

Routine Matters Considered By Medford and Ashland Councils

City councilmen accepted bids on two projects and ordered construction of three sewer lines at an hour-long regular session last night.

They approved the \$678 offer of Electronic service to install underwater, flood and machinery room lighting at the park swimming pool. Trowbridge and Flynn was the only other bidder. The \$1,881.60 bid of Scheffel and Gilman on construction of a water main in Withington street between Hamilton and Plum streets was accepted. Coast Construction and Engineering company and W. H. Conrad also bid.

Sewers Ordered
Eight-inch sewers were ordered installed after hearings in an alley of block 3. Rose Park addition between Plum and Hamilton streets; in an alley of block 4, Walnut Park addition between Ninth street and the city limit, and on South Newton street between Belmont and Stewart avenues and north side of Stewart between Newton and Peach streets.

Hearings on two proposed sewers were continued to March

7. They would be on Eastwood drive between Wilson place and Keene Way drive and on Wilson place between Keene Way and Eastwood drives.

No further action was taken on garbage collection rules and regulations which previously passed first reading. Final passage has been delayed by discussion as to whether or not cans should be placed in alleys. Fire prevention legislation being considered is expected to have some bearing on the matter.

Proposed Tabled
The proposed ordinance which would ban sales of merchandise from vehicles standing or parked on city streets was tabled pending clarification. It has passed first reading.

A California Oregon Power company survey providing for 28 street lights around the senior high school and south of that area was accepted with seven of the proposed lights eliminated.

A petition was submitted asking that the council forbid establishment in the 400 block on East Main street of any new liquor or beer sales business. It is understood that such a firm contemplates moving into the area. The petition was referred to the license committee.

Ask Stop Signs

Residents in the vicinity of the King and 10th streets intersections petitioned for stop signs at the intersection. The matter was referred to the safety committee.

Because of serious damage occurring to park properties councilmen stated that they are considering a vandalism ordinance.

Attendance For Stromboli Falling; Picture Pays Way

Hollywood, Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Attendance is falling off on "Stromboli," but it has paid for itself the first week out.

RKO studios said more than a million curious fans have had their peek at the controversial movie Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini made between clutches on the tiny volcanic island.

But a United Press poll of 18 cities today showed business was slowing down in more than half the theaters.

Just Pure Gravy
"Well, anything we get from here on in," a studio spokesman said gleefully, "is just pure gravy."

The picture came pretty close to making expenses the day it opened. Last Wednesday it hit 320 screens around the country and rang up \$1,248,000 in the cash registers.

"Half that goes for rental fees to theaters," the studio explained. "But some were RKO theaters, which means we're putting the money in two pockets."

Officially, the movie cost a cut-rate \$850,000. Additional expenses include publicity (about \$250,000), film, delivery trucks, etc.

"But that \$1,248,000 was about 60 per cent of the total cost," RKO said. "Now the picture is completely paid for."

OSC Speakers Win Oratorical Contests

Corvallis, Ore., Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Oregon State college speakers yesterday won both the state peace oratorical contest and state experimental speaking contest sponsored by the Intercollegiate Forensic association of Oregon.

William Maxwell was awarded first prize of \$13 in the state peace oratorical contest. Louis Gearhardt of Pacific university placed second, and Arthur Silva of Lewis and Clark was third.

Robert Nissen, Albany, of OSC was first in experimental speaking. This year the contest consisted of radio news commentary. Harley Youngblood of Pacific was second, and Harlow Ankeny of George Fox college was third.

Ashland, Feb. 22—Discussion of proposed new water rates and of the possibility of bringing Bonneville power to southern Oregon featured a meeting of the Ashland city council here last night.

Councilman Emil Kroeger, chairman of the special committee investigating water rates, told the council that the original rate schedule has been abandoned by the committee. He submitted four new schedules which will be considered before any action is taken.

Petitions Oppose
Petitions signed by more than 200 farmers and citizens remonstrating against the original rate proposal were submitted to the council. Mayor Thomas Williams set March 28 at the date for a discussion meeting of all phases of the water rate problem.

William E. Trommerhausen, of the Bonneville power administration office in Eugene, discussed the proposed southern Oregon loop, which would run from Drain to Klamath Falls through the Rogue valley, but said that it will probably be several years before it can be erected. He also gave an outline of BPA's progress during the past 10 years.

Coos Represented

Two California Oregon Power company representatives, General Manager John C. Boyle and Medford District Manager Seth Bullis attended the meeting, and told the council that the company is ready to meet with city representatives to appraise the Bellview electric system, which the city wishes to buy from Coos.

The power company men reiterated their offer to buy Ashland's power distribution facilities, but no action was taken on their offer.

Reasoning Approved

Reasoning of lower Palm avenue, to permit construction of self-service laundry, was approved by the council, which also approved appointment of City Recorder J. B. Austin as director of the budget, to work with the interim committee, which is headed by Dr. Elmo Stephenson.

The city's liability insurance will be put up for bid soon, the council decided, and further discussion of bids will be heard at a special meeting on March 2.

1949 Good Year For Nation's Economy, Government Says

Washington, Feb. 22—(U.P.)—The government reported today that 1949 was a good year for the nation's economy—even though income fell slightly below 1948's record levels.

The commerce department reported that the gross national product—the sum total of all goods and services—totaled \$257,000,000,000 last year. This was a drop of about five per cent from the all-time peak of \$262,000,000,000 in 1948.

Drop In Prices
The department attributed the decline to a drop in consumer prices. When this is taken into consideration, it added, "the change on physical volume of production was slight."

The department said the decline in the economy occurred during the first half of the year. The department said that national income totaled \$221,500,000,000, compared with \$226,000,000,000 a year ago, and personal income of \$210,000,000,000 compared with \$212,000,000,000 in 1948.

The agricultural department, in a separate report, said the drop in personal income was due entirely to a drop in the gross income for farmers.

PUNISHMENT ENOUGH

Minneapolis (U.P.)—Traffic Judge Thomas L. Bergin said enough is enough. William Marshall, 47, had spent nearly five months in a hospital after an automobile accident. Bergin stayed a 30-day sentence for careless driving on the grounds that Marshall had been confined long enough.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at Noon Saturdays.

Large Ranch Sale In Derby Area Announced Here

One of the largest rural real estate transactions to be made here recently was announced today by Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hill, owners of the HL Bar ranch near Derby. The 840-acre property has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ward, Los Angeles and Washington, D. C., the Hills said.

The former owners have operated the ranch for 40 years. They now plan to move to the San Francisco bay area to make their home.

Ward is executive of the Morrison-Knudsen Construction company of Boise, Ida. He was employed by the company on Wake Island early in the war, and was a prisoner of the Japanese for several years after they captured the island.

Was Rodeo Rider
In his younger days, Ward was a professional rodeo contestant, and performed in the Rogue valley on several occasions. The couple plans to continue operating the property as a working stock ranch, and they also will bring a string of registered quarter horses here for breeding purposes.

Mrs. Ward spends about 10 months in Washington, D. C., each year, while congress is in session.

The ranch sale was handled by C. Lyall Fidler, Medford realtor. Consideration in the transaction was not divulged.

Matlack Manages New Candy Firm

Portland, Feb. 22—One of Oregon's new products is being manufactured by a company headed by a former Medford resident, it was announced here today. Jack Matlack, manager of the J. J. Parker theaters here, heads the concern making a new type of candy which has been christened "Oregon Rain Drops."

The confection, which consists of Oregon filberts, roasted and surrounded by a cordial cream dipped in chocolate, is named after Oregon's plentiful rain which accounts for the productivity of agriculture and forestry in the state, Matlack said.

Each box of candy contains a picture of Mt. Hood, and a brief message about Oregon. Matlack believes that the boxes will make both excellent gifts for residents of rain-shy states, and handy publicity for the state.

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Basic Wood Products Employment Holds Up

Salem, Ore., Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Employment in the basic wood products industry of Oregon held up better during the January cold spell than it did during the cold spell a year ago, the state unemployment commission reported today.

This was mainly responsible for a slight increase from early 1949 in non-agricultural jobs, new monthly tabulations completed by the commission and the U. S. bureau of labor statistics showed.

Last January 59,800 persons were working in logging, sawmills and other wood processing compared with 53,400 in January, 1949. Employment in furniture, food processing, textiles, metals and machinery fell off slightly during the year, with the result that the gain in manufacturing was only 2,000 more than the 105,100 reported a year before.

The number of jobs in construction, transportation and utilities was somewhat lower than in early 1949, but small gains in trade, finance, service and local government almost balanced non-manufacturing totals.

The commission said more settled weather in the past two weeks has led to re-hiring of many seasonal workers, but the mid-February figures are expected to show little change from the month before.

Non-agricultural employment of 383,200 last month was 34,600 lower than in mid-December and 60,200 below last September's seasonal peak of 443,400. About 20,000 fewer were working in logging, lumbering and wood products. Peak employment of 26,200 in food processing and 29,000 in construction was almost cut in half. Poultry picking and highway and dam layoffs were mainly responsible for the December-January drop in these lines.

Retail trade jobs fell off 8,100 from the December top, but still were above a year ago and only 3,400 below last September. The automotive field showed gains over both January and December, 1949.

Chiropractors Slate 1950 Convention Here

Medford will be the site of the 1950 convention of the Oregon Association of Chiropractic Physicians, to be held early in June, according to decision of the association executive board, meeting in Portland last week. The session was attended by Dr. A. R. Hedges, Medford, who was appointed hospitality chairman for the convention.

Dr. E. N. Terrill, Ashland, president of the southern Oregon district of the Chiropractic association, was named convention chairman. Dr. L. H. Haughaug, Coos Bay, program chairman; Dr. M. C. Mix, Roseburg, entertainment; Dr. A. E. Dalros, Roseburg, registrations, and Dr. H. E. Campbell, Grants Pass, exhibitors.

Hearing Scheduled By Astoria Councilmen On Housing Allocation

Astoria, Ore., Feb. 22—(U.P.)—A public hearing has been scheduled here next Monday by the city council and the municipal housing authority on whether the city should accept the federal public housing administration's allocation of 115-unit, low-cost houses to be built in the next two years.

Farmers Union President Favors Reapportionment

Salem, Ore., Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Ronald E. Jones of Brooks, president of the Oregon Farmers union, says the state legislature should be reorganized.

Jones told the opening sessions of the 40th annual convention of the State Farmers' group here Tuesday that the legislature has "long flouted the constitution which calls for redistribution of the representation on the basis of population periodically."

Jones said the reapportionment should be done by some department of government other than the legislature.

Support Urged
Jones urged support of the proposal to increase basic school support. The matter will be put up to the voters at the general election in November.

Jones spoke in favor of the

Brannan program for agriculture, which he said "many condemned for political reasons and then changed their minds when they understood the workings of the new plan."

Portland, Ore., Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Three - hundred thousand fall chinook salmon have been liberated in the Umpqua river system, the Oregon state game commission announced today.

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Rotarians See Film, Told Of Happy Club

A motion picture in technicolor of the fifth Olympiad winter sports meet in Switzerland, with Sam Hayes as commentator, was shown at the luncheon meeting of the Medford Rotary club Tuesday at the Jackson hotel. The film was shown by Mose Parmenter of Standard Oil company as a feature of the program arranged by Hal Edwards, Rotary program chairman.

In a brief address by Joe Neil, president of the new fast-growing Are You Happy club, the many vice-presidents of the organizations who are Rotarians were asked to assist in a research program to determine if women generally are happy. The question was raised in newspaper articles, which pointed out that women are barred from membership in the Are You Happy club and sought the reason for their disqualification. William McCorkle, one of the many vice-presidents of the club, spoke briefly of the wide-spread publicity this community is receiving as a result of the unique organization.

Hollywood, Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Actor Donald Crisp charged in a suit that Movie Producers William and Edward Nassour borrowed almost \$250,000 from him and never paid him back.

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