

Personally Speaking

By JOHN STAFFORD

A historical event took place at the Jacksonville city council meeting last night. Mrs. Ruth Walker was appointed to fill the remaining term of the unexpired term of former Councilman John Caird.

Mayor E. O. Graham and members of the council are to be commended in appointing Mrs. Walker, a woman who occupies a council seat for the first time in history, according to city officials. In our opinion, it was a logical choice. Three council positions were up for election in November. Four candidates were running. Mrs. Walker was the one not to be elected. However, the margin of her loss was extremely small.

Anyone could have been expected to fill Caird's unexpired term. Graham and the council selected Mrs. Walker. Those remaining on the ballot.

When Walker's appointment was made, it was in effect by placing her name in front of the people in the election. Why shouldn't someone who had shown an interest in the government of Jacksonville be appointed? In addition Mrs. Walker lost by a small margin. The people who voted for her should be recognized.

This reasoning demonstrates one point. The council discussed completely the fact that Mrs. Walker was a member of the fair sex. This is as it should be. The idea some hold that women are incapable of making responsible and wise decisions on complex governmental problems is ridiculous. In many cases, women are better informed on issues. In most cases they are equally as well informed as male government officials.

More and more people are becoming aware of this fact. The most recent example of confidence we are placing in women was the election of Mrs. Maurice Neuberger as U.S. Senator from Oregon. Congresswoman Edith Green is another example.

The people of Phoenix placed leadership of their city government in the hands of Miss Fay Carver last November, and Portland had a female mayor some years ago.

To say that women are incapable of intelligently participating in government is unjustifiable in our opinion. And it appears that a few thousand other people are of the same opinion.

This year is a rare one numerically. The last year like it was 1881. Other similar years have been in 1891, 1111, 1901, 986, 888, 609, 111, 96, 88, 69, 11 and the year 1.

Eagle Point Installs Mayor and 3 Councilmen

By DOTTIE HARBISON
Eagle Point Correspondent
Eagle Point—Mayor Ed Putman took the oath as mayor for the city of Eagle Point last night at the city council meeting. City recorder and treasurer Marion Vannier installed Mrs. Laura A. McFall, Donald Kimmel, and Theodore Hoffman as new councilmen.

Elected to the office of president to preside in the

SOC President To Meet With PTA

Gold Hill—A Lights on for Education program will be held in Gold Hill under the sponsorship of the Gold Hill Parent-Teacher Association Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Patrick Elementary school.

Miss Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, will be featured speaker. The program is in conjunction with the state-wide program.

Stevenson will inform the PTA members of education legislation facing the 1961 session of the state legislature.

Gilbert Mack, principal of Gold Hill schools, urges all people in the Gold Hill and Sams Valley area to attend.

Members of the Sams Valley PTA will be special guests. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

School Board Head Featured Speaker

Jacksonville—Edward Branchfield, chairman of the Medford school board and local attorney, will be the speaker at the Jacksonville Elementary Parent-Teachers association meeting to be held in the school gym, Jan. 5 at 8 p.m.

The program will coincide with the Lights on for Education program which is being observed by schools throughout Oregon to discuss legislative measures and issues that the 1961 Oregon legislature will be considering.

There will be a brief panel discussion immediately following the speaker. Panel members will be John Neidermeyer, Mrs. Jean Long and C. L. McBeth. Refreshments will be served by the fifth grade mothers in the cafeteria following the meeting.

FIRST HOOP GAME

Lone Pine—The Lone Pine intermediate grade school boys will play their first basketball game of the season Thursday, Jan. 12, from 4 to 5 p.m., with Oak Grove school at Lone Pine.

These years all have one thing in common. They can be turned upside down, backward or forward and still read the same. When will the next such year occur? Quick mental calculations by the regional and sports editors indicate it won't come until 6009.

mayor's absence was councilman Ernest Gregg. Putman appointed the following committees and officials for the new fiscal year: police chief, Oran Chastain; assistant police chief, Bob Moore; water and street superintendent, David Hannaford; recorder and treasurer, Marion Vannier; judge, William C. Rice Jr.; attorneys, Farrell and Blackhurst; building inspector, J. D. Brown; budget committee, Ernest Gregg; Laura McFall and Theodore Hoffman; fire department, Bill Hunting and Don Kimmel; water department, Leland Meyers; Bill Hunting and Laura McFall; street department, Don Kimmel; Leland Meyers and Bill Hunting; sewage department, Ernest Gregg; Leland Meyer and Theodore Hoffman; disaster relief, Oran Chastain and Ed Putman; park commission, Don Kimmel and Leland Meyers; sanitation, Theodore Hoffman and Laura McFall; personnel, Ed Putman and Oran Chastain; police and fire, Ernest Gregg (civil); juvenile justice, Laura McFall; team-age and boy scouts, Theodore Hoffman; election, Laura McFall and civil defense, David Hannaford.

Mayor Putman welcomed the new council members and thanked retiring councilman Oscar Frei for his service in the past with the council. Don McGovern and Shy Callaghan also retired but were not present.

Putman announced that Charles Hoover of the Eagle Point Grange had contacted him to ask that the planning commission and street committee work with them in regard to trees needed for Eagle Point.

Ernest Gregg stated that the street committee and the planning commission had an invitation to meet with the Lions to discuss the possibility of street markers for Eagle Point streets and the possibility of giving each of the streets a name instead of being called by alphabetical letters.

A motion was passed to lease the large unused vault or safe to the city merchants for \$1 a year and they will move it to a different establishment and maintain its upkeep. This request was made by the merchants due to the absence of a bank in Eagle Point and the need for a safe place to keep money in over week ends and overnight.

David Hannaford read the report submitted by Building Inspector Jake Brown for the past year which stated that \$83,000 in new building permits was issued and \$15,380 worth of permits for addition and repairs to buildings were issued in 1960.

The councilman voted to instruct the attorney to draw up a contract with Ed Chamberlain for a one year lease rental of the property located just south of the new community building where part of the city gravel was dumped on his place for both parties to sign.

Regional News

John Stafford, Regional Editor
Correspondents: Upper Applegate Valley—Nadine Ziegler; Lower Applegate Valley—Jeanette Head; Butte Falls—Mary Jo Harris; Central Point—Doreen Armstrong; Eagle Point—Dottie Harbison; Gold Hill—Sams Valley—Mary Kell; Grandview—Lone Pine—Dot Simmons; Happy Camp—Hazel Davis; Betty Reedy; Hornbrook—Katherine Chapman; Illinois Valley—Katherine Scott; Jacksonville—Betty Hoskins; McLeed—Caroline Harding; Murphy—Mrs. R. J. Millmann; Prospect—Velda Barr; Shady Cove—Lyle Watson; Table Rock—R. E. Nelson; Tiller—Drew—Viola Rogers; Williams—Lauretta McPherson; Yreka—Doris Robinson and Betty Calkins.

Ruth Walker Appointed Councilwoman At Jacksonville Council Meeting

Jacksonville—The Jacksonville city council unanimously voted to appoint Mrs. Ruth Walker to fill the remaining one year of the unexpired council term of John Caird at its meeting in the city hall Tuesday night.

Members of the council indicated that it was the first

time in Jacksonville history a woman has held a council position. Mayor E. O. Graham administered the oath of office to the new councilwoman. Graham also installed Vance Adams, Lind McBeth and George Brewer as councilmen for two year terms.

The three join incumbent

Gold Hill City Officials Installed At Meeting

Gold Hill—Gold Hill city officials elected last November were sworn in their respective offices last night. Fred Lockart, president of the city council, administered the oath.

New to the council is Richard Straus, who replaced Harry Foley.

Other councilmen elected were Virgil Gribble and Cecil VanHorn. Council terms are for four years. Also taking the oath was Mayor Milton Steinmetz and Recorder-Treasurer Ferd Jones, both for two year terms.

Steinmetz conducted the council session. He gave a report of his investigation on the city's legal rights in regard to the city hall building and property. He found that the land was deeded to school District 57 by the Cavanaugh family years ago. Years later a city election was held for the school district to the city. Steinmetz said no stipulations were made for the building and property. He stated the deed is clear. The city council has the right to do with the building and property what they consider best for the city without a vote of the people, according to Steinmetz.

The council directed Police Chief Roy Harrison to enforce ordinances 207, 217 and 228. These apply to all violations of street obstruction and overparking of vehicles.

City Recorder Ferd Jones reported \$904 is in the water fund at this time. The council authorized Jones to order needed water receipt books estimated to cost about \$100.

Steinmetz and councilmen discussed policies in regard to sending city fire fighting equipment out of the city limits on calls. They said the city is not authorized to send fire fighting equipment on such calls.

John Cogswell, owner of Cogswell's Market and Trailer Court, asked the council to extend the commercial zoning ordinance to include the property he recently purchased along Second ave. and the Rogue river.

Olaf Lokken asked that his property at the corner of Seventh st. and Second ave. be changed to a commercial zone.

The city officials studied ordinances and found that property from the corner of Seventh st. on both sides of Second ave. to the city limits is all residential property due to an ordinance made in 1950 switching business property to residential. The council will have the zoning issue investigated by City Attorney Bernard Kelly before any action is taken to amend the zoning ordinance.

The council told Cogswell and Lokken that they must get signatures from adjoining property owners.

Water Ordinance

Action was taken to enforce the city water ordinance. Police Chief Harrison was authorized to shut water off when users are delinquent in payments. The council stressed that property owners are responsible for water rent.

The council asked that Mark Boyden, county surveyor, make an estimate on cost of needed surveying work and inspection of a water and sewer map which has been brought up to date by Steinmetz and Ernest Kell, city maintenance employee.

The council directed Jones to seek information in regard to minimum standards required by the state for audit reports in compliance with the new state statutes.

MEN INJURED

Applegate Valley—Two local farmers have been victims of minor accidents. Harlan Cantrall sustained a head wound requiring stitches when he was struck by a tree limb, and Lance Offenbacher received a mangled finger while working with machinery.

Sheriff's Deputy Assigned to EPID Meeting Tuesday

Eagle Point—Something new was added at the monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Eagle Point Irrigation District Tuesday afternoon at the district office in Eagle Point.

At the request of district officials, and Mrs. Ann Todd, a deputy of the Jackson county sheriff's department was present at the meeting to maintain order.

The meeting featured a battle of words between Mrs. Todd and board members. At one point, Mrs. Todd said to Phil Nevin, board chairman, "Obviously you are prejudiced and biased." Nevin replied "If you are out of order once more I will have you removed from the meeting room." Then Mrs. Todd challenged Nevin to carry out the threat. Nothing happened and the meeting was adjourned shortly thereafter.

Bills Read

At the request of Paul Conrad and Howard Todd, district bills were read aloud. The directors discussed progress on securing a right of way for an irrigation siphon across McNeil creek where the creek meets the Butte Falls highway. District Manager Larry Silveira said negotiations are still in progress.

Silveira reported that tentative 1961 irrigation schedules have been prepared. Cards will be sent to land owners prior to the irrigation season telling when and how much water they'll be allowed.

He said the tentative irrigation interval will be 12 days. Silveira also reported that an irrigation contract has been sent to H. B. Murphy, president of Pinnacle Packing Co. The company has land in the district and needs irrigation for proposed orchards.

Mrs. Todd objected to the board's action in sending the contract.

Then another verbal battle followed. It ended with Nevin stating that the board members are elected by a majority of the district members and have the authority to make decisions they feel are needed.

In other action the district swore in board members Nevin, Ed Greenwood and Albert Bigham.

Mrs. Todd submitted 11 letters of protest to the board. Members said the letters were out of the board's subject area, and dismissed the meeting.

BLIND AT BIRTH

Minneapolis—Only about 10 percent of the blind persons in the U. S. were born sightless.

Tree Hazard Removed From EP Park Area

Eagle Point—Pedestrians, motorists and residents living along the South C St. city park in Eagle Point can now relax the next time a heavy wind whips through the area.

It was brought to the attention of city councilmen last month that the trees in the park and along the street had grown so high that they presented a hazard during the heavy winds prevalent at that time. The council voted to have these trees in the park and along the highway topped, pruned and all dead wood cut out by professional tree surgeons.

Representatives from Joe's Tree Service presented an estimate on the job and were hired for the work.

Mayor Ed Putman stated that all work has been completed this week with the exception of burning the dead wood trimmings. He added that this not only improves the look of the park and removes the hazard, but will improve the health of the trees.

A question and answer period will follow.

Refreshments will be served by the PTA and child care will be provided during the meeting.

Young People Meet For Youth Rally

Illinois Valley—A delegation of young people from the Cave Junction Community church attended a southern Oregon and northern California youth rally at the Central Point Community church recently.

The Rev. Ray Price was speaker for afternoon and evening services. More than 10 churches were represented at the rally. A basketball tournament was held between the church teams. An evening dinner followed the day's activities.

The Rev. and Mrs. Gene Denning and Mr. and Mrs. George Martin accompanied the Illinois Valley young people.

Issues in the 1961 legislature pertaining to children and youth will be discussed by a panel comprised of Dr. A. E. Merkel, Larry Tweedy and Glenn Smith, with Boyd Gibson as moderator.

The program is being observed throughout Oregon.

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Safety Council Leader Speaker

Lone Pine—Lights on for Education program is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 5, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Lone Pine school gymnasium.

The main speaker will be Ralph Mathews, head of the school bus transportation, and president of the Medford Safety Council. He has chosen the topic, "Highway safety and school bus laws."

To purpose of the meeting is to inform the public and stimulate interest in the needs of education and welfare of youth in Oregon. It is sponsored by the Oregon School Board association, PTA and Oregon Education association. Information can be obtained on how to write Oregon legislature procedure and how a bill becomes a law.

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Refreshment Program At Branch School Set

Applegate Valley—Residents of Ruch and Upper valley areas are reminded to attend the Lights on for Education program at Ruch school at 8 p.m. Thursday, according to Rex Davis, program chairman.

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