

Larger Number Of Cities Raising Service Charges

Eugene—An increasing number of cities and water districts are raising water rates and sewer service charges, according to a survey by the University of Oregon bureau of municipal research and service.

The survey, done in cooperation with the League of Oregon Cities, is published in a pamphlet entitled "Water Rates and Sewer Charges." It covers practices in 185 cities and 50 water districts in Oregon.

A growing number of cities are metering water service to conserve the resource and to relate charges more closely to the cost of providing service. Increasing emphasis on reducing water pollution has made necessary construction or enlargement of sewage disposal plants, and this has resulted in several cities adopting for the first time or increasing sewer service charges.

Increase Rates
Since 1952, 74 cities and 30 water districts have increased water rates, and 26 cities have increased sewer service charges.

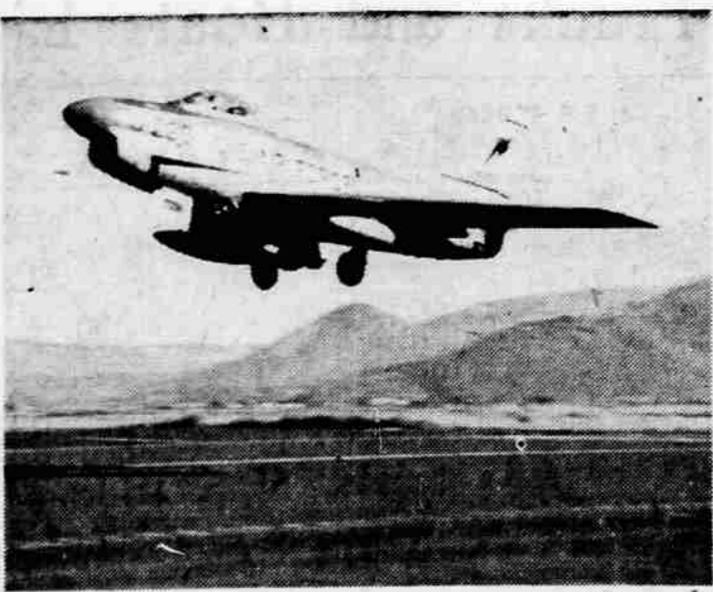
Minimum monthly metered water rates for 200 cubic feet of water range from 70 cents to \$4 in cities, and from \$1.25 to \$5 in water districts. The median monthly charge is \$2.25 in cities and \$2.40 in water districts. Minimum monthly residential sewer service charges range from 28 cents to \$6.

Medford charges a \$2.50 flat rate for residential customers, and a rate of \$1.80 for 200 cubic feet for both residential and commercial customers inside the city. Sewer service charges are at a minimum flat rate of 50 cents, according to the survey. Many cities do not provide direct service to customers outside city limits. Higher rates are generally charged for such service.

Salmon Fishermen Accept Dealer Bid

San Francisco—(UPI)—San Francisco and Watsonville area salmon fishermen Thursday accepted a dealer offer of 32-50 cents a pound for their catch, ending a two-week tie-up of the 125-boat fleet. Spokesmen for the Fishermen's Association said the fleet would put out to sea Friday.

Wholesale prices now are 50 cents a pound for large dressed salmon, 38 cents for medium and 32 cents for small.



ON DISPLAY—The F-86 Sabrejet is an all-weather interceptor aircraft capable of flying over 40,000 feet and at a speed in excess of 650 miles per hour. Built by North American Aviation Corporation, the F-86 is powered by a turbojet General Electric J-73-3 engine. The aircraft will be on static display at Kingsley Field on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 16.

Open House Slated At Kingsley Field On Services Day

Klamath Falls—The 408th Fighter Group at Kingsley Field will observe the 10th anniversary of Armed Forces Day Saturday, May 16, with an open house, parade, static displays, and other events, according to Colonel Jack W. Williams, Kingsley Field base commander.

"Open house" will give the people an opportunity to see how an Air Force installation operates.

"Power for Peace," which has been used since 1953, will again be the slogan for Armed Forces Day.

Activities Set At Sams Valley
Sams Valley—End of the school year activities for Sams Valley pupils have been announced by William Brewster, principal.

Eighth grade students have been invited to attend a visitation day at Crater High school Thursday, May 14. Youngsters who will enter the first grade in September at Sams Valley school and their parents have been invited to visit Mrs. Mildred Mack's class room, May 14, at 2 p.m. The eighth grade class will hold its skip day Friday, May 22, when students will go to the Ashland area. Promotion exercises have been scheduled for June 2 at 8 p.m. in the Sams Valley school auditorium. C. A. Meyer, Central Point, will be the guest speaker.

On Friday, June 5, the last day of school, the all school picnic will be held at noon. Brewster said entertainment that day will include two movies, one entitled "Africa Screams" and the other "Bold King Cole." The annual father and son baseball game will take place during the afternoon, June 5.

The number of juvenile books sold in the United States increased from 54 million in 1947 to 270 million in 1957.

Yellow Cab Firm Sold by Plumley

Carl F. Kellenberger, who took over the Yellow Cab company here from W. D. Plumley recently, said Friday he hopes to provide the city with better cab service than ever.

He said no fare changes are contemplated. He stated that cab rates in Medford are among the lowest on the West Coast because of the company's practice of conveying more than one customer at a time. Individual rides are also provided, he added.

A new cab or two may be added this summer to the current 10, Kellenberger said.

Kellenberger came here from LaGrande, where he was a partner in LaGrande Transfer and Warehouse company and B-K Bottling and Distributing company. He said prior to that he was manager for nine years of Rapid Transfer and Storage company in Portland. This is his first venture in the taxi business, he said.

Kellenberger, 38, is now living at 348 Sutter ave. with his wife, Gene, and two daughters, Candy, 14, and Karen, 7. Plumley, whom he has succeeded, was sole owner of Yellow Cab for about 16 years before his recent retirement. The sale of the company was handled by T. J. Hight, Medford realty agency.



PLATTER CLEANED—At the supper following the regular meeting of the Eagle Point Grange Tuesday, members made quick work of a heaping platter of bear meat sandwiches that were served to create a Centennial touch. The bear, provided by government trapper Kirby Tant and prepared by Mrs. C. C. Hoover, was so tasty that no one even winced when it was finally announced what it was they were eating. Helping himself to one of the last remaining sandwiches, above, is Bill Wattenberg, while Bob Meyer (left) and Master Bob Bitterling get set to polish off the other two. Other Grange members pictured have already had seconds. The meal was prepared by men Grange members in honor of Mother's day.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Fire Ant Isn't Harmful, But Poison Spray Is

Even if you live right in the very middle of the worst infested area of tropical fire ants in the United States, your chance of being fatally attacked or even seriously bitten by this insect is just about as remote as your chance of riding a guided missile into outer space.

Exaggeration and fear fanned into a smokeless, false blaze by misdirected information, and half truths, has brought about a condition whereby some gullible folks are afraid to enter a field, or even venture out into their own back yards, for fear of being attacked by fire ants. As ridiculous as it sounds, it is surprising to listen to stories told by seemingly intelligent people about these imported pests from Argentina. Fire ants are native to this South American country, and down there they are not considered a pest at all. In fact they are said to be helpful in the control of other insects.

When I indicated my intention of entering a field where a couple of score of fire ant mounds gave evidence of a rather heavy infestation, several people told me I wouldn't have a chance of escape if I disturbed any of the "nests." These people told me if I prodded a nest, even with a long stick, I would be completely covered with fire ants, and severely if not fatally bitten before I could get out of the field.

Dr. Woodell to Speak On Sales Tax Plan

Dr. Marshall Woodell will speak on "The Sales Tax" at a meeting of the Democratic Central committee at the Labor Temple Wednesday, May 13, at 8 p.m.

Dr. Woodell will trace the origin of the tax and speak on the pros and cons as presented by both sides.

Girl Hurt When She Falls From Vehicle

Susan Caryl Baker, 17, of route 3, box 77, suffered bruises and abrasions Thursday when she fell from a car operated by Monty Charles Penwell, also 17, of 833 West Jackson st., Medford.

Police said Penwell stated he was making a left turn from West Main st. onto South Oakdale ave. and swerved to avoid a parked car. Miss Baker fell against the right door, knocking it open, and fell to the pavement, according to the report.

She was taken by Medford Ambulance service to West Main Doctor's clinic, according to the report. No citations were issued.

Morse Announces Nomination Tests

Washington, D.C.—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) has announced that preliminary civil service examinations will be given in Oregon July 13 to young men interested in nomination to a service academy.

The tests are the first step toward possible appointment to the Military academy at West Point, the Naval academy at Annapolis, Md., the Air Force academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., or the Merchant Marine academy at Kings Point, N.Y.

Morse said he will base his decision for appointments to an academy "solely upon the results of the impartially conducted, competitive examinations."

He encouraged young men interested to write him to obtain full information and learn the locations at which the tests will be administered. His address is 417 Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

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Civil Service Lists Exams, Positions Open

The civil service commission has announced that examinations for marine oilers for diesel and steam sea-going hopper dredges on the Columbia river and coastal waters are being scheduled. Application forms may be obtained from the civil service representative at the Medford post office.

The commission also announced that the Federal Aviation Agency is hiring electronic technicians for work in Alaska. Information on the positions may be obtained at the Medford post office.

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