

WATER DISTRICT RE-FORMATION MUST BE MADE

Serious Situation Faced By Medford District as Result of Nation-Wide Depression — Bondholders To Be Notified.

That the Medford irrigation district may not be able to meet its interest charges, on July first, and that a definite plan must be formulated to present to the bond holders with that outcome in view was announced at the meeting of the members of the district at the Hotel Medford Saturday afternoon.

David Rosenberg, president of the district, presided and after briefly outlining the history of the district and the developments leading to the present situation, called on E. J. Neff, attorney for the district to outline the legal phases involved.

Albert C. Birch, member of the board of directors then went into the details of the district from a physical standpoint, the present condition of the water supply, and the difficulties of the past year.

It seemed to be the consensus of opinion at the meeting that while the interest charges for this year could perhaps not be paid because of the 1930 depression, that with an appointment of a bond holders' committee a final agreement satisfactory to all parties involved would eventually be reached, and that any final or complete default would not be contemplated at this time.

Bert Anderson, as a ranch owner, touched this phase of the situation and made a strong plea that members of the district through their board insisting upon rights in mind the legitimate rights of the bond holders and trying at all times to satisfy them, as far as possible.

It was also pointed out that government aid may be secured, whereby the district can be entirely refinanced, and the bond holders benefit as a result as well as the district.

Just what the final action will be depends of course upon what action the bond holders committee decides to take, assuming the July first payments are passed. All the speakers made it plain that while their paramount interest of course is the welfare of those living in the irrigation district, they will exert every effort to secure a final plan which will not be unjust to the bond holders, but will be as fair and equitable to both the property owners and the bond holders.

Between 65 and 70 ranchers in the irrigation district attended and interest in the meeting was keen throughout.

OLD WASHINGTON SCHOOL REDUCED TO SALVAGE NOW

The careful systematic demolishing of the old Washington school building, which work has been on for the past two weeks, was practically completed late yesterday afternoon, the last sections of the walls having been torn down by an unusually large force of workers.

Now the only remaining work to be done is the hauling away of the debris, finishing of the cleaning of the thousands of good brick from the building, which the school board has salvaged in its building program, and the hauling away from the school yard of the piled up salvaged lumber and bricks, as the stone foundation has been sold to the Huber company "as is" to be incorporated in the new meat packing plant it is building on the Midway road north of the city.

Superintendent of Schools Hedrick, who has had charge of the wrecking and salvaging work, said today that he had sold the foundation just as it lay to the Huber company, which would be allowed two weeks time to move it away.

Of course, the school authorities have yet to pull down and remove the big frame play shed, and possibly the small frame annex structure which was used by the primary department. Bids are being asked for on the purchase of this annex building, also "as is". Superintendent says, as it can be easily moved to any location by a purchaser.

However, as to the tearing down of the play shed he said that work would not be undertaken for a week or so yet, until the new Washington school building will be ready to have the desks and other furniture installed in the old Washington school and which are now stored in the playshed.

There is no hurry contemplated in the disposal of the playshed and annex, as the razing of the shed will not be a long or difficult task, and by the agreement reached between the school board and the county court some time ago, the board agreed to turn over the site of the new schoolhouse not later than August 1st. This turnover will be made much sooner than that, however.

Superintendent Hedrick has the school board deed to the site all ready to formally turn over to the city, and the council last week authorized the payment of \$22,000 to the school board for the deed. All that remains is for the formal transfer. Then the city government will turn over the deed to the county court, the land to be used as the site for the new school house.

The above named procedure will probably take place the first part of this week.

NEW GRAND JURY MEET PONDERED

A number of criminal matters are now pending, and it is expected that the grand jury of which Oliver C. Corum is foreman, will convene the coming week. A definite decision will be made upon the return of District Attorney George A. Coddling, who will return Monday from Salem, where he went for argument in the Kingsley case, before the supreme court, and to attend to other matters at the state capitol.

Among the cases to be considered by a grand jury, is that of J. B. Thompson, recently arrested at Yuma, Wash., and returned here for trial on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Thompson, should not be confused with a youth of the same name, alias Thomas, who passed worthless checks on local merchants. The latter has a penchant for wearing aviator's garb, and frequenting airports.

The case of Elton Hule and wife, held in the county jail, for shooting John Waworika, a Pleasant Creek miner in the calf of the leg during an argument last Sunday, is also scheduled for a grand jury investigation.

DENMARK FLYERS MAY HOP TODAY

ST. JOHN, N. B., June 20—(AP)—Otto Hillig, Liberty, N. Y., photographer and his pilot, Holger Helms, who will attempt a flight to Denmark, were still on the ground at an airport here late today.

There was little possibility they would take off in their Bellanca monoplane "Liberty," specially constructed by Hillig for the Atlantic crossing, before early tomorrow, weather permitting.

Final adjustments to the ship will be made tomorrow morning by Bob Moffat, New York air engineer. Moffat will go to Harbor Grace tomorrow morning to look over the Liberty. He will go by boat or train via Halifax.

On Moffat's advice, the flyers said, will be based their decision to take off.

SOLONS DUE HERE IN MID-JULY ON VISIT TO CRATER

WASHINGTON, June 20—(AP)—In search of economy and instruction, a large group of congressmen and federal officials tomorrow will begin the annual pilgrimage to western enterprises of the government.

Reclamation projects, national parks and Indian reservations will be visited during the next two months between banquets and receptions tendered by many cities and towns which will make pleas for greater expenditures.

The congressional contingent will be headed by Representative Murphy of Ohio, chairman of the appropriations subcommittee handling interior affairs.

In every state visited senators, representatives and state officials will join the group.

Work for the party will begin at Kearney, Neb., next Tuesday. By train and automobile they will proceed through Wyoming, Colorado, Utah to Las Vegas, Nev., for an inspection of the Hoover dam site on July 3.

The Fourth of July will be spent in Los Angeles. The party afterward will work their way up through California, Oregon and Washington to Seattle. A section of the party will take the government cutter Tahoe for Alaska on July 18. McKinley National park and Fairbanks will be the farthest north reaches before the return to Seattle August 6.

Back through Washington, Oregon and Idaho the committee will travel to Riverton and Casper, Wyo., before dispersing or returning to Washington August 20.

COLEMAN URGES GENERAL TAXES ON SEWER BOND

In the opinion of County Assessor J. B. Coleman, the proposed \$255,000 sewer disposal bond issue, can be paid "more equitably and quicker, by general taxation than by the monthly assessment upon water users. The county official says that the bond issue, by general taxation could be paid in from four to seven years, while under the monthly assessment plan as outlined, 20 years would be required.

Assessor Coleman took the area lying on the south side of Main street from the Washington school to the city limits, and to West Tenth street as a typical Medford home section, and for illustration, "In this district there are 192 homes," said Assessor Coleman, "with a valuation of \$244,390. The average home valuation is \$1222. At 75 cents per month these homes will pay \$1728 per year, and at 50 cents per month will pay \$1128 per year.

The 75 cent rate or \$1728 will equal a levy of 7.07 mills on the valuation and the 50 cent rate, or \$1128, will equal 4.70 mills on the assessed valuation. The 4.70 mills applied to the assessed valuation of the city of Medford will pay off the proposed sewer bonds in seven years, and the 7.07 mills will pay them off in four years. The property owner will not pay any more general tax per year, than he would by the monthly assessment."

"The general tax plan," said Assessor Coleman, "is more practical, quicker and economical than the monthly rate assessment, and means a saving of time, running from 16 to 13 years."

Students Plan Field Work

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., June 20—(UP)—A party of Harvard geological students, under the direction of Prof. Kirk Bryan, will assemble here June 29 to begin a tour of exploration of the mountains and canyons of the southwest. The party will go to the Sacramento mountains where field mapping will be carried on for about a month. Then the Jensen range will be visited for a study of volcanic phenomena and to visit the prehistoric remains at Puye.

Another Perfect Pupul

SOLEM, Ore., June 20—(UP)—Ernest Gerig, 14, was neither tardy nor absent at any time since he started attending school eight years ago.

CHARTER CHANGE FOR DOG TAX IN CITY IS OPPOSED

Apparently the only hope of the Humane society obtaining any money from the city government from dog licenses is for the society to induce the city budget committee to recommend a donation to help take up the slack in the society's funds caused by the city's refusal to impose a license on city dogs and continue the previous arrangements whereby the license fees collected by the society went to the latter for its support.

Mayor E. M. Wilson so informed the delegation from the Humane society that called on him last week, consisting of Mrs. M. D. McCaskey and Mrs. Sid Richardson, and also that the city officials are opposed to passing a charter amendment, which would enable the city to license its own dogs, independent of the county and state, but are perfectly content to have the county handle and collect all the dog license fees, as authorized by a law passed by the legislature last winter.

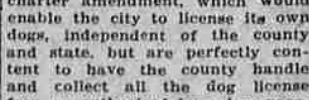
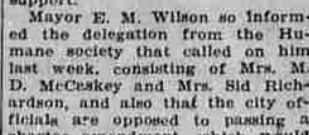
A provision of this law, however, would enable the city to impose a license on its own dogs, provided a charter amendment was voted to this effect. The city officials are shy too glad to shelve any responsibility on the dog license situation, hence the city council at a meeting some time ago informally refused to consider putting such a charter amendment up to a vote, as was requested by the Humane society.

The society has had an agreement with the county court whereby a percentage of all licenses collected on dogs in the county, above a certain amount is turned over to the Humane society. Now the society fears that this amount will be cut down, at least has heard rumors of such contemplated action, and badly needs all the money it can get.

Hence the efforts to have the charter amendment submitted to a vote to enable the city to license its dogs and renew its old agreement with the Humane society.

FORMER TEACHER WINS HEART BALM

Ivy Barker, (right) one time Seattle, Wash., school teacher was awarded \$175,000 in a breach of promise suit brought against Reese Brown (left) of Seattle and Tacoma. She asked \$500,000.



CANNERY BUYERS VIEW BART CROP

Representatives of California canneries are now in the city and valley looking over the Bartlett canneries and prospects. Representatives of Willamette Valley canneries, and more from California are due this week. No price per ton has been offered, to date, to local growers, and none are likely before the first week in July, when the first of the California Bartletts will be ready for Eastern markets.

Hot weather, to be expected in July, plus the recent rain, will hurry along the local Bartletts. They are now in first-class condition.

The present season is two weeks ahead of last year, according to Guy W. Connor, who predicts that the packing and picking of Bartletts will start between July 23 and July 28. Last year the first Bartletts were picked the week of August 8.

HOOD RIVER—Store building at northeast corner of Third and Oak streets, remodeled.

LONGEST DAY OF YEAR, ONE OF 3

PORTLAND, Ore., June 20—(AP)—Although June 21 is generally regarded as the longest day of the year, the total possible sunshine for western Oregon for Friday, today and Sunday is equal, the government weather bureau here announced.

The sun will not start its southward movement until 1:28 a. m., Monday and the sunshine period for June 19, 20 and 21 is 15 hours and 48 minutes, tables worked out over a long period of time showed.

In most parts of Oregon the sun took advantage of the full 15 hours and 48 minutes today.

Shrine Camel Dead

ERIE, Pa., June 20—(UP)—The Erie Shrines are now without a mascot. Miss Zemi Zem, blue-blood \$1,000 camel of the Shrines, died at the Glenwood Zoo recently. The mascot was obtained last August and was to have been a feature at ceremonies.

IDAHO FARMERS TOLD TO TOIL ON

MOSCOW, Idaho, June 20—(AP)—What farmers should not be discouraged—their crop is not doomed as a basic farm product, Dr. Victor H. Florell, federal cereal expert, said today.

Better farming methods, lower production costs and other advances, he said, will bring wheat back to its old position, but until then, he warned, improvements must go on despite economic depression.

Dr. Florell, assigned to the University of Idaho, is attempting to develop a particular type of wheat for the northwest.

Swedish Fish Sales Up
GOTHENBURG, June 20—(UP)—Nearly 46,300 tons of fish were sold last year at the port of Gothenburg. This means an increase of 6,613 tons in comparison with 1928. The cash turnover increased with about \$134,000 to \$2,706,000.

GEHLAR DUE TO PICK FARM BODY AIDES ERE LONG

It is expected that an announcement will be forthcoming the coming week from Max Gehlar, state director of agriculture, of the appointments, coming under his jurisdiction, including the selection of a chief for the department of horticulture and plant industry. A. C. Allen, for 17 years deputy horticultural commissioner for this district, has been endorsed by growers and shippers organizations of this valley, also by Klamath and Douglas counties. While no definite assurance has been forthcoming, the fruit industry of southern Oregon feels he will be selected for the post.

Allen by virtue of his long experience and extensive knowledge of pears, and southern Oregon crops in general, is rated as the best choice for the place.

Under the law creating the state agriculture commission, it becomes operative July 1, next.

MEDFORD AVIATOR NEAR COMMISSION

William Godlove, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Godlove, who has been in training at the naval air service base at Pensacola, Fla., and is now stationed at San Diego, Calif., will be commissioned as a pilot in the near future, according to a telegram received by Henry Fluhrer today from Senator Frederick Steiwer.

Godlove has been in training for some time, and was unable to receive a commission because of a dental defect. This disqualification, however, has been waived, and he will be able to accompany the fleet on a cruise in the near future.

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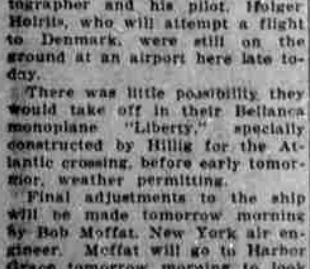
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