

Ashland Council Denies Request for Water Outside City

Ashland - Tuesday night's routine Ashland city council session was enlivened by sharp disagreement when Mrs. David Hagerbaumer's repeated request for water service was denied.

According to Mrs. Hagerbaumer water mains are in front of the property at 200 Crown rd. but hook-up has been refused because it is outside the city limits, yet the city has granted water service to the proposed Oak Knoll Development Corp. for 300 residences beyond the city limits.

Mrs. Hagerbaumer asked why consideration is given to a big corporation and denied to an individual.

Emmett Whitham, member of the water committee, replied that "there is a difference between an individual and a corporation," that "the city has an interest in the Oak Knoll development and is spending a lot of money for it," and declared that "the council has an obligation to regulate growth in surrounding areas."

Economic Value
Councilman Don Lewis added that "our policy has been to deny water service to property owners outside the city limits. The Oak Knoll agreement was an exception because of its tremendous economic value."

In other action, approval was given to City Superintendent Elmer Biegel's request

that Victor Oredsen be authorized to draw up preliminary plans for the public library extension. The survey and plans to be submitted by July 1 will cost \$1,000.

A proposal to purchase the city-owned cemetery property was made in a letter from Attorney William Briggs. Mountain View and Ashland cemeteries with mausoleums, crematorium and columbarium are included in the offer of \$10,000. The buyers would pay the city \$25 for each grave sold.

Represent People
Briggs if understood to represent C. M. Litwiller and C. C. Williams, who last week filed incorporation papers in Salem for a new 100-acre cemetery to be developed east of Ashland.

A brief discussion followed reading of the letter, and it was agreed to decide the matter at a meeting next week.

Petitions and letters were presented and referred to committees and a public hearing on vacation of an alley on Mountain ave. was set for May 21.

Request for city assistance in lighting of additional Christmas decorations made by the chamber of commerce was referred to the electric committee.

Present at the meeting were Councilmen Duane Baker, Don Lewis and Emmett Whitham and Mayor Richard Neill.

Bill To Certify Psychologists Passed in House

Salem - (UP) - Oregon would join 23 other states where a person must be certified to call himself a psychologist under a bill passed 52-8 Thursday by the Oregon House.

Rep. C. R. (R-Corvallis) told the house, "We cannot delay or Oregon will become a haven for those not allowed in other states."

The measure is designed to protect qualified psychologists while preventing quacks from fooling the public by using a psychologist's title.

The measure would require a psychologist to have a degree plus two years of practice before he could be certified by a board appointed by the governor.

Returned To Senate
The bill must return to the Senate for concurrence in House amendments.

Debate in the House centered on the relationship between a psychologist, who is not a medical doctor, and a physician or psychiatrist, in the field of psychotherapy.

Rep. Morris Crothers (R-Salem), a doctor, told the House, "This bill does not authorize a psychologist to practice medicine."

Rep. Fritz Chiuinard (R-Portland), wife of an orthopedic surgeon, objected to part of the bill.

"There is no justification for giving an ancillary group the privilege of getting into practice of medicine through the back door," she said.

The Medical Roundup

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False Wassermann Test

Every since the Wassermann test for syphilis was discovered, some 55 years ago,

it has been well known that there are "false positives." Some persons who, on routine testing, are greatly surprised to receive the report of a positive Wassermann have every reason to believe they never had syphilis. The situation then is embarrassing for both the patient and physician.

In some cases, when intensive treatment causes the test to turn negative, the doctor's hunch is that the person did have syphilis. In other cases, when no amount of treatment changes the test, the situation tends to remain puzzling.

In past years, when this question came up, I referred the patient to an expert who would then have four tests made - a Kline, a Kahn, a Kolmer-Wassermann, and a Hinton. Often he could tell from the way the person's blood reacted to these tests, whether he need worry about syphilis.

Also, in those many cases in which the patient, in his fifties or sixties, had a normal spinal fluid with a negative Wassermann - and in which he had never had any symptoms of syphilis, and in which he had received enough treatment to control the disease (granting that it had ever been present), the expert urged him to quit worrying and get examined, and that he never take any more treatment. He probably never had the disease.

Findings Reviewed
In a recent article, Dr. A. M. Harvey of Baltimore reviewed the findings in 192 cases of what looked like false positives. As he said, Dr. J. E. Moore, after much study of the problem, reported his conviction that some 40 per cent of the persons with questionable positive Wassermann

tests never had syphilis. The false reactors can be separated into two types, designated as acute and chronic. The acute reactions are found in a person who is suffering at the time from malaria, or a rickettsial infection (a Rickettsia is a tiny parasite often transmitted to man by a tick), or a recent vaccination for smallpox, or an atypical pneumonia, or an infectious mononucleosis, or a peculiar venereal disease called a lymphogranuloma.

The people with a chronic false-positive reaction feel well and have no acute illness, and their Wassermann reaction remains positive for months or years or for a lifetime. The studies of Dr. Harvey show that sometimes a collagen disease, such as systemic lupus erythematosus, or rheumatoid arthritis, seems to be the cause of the reaction. In many cases, no explanation can be found.

Curiously, in Harvey's series, there were 143 women and 49 men. Fourteen of these people have since developed systemic lupus; 43 now have what may be a connective tissue disorder, and 81 now have some abnormality in the proteins (complicated chemicals) in the blood.

Not Specific Test
One great difficulty with the Wassermann reaction is that it is not a specific test for syphilis; by a strange accident, it just happens to be positive in nearly all cases of syphilis and negative in nearly all cases in which there is no syphilis. The Kline, the Kahn, and the Hinton, all share in this defect. Fortunately, at last we have a test that is specific for syphilis, and this now shows that a high percentage of the persons who had no history of every having had anything like syphilis, or ever having been exposed to the infection, never had it; their positive Wassermann test was wrong.

If, today, a person finds that he has a positive Wassermann, with no history to suggest that it is due to syphilis, he would do well to go to some large clinic, or to the laboratory of his State Health Department, or to a big university laboratory, and there to have the special test made - which is specific for syphilis, and nothing else.

People continue to be concerned about blood pressure - some of them having it checked more than is necessary. If you want information about high blood pressure, send 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, with your request for the booklet of that title to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

'Self-Learning' Center Organized
Corvallis - A unique "Self-Learning" Center has been started at Oregon State university to give students encouragement and opportunity to undertake independent study.

The Center, now housed in a quonset hut alongside Education Hall, has self-instructional materials of various kinds.

Students may listen to taped-recorded lectures on various subjects and from various classes as they become available. They may view film strips and motion pictures on selected educational subjects, study slide series, or try themselves out on "learning machines" that carry subject matter outlines and tests.

The Center was planned and has been organized and developed by Dr. Robert R. Reichart and Dr. Robert B. Denis Baron of the school of education.

Missouri Approves Anti-Poll Tax Act
Washington - (UP) - Missouri Thursday became the 34th state to approve the anti-poll tax amendment, but there was only a slim chance that four more states would ratify the measure and make it part of the U.S. Constitution this year.

But the outlook for obtaining final approval of the 24th Amendment to the Constitution in January was considered excellent.

Sen. Spessard L. Holland (D-Fla.), chief sponsor of the amendment to ban the poll tax in federal elections, said he was confident the remaining states needed to reach the required 38-or three-fourths - would ratify before their legislatures adjourn this year.



PRESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE - In serious moods of reflection, President Kennedy and Liberian Ambassador S. Edward Peal are shown during a conference in the President's office. Peal delivered a letter from Liberian President William Tubman and it was learned their discussion centered on economic matters. (UPI)

School News

Howard Education

The special education room walked to the Big Y for a field trip. They bought radish, forget-me-not, and sweet William seed, and now plan to have a garden. For Mother's Day they covered cigar boxes with macaroni shells and wheels and painted it silver.

Two first graders, Joni Simmons and Sharon Saffell, have had their art projects selected to be sent to Alba, Italy, Medford's sister city.

All first graders have been taking the spring series of Kraus Weber tests for physical fitness.

To surprise mothers for Mother's Day, first graders planted blooming pansies in milk cartons covered with foil.

Kenneth Trautman brought his six cocker puppies to show the children. One is pure white and the others are tan.

Plans are being made for the pre-school visitation day which will be Tuesday, May 21. Invitations are being mailed to next year's first-graders.

The second grade enjoys getting together every Friday and "singing for fun." We have been singing spring songs.

Our science unit on bird study has just been completed. We enjoyed making our booklets and learning more about birds.

The third grade rooms have been enjoying science films. We have seen Bear Country and Animals in Spring. Both were in color and educational.

Mrs. Audrey Berry's class made some nice pictures of fruit trees in blossom. We

used little bits of pink kleenex for the blossoms. We made animal pictures by using circles of various sizes. We have also been busy making gifts for our Mothers.

Nanette Quackenbush created an art lesson in Mrs. Hulda Fisher's third grade room. She knew how to make pretty pictures by rolling colored paper on pencils to make different-looking flowers and leaves. They are attractive mounted on black paper.

Mrs. Fisher's room also made some clay pictures and painted them with tempera paint. We will give these to our mothers for Mother's Day.

Pictures by Leneva Spires and Pat Barnard have been chosen to be sent to Medford's sister city, Alba, Italy.

Mrs. Agnes Flanagan, who has been helping Mrs. Nita Birdseye and Jack Bailey, has been absent since her automobile accident. We have missed her, and hope she will soon be back.

In social studies, our students have been making illustrated reports on Canada. We have found that charts and pictures make our reports more interesting. Some of our people have made maps to illustrate their topics.

Eymann, Whelan Speaker Candidates
Salem - (UP) - Democratic Reps. Richard Eymann of Marcola and Edward Whelan of Portland announced jointly Thursday that each will be a candidate for speaker of the Oregon House in 1965.

Both were candidates for speaker this session but withdrew in favor of House Speaker Clarence Barton (D-Corvallis).

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course. Afterwards, they were asked to rate the two cars on the points shown below. Now, please pick up a pencil and check the name of the compact car that you think was first in each category. Then see the answers below.

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Well, if you checked "Valiant" seven times your answers agree with the 3600 test drivers. They gave Valiant the top rating on all the features except Roominess. For that category they picked a Chevy II - a more expensive model with a 4-inch longer wheelbase than Valiant. If your answers differed greatly, it's probably only because you haven't had a chance to drive a Valiant yourself.

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Josephine County Treasurer Resigns
Grants Pass - Mrs. Alice Smith Davidson, Josephine county treasurer since January, 1949, has resigned effective July 1.
A successor will be appointed by the board of county commissioners.
Re-elected three times, Mrs. Davidson has served three four-year terms as county treasurer. Her present term would expire Dec. 31, 1964.
In a letter of resignation to the commissioners, Mrs. Davidson said she plans to retire to California, where her children and grandchildren live.

Man Arrested for Pointing Firearm
Kenneth Lawrence McKenzie, 33, of 6418 Downey rd., Medford, was lodged in Jackson county jail on a charge of pointing a firearm at another person late Wednesday, according to the sheriff's office.
McKenzie was arrested by the county sheriff's office on the complaint of Ruth May Richardson, who also resides on Downy road.

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