

Mayor Given Authority To Sign FD Agreement

DUNSMUIR—Mayor Dave McIntock has been given authority to sign an agreement between the city and Dunsmuir Fire District.

The contract is being prepared by City Attorney Howard Jones. The draft of the agreement

Dunsmuir Wants SP Buildings

DUNSMUIR—The city is offering Southern Pacific Company \$2,000 for unused roundhouse buildings in Dunsmuir.

A lease for the ground on which the buildings are located and right of access is also being requested.

The decision to seek purchase of the buildings was made Wednesday night at the city council meeting. Councilman Dave Anderson reported the buildings were available and would solve a city problem for garage and storage space.

Purchase of the buildings rather than rental seemed to be the expedient choice for both the railroad and the city. Southern Pacific now pays about \$1,400 yearly in taxes for the buildings, it was noted in the discussion and rental fees would have to pay for taxes. City owned property is tax free.

In other business, a reworking project was approved for the city hall. Councilman Don Stephens reported overload conditions were a hazard. He said the job will entail \$350 for materials plus labor costs.

The hiring of Helen Graves and Amanda Cook was reported by Dave Anderson, police commissioner, to serve as police matrons and clerks on the new 24-hour police and fire call system. Bessie Anderson, former relief matron, has resigned.

No action was taken on the question raised by Fred Drake, property owner on Castle and Shasta avenues. Drake reported Castle Avenue has been reduced to a 27-foot width by the state Division of Highways in constructing the Dunsmuir bypass. He pointed out the former street right of way was 60 feet. City Attorney Howard Jones explained the streets were reconstructed according to maps approved by the city as submitted by the state. Further inquiry will be made.

Brown Names Commissioner

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown today named John Erreca, mayor of Los Banos, to the California Highway Commission.

The governor also announced that he was reappointing James A. Guthrie, publisher of the San Bernardino Daily Sun and Evening Telegram, to a four-year term on the commission.

Erreca, 47, a cattleman and farmer, will succeed Chester H. Warlow, Fresno. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the state Senate.

A Democrat, Erreca is president of the Board of Directors of the Merced County Spring Fair. Highway commissioners are paid \$15 per diem for each meeting they attend up to a maximum of four meetings a month.

CHEAPSKATE

NEW YORK (UPI) — The New York Mirror today published the following letter signed "Empty-handed, N.Y.C.":

"To that cheap little bum who broke off with me just before Christmas to avoid buying a gift: please come back. I have a present for you — a box of mothballs for your wallet."

Installation Is Tonight

ALTURAS—Modoc Chapter, Order of DeMolay, will conduct open installation ceremonies in the Masonic Hall here beginning at 8 p.m. Dec. 29.

Officers to be installed are John Buckhouse, master counselor; William Haslett, senior counselor; David Friberg, junior counselor; Jim Coppedge, senior deacon; Robert Clark, junior deacon; Ronnie Dorris, senior steward; Alan Charlet, junior steward; Ronnie Holloway, sentinel; Ken Gloster, marshal; Gary Ray, chaplain; Graham Mercer, standard bearer; Kenny Lorenz, orator; Michael Piper, almoner; Stanley Royce, first preceptor; Rick Humble, second preceptor; Richard Friberg, third preceptor; Charlie Johnson, fourth preceptor; David Starr, fifth preceptor; Lawrence Bell, sixth preceptor; Bruce Olsen, seventh preceptor; Jack Buckhouse, dad adviser, and Irene Carpenter, chapter sweetheart.

Hamilton Rite Held On Friday

McCLOUD — Mass was offered at 10 a.m. Dec. 23 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church here for Hubert Doras Hamilton, 59, McCLOUD.

He was a native of Indiana who died in the local hospital Dec. 20 after a brief illness.

Hamilton came to McCLOUD in 1923 and had been a resident since that time. He was a Boy Scout leader and had held most of the important offices in scouting in the Shasta-Silvertip District.

At the time of his death he was sawmill superintendent for McCLOUD River Lumber Company.

Rosary was recited at Mount Shasta Chapel in Mount Shasta at 8 p.m. Dec. 22. Interment was in Mount Shasta Memorial Park.

Survivors are the widow, Marie; sons, Paul and Hubert, and daughters, Katherine and Mary.

PARTY FOR NIXON

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Republican admirers are planning a 48th birthday party here for Vice President Richard M. Nixon on Jan. 9.

The reception and dinner at the Mayflower Hotel will be sponsored by the Capitol Hill Club, a Republican social group. Tickets will cost \$15 a person or \$25 a couple.

Decoration Prizes Given

DUNSMUIR—Checks for the winners of the annual Christmas decoration contest here were mailed Thursday by Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce following judging Wednesday evening.

Twenty-five dollars was given for first prize, \$15 for second and \$10 for third.

Mrs. Lester Gilzean, 326 Surrey, placed first in the best entry or porch category. Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Burns, 1225 Elinore, were second place winners and June Cattanaugh, South Highway, third.

R. N. Pratt, 308 South Second, won first for the house or yard

Name Winners Of Contest

YREKA—First prizes in the residential, civic and commercial categories of the outside Christmas decorations contest, sponsored here annually by Yreka Chamber of Commerce went, respectively, to the following:

Tom Colburn, 743 Yama Street; Yreka Fire Hall and Yreka Flower Shop.

A local utility company contributed the \$150 prize money. Colburn's manger scene won \$50 and \$25 went to each of the other first-place winners.

Second prizes in the residential category were awarded to Dr. R. M. Stewart, 615 French Street; George Bray, 425 Shasta Drive; Dr. Donald Meamber, 322 Steele Terrace; Sam Avery, 415 Warren Avenue; and Charles O'Donnell, 117 North Gold Street.

Honorable mention in the commercial category was given to Pappy's Log Cabin and California-Pacific Utility.

After two nights of judging, winners of the contest were selected by secret committees chosen by the contest chairmen, Mrs. Ellen Sander and Ed Foss.

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Yreka Council Approves License Ordinance Move

YREKA — At Thursday night's meeting of the city council, the board adopted an amendment to the business licensing ordinance. According to Harry Friedman, councilman, results of the amendment will be an overall 40 per cent reduction in license fees and in some instances more than 60 per cent. He referred especially to one business that previously has paid more than \$1,000 per year for a business license.

Businesses that paid license fees in a ratio to gross receipts basis in the past will be the only ones affected by the amendment. Proposals to change the ordinance as it pertains to other businesses licensed in the city, such as services and professions, will be studied at a later date.

It was noted at the previous meeting of the council that some businesses currently operating under service classifications have changed procedure of operation enough to be assessed on a gross receipt basis.

According to J. C. Cummings, councilman, camera shops and flower shops should be considered with other businesses licensed on gross receipts.

Under the old ordinance, businesses being licensed on a gross receipt basis were taxed one-tenth

Relative Dies In Livermore

ETNA—Arthur Crawley, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sethman, Etna, died during December at Livermore after a long illness. He is survived by the widow, Emily; two sons, and a daughter.

New Club Forms For Operators

HAPPY CAMP — T. A. Reed, science teacher at Happy Camp Elementary School, has organized a Ham Club for radio enthusiasts. Nine boys and three girls are members.

The club's call letters are K6 HZK. Headquarters are in the old buildings at the school. Students are learning Morse code, Reed said.

To obtain membership, students must be interested in electronics and communications and have a high scholastic standing.

Reed held an amateur radio operators license when he was 12 years of age. He belongs to the exclusive WASWAC organization (Worked All States; Worked All Continents.)

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