

4-H NEWS

Phoenix Saddle-Lites
The Phoenix 4-H Horse club recently held their monthly meeting at the home of Janet Young.

We talked about our horse exhibits at the Crater Lion's Sportsfair. We decided how we could make it better next year and the good points of it this year. Horse records were handed out to each member who did not have them, and calendars with the date and place for each meeting were passed around. All members were urged to get their enrollment cards in as soon as possible.

A ride and a play day were planned. The ride will be held today. We will leave from the home of Janet Young and go from there to the picnic grounds at the top of Roxy Ann, where we will eat lunch. Each member will bring part of the lunch.

The play day will be held Sunday, June 19, at the home of our leader, Mr. Anderson. Committee chairmen for the necessary committees were assigned as follows: program committee, Janet Young; publicity, Edna Welch; judges, Chris Prentice; ribbons, Sharon O'Connors. There will be classes and games for everyone, everyone is invited to come.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Janet and Mrs. Young. Sharon O'Connors, Reporter

Little Chefs Cooking Club
The last meeting of the Little Chefs Cooking club was held at Terry Calhoun's.

Terry Calhoun demonstrated how to make "Mystery Delight." She also made a topping for it. We each had a sample and it tasted good. Next meeting we are to bring our record books and permanent records to complete. The next meeting will be at Heather Rhode's home. We are all supposed to bring a layer of white cake.

Cherylee Becker, Reporter

Shady Cove Cut-Ups
The meeting was called to order by the new president, Donna Wietman. The minutes were read by the new secretary, Marilyn Leaming. We are working on our aprons. Refreshments were furnished by Connie Burnett and Mrs. Wietman. Our next meeting is May 4.

Carolyn Uhrlich, Reporter

Harrisonburg, Va.—Curiosity seekers from as far away as Wisconsin crowded into a country cemetery near here Saturday to wait for a predicted "resurrection" of a minister. Nothing happened.

Water Commission Decides Not to Enter Into New Contracts in Area

By GREG NOKES
Mail Tribune Staff Writer

The Medford water commission has decided not to enter into any new water contracts, and to enforce the existing ones, in the face of a possible water shortage about the year 1967.

In that year, it is expected that the city of Medford, and other communities which depend on Big Butte Springs as their main source of water, will be using the spring's maximum water supply.

The maximum daily volume of water which can now be obtained from the springs, according to Robert Lee, city water superintendent, is 26.4 million gallons a day. If additional storage facilities are built, this supply could be increased to 28 million gallons a day maximum.

In 1959 close to 24 million gallons were used during the peak water use day of the year. Even though 1959 was an exceptionally dry year, Lee estimates that an average of 80 per cent of the maximum supply is now being used.

Water Customers
The number of water customers now totals 10,397 and has been increasing at the rate of 4.1 per cent a year. If this rate of increase should continue, then the maximum, with storage facilities, will be reached by 1967, according to Lee.

Before 1967, the city must plan and develop an entirely new source of water to supplement the existing source at the springs.

To assure Medford and other communities, which use the springs water, of having an adequate supply between now and then, the commission has decided to preserve what surpluses are left for their use.

This decision was made in the form of a resolution passed by the water commission last December. In effect this resolution means that the 12 communities already having contracts for Medford water must stay within the maximum amount of water allowed them by the contract. Should they desire to expand their respective boundaries, Medford water will not be available to these newly acquired areas, whether or not the water contracts are being exceeded.

Limited Water Supply
Lee said it is not the purpose of this resolution to penalize or restrict the growth of any of the surrounding communities. But, it is the intent, he said, to make them aware of the fact that the available

supply of water is limited and that additional sources must be provided, before that limit is reached.

There are three cities and seven water districts which presently contract for city water. The cities are Central Point, Jacksonville and Eagle Point.

The water districts are Jacksonville Highway district, Maple Park district, White City Realty company, Charlotte Ann district, Kings Highway district, Elk City district and Midway district.

Non-Profit Corporations
In addition to these there are two non-profit corporations which use Medford water, the Myers Lane Water association and the Coker Butte Water association. There are also 474 persons living outside of Medford (not in districts) who use city water.

Only one of the areas, Central Point, has exceeded the contract limitations on the amount of water it may use, although the Jacksonville Highway and Charlotte Ann districts are close.

According to the terms of a 10-year contract signed in 1946 and renewed again in 1956, Central Point may not use more than 750,000 gallons of water a day. On its maximum use day in 1959, Central Point used 840,000 gallons—some 90,000 more gallons than permitted under the terms of the contract.

The reason for their exceeding the limitation is obvious. Since the contract was renewed in 1956, the number of customers has increased from 589 to 899 in July of last year, an increase of 53 per cent. In the same period of time their maximum day water consumption has increased by 45 per cent.

Regarding the effect of the resolution on Central Point, Mayor Freeman Mason said, "At first it (the resolution) seemed a little rough, but maybe it was needed to bring the problem to our attention more than it was."

Since the resolution has been in effect the Central Point realizes the need for a meeting with the Medford commission to try and work out some equitable solution to the problem.

Realizes Need
Mayor Mason said Central Point realizes that need for a new water supply system and is willing to cooperate with Medford toward its successful development, even to the extent of possibly contributing their fair share of money towards its cost.

The resolution has had no adverse effect on Central Point to date, he said, and such rumors that "it is preventing the construction of a swimming pool" are false.

He points out that the city of Central Point has only exceeded the contract limitations once and that was during a period at the height of the extra-dry summer last year.

By using their own wells to augment the supply from Medford and by possibly building a 500,000 gallon reservoir, Mayor Mason does not anticipate any problem in Central Point for several years. However, he does see a need to expand and improve the existing water distribution

system there as it will be inadequate for future growth needs.

The Medford water commission has invited and hopes that the other contracting areas will follow the lead of Central Point and cooperate with Medford in planning for a new water supply system.

Lee points out that even if several of the contracting areas should get more water than provided for in their contracts, they would still have difficulty in distributing it among their customers because their distribution systems are outmoded and inadequate.

These areas should be planning for the enlargement and improvement of their own distribution systems at the same time as plans for additional supplies are being developed, Lee noted.

The Medford water commis-

ion is asking for funds in its 1960-61 budget to start preliminary planning for the development of the additional water supply system.

The most obvious new source of water would be the Rogue river or some of its tributaries, Lee pointed out, but added it is too early to know for sure. A rough estimate of the cost of bringing Rogue water to Medford, according to Lee, would be in the vicinity of \$2 million.

The first area to contract for Medford water was the Midway district in 1928. This contract was entered into, as have all of them since, on the basis of a 1929 referendum by the citizens of Medford, in which they approved a proposal that such contracts be made.

Sells To District
Under the terms of these contracts the city of Medford

sells water directly to the city or district involved and they in turn are in charge of selling to and collecting from their individual customers.

Cost of water to persons living outside of the city averages twice the cost of water to persons living in the city. One reason for this, Lee points out, is that Medford charges the contracting communities slightly more for water than it does its own customers, because it expects to make some return on its investment. This return is approximately 6 per cent.

Another reason for the higher cost is that the contracting areas themselves tack on additional fees to cover their own investments, and cost and maintenance of their distribution systems.

Use Less Water
The high cost of water in these outlying areas means that residents there use much less water on the average than Medford residents.

The total amount of water used by these communities during the maximum use day in 1959 was 2,640,000 gallons or 11.5 per cent of the 23,990,000 gallons used by the entire system during the same day.

The city of Medford by itself used some 19,580,000 gallons, or 80.5 per cent of the total. (The rest of the water was used by industry.)

Lee said these restrictions

on the use of water in outlying communities will have to remain in effect until the additional source of water supply can be developed. It

is unfortunate, he said, that these restrictions had to be made, but it is better to make them while there are still surpluses than it would be when there are none.

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School for Indians Changes Policy

Salem—UPI—Chemawa Indian school will end its exclusive Navajo policy next month to facilitate a program set up with the Bureau of Indian Affairs whereby Alaska students will be accepted, Chemawa Superintendent Victor Hill said Saturday.

The Chemawa school, near here, will enroll about 100 Eskimo, Indian and Aleut students in the 14-18 age bracket beginning next fall.

Three years ago the school entered an exclusive Navajo program but before that had students from all parts of the northwest including Alaska.

BLM and State Reach Agreement

Portland—UPI—The department of the interior Saturday announced completion of a reciprocal road right-of-way agreement between the bureau of land management and the state of Oregon.

The pact will provide for free use of roads and crossing rights across state or BLM lands by the state board of forestry or the bureau.

The agreement culminated several years of negotiations and is expected to streamline forest management activities of both agencies, according to Russell C. Getty, BLM state supervisor.

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