

Cave Junction May Get Federal Funds

Cave Junction — The city council of Cave Junction has initiated a move to get federal aid to finance installation of a city sewer system.

At a recent special meeting, the council took necessary steps to begin proceedings designed to get a federal grant under the accelerated public works program.

The program would authorize a federal grant of up to 50 per cent of the cost of installing a sewer system. The balance would have to be met by the city.

Construction will have to be started by June 1967 in order to fulfill part of the federal grant requirements, councilmen noted.

The council agreed that a sewer system is greatly needed in Cave Junction. Members also felt that construction of a sewer system would help relieve the local unemployment situation.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Rachel Carson, in her new book "Silent Spring," offers the grim suggestion that in our copious use of chemical sprays to get rid of the insect and weed pests that annoy us we are setting up a vicious circle that in the end may do us in.

Being an Easterner, she uses as an example the Dutch elm disease that before a spray was found that would check it destroyed so many of the lovely elm trees in New England.

She says: "We spray to kill the beetle that spreads the Dutch elm disease, and the poison lingers to get into the earthworms in the ground. Then the robins eat the earthworms—and the poison, if it does not kill the birds outright, ends by making them sterile."

HENCE the SILENT spring. There are no birds to make it vocal with their chatter and their song. We run the risk, she apparently thinks, of getting into the fix of the town of Killingsworth, described by Longfellow in his Tales of a Wayside Inn. The Killingsworth villagers killed off the birds because they were eating the crops. But they couldn't stand the silence of a world without birds, so they went out to neighboring villages and bought more birds to replace those they had slaughtered.

And so—the next summer—"A new heaven bent over a new earth. Amid the sunny farms of Killingsworth."

BUT—Miss Carson goes on—it's worse in these modern days. These "noxious chemicals" that we use to get rid of the pests become more and more concentrated as they pass through vegetable food-stuffs and animal flesh to

find a final lodging in the fatty tissues of men and women—and the result that looms in the distance is a new menace to man himself. The mere thought of it gives one the shivers.

WHAT to do about it? Must we go back to the days, before these modern chemical sprays were invented, when our ancestors simply grinned and bore it? When they put up with the flies that they couldn't shoot out and KEEP OUT with screens? Must we let the chinch bugs eat up our corn and the boll weevils destroy our cotton?

Must we stand by while the potato bugs polish off our potatoes?

MISS Carson—who, as readers of her fascinating "The Sea Around Us" will recall, is a competent biologist—has some alternative solutions.

She points out that in California the harmful Klamath weed stubbornly resisted all attempts to control it by spraying. Biological control, she says, was established by importing two species of beetles from France. These beetles feed only on the Klamath weed and reproduce only upon it.

She adds: "As a result of establishment of a BALANCE between the imported beetles and the Klamath weed, the range lands of California have been practically purged of a plant that had been particularly ruinous to the livestock population."

SHE cites the Japanese beetle infestation in the northeastern part of the U.S. It was finally brought under control, she says, not by application of sprays but by importation of a parasitic wasp from Korea and China. This wasp lays its eggs on Japanese beetle grubs in the soil. Hatching on the beetle grubs, the young wasps feed on them and destroy them.

WHETHER Miss Carson is right or wrong is over the heads of us unscientific householders and back yard gardeners, but she certainly strikes a responsive chord in our memories when she says: "Many of the sprays in common use kill off the weaker insects—and the survivors BREED A HARDER STRAIN which is IMMUNE to future spraying."

A lot of us stand ready to testify that the longer and the harder we spray to keep the old bugs under control this year, the longer and the harder we'll have to spray next year to keep down the newer and tougher bugs that come along.

Red Cross Service Available in Area For Storm Victims

More than 53,000 homes were affected by the recent Pacific coastal storms which caused widespread damage in parts of Oregon, Washington and California.

Announcing the survey figures, Eldon Busk, director of American Red Cross recovery operation, said the tallies indicate that "the Red Cross job is just beginning."

"Although insurance coverage is proving to be substantial in much of the storm area," Busk said, "many families still will need Red Cross help in building back to pre-

disaster living." Jackson county residents affected by the disaster who are unable through their own efforts to meet their disaster-caused needs will find the Red Cross available to help them. Local Red Cross officials said. Disaster rehabilitation may include clothing, furniture, and other household goods, building and repair of homes, long-time medical and nursing care, farm supplies and equipment, and occupational training.

City Parking Meter Heads Are Taken

Three city-owned parking meter heads, which vandals removed from their posts sometime yesterday, were found in the Jacksonville area last night, according to Medford city police.

The meters, valued about \$57 each, were taken from parking spaces on Bear creek bridge and South Riverside ave., officers said.

Police estimate each meter contained approximately \$3 when removed. Jacksonville Chief of Police Frank Carter now has the meters and will return them to Medford today.

reasonable hardship should not ask for assistance. Relief funds have been contributed by the American people, not to take the place of insurance and replace losses, but to provide minimum needs that sufferers themselves cannot meet through their own resources of cash, credit, insurance and earnings, the Red Cross noted.

Local residents wishing to make applications for assistance are advised to call at the Red Cross office at 60 Hawthorne ave. Information given is confidential and is used solely to determine what appropriate assistance should be given. Statements as to ownership of property, income, liabilities, losses and other factors involved will be carefully verified. Findings will be considered by a trained Red Cross disaster representative working with a local advisory committee to approve

type of assistance to be given. Additional information may be obtained by telephoning 772-4405.

Woman Cited After Accident in City

Medford police Thursday cited Elizabeth Frances Reed, 62, of 453 Haven st., for disobeying a traffic signal after the car she was operating was involved in an accident at Riverside ave. and Main st.

Driver of the other vehicle was Donna Mae Jean Cook, 27, of 2725 Elliott ave. The mishap occurred about 5:49 p.m.

City police are investigating an accident that occurred about 9:19 p.m. Wednesday. A car registered to J.W. and Estelle V. Smith, 3637 Old Stage rd., was damaged while it was parked on Riverside ave. between Maple and Austin sts., police said.

Log Production In State Reaches Its Lowest Point

Portland—Despite increased cutting on public forest lands, Oregon's 1961 log production sagged to its lowest point since 1949, according to a forest survey report released by the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment station, Portland.

The drop in total log production was caused almost entirely by the reduced cut on private lands, it was noted. Private cut dropped more than one billion board feet below the 1960 level to its lowest point in 20 years.

The 1961 cut of 7.4 billion board feet was one billion board feet less than in 1960 and 1 1/2 billion feet less than in 1959, the most recent peak year.

The survey reports that the only other reduction from the 1960 cut was 35 million board feet less on federal lands.

National forest production rose 129 million board feet over the 1960 cut to a level second only to the all time national forest high of 1959. The national forests' proportion of the total production last year was 33 per cent, the highest ever, compared to 27.6 per cent in 1960. Production increased 3.7 per cent on bureau of land management lands and 4.1 per cent on state lands, compared with 1960. These increases totaled 30 million board feet.

In Jackson county, 424,726,000 board feet were harvested during the year and 140,491,000 board feet in Josephine county.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Robert Gibson Briscoe, 44, of Red Bluff rd., Prospect, driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, \$300 and driver's license suspended for one year.
Jere Kreischer, overload, \$50.
Darrell L. Johnson, overload, \$21.

John Wayne Van Dulah, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Cecil R. Welburn, disobeyed stop sign, \$15.
Robert William Shelton, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Mitchell Allen Biles, illegal possession of game bird, \$15.

CIRCUIT COURT
Phyllis J. Irwin vs. Eugene A. Irwin, divorce complaint.
Agnes Mary Merriman vs. Herbert Neil Merriman, divorce decree.
Virgil Wridge vs. June C. Wridge, divorce decree.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION
Ross Giles, Sonoma, Calif., and Ollie Jean Boutwell Stanton, Willows, Calif.
Maurice Earl McIntyre, 200 Eighth st., Jacksonville, and Oetka LaBene Shepherd, 909 Sunset ave., Medford.

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