

Deetz Dairy Hearing Held 'Under Glass'

140,000 Public Housing Units in Eisenhower Plan

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Monday called for an overhaul of the nation's housing program, putting chief reliance on private enterprise but asking 140,000 new public housing units in the next four years.

"new and experimental" liberalization of federal mortgage insurance to help wipe out slums and make home ownership possible for millions.

Substitute for One-Way Grid Advocated

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A four-point traffic improvement program to substitute for the one-way grid was advanced Monday night at a public hearing before Salem City Council.

A. R. Melford, chairman of a grid protest committee and a service station operator at Court and Church Streets, offered this program:

1. "Discard the grid and stop the confusion, the embarrassment and the inconvenience created by it."
2. Relieve congestion by marking State Highway 22 traffic straight through on Center Street "instead of running it twice across the center of Salem as it now does."
3. Urge early completion of bypass route east of Salem.
4. Enforce existing traffic and parking laws.

Melford summarized the opposition of many businessmen and citizens in his talk before the Council, and it was he who challenged the Council to make a May ballot issue of the controversy which has developed since one-way traffic grid started in downtown Salem in October.

One Northbound Artery
T. H. Tomlinson, attorney and also a leader of the citizens committee, declared the biggest defect in the grid is that Liberty Street is the only northbound artery all the way through Salem. It has become further congested, he maintained, since High Street was marked for southbound traffic only.

Tomlinson urged that streets like Church and Cottage and Winter be left for two-way traffic.

Other points stressed by the opposition included additional driving required by one-way streets and dissatisfaction of out-of-town customers and tourists.

Oppose Grid
Speakers against the grid included Harry Robinson, Earl Cook, Andy Foster, Norval Edwards, Art Peters, Mrs. T. S. Roberts, Gil Ward and D. H. Wall.

Lloyd LeGarde urged a May vote on the issue, yes or no, and Raymond O'Neil maintained that since the grid has both good and bad features, any vote should be on stated parts of the traffic system.

Elmer Amundson, who had served on a committee which originally recommended the grid over two years ago, defended the present system.

William Hamilton, presenting a petition from Capitol Shopping Center merchants, said they believed the Council had acted in the public interest and consequently had not complained when one-way highway traffic (near the center) was ordered.

The petition asked, however, that the highway one-way system be repealed "if, because of the protests of some private business interests and a very small portion of the general public, you become convinced that you should reverse your former action with relation to the grid."

Market-Wide Milk Price Hearing Held
PORTLAND (AP) — William S. Weidel, administrator for the milk marketing administration Monday held a market-wide hearing to obtain additional data on whether the State Board of Agriculture should establish a "platform price"—a price for milk which a grocer picks up at the plant.

Fred Meyer, a Portland chain, and Sunnybrook Farms had petitioned some time ago for a regulation which would permit a grocer to pick up the milk and receive a 14 per cent discount on the wholesale price.

He stressed twin goals: "Good housing in good neighborhoods" for all Americans; and a continued "high level of housing construction" as a bulwark of prosperity.

Though he asked for 35,000 subsidized dwellings a year, compared with 20,000 now permitted, Eisenhower spoke against any program that would "make our citizens increasingly dependent upon the federal government to supply their housing needs."

Nevertheless he asked Congress to earmark \$50 million dollars for grants and loans to help cities renovate slums or eradicate them. The long message also recommended: Easier Federal Housing Authority borrowing for repair and maintenance; liberalized credit on the purchase of old houses; more flexible interest rates on FHA and GI home financing; to insure that mortgages remain an attractive investment; and a gradual withdrawal of government from its role as a supporter of the mortgage money market.

Plan Less Specific
The 8-point White House program was less specific than the Dec. 15 report of the President's Advisory Committee on Housing, on which it was based.

The committee, headed by Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole, called for this kind of experimental program which, if successful, might eventually replace subsidized housing:

No-down payment, 40-year-to-pay mortgage insurance by the Federal Housing Administration on expensive homes. This would be coupled with a lease-and-purchase plan whereby FHA would help builders put up rental dwellings whose occupants, when financially able, could buy them without down payment, paying for them like rent.

Less Radical
Eisenhower's request was less radical. He asked "long-term loans" — presumably longer than the 25 and 30 year repayments now permitted — and "a low initial payment" on both new and old houses. Families displaced by slum clearance would be eligible.

Not until these programs "have been fully tested and by actual performance have shown their success," he told Congress, should the nation drop public housing.

Within the next four years, he said, the need for continued public housing will be reviewed. Meantime, he added, Cole will propose revisions to correct "defects" — not specified — in the present low-income public housing program.

50-Mile Gusts Bring Snow Into Valley

(Story also on page one.)
Gusts up to 50 miles an hour were reported as Monday's snow moved into the Willamette Valley. Wet snowflakes began falling in Portland in early afternoon. Forecasters said there was a possibility several inches would fall overnight.

The storm was expected to chase bitterly cold temperatures from Eastern Oregon. There the mercury went down to 14 degrees below zero at Bly, 12 below at Sustan and 8 below at Klamath Falls early Monday. The forecasters said Tuesday minimums would range from 14 to 28 degrees above zero in Eastern Oregon and from 28 to 38 degrees in the western part of the state.

The Highway Department said roads in the Austin area were almost impassable because of the storm. Five inches of snow fell at Timberline, four at Government Camp and Warm Springs Junction, three at Ochoco Summit, and two inches on the Sunset Highway.

Four inches of snow were reported in the Boring area of Clackamas County Monday night. Chains were advised for travel on all mountain roads.

Production of corrugated iron sheets on a commercial basis is only about 100 years old.



A glass partition separated some 50 spectators Monday from the principals in the hearing of Elmer Deetz, Canby dairyman, whose application for a grade A milk license was recently denied by the state department of agriculture. The spectators were, however, provided with loud speakers so they could follow the hearing in which Deetz attempted to show why he should not be denied the license. With Deetz, right, is his attorney Norman D. Easley of Portland. (Statesman photo.)

Oregon Milk Law Defended By Dr. Stone

(Story also on page one.)

First sparks in the milk hearing called Monday at the Oregon Department of Agriculture ordering Elmer Deetz, Canby dairyman, to appear to show cause why his grade A milk license should not be denied, flew in mid-afternoon when Dr. W. J. Stone, Marion County health officer, took the stand.

While admitting that "you could have all the equipment from here to Kingdom Come and still have a high bacterial count if the operator wasn't careful," the milk sanitation law as it now stands "was necessary."

Some people, Dr. Stone contended "can do a pretty good job without the equipment, but to set up regulations permitting such a situation would be asking for trouble."

To this Norman D. Easley, attorney for Deetz replied that "because some people are careless you want to take it out on a man like Deetz, whom even the department of agriculture admits puts out milk that meets the bacteria count standard. The consumer," the attorney continued, "is only interested in clean milk. He doesn't care about how much or how little equipment is needed to get this clean product. If Elmer has to put in all this equipment he will have to go out of business. Such requirements will force all of the small dairymen out of business."

O. K. Beals, chief of the department of dairy, OSDA, pointed out on the witness stand that the department could make no exception to the law or regulations in any one case.

Under questioning by the applicant's attorney, Beals said the state department has made plans to call a hearing on proposed changes in the milk code and probably some consideration would be given at this to the sale of whole raw milk on the farm. He added, however, that this had nothing to do with the Deetz case and had been planned before this particular case came up.

Firemen to Man Gasoline Pumps For Polio Drive

Salem firemen intend to "feed campaign flames" for the March of Dimes this Sunday by manning the Walter H. Zosel and Co. filling station, Chemeketa and High Streets, all day with proceeds to go toward the fund.

Notice of the contribution of his station and profits for that day, which usually finds the business closed, was made Monday by Zosel to Fire Chief Ellsworth Smith.

Zosel explained that his employees have offered to donate their time to the cause. Chief Smith said that firemen on this day from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The chief also outlined plans for a day-long sustained entertainment program to be held at the station while about a dozen volunteers take care of customers.

Bartlett Accepts Road Position With State

W. M. Bartlett, who recently retired as director of the aeronautics board, has accepted a position in the engineering division of the state highway department.

He served more than six years as director of the aeronautics board. Bartlett will assume his new duties Monday.

Snow Snarls Transportation In Salem Area

(Story also on page one.)
Monday's snow storm snarled transportation in Salem and the mid-valley area.

City buses had difficulty late Monday afternoon making the hilly runs and Candalaria and Fairmount Hills of South Salem were eliminated.

If streets are icy there this morning, said City Transit Lines Manager Carl Wendt, the hills again will be eliminated from the runs.

Two Salem persons were the only motorists reported injured in scores of minor highway mishaps on snow in slick city and county roads Monday.

Don M. Thomas, 30, 1070 Barnes Ave., and Geraldine Brown, 30, of 315 Bellevue St., were hurt in a two-car accident on an icy hill beyond Cottage Farm on the Aumsville road shortly after 4 p.m.

They were rushed to Salem General Hospital by Willamette Ambulance.

Thomas suffered multiple face lacerations and possible fractured ribs.

His passenger received a nose cut, ankle injury and possible fractured nose. Both were reported in good condition.

State police said both cars, which were coming down the hill towards Salem, were badly wrecked. The other driver was not identified.

While motorists were trying to navigate slippery highways, United Air Lines at McNary Field had its troubles.

Three flights passed over Salem last night when the instrument landing system went out of order. A CAA maintenance inspector is en route from Seattle to repair, airline officials said.

Lights on the north-south runway which have been out of commission since last June were put back into operation last night, but only briefly. A power outage later in the evening doused them again.

21 PWs Given Dishonorable Discharges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon Monday ordered dishonorable discharges for the 21 American former prisoners of war who have elected to cast their lot with their Communist captors.

The surprise decision was announced shortly after Rep. Frances E. Bolton (R-Ohio) told the House she was "deeply disturbed" by the Army's move to bring court martial proceedings against Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson.

Dickenson, a soldier from the southwestern Virginia hamlet of Cracker's Neck, is one of 23 captured Americans who refused to be repatriated. Later he changed his mind. One other American has made a similar switch since.

Meanwhile, the Marine Corps set Feb. 16 for the start of a formal investigation into the case of Col. Frank H. Schwable of Arlington, Va., who as a POW signed a confession about engaging in germ warfare but renounced it after his release from a Red prison.

Mrs. Bolton told the House she was particularly distressed that the Marines had set up a board of inquiry to investigate Schwable. The colonel, she said, "went through hell" while in the hands of the Communists.

The Pentagon's decision to give dishonorable discharges to the remaining 21 was a major shift from the Army's original position that the men be given "undesirable" discharges, which are far less drastic.

Secretary of Defense Wilson said the Pentagon will stop all pay and allowances to the 21 immediately and will cut off any accumulated veterans benefits they may have.

The dishonorable discharge might even bar the men from American citizenship.

RAF Bomber Missing at Sea

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, England (AP) — A Royal Air Force bomber vanished early Tuesday after radioing that it was in distress in a snowstorm and that the 10 men aboard were preparing to bail out at sea.

The bomber, bound for the Azores, had been forced to turn back by severe icing conditions, and when the distress message was received the pilot said he was over an inlet of the Irish Sea on the West Coast of England.

City Council Reviews Two Zoning Rulings

(Council news also on Page 1)

Two recent Salem Planning Commission zoning decisions were called up by the City Council Monday night for review.

It was the first such move since Salem's new zoning code went into effect last fall.

The Council action means both commission orders to waive certain restrictions against properties will be reviewed at the Feb. 8 council meeting. Formal hearings may be called and the council may override the zoning.

One of the "variance permits" called up was a setback waiver to allow James Callaway to enlarge a residence and do away with a store building at Kansas and 18th Streets.

Alderman David O'Hara called for the review after declaring the Council ought to have more information on the subject.

"I am adverse to passing on matters without knowing something about the subject and I'm not going to be a rubber stamp for the Planning and Zoning Commission," O'Hara declared.

Office Change
Alderman Robert F. White said some South Salem residents had asked him to review the other permit — allowing Fred Snider to convert to office use an old pumphouse on South Commercial near Superior Streets.

The T. A. Livesley Building figured in legislation introduced by the Council Monday night in other business at the City Hall meeting.

When building owners entered a financing transaction recently it was discovered that the building actually occupies about 97 square feet on Liberty and State Streets.

Vacation Fee
Vacation of this property, as requested, will be subject of a Feb. 8 council hearing, it was decided. The bill which will come up then for final action sets the vacation fee at \$675, based on value of comparable downtown property.

A proposed big business building on Ferry Street extending from Liberty to Commercial also came up to the attention of the aldermen. They voted approval for tentative plans to bridge an alley at the second floor level. The building is to be put up by C. L. Corp. of Portland.

Requests for a contract for Salem city fire protection from Anunson Co. and from Capitol Lumber Co. were referred for study to Alderman James Nicholson and J. S. Lochead.

Fencing Contract
The Council approved a contract to U. S. Steel for \$5,615 worth of 6-foot fencing around the city shops area on Howard Street in Southeast Salem.

City Manager J. L. Franzen said cost estimates would be prepared by next meeting on proposed widening of Ferry Street from Commercial to Winter and on proposed surfacing of Trade Street between Winter and Cottage. Property owners' participation in the projects would be itemized in the report.

Permission to use the city sewer system was granted Tom Sims and Pat Jarvill on Alberta Drive and Clifford Ellis, near Park and Ellis Aves. The property owners will provide the necessary connections.

The Council ordered no-parking on the west side, instead of east side as at present, of 17th Street between D and Market; ordered traffic count of Broadway at Columbia where a no-parking area on east side of Broadway is proposed; approved a loading space on west side of Fairgrounds Road at Hunt Street.

Although whales are mammals they have only occasional vestiges of hair in adult forms.

BPA to Keep Important Role in West's Progress, Pearl Says

PORTLAND (AP) — The Pacific Northwest can be assured that the Bonneville Power Administration will continue to play an important part in power development of the region, the new Bonneville administrator said Monday.

William A. Pearl, just back from Washington, D.C., where he conferred with Secretary of Interior McKay and was sworn into office, said:

"Secretary McKay and his associates have no intention or desire to diminish the important role the Bonneville Power Administration has played and will continue to play in power development of the Columbia Basin.

"Secretary McKay emphasized and directed me to assure the people of the Northwest that they need have no fear that the department will relax in its efforts for the orderly development of hydroelectric power. This will be done in such a manner which will speed up, rather than slow down development, by permitting private enterprise, municipalities and local communities to carry their share of the load," he said.

He added that the Northwest power pool was a good example of the sort of federal-local cooperation that is wanted.

"We shall do everything possible to continue this cooperation because it is an outstanding example of what the administration believes. It is partnership with local interests in every sense of the word," he said.

In a previous announcement on the same subject Ralph A. Tudor, McKay's chief assistant, said here in December that Bonneville's days of "planning and promotion" were ended.

Tudor also said a survey team would come to Portland soon to see if the Bonneville staff could be reduced further.

Pearl said the survey team would be attempting to improve operations. He said any changes made in the staff would be in the interest of efficient operation.

Father Ruled Guilty in Death Of 'Aquatot'

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Russell Tongay, burly father-teacher of the famed child swimming stars, "the Aquatots," was convicted of manslaughter Monday for the death of his 5-year-old daughter, Kathy. He was sentenced to 10 years at hard labor.

The six-man jury, which deliberated 54 minutes, upheld the state's contention that Tongay sent Kathy to her death by forcing her to dive from dangerous heights. The child died last May 6 after diving from a 33-foot tower at a Miami Beach pool.

Tongay, a big red-faced former Coast Guardsman, showed no emotion when the verdict was read nor when Judge Ben C. Willard passed sentence. He did not take the stand in his own defense.

His wife, Betty, a slender blonde school teacher who had wept on the stand as she described Kathy's illness and death, also received the verdict calmly. Judge Willard denied a motion for a new trial and set bond at \$5,000 when defense attorney Louis Jepeway said he would appeal.

Kathy and her brother Bubba, as the "Aquatots," received wide publicity in 1951, when their father announced they would swim the English Channel. French and British authorities refused to let the children try it.

Kathy was the second Tongay child to die a violent death. Russell Jr. died in convulsions in 1945 at the age of 18 months. An autopsy showed his death was caused by an injury and an inquest was held, but no charges were filed.

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