

Regional Roundup

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The election next Friday to determine whether a proposed Talent Rural Fire Protection district is to be formed will climax not a few hours of work by a small group of individuals, among them John Tompkins of Talent, a former city councilman.

Human beings have an astonishing ability to offer only criticism when public spirited persons step forward and assume responsibility or civic projects without thought of remuneration. It is somewhat amazing to us that there still are people willing to subject themselves to the abuse that often accompanies volunteer civic work.

Regardless of whether one favors or opposes the formation of a new fire protection district, or any new proposal, some recognition should be made of the effort that has gone into it.

In the case of the Talent Rural Fire Protection district, at least 500 hours of volunteer work have been expended. We arrive at that figure because there were more than 500 signatures on the final petitions which qualified the measure for the ballot.

Tompkins told us one day that he spent an entire two weeks' vacation last year going from door to door with a petition. If you divide 24 hours into 500 hours, you will note that the time spent gathering 500 signatures would equal almost three entire weeks, day and night.

Tompkins, incidentally, is the same John Tompkins who figured in the city of Talent election case in circuit court last week—and here is another example where civic responsibility is often rewarded with abuse.

Tompkins was on the city council for two years as the result of an appointment. He ran for reelection last November and was defeated. Forty-five of the ballots used in that election were incorrectly printed, however, and were not counted into the final results. Tompkins and other city officials felt that some legal opinion should be obtained as to whether the 45 incorrect ballots could be thrown out or whether the election should be held over again.

Change of Heart
Last week was an interesting one in Siskiyou county. The county board of supervisors, which previously had voted 3-2 not to approve a \$4,300,000 federal Area Redevelopment Administration loan application by Siskiyou Hardwood company, reversed its stand, by a 3-2 margin.

The supervisor who changed his mind was Earl Ager, who was quoted as saying he did so because he felt it impossible to refuse to certify that the proposed loan would fulfill three specific requirements. These requirements were that it be within the approved overall economic development plan for the area, that it result in new employment opportunities, and that the necessary resources for its operation are available.

The change of stand by the board of supervisors undoubtedly removes another roadblock in the way of eventual approval of the loan application. United Press International reported from Sacramento Friday, three days after the supervisors' reversed decision, that the California State Department of Finance planned to approve the application. From the state level, it would then go to federal officials for final approval.

Regional Calendar

KVIP-TV (Channel 7)

Wilderville — Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Ed Anschuenbrenner, Methodist church superintendent from Eugene, will attend board meeting at Wilderville Methodist church.

Ashland — Tuesday, noon, Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Mark Antony, Bill Patton will be installed president for coming year. Year end reports will be made.

Gold Hill — Thursday, 1 p.m., Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce will meet in the council's chamber at the city hall. This will be annual meeting and election of officers for 1963.

Gold Hill — Thursday, 8 p.m., Gold Hill Grange will meet at the Grange hall on corner Sixth ave. and Fourth st.

BROGDEN'S RETURN
O'Brien-Mr. and Mrs. Oren Brogden and their daughter, Kathy returned from Washington to their trailer house in O'Brien. Brogden has been recovering from a back injury. The family will be leaving for California soon, where he will be employed in construction.



FOR LONELY MEN—On Sunday, Dec. 30, Ray Chinca, owner of the Mt. Shasta Veterans club, served his 12th annual holiday dinner to old, lonely men. Eighteen attended, including Joe Mueller, 82, left, and Harry Starr, 88. Chinca cooks this meal every year, for all who attend and can qualify. The only provision is that the diners must all live alone. Money, or lack of it, has no bearing. Chinca says he feels it is a hollow gesture to wish a happy occasion to folk if one does not do what he can to make it a happy time. And so he gives these men the finest meal possible at no cost in an effort to help combat the lonely hours they endure.



NEW OFFICIALS—Sworn in at Rogue River last week were, from left to right, new mayor John B. H. Leyen and councilmen Orva Jean Cruise, reelected recorder-treasurer Roy Strickland and Foy James, elected in November. Strickland was the lone incumbent. Administering oath is Mayor John B. H. Leyen.

New Mayor, Councilmen Sworn Into Office At Rogue River

By LAURINE LAWS
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Rogue River — The first regular council meeting of the year was held Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, in the council chambers at the Rogue River city hall.

A new Mayor, two new councilmen and reelected city recorder-treasurer and one reelected councilman were sworn in.

Mayor Leyen, who is back in office after having served as mayor several years ago, announced the following committee appointments:

Water committee: Arty Laws, chairman, George Magerle, Loyd Morrow.
Street committee: Foy James, chairman, Orvis Reeter, George Magerle.

Police committee: Roy Strickland, chairman, Orvis Reeter, Loyd Morrow.
Finance committee: Loyd Morrow, chairman, Roy Strickland, Foy James.

Sanitation committee: George Magerle, chairman, Arty Laws, Roy Strickland.
Fire committee: Orvis Reeter, chairman, Foy James, Arty Laws.

Library committee: John B. H. Leyen.

Because of the absence of some of the council members this was a short meeting and a special meeting is scheduled for a later date.

Issuing the oath to the recorder-treasurer Mrs. Orva Jean Cruise was councilman Arty Laws, and Mrs. Cruise in turn administered the oath to the new mayor, John B. H. Leyen, and to the three new councilmen, Loyd Morrow, Foy James and reelected councilman Roy Strickland.

Orvis Reeter, George Magerle and Arty Laws are in midterm as councilmen.

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Cancer Society To Show Films At Crater High

Central Point — Representatives of the American Cancer society will be at Crater High school Tuesday conducting two separate sessions.

An 8:45 class will include freshmen and sophomores, and at 9:45, juniors and seniors. Films will be shown to the students, and any questions they may have will be answered by the visitors.

Two popcorn sales will be conducted at the school Wednesday by the Medical Minded Maids and the Girl's Athletic association.

Art Display Slated At Jacksonville Library This Week

On Thursday, the Crater Boosters' club will sponsor a wrestling demonstration, to be held in the Crater gym. The public is invited to attend, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The District Parliamentary contest will be held Saturday at Myrtle Point. Winners of this event, will be eligible to compete in the state contest.

Future Teachers of America (FTA) will conduct a cake sale, Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the seventh period, 3:16 p.m.

Prospect Church Has New Minister

Prospect — The annual Epiphany candlelighting service was held Jan. 6 at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Prospect.

The church now has a new minister, the Rev. Stanley A. Welch, from Corning and Orlando, Calif. He replaces the Rev. John Powers, who has gone to Albany, Ore.

Central Point Happy Bluebirds Convene

Central Point — The Happy Bluebirds of Central Point met January 10 at the home of Mrs. L. E. Lull, 3353 Millary rd.

City Procedures Explained To New Gold Hill Councilmen

Gold Hill — Mayor Milton Steinmetz commenced his third consecutive two-year term in that position during the January session of the Gold Hill city council last week. Richard Straus, councilman, who was the only official not taking the oath, administered the obligation to the mayor for the 1963-1964 term.

The newly elected city officials were sworn in by the mayor. Taking the oath were Ferd Jones, city recorder-treasurer; two two-year term councilmen, Hilton Brignall and Leonard L. Martin; and three four-year term council members, Mrs. Dorothy Meister, Roland Washburn and Ronald Kalista.

Retiring councilmen Delos Walker, Kendall Dufur and Ozzie Newland surrendered their seats to the new officials. Walker and Dufur had each served about six years on the council. Newland, with several years experience, had been appointed to the unexpired term vacated several months ago by the resignation of Cecil Van Horn.

Another retiring councilman, Stanley Newnham, was not present for the last meeting. He was serving on appointment the unexpired term of Virgil Gribble.

Committees named by the mayor were: Finance: chairman Richard Straus, Dorothy Meister and Roland Washburn.

Water and lights: chairman Hilton Brignall, Roland Washburn and Richard Straus.

Sanitation: chairman Hilton Brignall, Leonard L. Martin and Ronald Kalista.

Equipment: chairman Leonard L. Martin, Roland Washburn and Ronald Kalista.

Householders are charged a set rate of \$3, which if paid by the 15th is reduced to \$2.70. Local residents are not metered. However, businesses are metered and pay according to what they use, including the Ideal Cement company.

Mayor Steinmetz appointed the street committee, Straus, Meister, and Kalista, to investigate reports that a tree along Second ave. is considered to be a hazard since the storm last October.

The committee was authorized to take necessary steps to eliminate the condition if the tree is determined a hazard, a report to be given at next regular council meeting. Other hazards because of trees were pointed out, and will be investigated, it was said.

Steinmetz reported that a California resident had purchased property formerly owned by the Richardsons and has proposed construction of two rows of new houses between the home on the river bank and Second ave. The proposal has been referred to the planning commission, composed of H. D. Force, chairman, Donald Morrow and Paul Molloy, for consideration, he said.

Regional News

Mitchell Sanitarium Owner Will Retire

Jacksonville — Mrs. Bessie Mitchell, long time owner and manager of the Mitchell sanitarium here has announced her retirement.

Classroom Teachers Have Meeting At Central Point, Discuss Events for 1963

Central Point—The Jackson County Classroom teachers held their executive meeting Tuesday at Crater High school with John Kueckler, Phoenix High teacher, presiding.

Ethics in the teaching profession will be discussed. Mrs. Mildred Black, Gold Hill, sixth grade teacher, chairman of the OEA-TEPS Committee, is also chairman of this regional workshop, which will include Josephine, Jackson and Lake counties.

Advertisement for Saxbury's Family Clothing. Features 'Blubber Sale' with 'YOU SAVE' graphic. Lists various clothing items like men's coats, women's dresses, and boys' shirts with prices. Includes address: 235 Pine Street, Central Point, Oregon.