

Water District Job Nearing Half-Way Mark; Payment Due

Work of laying the 10-inch main for the Charlotte Ann Water district system will soon reach the half-way point, it was reported Saturday.

Soule Construction company, the contractor, has completed ditching operations to the Levere property on the South Pacific highway and has started work on the district's booster-pump house, also located on the Levere property. When finished, the pipe line will extend to within 800 feet of the north city limits of the town of Phoenix.

Deadline Set

At its last meeting, the district's board of commissioners set Dec. 10 as the deadline for full payment of connection fees at the current lowest rate. After that date connection fees will rise progressively and reach a maximum of \$200 on Dec. 31, 1955 for the smallest connection available, which is the 3/4 inch size. Present fee for this

size is \$75. Word has reached the commission that the pending availability of city water service has encouraged the planning of one or two new housing and commercial developments within the district.

Evans Valley 4-H Awards Presented

Achievement pins and awards were presented to members of Evans Valley 4-H club Wednesday evening at Wimer Grange hall. Presentation was by William H. Pratt, assistant manager of the Medford branch of First National Bank of Portland.

A potluck dinner was followed by a program, including a discussion of a 4-H sheep project by Bob Gall, Rogue River, and by square dancing.

First year pins were presented to Eleanor Alfonso, Karen Byers, Jean DeRoba, Sharon Martin, Billy Deckard, Timothy Murdock, John Penn, and Barbara Woods. Second year awards went to

Rose Marie Machado, Terrie Roach, Lorraine Tracer, Jo Ann Wood, Marilyn Deckard, George Holmbeck, and John Machado.

Those receiving third year pins were Barbara Headrick, Thomas Deckard, Charles Badcock, and Margaret Stone. Other awards and pins included Donald Hoffman, fourth year award; Ann Buck, fifth year pin; Beverly Wehren, sixth year award; Dorothy Deckard, seventh year award, and Beth Buck, eighth year award.

Roseburg—(U.P.)—A substantial increase in income for the West's sheep raisers has been predicted by the National Wool-growers association.

Army Officer Denies Charges of Treason

Fort Sill, Okla.—(U.P.)—A 44-year-old Army major Friday was charged with committing treason while a prisoner of war in North Korea. He denied the charges and said all he asked was a "fair trial."

Maj. Ambrose H. Nugent, Merrill, Wis., father of two children, said "I do not feel I am guilty of any crime nor have transgressed any Army regulations. I never received preferential treatment of any kind from the Communists."

The Army charged him with "treasonous offenses" and listed as violations: "Offering of intelligence to the enemy; impeding escape of fellow prisoners; and permitting use of his photo and signature on surrender leaflets and collaboration with the enemy."



REFUSING TO ACCEPT half of grandmother's \$200,000 estate in Luxembourg, Mrs. Gardula Hess, 52, says uncle, who was willed other half, is more deserving. With her is husband, Gullford. They operate Long Beach, Cal., store. (International)

Christmas Opening Slated December 1 By Merchants Here

Wednesday, Dec. 1, has been set as the official opening of the Christmas season by downtown Medford merchants, according to Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

This season's celebration is expected to be one of the most colorful in recent years, with plans

to revive the parade, lighted street decorations and novel window displays.

Jaycees To Sponsor The Christmas parade will again be sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. It will feature floats portraying Biblical and fairyland themes. Numerous cash prizes will be offered for the winners of each participating division.

Entries will not be confined to Medford proper, and the Jaycees are inviting any entries from surrounding communities. In 1952, a total of 57 floats were entered.

It was pointed out that the parade is not a commercial event, but one to highlight the real meaning of Christmas and usher in the holiday season.

Any group or individual wishing to enter a float should telephone Bill Rombach at 3-1564, Dick Bowers, 3-4630 or Mac DeHeart, 3-4255.

Merchants Pay Costs The Retail Merchants association will finance the parade and street lighting through payment of 50 cents a front foot by each business. McNeil pointed out that the association bought the new decorations last year, but was unable to light most of them at the time.

To aid shoppers, local merchants plan to remain open a total of seven nights before Christmas. Included will be each Wednesday, and Dec. 20, 21, 22 and 23.

General plans are under Chairman Howard Boyd's supervision.

4-H Club

Gold Hill Club Dinner Bell 4-H cooking club of Gold Hill met at the home of Mrs. R. W. Hixsons. We decided that we would take turns in bringing cookies for refreshments. We also decided that at the next meeting we would make meat balls. We made fried tomatoes. Next meeting will be November 18, at Mrs. Hixsons.

Carolyn Morse, Reporter

Income, Expenses Of Shakespearean Festival Both Up

Ashland—Oregon Shakespearean Festival income in 1954 was above previous years, according to William Patton, general manager, but the largest expenditure for capital improvements in history led to a deficit.

Total income was \$37,178.60. Total operating expenditures were \$30,445.08. Expenditures for capital items and improvements, however, totaled \$7,704.63, bringing total expenditures for the year to \$38,149.71. The deficit of \$971.11 came out of the festival's limited reserve fund.

Seating Biggest

The largest single expenditure of the season went toward paying for the new seats. Patton pointed out. One-third of the 600 purchased have been paid for, with the balance due over the next two seasons. Without donations from patrons, the general manager said, this initial installation of seats could not have been made. He added that donations were still being received and gratefully accepted.

When the 600 now installed are paid for, the association plans to purchase over 400 more, so that comfortable seats will be available throughout the theater. Patton stated that any association member wishing a complete breakdown of festival finances might have a 1954 report upon request.

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