

### Municipal Problems Topic Of Cities League Meeting

Speed is the greatest killer in the cities of Oregon today. That seemed to be the consensus of last night's regional meeting of the League of Oregon Cities when the advisory group held its eighth meeting of the spring series at the Willard Hotel.

Herman Kehrl, secretary of the League and a nationally known authority on civic problems, outlined the three proposals on the subject currently being studied by the group: (1) An amendment to the basic rule which would establish maximum speeds within cities. (2) Compulsory chemical tests rather than voluntary tests for drunk drivers, and (3) Enforceable warrants between Oregon cities for serious traffic violations.

Orville Hamilton, Klamath's chief of police, gave the most thoughtful remark of the evening on the subject when he commented that clocking a suspended violator wasn't as easy as the public often thought and that although basic maximums would help, as would stop signs and carefully regulated traffic, there were still many problems to be solved. A majority of the civic leaders present, however, favored the establishment of the fixed limits.

Mayor Al Loucks, Salem, president of the organization, spoke briefly on the aims of the League following an introduction from Mayor Paul Landry, official and general host for the meeting which included municipal heads from Lakeview, Merrill, Malin, Bonanza and Chiloquin.

Many hopes were dashed when the group discussion veered around to the abatement of eyesores under the law. General opinion of the experts, including Raymond Coulter, field consultant for the League, was that there were few and limited means of ridding a city of buildings or residences as eyesores unless they could be proved to be a menace to public health and welfare.

Other municipal problems discussed by the group were such widely varied topics as juvenile delinquency, no solution in sight; taxes, assessments, state aid in purchasing city equipment; the legal aspects of "heating" buses and vagrants out of town; and the problems connected with completion of the Sprague River cutoff between that town and Chiloquin.

Of particular interest to city officials was the discussion regarding the assessed values of property with regard to civic improvements. All those present concurred that there should be some relief in the bonding problem in order that street work in particular could be done even though the value of the property at the time would not support the necessary cost. League officials pledged a close study into the matter with a possible end in view of some changes in the Bancroft bonding law.

Progress reports from the various communities were heard, with particular emphasis being placed on the Malin and Bonanza park improvements, and Klamath Falls coming in for a pat on the back over the new municipal swimming pool slated to go into operation if and when the warm weather comes.

Vice as such was not mentioned except in a dry aside from Loucks who referred to the recent blow up in Lincoln county, an affair which puts them, rather than Klamath County, in the limelight.

Police Judge Frank Blackner handled the arrangements for the affair.

### 4-H To Award Scholarships

Eight 1954 national 4-H awards programs, in which a total of 82 college scholarships valued at \$18,500 will be awarded to the highest rating winners, have been accepted by the State Extension Service. The national scholarships are for \$300 each.

Of the 82 scholarship awards, 12 were donated by Ford Motor Company for Achievement; six by Kerr Glass for Canning; six by Westinghouse Educational Foundation for farm and home electric; eight by Kelvinator for food preparation; six by Montgomery Ward for girls' record program; eight donated by Kellogg Company, of Battle Creek, Michigan, for health; eight by Sears Roebuck Foundation for home improvement and eight by General Motors, for safety.

County awards in the programs have been increased to four gold-filled medals of honor, with the exception of food preparation and girls' record, which offer one each.

State awards remain the same as in 1953. Each boy and girl state winner in the 4-H Achievement program will receive a set of two miniature statues, and state winners in the other seven programs will be awarded an all-expense trip to the annual Club Congress in Chicago. The number of sectional trips to the Chicago Congress offered in the achievement activity have been increased from 16 to 24.

Each state winner in the above programs will be awarded a certificate of honor, as well as four 4-H Clubs in each county in the safety program.

These national 4-H programs are all directed by the Co-operative Extension Service.

### Civic Club To Present Play

FORT KLAMATH—The date of Friday evening, April 30, has been set for the presentation of "Adam's Evening," a three act farce to be given by the Civic Improvement Club in the clubhouse.

General chairman is Mrs. Richard O. Varuum; Mrs. Frank Strahan is directing and coaching the play, with practices twice weekly.

Mrs. Wilbur B. Hescock is in charge of stage properties and arrangements. Mrs. Harry Orem for makeup.

In addition to the play, special musical numbers are being arranged by Mrs. Elizabeth Looney, to be presented between acts.

Club members taking part in "Adam's Evening" are A. & M. Adams, a victim of circumstances; Mrs. James F. Van Wormer; Anna, his wife, Mrs. Dennis Knowles; Mrs. Bean, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Harold L. Wimer; Casper, his colored servant, Mrs. William C. Martin; Gertie, the colored maid, Mrs. Richard O. Varuum; Dr. Fragon, Mrs. Elmore Nicholson, the doctor's wife, Mrs. Lloyd Nicholson; Elmer Green (who wants to die), Mrs. Donald P. Vestch; Mr. Cokes, (who ought to be dead, but isn't); Mrs. Wilbur B. Hescock; Mrs. Cokes (who wishes he was, for the insurance), Mrs. Ober Brown.

All three acts of the comedy take place in the living room of the Adam's home. Humorous complications arise and continue to mount as the plot develops, until, in the last act, following a series of events which threaten to result in nervous breakdowns for several of the cast, the comical mixup is finally cleared.

The presentation is aimed primarily to make the audience forget cares and worries for a time. Anyone wanting a good laugh should not miss the forthcoming home talent production, for "Adam's Evening" is loaded with nothing else but laughs.

### Reds Give Germany Statehood

BERLIN (AP)—Communist propaganda drums beat their loudest today to announce the Soviet Union had raised East Germany to the status of a fully sovereign state. The West promptly branded the Russian move a sham.

The Russians announced last night they hereafter would assume the same relations with the Communist East German government as "with other sovereign states," but would continue to keep their occupation army in the East zone as "safeguard security."

Western observers saw this as the latest in a long series of Soviet maneuvers to force official Western recognition of the East zone satellite—a campaign continually rejected by the Western Allies and the West German government on the grounds the Eastern regime does not represent the people.

The government-operated East German radio gave the announcement the full treatment, repeating it three or four times hourly.

But the U.S. State Department in Washington recalled the widespread worker revolts last June in East Germany and declared the "entire puppet regime would collapse under the weight of hatred and hostility of the populace" if Soviet troops were withdrawn.

West Germany's Acting Chancellor Franz Eiserich, heading the Bonn government while Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is state-visiting in Turkey reacted similarly. He termed the announcement "just a phase of the propaganda battle of the East against the West" and said it "will not change the enslavement of the East German population."

The Soviet announcement said the East German Republic will be "free to decide... its own internal and external affairs, including the questions of relations with West Germany."

But it immediately added that the "Soviet Union retains in the (East) German Democratic Republic those functions which are connected with safeguarding security and which result from obligations arising from the U.S.S.R. from four-power agreements."

### Dunsmuir Man Files For Post

DUNSMUIR—E. A. Christenson, proprietor of a locker plant, this week added his name to the list of candidates for a place on the Dunsmuir City Council.

Christenson will be a write-in candidate as he did not announce his candidacy in time to meet the regulation deadline.

Others in the running are Lambert E. Gibson, incumbent; Fred O. Lloyd, mayor incumbent; Robert M. Dickson and Samuel A. Tallero.

Election is set for April 13.

### Fish Research Funds Requested

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hearings will be held April 1 on legislation to require use of 30 per cent of gross customs import duties on fishery products to finance fisheries research, Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) announced Friday.

The Washington senator co-sponsored the legislation along with other senators from coastal states. Magnuson said hearings will be held by the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

Magnuson said such import duties on fishery products in 1952 totaled approximately 12 million dollars which, if the proposed legislation had been in effect, would have channeled \$3,600,000 of this sum into research.

### Annual Oscar Awards Given In N.Y., Hollywood Shows

By JAMES BACON

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—William Holden, the movies' favorite average guy, and Audrey Hepburn, his favorite princess, Friday held Hollywood's top acting Oscars.

The movie, "From Here to Eternity," tying the all-time record of eight awards, was named the best picture of 1953 as the 26th annual Academy Awards presentation made movie and television history Thursday night.

Holden, 36, who played a semi-held in the movie "Stalag 17," was both happy and upset about his first Oscar. He was happy, of course, for winning the top honor but said he was "very upset" for having to hurry his acceptance speech due to the television time commitments.

"They told me to say, 'thank you,' and get off," Holden said. "I wanted to give credit to Billy Wilder (the director of 'Stalag 17') for having so much faith in me. I think they could have held off the closing commercial just a little longer so that everyone could know how much Wilder was responsible."

Holden said he "was pretty leery" before the presentation of the award.

"I thought Burt Lancaster would get it."

Miss Hepburn, in stage makeup for her Broadway role of a water nymph in the play "Ondine," received her award in the New York portion of the show. Her first movie starring role was that of a princess on the loose in "Roman Holiday."

The sex and violence-filled "Eternity" a story of the Pearl Harbor regular Army, captured awards for sound recording, film editing, cinematography, screenplay, direction and supporting actress and supporting actor in addition to best picture. The eight Oscars tied the former record held by "Gone With the Wind."

Donna Reed, as the prostitute of the James Jones best seller, (changed to a painted hostess in the movie), won her first Oscar for the best supporting actor.

A year ago the spindly crooner was considered washed up in Hollywood. He did not sing in "Eternity" but he disclosed that he



of "Shane." Stevens, however, walked off with the coveted Irving Thalberg Award for distinguished production.

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