ENGINEER TELLS COUNCIL SEWAGE PLANT OUTLINES

Plans Ready in March, Says Scheffel — Odor Control Aired and No Deterrent to Fish or Gardens.

Samuel A. Greeley of Greeley and Hansen, Chicago engineers for Medford's new sewage disposal plant, completed a two-day conference with local officials yesterday, having met with the city council Friday night to outline plans for the project and report on the progress that is being made.

Freeley, who spent Friday and Saturday making an inspection of the preliminary or test work at the plant site north of town with City Superintendent Fred Scheffel, and drawing up cost estimates and computations of quantities, said that plans will probably be completed the first part of March, and that bids will be in hand within two months.

After inspection of the test borings, Greeley and Scheffel said no difficulty in excavation is anticipated, but that slight alterations in plans will probably be necessary. Due to an underlying bed of water-bearing gravel, some of the various basins and tanks in the project will probably be made more shallow and of larger circumference.

Mr. Greeley said it is difficult to anticipate what the contractors are going to do in the way of bids, but felt that there would be no difficulty in financing the work with the allotted $100,000. He explained to members of the council that the federal grant set-up is not entirely clear, but expects that the amount will be determined on a basis of 30 per cent of the cost of construction.

This amount, he said, may range slightly higher than $22,000, the figure upon which the city based its bond issue of $78,000. It was pointed out that in this way the total sum available for the project may exceed $100,000.

Dr. L. D. Inskeep, city health officer, questioned Mr. Greeley at the council meeting on the matter of odor control, and the effect of the affluent on the waters of Bear Creek.

The engineer said while odor control is a matter of expense, there should be absolutely no trouble from this source, with proper chlorination of the affluent. He said that water from Bear creek will be entirely suitable for use in irrigating vegetable gardens, and that fish in the stream will not be effected by the affluent, which is pure when it leaves the plant.

Before arriving in Medford Mr. Greeley conferred with C. C. Hockley, state PWA engineer, and with Fred Stricker, state health officer, with whom he left a draft copy of the contract documents for a thorough inspection.

ILLEGAL PARKING CAMPAIGN STARTS

City police officers are launching a campaign against illegal parking in the downtown section, according to announcement made yesterday by Chief of Police Clatous McCredie. The parking law specifies that there be no parking over one hour in that district, between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 6 p. m. on week days, and none between 8 a. m. and 9 p. m. on Saturdays. There is to be no double parking at any time, McCredie said, except to load or unload. Strict enforcement will start on Monday.

WOMAN HELD FOR FEDERAL AGENTS

A young woman, Margaret Owens, 20, is being held in the county jail here on charges of allegedly stealing a Ford cabriolet belonging to Ben Brow, of San Francisco, and bringing it to this city, where her mother lives.

Department of Justice authorities in San Francisco ordered her arrest by telegraph, and asked that she be held here until they can arrive to take her into custody. Local police stated that she may be charged with a violation of the Dyer act, which forbids the transporting of a stolen auto across a state line.

ALICE ENGLISH WILL EXHIBIT PAINTINGS

Alice D. English has recently been invited to display some of her work in an exhibit of northern California artists, to be held late this month. She chose three oil paintings of southern Oregon landscapes: two of them show scenes painted Christmas day on the Green Springs road, and the third, "Glory Row," a line of vari-colored autumn trees near South Riverside street.

George Berg, a well known New York artist, who once lived in northern California, and who also lived in Medford in its earliest days, will also exhibit and some of the late George Keller's work will be included.

Power Board Chief

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Frank R. McNinch, of North Carolina today was unanimously reelected chairman of the federal power commission until his term expires on June 22, 1939.

COUNCIL THANKED BY AIR LINES FOR CONTINUANCE PLEA

The following letter was received Friday by Mayor George W. Porter, in regard to a resolution passed by the Medford city council, asking congress that the United Air Lines, operating through this city, be allowed to continue operations, citing the excellent services rendered by that company, and the experience of the company's pilots:

"United Air Lines wishes to express its sincere appreciation through you to the Medford city council for its official expression urging that United Air Lines be continued by the post office department as Seattle-San Diego air mail carrier.'

"We believe your resolution is in line with the sentiment in Medford and other cities on the Pacific coast where United Air Lines has pioneered commercial aviation in addition to acquiring eight years operating experience and has made investments of some four million dollars on the route. We believe this unanimous opinion of Pacific coast cities, as reflected in the newspapers and resolutions of city councils, has been helpful in getting proper attention to the importance of the present experienced operator being retained on the Pacific coast.

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BIG BLACK WIDOW FOUND BY LINEMAN

Public enemy number one of the insect world, a black widow spider of magnificent proportions, was apprehended in its winter hideout by employes of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company a few days ago, while they were putting in a new phone pole in this city.

Awakened from her slumbers, the "widow" became vicious and abusive, and was put in solitary confinement in an old jar, and brought to the telephone office. It was decided by a jury of one telephone operator, a reporter, and a bystander that she should be put to death via the lethal gas route, so liberal applications of cigarette smoke were applied through the holes punched in the roof of her cell for ventilation purposes.

The gruesome work was going forward apace when a reprieve was begged by a high school student, who suggested that the criminal be turned over to Prof. E. M. Hussong of the biology department of the local high school for examination. The gas application was promptly stopped, and the victim left to revive as best she could.

While still a bit woozy yesterday afternoon, the spider seemed to be improving, and upon her recovery will be turned over to the high school authorities.

SPEAKING CLASS HOLDS INTEREST

The SERA public speaking class continues to hold the interest of many. Three weeks ago the group enjoyed hearing Rex Robinson's high school debate team; the following week, members of the class gave readings, and this week they gave oral directions for making or doing something. The talks included such topics, as "How to Make a White Elephant," "Making Pottery from Natural Clay," "Tonsilectomy by Electrical Diathermy," and "The Construction of a Bean Shooter." Topic for Monday evening is, "My Pet Aversion."

The class also devotes some time to accentuation drills, vocabulary contests, and enunciation. When several of the class evidence the same grammatical discrepancy, a few minutes are used for explanation and correction. Last Monday, correct use of personal pronouns was stressed.

The class meets each Monday at 7:15, at the Senior high school. The Interpretive Geography class meets Tuesday and Thursday, at the same hour and place. All are invited to attend. The geography class is now at work preparing a booklet to keep for reference. Alice D. English, instructor, feels that those who have participated in this class have gained a great deal, and invites anyone interested to visit or enroll.

CALIFORNIA LADY HELD BUNCO AIDE

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Arrest of a woman identified as Heather Blossom Spencer, member of a prominent Vallejo, Calif., family, in the Panama Canal Zone early this week was disclosed by Oakland police today. They said she is wanted for questioning in connection with activities of an international bunco ring.

Police said a picture of the arrested woman, hurried here by air, has been identified positively as that of Miss Spencer of Vallejo, daughter of Mrs. Laura Belle Spencer of Guerneville, socially prominent real estate operator. Miss Spencer and a former husband, Jesse Flags of Martinez, were divorced in 1931.

Be correctly dressed in an Artist Model by Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann.

DEFEND OLD-AGE PENSION PLAN

Officers of Old Age Revolving Pensions, Ltd., an organization promoting the Townsend plan of $200 a month to all persons more than 60-years-old, appeared in Washington, D. C., where Robert Doane, economist of the group, testified before the senate finance committee. Left to right: R. E. Clements, treasurer; Dr. F. E. Townsend, president, and Doane. (Associated Press Photo)

BAKER ATTORNEY ASSUMES THOMAS' POST ON MARCH 1

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Governor Martin today announced the appointment of Frank C. McColloch of Baker to be state public utilities commissioner, effective March 1.

McColloch will succeed Charles M. Thomas of Medford, an appointee of Governor Meier.

He is a son of Circuit Judge McColloch of the Baker district and is an attorney.

Thomas' term expires February 28. The new commissioner is 43 years of age, a World war veteran and a former member of the Oregon State mining board.

Thomas was appointed just four years ago by Governor Meier and took over the duties of a three-man commission, as provided in a legislative act. The appointment was for a four-year term.

The appointment of McCulloch was forecast more than a week ago by the Associated Press.

STUPID WILL RULE U. S. UNLESS BIRTH CONTROL ADOPTED IS ARGUMENT

HOUSTON, Tex.—A battle between the stupid and the intelligent is raging for inheritance of America, Dr. Albert Edward Wiggam, scientist and author, believes.

"The outlook for stupidity," he asserted, "is very encouraging, I think."

The federal government, the author-scientist said, is buying incompetent children by providing relief for millions without disseminating adequate birth control information.

Intelligent people are dying out. Unskilled classes are reproducing rapidly. He said this condition was rendered more serious by giving relief to the 25,000,000 on federal and state rolls.

Solution lies in birth control.

"The American Eugenics society," he said, "is trying to induce the governors of the states where there are birth control clinics to advise each family going on the relief rolls to consult with clinical specialists for advice on family regulation."

These people, particularly the women, are eager to regulate the size of their families, Dr. Wiggam believes.

His reason for believing the stupid will rule America was that they will far outnumber the intelligent, thus be able to control elections.

Seek Rate Hearing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Western railroads petitioned the interstate commerce commission today for a vacation of its order in the controverted western grain rates case and asked for a rehearing.

Slim Bandit Busy

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 23.—(AP)—A slim bandit robbed a downtown branch of the Bank of America today and escaped with approximately $4,000.

CARUSO, JR., FAMED TENOR'S SON HERE ON CONCERT TOUR

Enrico Caruso, aspiring son of a brilliant father, arrived in this city yesterday to prepare for a three-day appearance at the Craterian theater, during which he will sing American and Italian songs in his splendid tenor voice.

Caruso, at thirty years, is starting on his first singing tour, although he has been a featured star in Warner brothers musicals for some time. Discouraged by many of the leading singing teachers in this country as having "no voice," he did not plan on a singing career until he met Don Adolfo de la Huerta, former president of Mexico, in Los Angeles a little over three years ago. Convinced that Caruso had the native talent of his illustrious father, Huerta became interested in his voice, and the two have studied and practiced diligently together for the past three years.

Yesterday Caruso said, "I owe the development of my voice entirely to the teachings of my master, Don Huerta." He asked that in judging his voice, if it were compared to his father's when his father was thirty, his own voice would fare much better by the comparison than if his father's voice at the height of his career is compared, as is the general rule.

Young Caruso also stated yesterday that he hopes to eventually be able to sing as his father did, but mentioned that it would take years of work and practice. Some of this work he expects to obtain in his tour of the country.

An interesting side light on the young artists career is the fact that at an early age an aunt advised him with these words: "Don't ever open your mouth—your father would turn over in his grave!"

But when announcement was made of his intention to sing, George Brenton Beal, opera and theater critic of repute said: "No matter how much young Caruso fights against fate, it is his destiny to sing as his father did."

He is accompanied on the tour by his wife, and his accompanist, Miss Edith Pengilley, who studied under Mason and Rich, in Toronto. Particularly talented, Miss Pengilley, at the age of 8 won an 11-year scholarship, and at the age of 10 was a regular member of the Toronto Symphony orchestra, of 140 pieces.

Blue Boar Ale Is Scoring Hit Here Says Ray Hundley

Blue Boar nut brown ale is meeting with increasing favor in southern Oregon, according to Ray Hundley, local representative for the Regal Amber beer distributors, manufacturers of Blue Boar.

Hundreds of years ago nut brown ale was made famous by the Blue Boar Inn, and modern brewers have not been able to improve upon this delicious beverage, Mr. Hundley says. Now this same old-world ale with its rich, full-bodied flavor is duplicated in Blue Boar which is on sale by many beer dealers in the Medford area.

DEATH COMES TO AGED MAN WHILE KILLING CHICKEN

William (Pop) Cradle, 75, a long time resident of the Williams Creek district, in Josephine county, dropped dead Saturday, in the yard of his home, just as he shot off the head of a chicken with a small calibre rifle, according to Wellborn Beeson, cattle-buyer, who was near the scene of the unusual happening.

Cradle, an expert shot, had gone into his yard, to kill the fowl for a coming meal, and was stricken as he pulled the trigger, according to Beeson. Members of the family in the house at the sound of the shot, investigated, and found the aged man lying on the ground dead. His aim had been true. Beeson was summoned by members of the family, as he approached in his auto.

Cradle is survived by his wife and daughter, and had been a resident of the Williams Creek district for many years.

The Josephine county coroner was notified. Heart failure was apparently the cause of death.

EMERSONS BATTLE FOR CHILDREN IN QUADRANGLE SUIT

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—(AP)—"My children are all I have now; I'll fight to the last ditch for custody of them," Walter W. Emerson, handsome actor and writer, one of four prominent persons in an alleged "perfect quadrangle" divorce suit, today prepared to return to the witness stand as the complicated, four-way case is resumed Monday.

Emerson sued his wife, Mrs. Jane Scholtz Emerson, socialite, for divorce, naming Barton Sewell, Beverly Hills sportsman as corespondent. Mrs. Emerson countered his suit with a cross-complaint alleging Emerson and Mrs. Leah Clampitt Sewell, prominent in Beverly Hills social circles, entered into an illicit association.

Mrs. Sewell filed a denial of Mrs. Emerson's charges, suing for $100,000 for alienation of affections. Barton Sewell filed a denial of Emerson's allegations, charging the actor-writer knew and gave his consent to the admitted relationship between himself and Mrs. Emerson.

In this involved situation, the three Emerson children are the principal stake. Both the mother and father have asked for their custody. The youngest child is 14 months old.

BRITE BOYS GET JAIL TERM, FINES

Coke Brite, 30, and John Brite, 34, his brother, were yesterday sentenced to six months in the county jail and each given fines of $50 and costs, in justice court, on charges of disturbing the peace. The two were arrested recently on a warrant sworn out by Harold Reed, who claimed that the two brothers had attacked and severely beaten him. The Brite brothers have been in trouble before on the same charges.

Reno Bride Flips Coin for Her Man; Loser Is Witness

RENO, Nev., Feb. 23.—(AP)—The flip of a coin won a bride here yesterday for Harold Nelson of Reedley, Cal.

According to a story told today by County Clerk Elwood H. Beemer, Miss Dorothy Williams of Fresno walked into the marriage license bureau with two men, one of whom was Nelson.

"Which one is the groom?" Beemer asked.

Beemer said Miss Williams replied that she hadn't decided.

The county clerk drew a half-dollar out of the cash drawer and flipped it. Nelson said "heads," and "heads" it was.

He and Miss Williams were married shortly afterward by District Judge Thomas F. Moran. The man who called "tails," Beemer said, was one of the witnesses to the ceremony.

FACTORY PAYROLLS CALIFORNIA GAIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—(AP)—California factory payrolls reached a point 18 per cent above a year ago with employment steady at about 8 per cent higher than last year. Pacific coast wholesale trade showed the usual spring increase, and retail trade advanced irregularly on a daily basis following the gold decision. Agricultural centers faced forecasts of larger crops. Lumber markets maintained the advantage over last year.

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GILL REPLIES TO MARTIN'S ATTACK ON GRANGE LOBBY

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submitted to a vote of the people the adoption of a county unit plan which now is operative in four of the state's 36 counties.

The State Grange fought the issue from the start, and in its stead substituted a county unit plan of its own which differed to the extent that it did not make the vote mandatory but left it to a choice of the people, and further the county unit proposal would affect schools not in the first class, confining the act to smaller communities.

This bill was on the senate calendar for first consideration today, but Peter Zimmerman, author of the bill, declared he would move to have it put over to Monday.

The consideration of the administration's bill, covering 40 days, started with its introduction into the house with the recommendation by special message of Governor Martin. The original bill provided that the plan be mandatory upon counties. It was amended in the house committee to put the bill to a vote of the people.

Following its passage by the democratic house by a large majority it was buffeted around the senate education committee until finally brought out the first of this week on a divided report, the majority opposed to its passage. The minority report was adopted, however, by a 17 to 12 vote and the bill came up for final consideration late yesterday, when another debate preceded its defeat.

Had Senator W. H. Steiwer been present the school bill may have carried, since he voted for the favorable committee report Wednesday. With him excused the roll call on the bill was:

For—Aitken, Allen, Bynon, Chinnock, Dickson, Duncan, Dunn, Fisher, Goss, Hazlett, Lee, Lessard, Pearson, Wallace and President Corbett.

Against—Best, Burke, Carney, Franciscovich, Hes, McCormack, McKay, Spaulding, Staples, Strayer, Stringer, Walker, Wheeler and Zimmerman.

Aviator's Mother Passes

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. Ida Mae Hawks, 61, mother of Capt. Frank M. Hawks, noted aviator, died today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Davis, here today.

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