

Sewage Problems Reviewed At Chamber Forum Meeting

By MAX WAUCHOPE

T. M. Gerow, Southern Oregon district engineer of the State Sanitary Authority, suggested that the Klamath County Court compile a master plan for the sewage disposal of Klamath Falls and its suburbs at a forum Wednesday noon.

The recommendation was made at a forum on sanitation and health held in the Winema Hotel, sponsored by the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce.

This master plan could be prepared under authority of Oregon House of Representatives Bill No. 502, passed by the last Legislature.

The law gives the county courts authority to adopt a master plan for disposal of sewage from incorporated and unincorporated areas and to tax the districts for their cost and maintenance.

The 1955 Legislature passed 15 laws dealing with sanitary problems, Gerow stated. Among these laws was House Bill 531 which gives the county courts authority to construct, maintain and operate,

sanitary plants in districts not incorporated, without the vote of the people.

Law 531 allows these plants and systems to be financed by a revolving fund fed by sewage charges, property assessments and the levying of a property tax of 2 mills, for not to exceed five years, on all the county's real property not in incorporated cities.

In reviewing the stand of the State Sanitary Authority on the problems in the Klamath Falls area, Gerow said the state has been cognizant of the situation since 1940.

The sanitarian said that septic tanks are only a temporary means of solving the problem and that the ultimate solution is one of the community systems.

The formation of a municipality, or the annexation of the fringe area, was suggested by Gerow as a possible answer. He also said that some suburban areas have formed independent sanitary districts.

County courts have been lax in

initiating formation of sewage districts, said Gerow. Recent state legislation has given the county courts the mechanics to solve the problem.

Senate Bill 153 clarifies the steps by which county courts can initiate formation of sewage districts.

The financing of sanitary districts is outlined in Senate Bill 324 which sets a bonding debt limit of 13 per cent of the actual value of all property in the district.

A sanitary district may be formed by resolution of a county court on receipt of a unanimous petition by the residents of the district without an election under Senate Bill 275.

The county courts can form a sanitary district without a petition on certification by a health officer, or sanitary authority, that a sewage problem exists through House Bill 503.

Metropolitan sanitary districts can be formed by incorporated and unincorporated areas under Senate Bill 434. A sanitary board of five members and a manager would govern the district exclusive of the city council.

Dr. Seth Kerron, county health officer, outlined the historical background of the sewage problems of Klamath Falls and its suburbs prior to Gerow's talk.

A serious sewage and pollution problem exists today in the south suburban area, Dr. Kerron reported. He said that 2,500 inoculations were given last year for typhoid fever when several cases of the fever were detected in the suburban area.

In 1954, 60 cases of infectious hepatitis were reported and Dr. Kerron said that about 50 have been reported from that area this year, with six cases recently.

The health officer stressed the fact that the area is a potential breeding ground for epidemics and urged that something be done to alleviate the situation.

The forum was held under the direction of chamber director Bob Henry and Floyd Wynne moderated the event.



PETE CALISE, employed as section foreman for the Southern Pacific Railroad for 45 years, was retired September 29. Calise, who lived at Merrill for 25 years, has moved to Klamath Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Calise have a son, Frank Calise, associated with Zilka-Smith and Company, Inc., stock brokers, Coos Bay.

Church Women Hear Report On Migrant Work Success

World Community Day, sponsored by the Klamath Falls Council of Church Women was observed at a meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, Klamath Falls on November 4.

Business centered on a report made by Mrs. Ross Ragland, chairman of the church migrant program, on the success of the 1955 work.

Efforts centered on the migrant camps at Malin and Newell.

Twelve churches, the Church of the Brethren, Malin Community

Presbyterian, Mt. Laki Community, Tulelake Community Presbyterian, Peace Memorial Presbyterian, First Christian of Klamath Falls, First Presbyterian, Klamath Falls, First Methodist, of this city, First Congregational, Klamath Falls, St. Paul's Episcopal, Klamath Temple and the Merrill Presbyterian Church sent volunteer workers.

The church women conducted the nurseries and provided lunches for the children and conducted thrift sales of clothing and bedding for the migrant workers. Sunday school classes, family night gatherings and other benefit programs were also held during the harvest season.

Mrs. Ragland commended the two migrant staff workers, Florence Fairhill and Betty Blanchard, provided by the Oregon Council of Churches for their cooperation and untiring efforts on behalf of the harvest workers.

It was suggested as preliminary

work for next year's migrant program that a committee of women, working during the winter, could make quilts, picture books from consecutive issues of Sunday School papers, toys and dolls.

Mrs. A. M. Collier, program chairman for the meeting, introduced Mrs. John Yaden who was in charge of the worship service, Mrs. S. W. McNeil sang and Mrs. D. L. Froot spoke on the "United Nations."

Gifts of clothing from the

churches will go to Korea this year. Offerings to "Church and World Service," which works with war refugees under the United Council of Churches will also go to Korea.

The numerous cartons of clothing brought to the meeting will be carried without charge by the Oregon - Nevada - California Post Freight Service to Modesto.

The next meeting of the council will be on January 23.

School Officials List Holidays

End of the year holidays in all schools in Klamath Falls and Klamath County coincide.

There will be no school on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11. Classes will be released on Thanksgiving Day, November 24 and the following day, November 25.

School will be dismissed at the close of the school day, December 23, for the Christmas vacation. Classes will convene on January 3 since both Christmas and New Years Day fall on Sunday this year.

The spring vacation for 1956 will be from March 10-18 inclusive.

Democrats Predict Pickup Of Congress Seats In 1956

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in Tuesday's state and local contest, the Democrats immediately began appraising their gains as signs of things to come in the 1956 presidential and congressional elections.

Rep. Michael J. Kirwan (Ohio), chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said Tuesday's voting indicated that the Democrats would increase their house majority by more than 30 votes in 1956. That would mean a net pickup of more than 15 seats now held by Republicans.

Democratic managers are counting on a pickup of two to five seats in Indiana where their party made tremendous gains in municipal elections this week.

As of now, Democrats also are hopeful of gaining two or more house seats in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Connecticut and California.

Tuesday's results also gave Democratic hopes a boost for unseating Republican senators next year in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Ohio and Indiana. Butler commented that the Philadelphia election means that "storm signals are certainly up" for Sen. James H. Duff (R-Pa.), whose term expires next year.

Other political developments:

1. Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore) said he believes that Republicans urging President Eisenhower to run again, despite his heart attack, are putting "partisan considerations" above humane considerations.

2. Chief Justice Earl Warren assured a long-time friend that under no circumstances would he leave the Supreme Court to resume political life. He has been mentioned as a GOP presidential possibility if President Eisenhower decides not to seek a second term. He made the remarks to Dan L. Beebe, editor and publisher of the Oroville (Calif.) Mercury-Register.

Tea Honors Phone Worker

Mrs. Minnie Carr, Pacific Telephone employe, was honored at a tea given by her co-workers November 2 in the telephone company lounge. Mrs. Ruth French, chief operator, presented her with a five star gold emblem in recognition of her 25 years service with the Bell System. Arrangements for the tea were handled by Mrs. Lorraine Bonotto and Mrs. Gloria Muirhill. Mrs. Mary Ellen Hankins and Nick Carr, son of the guest of honor, assisted in serving the 60 guests.

Mrs. Carr started her career as a telephone operator in Grand Island, Nebraska in 1929. Except for three years during World War II, when she transferred to California where her husband was stationed with the Air Force, she has been serving the Klamath Basin residents steadily since 1938.

Mrs. Carr has held the positions of instructor and supervisor in addition to operator.

She can recall many changes in the business, such as discontinuing the practice of dismissing a girl as soon as she is married.

Along with her telephone work and caring for her home, she finds time to enjoy participation in church work and PTA.

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By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BVSCD To Hold Birthday Fete

The Butte Valley Soil Conservation District plans to celebrate its 10th anniversary at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the new school house at Macdoel.

A short business meeting will be held at 7:30 after which, the president of the board of directors, Walter Robinson, will call on all former directors and other visitors for recognition.

Guest speaker will be Lynn Raymond, president of the State Association of Soil Conservation Districts in California.

Jesse Langdon, former work unit conservator, at Macdoel will give a resume of the past history and activities that have taken place within the Butte Valley Soil Conservation District since its formation.

Movies to be shown by the Soil Conservation Service will be "World at Your Feet" and "Under Western Skies." Light refreshments will be served.

The affair is open to the public.

ATATURK ANNIVERSARY

ISTANBUL, (AP) — All Turkey stopped work for five minutes Thursday to commemorate the 17th anniversary of the death of Kamal Ataturk, founder of the Turkish Republic.

RITA ON RIVIERA

NICE, France (AP) — Rita Hayworth arrived on the Riviera Thursday and lunched with her former husband, Aly Khan. Seated with them was their 5-year-old daughter, Yasmin, and Miss Hayworth's 10-year-old daughter, Rebecca, child of Orson Welles.

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