerly the manager of the Paris, France office of E.P.S.

To Discuss Buying
The meeting will be given over to the discussion of the details terms, etc., of the chrome buying program. So far, the government has expressed its intention to establish a base price of \$115 per long ton of chrome ore which meets with specifications, namely, 48% chromic oxide content and chromium to iron ratio 3 to 1. The minimum chromic oxide content permissible is 42% and the low chromium to iron ratio is 2 to 1.

There is to be a bonus and penalty system used as in the past. The bonus is to be \$4 for each 1% chromic oxide content over 48% and \$4 for each 1/10 increase over the standard 3 to 1 chromium to iron ratio. Penalties, on the other hand, will be \$3 for each 1% chromic oxide content below 48% but ones grading less than 42% will not be accepted. The penalties on chromium to iron ratio below 3 to 1 also are \$3 for each 1/10 down to 2 to 1.

Concentrates will have a base price of \$110 with the same bonus and penalty system.

At the present time, it is indicated that the purchasing program is to be of a five-year duration but the starting date has not yet been given. It is also understood the contract can be cancelled after two years of operation, subject to certain conditions which are to be announced at the meeting.

COUNCIL RAISES WATER RATES; ROGUE BASIN REPORT GIVEN

Ashland city water users will start paying more money as of June 15 when the new rates go into effect following unanimous council action last Tuesday.

Resident, commercial and outside city water users will all pay 50 cents more on the respective minimum charges, and irrigation users will be on a strict meter basis at 1 1/2 cents a 100 cubic feet.

Apartment—Business
Apartment houses and duplexes on joint meters will be boosted from the resident rate into the commercial class by the council's action. Outside city water users, besides the 50-cent increase, will pay 10 cents a 100 cubic feet for all excess over the minimum, instead of the former 8 cents.

The new rates starting June 15 are as follows:

Cubic Feet:	Price:
1,000	\$2.50
Per 100 cu. ft.	4 cents
9,000	3 cents
10,000	2 cents
Excess	
Commercial	
500	\$2.50
Per 100 cu. ft.	10 cents
3,500	8 cents
6,000	6 cents
10,000	4 cents
20,000	1 1/2 cents
Excess	
Outside City	
350	\$2.50
Per 100 cu. ft.	10 cents
Excess	

OREGON WHEAT MAN APPOINTED AS CONSULTANT

WILL ASSIST STATE DEPARTMENT

Pendleton (Special) — E. J. Bell, administrator of the Oregon wheat commission, flew last Saturday to Washington, D.C., as an agricultural consultant for the U.S. state department in its Point Four program of technical assistance to underdeveloped countries of the world.

Object of the Point Four program is to help friendly governments fight communism by improving their agriculture, industry and living conditions.

One of Group
Bell was appointed Friday by the state department as one of



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a group of experts on international affairs. These experts will be called to Washington two or three times a year to review policy and operational problems.

"The wheat commission unanimously approved Bell's appointment," said Jens Terjeson, commission chairman.

World Market Affects
"His duties as consultant will not take much extra time, and he may be able to do a lot of good for Oregon wheat growers. Many activities of the state department in world trade vitally affect growers. For example, the International Wheat agreement and financial and technical assistance to the Far East and Latin America determine the amount of wheat we can sell abroad."

"Having our representative in such a key spot will help us get information that we could not get in any other way."

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Irrigation

All cubic feet at 1 1/2 cents per 100 cubic feet.

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Flat charge of \$10 an acre.

The rates included in the ordinance amending the old ordinance No. 1,113 will be effective from June 15 to October 15. No water use for irrigation will be allowed between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. The water superintendent may stop the usage for irrigation purposes if he deems the supply at an emergency level.

Rogue Basin Report

An important report was de-

15 JUNIORS LEAD AHS HONOR ROLL

The junior class at Ashland Senior high school led the other classes with 15 members on the honor roll for the last six-week's period.

Juniors were Dale Campbell, Jack Frost, Keith Garrett, Glen Gertson, Loyal Green, Wayne Johnson, Lawrence Lebow, Marilee Mason, Bill Miles, Charles Peter, Leona Richmond, Carol Sullivan, Barbara Sweeney, Joe Taylor and Millicent Taylor.

The seniors were next with 14: Jack Eldswick, Jerry Elliott, Floyd Gardner, Mary Hillberry, Juanita Howell, Bill Kight, Jerry Langer, Patricia Morse, Arthur Ostrander, Virginia Riebel, Rosemary Stevenson, Bernice Therres, Janice Wadley and Ruth Weekes.

There were 13 sophomores: Pat Abbott, Lloyd Blair, Gail Cruson, Nancy Dunkenson, Glen Ingle, Donald Laws, Marye Middleton, Rosalie O'Brien, Colette Perrine, Sharon Pinkstaff, Betty Smith, Ida Belle Smith and Ralph Zeller.

GOOD WILL

R. Valley Rabbit Breeders to Ship Pair to Germany

Rabbits are quite famous for their prolific breeding habits. More recently, they have become the subject of correspondence between the Rogue River 4-H Rabbit club and a Junior Rabbit club in Friedberg, Germany.

Thus, this new breeding of friendliness between local club members and the German counterparts will result in the near future of the shipping of a pair of registered New Zealand rabbits, free of charge, to the German club.

From Troutdale Farm
Bred on the Lorvet's Blue-Blooded Rabbitry, Troutdale, Ore., the rabbits were obtained by a plan worked out by the Rogue River Valley Rabbit Marketing association and members of the Southern Oregon Rabbit Breeders association.

Before the rabbits are shipped to Germany by the Rogue River 4-H club, they will be on display at the Rogue River Valley Rabbit Marketing association, 3340 N. Pacific highway, Medford, at a date to be announced later.

'35, '40, and '45

AHS Alumni Seeks Graduates

During the past year the Ashland high school office, in cooperation with the Ashland high school alumni association, has conducted a followup survey of the graduating classes of 1935, 1940 and 1945.

The purpose of this followup is to get information about the graduates that will help the high school improve its program for future students.

Information Type

Information is also desired on the after-school life of the graduates; for example, information as to marital status, number of children, number of grads who served with their country in the military services, present occupations, subjects that proved most valuable in post-school

livered to the council by Councilman Fred Homes concerning a proposal to set up a Rogue Basin committee similar to the Willamette Basin committee in operation in the central part of the state.

Homes attended a special meeting in Medford recently called under the guidance of Sen. Ben Day and Rep. Robert Root who are backing the proposal. The proposed committee, Homes said, would coordinate such activities as power, flood control, recreation, irrigation, drainage, soil conservation and agriculture in the Rogue basin.

Must Move Slowly
Its purpose, he continued, would be to further the development of such activities in the area. During the round table discussion at the meeting, Homes said, Rep. Root cautioned the delegates attending that they "should move slowly."

Speaking of organization, Homes said that the procedure that would be followed would be for the group to submit the names of prospective members to the governor who would in turn appoint an executive committee.

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So. Ore. Historical Society Elects 3 Ashlanders

The Southern Oregon Historical Society, Inc., elected its officers at an annual meeting held earlier this week in the Jackson county court house.

Re-elected president was Miss Claire Hanley, Jacksonville; J. Percy Wells, Ashland, was elected vice-president; Mrs. T. J. Gifford, Medford, secretary; Frank DeSouza, Medford, treasurer; L. G. Morthland, Medford, Dr. Arthur Taylor, Ashland, and E. C. Ferguson, Medford, directors for three year terms.

Walter Leverette, Medford, Bert Lowry, Medford, and A. C. VanGelder, Jacksonville, directors, two-year terms; Ed Kubli, Applegate, Ralph Billings, Ashland, and Mrs. Frances Cochran, Medford, directors for one year.

Mrs. Myrtle P. Lee, curator of the Jacksonville museum, reported 3,184 visitors registered during May. The museum is administered by the society.

SAMS VALLEY JOINS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Sams Valley voted to become a part of consolidated school district No. 6 with a vote of 154 to 29.

The only opposition to the merger came from a group of Sams Valley residents headed by Sen. Ben Day who had opposed the passage of the state bill favoring such mergers in the senate.

The new district will serve seven high school groups from the following districts: Agate, Willow Springs, Table Rock, Tolo, Central Point, Gold Hill and Sams Valley.

High school students will attend the half-million dollar building north of Central Point which will be called Crater high school.

Civil Defense Men From 3 Counties Will Meet Here

A four-man team from the state civil defense agency will be in Ashland next Monday, June 11, to teach basic courses to instructors from Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties.

The team will be composed of George Emigh, state civil defense agency; Cleone Puderbaugh, state fire marshal's office; Richard Hatchard, state board of health; and Beach Patton, chemistry instructor, Hood River high school.

One Day Only

The state agency reports that the session will be of one-day duration with the purpose of training instructors who, in turn, will teach others.

The nucleus will expand until eventually Oregon has many qualified to teach courses in basic civil defense subjects, according to Maurice Shepard, head of the state organization's training phase.

Subjects to be covered in the training program will be civil defense orientation and organization, fire fighting in the home, atomic, biological and chemical warfare.

The sessions will be held in Churchill hall in Southern Oregon college.

GROUP APPOINTS DR. JOHN SCHULZ

Dr. John Schulz, Southern Oregon college, was named Tuesday to replace Ed Barnett as chairman of the solicitation committee for the Chamber of Commerce civic center building. Barnett, an army reservist, has been recalled to active duty.

Announcement of Dr. Schulz' appointment was made by Building Committee Chairman V. D. (Doc) Miller at the regular Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday noon.

Miller reported that the final drive to secure donations of material, labor and cash contributions is virtually all that remains to be done before construction can begin. Most of the material has been secured and the greatest need now is for labor and cash, he said.

It was also announced that the Junior Chamber of Commerce will take over the assignment of securing sufficient labor. Construction of the building will be under the supervision of City Superintendent Elmer Biegel with a hired carpenter-foreman in charge of actual building details.

Construction will begin as soon as all preliminary arrangements are completed, Miller said.

3 Pending Phone Rate Increases Before Commissioner Explained

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company now has three proceedings pending that affect rates.

They are as follows: Advice No. 327, filed in April, 1950, asking for an increase in rates amounting to \$2,920,000 annually.

This application went to hearing, the company contending

State Finances Termed Near 'Critical Stage'

State of Oregon finances are in a serious condition and will have reached a critical stage by the time the next legislature meets in 1953, Jackson county Representative Robert Root declared in Ashland Tuesday.

Speaking at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Root said tax measures passed during the recently completed legislative session were "mere maneuver-

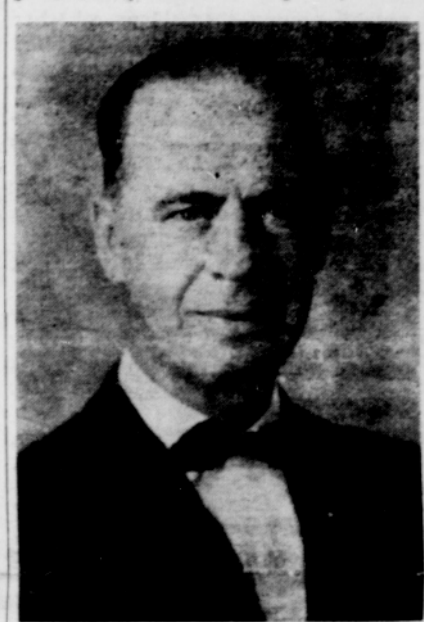
ing around the edges" and failed to meet the real problem. He termed the tax program as the biggest disappointment of the session.

Oregon will operate on a 32 to 35 million dollar deficit during the next two years with the deficit to be made up from general fund surplus funds acquired during the war years. These funds will be depleted by 1953, the speaker said.

LIONS HOLD INSTALLATION

John E. Reed, Ashland realtor, was installed as president of the Lions club by District Governor Lou Hardin, Grants Pass, at a ceremony last Tuesday evening.

Other officers installed were Roland Parks, first vice-president; Paul Finnell, second vice-president; Chester Squire, third



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vice-president; Alwin Miller, secretary.

Bert Kimsey, treasurer; John Doyle, lion tamer; Lee Johnson, tail twister, and Joe Engh and M. L. Wright, directors.

Committeemen appointed by the new president were Paul Finnell, chairman of rummage sale for June 23; Hugh McKeever and M. L. (Doc) Wright, Fourth of July; and Bob Snider and Bill Yates for the Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee.

Don Lewis, outgoing president, announced that the delegates to the state Lions convention will leave for Baker next Sunday morning. The local club is sponsoring Dr. Elmo Stevenson for the office of district governor of district 36E.

New Records Reached For Oregon Labor

New peaks of employment and earnings were being reported this week by Oregon employers but cool weather in western Oregon held back expected shortages of strawberry pickers and other early harvest labor.

A few days of sunshine could bring quick demand for several thousand workers in berry fields throughout the Willamette valley, according to local offices of the State Unemployment Compensation commission. Hillsboro, Portland, Oregon City, Salem, McMinnville, Lebanon and other points expect critical picker shortages to develop within the next week or two.

Record Low

Meanwhile the commission noted that claims from those temporarily out of work had dropped to lowest post-war levels. Last week only 4,622 persons asked compensation—more than a thousand below previous lows reached last September and October.

Payments to the unemployed dropped to \$458,156 for May—lowest one-month totals since October, 1948, when a lower benefit schedule was in effect and when readjustment allowances still were being paid to World War II veterans. Last month's total was 61.5 per cent less than in May, 1950, and 46.8 per cent under April, 1951.

Earnings Highest

Earnings of production workers also hit new highs at \$76.63 a week, according to tabulations by the State commission in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The most recent figure represented a gain

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