

Phoenix Schedules Meeting Tomorrow On Budget Election

Phoenix — A public hearing will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Phoenix Community club hall concerning the city budget election Tuesday on exceeding the six per cent increase limitation by \$10,370.91, according to Mrs. Curt Fisher, city recorder.

Exactly the same budget which was defeated June 6 by a vote of 85 to 33 will be re-submitted to the people, Mrs. Fisher said, by order of the city council. She said this decision was based on the conviction by the mayor and council that "if the people fully understand the budget they will pass it."

The recorder said that most people don't realize that "failure to allow the money asked for will mean loss of the city's fire truck, which is being purchased on a lease basis of \$2,000 a year, plus depreciation, and no police department."

She explained that the state law governing budget matters will only allow a six percent increase unless a special election is held for any amount over this. Because the city's tax base is so small, the allowable amount for the last fiscal year (\$269.14) can only be raised to \$285.29 for 1952-53.

The amount over the limitation has been cut from \$16,103.70 to \$10,370.91 by means of raising minimum water rates from \$2 to \$2.50, and by increased revenues from the state liquor tax which is general throughout the state.

City councilmen have pointed out that the proposed business tax is not included in the budget and that salary increases apply only to the police and water departments, where a \$25 monthly increase is asked.

Wife of Chaplain Of National GOP Requests Divorce

Oklahoma City, — (U.P.) — Rev. William H. "Bill" Alexander, national chaplain of the Republican Party, has been sued for divorce by his wife, who charges that he treats her more like "a servant than a wife and companion."

Claiming she had been "unrelentingly dominated," Mrs. Charles Alexander filed district court suit for divorce Friday against the red-haired minister who has entered politics.

She said that during her marriage her personality was entirely subjugated, and that the normal considerations of a husband has for the expressions and opinions of a wife are absent.

The petition stated that Alexander's temperament is such "that plaintiff's status more nearly approaches that of a servant than of a wife and companion." Mrs. Alexander asked for custody of their children, Ralph, 14, Don, 13, and Ann, 4. She asked for reasonable child support and maintenance.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT — The Iron Maiden of Nuremberg, a medieval torture device, is one of the curiosities to be seen here tomorrow and Tuesday when Robert Ripley's "Believe It or Not" museum pieces are set up at Central avenue and Main street. Admission is free and the exhibit will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The display contains other oddities and some of Ripley's original "Believe It or Not" drawings. The national NAAT club is sponsoring the tour.

Little Girl Nearing Death Celebrates Birthday Today

Pasagoula, Miss. — (U.P.) — Paultette Spicer thinks today is August 18—her fifth birthday. She is all excited about the party she is going to have with "lots of ice cream" and a big, white 18-pound cake topped with a mechanical merry-go-round. She is planning to do up her blonde curls with a big pink ribbon for the occasion.

Playmates Invited
All her little playmates—and grown-up friends, too—are coming to the modest Spicer home bringing gifts and trying to smile. All have been briefed not to give away the tragic secret.

Paultette is dying of cancer of the throat. Doctors in Mobile, Ala., gave her "no more than a month and probably less than two weeks to live."

To Young to Understand
The daughter of an unemployed oil worker, Charles Harold Spicer Sr., is too young to realize why the tube is in her throat and why her voice has faded to a whisper.

"We're going to have an open house beginning at 4 p.m. and lasting as long as anyone cares to come," Mrs. Spicer said. "We've invited everybody who wants to help make a little girl's last days happy. The only thing we've asked is that she not be told of her coming death."

Funeral Held in Yreka Ex-Jacksonville Woman
Funeral services for Mrs. Kenneth J. Bigham, 40, a former resident of Jacksonville, were held Thursday in Yreka, Cal., according to relatives.

Mrs. Bigham, the former Thelma Larson, and her husband died following an auto accident in Yreka, where they lived. Mrs. Bigham died Sunday. Her husband died Wednesday.

Mrs. Bigham is survived by two Jacksonville relatives; an uncle, Peter J. Fick, and an aunt, Mrs. Ida Wilson. Other survivors are a son, Lewis, and a brother, Carl Larson, Yuba City, Calif.

Newspapers Not Dying Denver Post Man Says
Gearhart — (U.P.) — Charles B. Buxton, business manager of the Denver Post, told a Friday night banquet of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association that if the newspaper business is a dying business that "all business and free efforts as we now conceive of them are faced with extinction."

Buxton, a graduate of Oregon State college, said that those who believe newspapers are a dying business should get out of the field.

Successful newspapering, said Buxton, depends on a combination of sound editorial policy and good business. He said thorough organization was the most basic fundamental of newspaper operation.

Buxton worked on The Oregonian before going to Denver.

Local and Personal

Acting Chief—Carl Hoskins will be acting police chief of Jacksonville for three weeks during the vacation of the regular police chief, Marshall Stanfield, according to Mrs. Lois Fretwell, city recorder. Hoskins began duty last week.

Stolen Shells—James Cyril Atkins, 332 Mary street, reported to the police Friday that his trailer house was entered Thursday evening. He said someone broke in and stole six boxes of .22 calibre long rifle shells between 7 and 9 p.m.

Rowley Is Visitor — Walter Rowley, former long-time Medford resident, returned last week from the Union Printers Home at Colorado Springs, Colo., where he has been since his retirement last November. Rowley is staying at the Grand hotel. He expects to return to Colorado Springs in a couple of weeks.

Teacher Here — Mrs. Vera Thompson, home teacher for the adult blind for the Oregon Commission for the Blind, is in Medford for a period of instruction. Mrs. Thompson while here will conduct classes in braille, typing, crafts and home-making for the visually handicapped in Jackson county. Mrs. Thompson is staying in the home of Mrs. Sadie Pence, 20 West Jackson street, and may be contacted by telephoning 2-5986.

Gets Gold Bars—Bruce Stafford, son of Col. and Mrs. Ben Stafford, 235 South Oakdale street, has been commissioned a second lieutenant at commissioning exercises at Fort Riley, Kan. He will now attend one of the army's specialty schools for further instruction. Lieutenant Stafford entered the service in April, 1951, after attending Oregon State college. He received his preliminary training at Camp Roberts, Cal.

Auto Accident — A two-car auto non-injury accident occurred early Saturday morning at North Front and East Jackson streets, according to Medford city police. It involved cars driven by Lewis Edwin Thornton, 630 Cherry street, Medford, and Mose Hart, 229 North Ivy street, Medford, they said. Damage to the vehicles was slight, police said, and Hart was issued a citation for failure to yield right-of-way.

Saturday Accident—A non-injury automobile accident occurred at Third and Bartlett streets before noon on Saturday when vehicles driven by John Leonard Detweiler, 522 Edwards street, Medford, and Arthur Bart Myers, Butte Falls, collided, police said. Myers was cited for failure to yield right-of-way, police stated, and only slight damage occurred.

BIRTHS
McQUADE—To Mr. and Mrs. Virgil, Central Point, June 19, 1952, a girl, 6 lbs., at Osteopathic hospital.

LEEKEY—To Mr. and Mrs. William, route 1, box 305, Eagle Point, June 20, 1952, a girl, 8 1/2 lbs., at Community hospital.

Obituary

ESTHER BARON
The remains of Esther Frances Baron, 30, who died Friday were shipped last night by Conger-Morris to Plains, Mont., for services and interment there.

Mrs. Baron was born Aug. 4, 1921 in Plains, and made her home there. She is survived by her husband, Matt, and two daughters, Billie Jo and Mary Ellen, all of Plains, and her mother, Mrs. Olive Lynch, Las Vegas, Nev.

Joint Supply Catalog Approved by Senators

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate Saturday unanimously approved a bill setting up a single supply catalog system for the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The measure now returns to the House for concurrence in minor senate amendments.

Rep. F. Edward Hebert, (D-La.) whose House Armed Services subcommittee held long hearings on the supply program, said the bill could save "billions" by standardizing specifications and prices of goods bought by the military services.

MILDRED BONER
Mrs. Mildred Boner, 58, of Phoenix, died Saturday afternoon in a local hospital. Conger-Morris Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.



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• Fri., June 27, 7:40 p.m. "Is the Gift of Prophecy necessary in these modern times?"

• Sat., June 28, 3:30 p.m. "When God Laughs!"

Bible class will meet at 7:20 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday nights.

Next Sunday night, June 29, "Will Elijah Return in Person to this World Before the Coming of Christ?"



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