

Dunsmuir Council Studies Water Rates, Christmas Trim, Auxiliary Police Pay

DUNSMUIR — Ways to prevent a raise in water rates, illumination of Dunsmuir at Christmas time, pay rates for auxiliary police, and highway matters occupied the Dunsmuir City Council Monday night.

In a letter to the council, Harold N. Walsh pointed out water rate increases could be effectively opposed only with adequate facts on investment, costs and rate of return.

City Clerk Elizabeth Cavin was instructed by the council to determine the costs of a public accountant to prepare the city's protest against a rate raise proposed by the Dunsmuir Water Company. She will also write to the Public Utilities Commission asking that a public hearing on the matter be held in Dunsmuir.

John U. Petty, superintendent of public works, was instructed to determine the cost of strings of colored lights for downtown holiday decoration. These figures and installation problems will be discussed at the Nov. 4 council meeting.

Mayor David Anderson terminated last year's Christmas decorations a disgrace and at the suggestion of Carl Clement, Dunsmuir publisher, the council agreed to make this a city problem in the interests of the community as a whole.

A pay rate of \$2 an hour for special duty was approved for auxiliary police. The Dunsmuir High School will hereafter donate a portion of gate receipts to the auxiliary police when a request is made for police patrolling of sports events, the council learned.

Herbert Miles, Redding, district engineer for the state division of highways, stated a proposed interchange north of Dunsmuir was not included in current construction plans. He promised the state would work with the city in developing access to the Dunsmuir Airport in accordance with a master airport development plan now being devised by the city. The interchange will be called Dunsmuir Airport Road, Miles said.

Miles also suggested that the name of Florence Avenue, Dunsmuir's main street, be designated South Dunsmuir Avenue, south of the city limits, to enable the highway officials to install better directional signs on the Highway 99 freeway that bypasses the city.

A revised Master Plan of Dunsmuir, as adopted on the recommendation of the planning

commission and James Campbell, professional planner who assisted in the plan preparation, was given a vote of commendation.

The Nov. 4 council meeting will also be the public hearing night for the new Pacific Power and Light Company franchise read at Monday night's meeting. PPL is offering the city a one per cent gross payment in return for the franchise.

Birchers Won't Side In Politics

NEW YORK (UPI) — Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, said Thursday night the society will keep out of politics during the 1964 presidential campaign.

Interviewed on a television show, Welch was asked if he backed Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona for the Republican presidential nomination.

"Since the society was founded and began to have any national importance, we have been unable to take and do not take any position in politics whatsoever," Welch said.

"Consequently," he added, "...I personally have not been able to express any opinion in politics."

Welch reiterated charges that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower is a traitor and that the late John Foster Dulles was a Communist.

The accusations were first aired in Welch's controversial "Blue Book," the bible of the Birch Society, and in a private letter which has since become public.

TWO GOVERNMENTS
Brazil's Kraho Indians have two village governments. One rules in the rainy season (time of work in the fields) and the other in the dry season (time of ceremonies and festivals).



LINKED BY ADOPTION — A "certificate of adoption" formally linked the University of Oregon Air Force ROTC Detachment 690 with the 408th Fighter Group of Kingsley Field, in special ceremonies Thursday afternoon in McArthur Court. Lt. Col. John W. Kocher, professor of air science at UO, left, receives the certificate from Col. Edwin J. Witzemberger, right, Kingsley Field commander.

Formal Ceremony Marks Adoption Of ROTC Unit

An exchange of flags and presentation of a "certificate of adoption" formally linked the University of Oregon Air Force ROTC Detachment 690 with the 408th Fighter Group of Kingsley Field, Thursday afternoon in McArthur Court.

The "adoption" ceremonies, originally scheduled at Howe Field on the UO campus, were moved to Mac Court because of inclement weather.

The decree, read for Maj. Clark L. Aibel, executive officer from Kingsley Field, contained among the purposes for

adoption... "closer identification between the two units... greater understanding... providing guidance to future officers of the U.S. Air Force."

Col. Edwin J. Witzemberger, commander of Kingsley Field, presented the certificate to Lt. Col. John W. Kocher, professor of air science at the UO. He spoke briefly on the history of Kingsley Field and invited the cadets to visit the facilities there.

University President Arthur S. Flemming praised the adoption program, saying it was a "significant program both from the standpoint of the Air Force and from that of the university."

He further added that "members of our student body who volunteer for service in the ROTC program... make a significant contribution to their educational objectives."

The ceremony also featured a precision drill by a marching unit from Kingsley Field, and a color guard.

Tax Researcher Claims Sales Tax No 'Cure-All'

PORTLAND (UPI) — A sales tax is no "cure-all" for Oregon's money problems, the Legislative Interim Tax Committee was told Saturday.

Former State Rep. George Annala, manager of Oregon Tax Research, said a three per cent sales tax with food exempt, applied under terms of a bill proposed by the Senate this year, still would have left the state with a \$20 million deficit in meeting a \$404 million budget.

The Senate bill would have applied half the money from a sales tax to property tax relief, one fourth to income tax reduction and put the rest in the general fund.

Annala said the calculations on the \$20 million deficit were based on an estimate of \$76 million per year from the sales tax. He also said an examination

of the history of states in which the sales tax was devoted to a property tax offset, and in which there was a limitation on property taxes, the property tax still has shown an increase.

Annala said that in comparison with California—which has both a sales and income tax—Oregon's total per capita tax was \$75.60 and California's \$86.10.

He said studies showed a sales tax provided a more stable source of revenue than income taxes in times of economic fluctuation.

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Club Plans GOP Meet

Preparations for the fall meeting of the Klamath County Republican Women's Club in November were made Oct. 22 at the home of Mrs. Adolph Zamsky, 104 Washington Street. Time and date of the coming luncheon meeting will be announced.

Present for the board meeting was Mrs. Marshall Cornett, who reported on the two-day convention in Eugene of the Federation of Republican Women of Oregon which includes memberships in Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

Mrs. Cornett was also present for a luncheon meeting of the Western States Conference of Republican National Committee-women. Mrs. Collin Moore, National Republican committee-woman from Oregon, introduced Mrs. Pat Allen and Mrs. Cornett, the only living past national committee-women in Oregon.

Local club dues of \$1 are past due. Members are asked to mail checks to Mrs. Gladys Golden at 2305 Patterson Street.

Party Planned

The Midland Juvenile Grange will sponsor a community Halloween costume party on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the grange hall. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Each family attending is requested to bring decorated cookies.

Nursing Home Will Close

LAKEVIEW — The announcement was made last week by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Mautz that they cannot comply with plans outlined in a letter from the state fire marshal and will have to close the Mautz Nursing Home. They have operated the home for the past 15 years and have invested approximately \$50,000 in bringing it up to standards ordered by state agencies.

Negotiations to keep the home open were started after April, 1962, when the state marshal's office informed the owners that to qualify for their board of health license, they would have to install a sprinkling system.

The deadline on this action was October and was later extended to February, 1963, but Mr. and Mrs. Mautz stated the installation would be too expensive for their operation. In July they received an order from the state board of health to close immediately.

A request for intervention by Governor Hatfield from County Judge C. W. Ogle and others

interested resulted in holding up the order until there could be a hearing. In the meantime an amended order had been received from the fire marshal's office listing 18 changes which could be made instead of installing the sprinklers.

At the hearing on Sept. 13, the Mautzes were represented by their attorney. A number of local persons were also present to request that the home be kept open so that patients could be cared for locally, and to present evidence regarding the income and expenses of the home showing why it could not bear the expense of the changes. Many nursing patients are cared for at the home.

One of the new plans suggested was the installation of automatic sprinkler systems and other building revisions. The other involved enlarging and adding

ing fire doors, covering or painting walls and ceilings with fire resistant wallboard or paint, closing off the upper floor, filling concealed spaces with mineral insulation, installation of a fire alarm system in all areas, and other items.

These plans have been found too expensive by Mr. and Mrs. Mautz and so they have announced plans for closure. Arrangements will have to be made by the local welfare office for care of its patients.

Contractors Will Gather

Contractors from Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland, Roseburg and other communities in Lake, Douglas, Klamath, Josephine and Jackson counties have been invited to attend an October meeting of the Associated General Contractors, Portland chapter, to be held Monday, Oct. 28, at the Rogue River Country Club, Medford.

Leonard Runkle, chapter president, has issued an invitation to area highway, heavy and building contractors to join with AGC board members in a reception at 6 p.m. and a dinner which will follow at 7 p.m. A business meeting of the board at 2 p.m. will precede the reception and dinner.

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CHAMBER COMMENTS

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It was announced at Wednesday's luncheon meeting of the board of directors of the chamber that the long-range intention of the directors of the Winnemucca - to - the - Sea Highway Association is to turn over to the various chambers of commerce along the route the job of promoting travel on the highway now that a paved, all-weather road exists between the east and west terminals.

When the association was formed a little over three years ago at a meeting in Grants Pass, it was decided that during the construction phase of the highway development, the governing body should be made up of members of the county courts from the seven California, Oregon and Nevada counties which the highway traverses.

When representatives of the Tourist & Convention committees involved do take over the administration of the association, they will have a pretty high mark to shoot at if they hope to match the achievement of the present board of the association. For, while chambers of commerce and governmental bodies along the route have been promoting the construction of a Winnemucca - to - the - Sea Highway for some eight years, the association, in the three years since its creation, has seen the completed highway come into being.

Actually, of course, there are some areas along the route which still need improvement. And, in our own county, motorists presently travel over Oregon 66 between Ashland and Klamath Falls, and will continue to do so until the McAllister Springs segment of the route is completed, probably late next summer.

Critics of the highway speak

deriber of the average daily traffic count in 1962 of 70 vehicles a day at Blizard Gap. But that's 70 times the amount of traffic at Denio, for example, just two years earlier, and if traffic were to continue to expand even seven times each year, the volume would soon be tremendous.

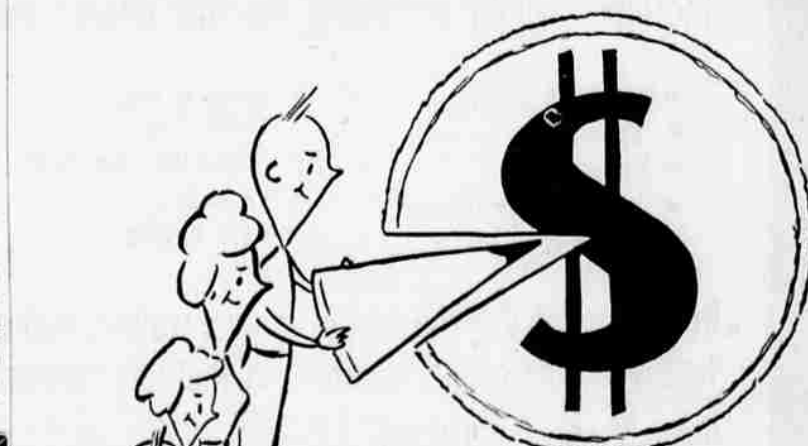
Future promotion of the Winnemucca - to - the - Sea Highway as a tourist route should take into account that if offers motorists coming west from the eastern or middle western United States a fabulous loop tour taking in much of the spectacular scenery and outstanding attractions of Northern California and Southern Oregon.

Driving west on U.S. 40, a motorist could continue through Winnemucca to Reno, Lake Tahoe, Sacramento and the great interior valley of California to San Francisco. The return trip could be made up the coast, through the Redwood Empire, the beautiful Rogue River Valley, the spectacular Cascade Range, the great Klamath Basin and Oregon's eastern desert country back to Winnemucca and U.S. 40. The entire circle could, of course, be made in the reverse of this routing.

To those of us who live in the west and have traveled most or all of this giant loop tour, it may sound commonplace. But to the easterner or mid-westerner, this tour would indeed be the sight-seeing trip of the west beyond comparison.

When the day comes that this tour is well-publicized and well-used, the chambers of commerce charged with promoting tourist use of the Winnemucca-to-the-Sea Highway will have matched the achievement of the present association board which, in three short years, saw the highway come into being.

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