

Rose Street Mall Is Good Idea

It is apparent that Roseburg city councilmen have not yet warmed up to the proposal of developing a parking mall on the half-block section of property east of SE Rose Street between Washington and Oak avenues.

This was indicated at a recent City Council meeting when the councilmen side-stepped an administration recommendation that options be taken on the property involved in the proposal, which would allow future council discussions relating to property values and legal methods of acquisition.

It would be unfortunate if efforts to provide an off-street parking program for the central business district should bog down at this point. The off-street parking matter has been batted around for a long time, and it is time some concrete action is taken.

City administrators have devoted considerable preliminary study to the Rose Street parking mall idea. The plan has been shown to be feasible, a financing arrangement has been tentatively worked out for acquiring the property, and the proposal fulfills the long range goals for off-street parking advocated by the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce.

The financing plan calls for acquiring the property through lease-purchase or land sale contract. Acquisition costs would be handled solely from revenues derived from on-street parking meters and off-street parking meters on the proposed parking mall itself.

Some councilmen have indicated a preference for setting up smaller off-street lots at strategic parts of town rather than developing the larger mall.

The desirability of providing off-street parking at several parts of town cannot be disputed. Indeed, this should be the long range goal in downtown development. But establishing parking facilities on a scattered, piece-meal basis — as the council has suggested — is not the solution.

Since the City Council has assumed some responsibility in connection with planning and developing downtown parking facilities, it should proceed to develop a program that is adequate and fills the needs. The Rose Street parking mall is a step in the right direction. Future business growth in the central business

area may well necessitate other off-street parking installations of this type — at other locations — in future years.

For the present, the Rose Street property is a logical and highly desirable site. Also, it is immediately available and can be developed at low cost.

Moreover, the Rose Street parking mall is desirable in that it measures up to recognized criteria for off-street parking success. To mention a few, the site would provide adequate space, good visibility, good location and good pedestrian connections.

City administrators have pointed out that a fatal flaw in downtown parking is often inadequate space. The proposed parking mall would provide about 90 parking spaces. The experience of other cities has shown that the larger and more centrally located parking facility is more successful than an assortment of scattered lots.

It has been pointed out parking is generally self-advertising at shopping centers since it is right out in front. In a business district, parking lots tend to be hidden in the back of the block and are difficult to locate. The proposed site offers excellent visibility for shoppers as they come into the center of the business district.

Experience has also shown that second and third class locations hurt downtown parking. Nothing is gained by developing inferior locations for parking, even if such locations did provide a more equitable distribution of available parking. The parking mall under consideration is close in, abuts on retail stores fronting Jackson and provides good auto access for entry and exit.

As far as pedestrian connections are concerned, the site provides opportunities for access to businesses through rear entrances and provides easy access to Jackson Street by way of Washington and Oak.

The parking situation in Roseburg's downtown business district is already a problem and promises to get worse. The city now has an opportunity to resolve this problem.

The Rose Street parking mall is a good proposal. The council should proceed with efforts to acquire this property while it is still available. No further time should be wasted.

He Got Word There's More Gold In Them There Hills



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The Editor's Corner

By Charles V. Stanton

Revolt Against All Taxes Is Evidenced By Letters

A good many Oregon voters, when they turned down the proposed state budget at the recent special election, were resentful of the rate of pay legislators voted for themselves. That was one of the many reasons the legislature's tax measure was so overwhelmingly beaten.

It seems to me, however, that if our legislators are to find any clear reason for the measure's defeat, while reaching a more satisfactory system, they'll deserve every cent they're being paid and more too.

Oregon newspapers are urging people to write and tell the reasons for their votes and their desires for a new tax bill. It's most interesting to compare these letters as they appear in newspapers, seeking to find a common denominator for the problem.

One writer in one of our neighboring newspapers wanted an "equitable" tax. Only a sales tax, said this writer, would give equality.

At the same time, however, a writer in a newspaper only a few miles away voiced the opinion that a sales tax is the most "regressive" tax that could be applied.

One correspondent contended that all taxes should be based on income. That's the only way, it was stated, to place taxes on the "ability to pay."

Another writer, however, contended that all taxes should be based on the cost of doing business and the consumer pays more tax than if the levy was made at the sales level.

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Opinions From Readers

People Will Respond To Road Safety Plan

To The Editor:

Last Saturday's editorial, with reference to motor vehicle accidents, stated, "Last year was bad, but this year looks worse." Perhaps some assistance should be offered to those unaware of the possibilities of accomplishment in lowering accident figures, lessening property damage and loss of life.

Our experience in the Glide community with highway safety has shown that if contacted and help requested, people will respond. Public officials responsible for safety in their fields, need our help. We cannot expect them to be effective if we do not assist.

Our community has started a continuing safety program. Each time a safety film is shown or a highway safety talk given, someone leaves the meeting with a greater awareness of highway dangers and with the knowledge that the responsibility for highway accidents is his individual problem.

The Glide PTA spearheaded our safety program. Results can be produced by parents and teachers in other PTA's. Our school principal at Glide gave us a wonderful response and it is certain that the same assistance can be obtained from school officials wherever any one wishes to make the effort to change the accident picture.

The complacency and apathy that will face anyone when they start to work on a highway safety program is not to be minimized, but there will be those that will listen and help. If only by our work in the safety committee, become safer drivers and influence our children to do likewise, then we have accomplished a great deal.

For real community service and a safer state in which to live, shouldn't everyone join with us and become active participants within their PTA, civic, or church safety group?

Mrs. Shirley Bernau, Secretary Glide PTA Safety

Reader Backs Welfare; Disputes One Opinion

To The Editor:

Concerning the recent letter by Mr. A. M. Cooper, I doubt that Mr. Cooper ever reached the point where he needed a helping hand. If so, he would have found out a few things. I'm sure there are many people who would rather work if they could. But, if they can't find a job, and have hungry children, then what? Should they knock on Mr. Cooper's door for a handout? What would they get?

I know of a family of five children, ages seven down to less than one. No husband nor father. If it wasn't for welfare, what would they do? Or, would Mr. Cooper rather the mother get a job and turned the children loose like a pack of pups? No doubt it's better to accept welfare and stay home and rear good citizens.

Frankly I don't think Mr. Cooper knows as much about welfare people as he thinks. I wonder what he would like to do with the people who need help, such as disabled veterans, blind and aged? Should we eliminate them as Hitler did?

I'm glad that Mr. Cooper's opinion seemingly represents a minority.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE:



Fireplaces Gain Aid From Idiots

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — When it comes to good old American know-how, the home heating industry is right up there with the best of them.

The past few decades have produced truly marvelous improvements in home heating. Technological progress heaped on top of more technological progress.

Good, clean, cheap, warm heat is now within the reach of virtually every American homeowner. You can have your heat coming from the ceilings, the floors, the walls or the baseboards.

You can heat with gas or oil or electricity or coal or, as far as I know, corn shucks.

As a result of all this rapid advancement in the home heating field, more and more people are burning logs in fireplaces.

Only an idiot would try to heat his home with a fireplace if any other means were available. But central heating systems have made it possible to view the fireplace as esthetic rather than utilitarian.

What is more pleasant on a winter's evening than a cheery blaze behind the hearth, the aroma of hickory smoke billowing through the house, sparks burning holes in 'e carpet?

Trudging out into the snow to bring in more logs. Trudging out into the snow again to carry out the ashes. These are a few of my favorite things.

In case you have been depriving yourself of the joys of an open fire in your living room and are thinking of adding a fireplace to your home this winter, here are some tips that may prove useful:

—You can freeze the fireplace located close to the thermostat that controls your furnace. The heat from the fireplace will cause the thermostat to shut off the furnace, thus permitting the rest of the house to become ice cold. You may freeze all night, but what a saving on fuel bills!

—Learn to operate the damper. If you leave the damper open, the smoke will escape up the chimney rather than pour into the adjoining rooms. At the price of firewood these days, you can't afford to let smoke go to waste.

—Pay no attention to your wife. Women don't know a thing about starting fires. Go ahead and use a little gasoline. After all, they're your eye-bows.

—For maximum enjoyment, lie flat on the floor in front of the fireplace. The air is better down there.

—Make certain your fire insurance premium has been paid.

—Inspect the fireplace carefully at the onset of winter to make sure no bears are hibernating in the chimney.

—Have all members of the family become proficient in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Friday, Nov. 1, the 305th day of 1963 with 60 to follow.

The moon is full. The evening stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

On this day in history: In 1785, the Stamp Act levied by the British crown to raise revenue in the colonies went into effect.

In 1948, political pollsters agreed that Gov. Thomas Dewey would defeat President Truman by a landslide in the national elections. The opposite occurred the next day.

In 1962, Cuban premier Castro rejected any form of international inspection of the withdrawal of Soviet missiles from Cuba.

A thought for the day — Former President Truman said: "The responsibility of the great states is to serve and not to dominate the world."



By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

Some odd sounds have been coming out of Peking lately. Among them has been the seemingly frank announcement that "it may take a few more years" before China is ready to explode an atom bomb.

This would suggest a delay until at least 1967, with another 10 years necessary after that for mass production and construction of a delivery system.

Accompanying that disclosure by Red Chinese Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Chen Yi was the admission that Chinese industry at the moment simply is not up to the job.

It would seem a galling admission of weakness by the normally boastful Communist Chinese leadership, and a question arises as to why make it at all million on income withheld from salaries and wages, it was announced Wednesday.

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Under any circumstances

Loud 'No' Should Tell Story On Tax Increase

To The Editor:

The preference ballot in the Oct. 29 issue of The News-Review, no matter what is indicated, would not be conclusive.

Any tax, no matter its name, is a tax on income. The money spent in the form of taxes is part of the income of the people who pay the tax.

The loud "No" to the recent tax increase should be enough to tell the legislature and the governor that, at this time, the

Red China Sees Policy Changes

On Oct. 1, Peng Chen, mayor of Peking, said that a world war could be averted through united effort and "concerted struggle" by the peoples of the world, including the United States.

Together, they seem to add up to a reversal of Peking's traditional stand that force is the only means of settling disputes with the western world.

Then in Moscow this week, a Red Chinese delegate to the 13th Soviet trade union congress, went even farther.

Red China, he said, favors peaceful co-existence and continued friendship with the Soviet Union. He added that: "Atomic arms are terrible and for this reason we have to forbid them."

It came close to an endorsement of the partial nuclear test ban treaty which has been under increasing Peking attack.

Approaches Are Interesting
Just what lies in back of the Chinese statements must be a matter of speculation. But there are a number of interesting avenues of approach.

The Red Chinese deputy premier and foreign minister accompanied his admission of Chinese atomic unreadiness with a firm declaration that China never would knuckle under either to Nikita Khrushchev or the United States.

This would suggest a strategy by-passing Khrushchev and an attempt to promote Sino-Soviet ties on a people-to-people basis rather than through government arrangements.

In Days Gone By

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WASHINGTON WINDOW

Defense Spending Not Cause Of Budget Hike

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press International

The federal spending budget will be higher next year. There will be another deficit. And, as usual, no elected official will accept responsibility for this dangerous fiscal situation. It just happened.

Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon outlined the situation the other day before the American Bankers Association in Washington, D.C. from the voters there should be—but isn't—a rising taxpayers chorus: "Oh, yeah?"

Dillon told the bankers there would be a further moderate increase in the federal budget for the 1965 fiscal year. This budget will be submitted to Congress next January to begin functioning on July 1, 1964. Dillon said the spending increase was caused by conditions over which government had little control. That invites another skeptical: "Oh, yeah?"

Responsible, Dillon said, was the sharp step-up in defense and space needs during the past three years, reflected by appropriations previously approved by Congress. No one responsible? How's that again, Mr. Secretary? Individual congressmen are responsible because the money cannot be spent unless it is appropriated. The President and the executive branch are responsible because they spend the money after Congress appropriates.

Dillon packs a fat share of responsibility because he has been a big, policy-making man one anything.

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It is absolute baloney that defense spending created the budget deficits that have afflicted the U.S. Treasury in eight of the past 11 years. Ditto for the deficits that will afflict the Treasury next year, the year after that. For example:

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