

Just a Carefree Kitt



LONDON—Recognize the pigtailed tomboy in the balcony seat? She's American singing star Eartha Kitt, hitching a ride to a television rehearsal in London aboard a motorcycle piloted by actor Neville Crabbie. (AP Wirephoto.)

Annexations Gain
By Council Action

(Council news also on Page 1.)

Property owners seeking annexation to Salem, near the southeast corner of Silverton Road and Lansing Avenue, offered to Salem City Council Monday night a compromise plan on providing an acceptable road.

While this annexation move gained a notch, the City Council proposed an Aug. 13 date for special election on another proposed annexation and agreed to have a joint committee with the City Planning Commission to review and strengthen the relatively new council policy of encouraging annexations.

The election would be held in a 3½-acre East Park Avenue area which has received city planners' approval for city annexation and must ballot on the plan.

Want Road, too
Planning commissioners had recommended that the 20-acre Silverton Road area be annexed only if a suitable roadway of at least 50-foot width was first guaranteed by the property owners, some of whom already have offered strips of land to widen the present 29-foot wide Hammel Avenue.

A group of 15 property owners petitioned Monday night to have the Council accept a Hammel Avenue roadway that would be only 45 feet wide near the Lansing corner where a house stands close to the street. Hearing this, the Council asked the planning body to reconsider the matter and instructed the city attorney to start preparing legislation on the annexation.

The policy in general in recent months has been that the Council is encouraging annexation where city water and sewer lines are near at hand, and is withholding sewer or water connections to such areas outside city limits.

Monday night saw two exceptions. For one, the alderman granted Salem School District a water connection for new play and athletic grounds it owns at Hoyt and 12th Street, near a water main on city limits.

The Council also, by 4 to 3 vote, allowed a city water connection for the new Elliott Hayes home at 420 King St. in South Salem, just outside city limits. Alderman Russell E. Bonesteel said that Hayes' had a verbal commitment from city officials for water at the time they planned their home building, before the new city policy was started.

House Move Opposed
A plan to move a house from Fairgrounds Road to 2070 N. Church Street brought objections from some of the Church Street property owners, fearing that trees along the street would be damaged.

F. E. Sullivan had taken a city permit for commercial house moving and had received permission from most of the property owners, whose trees would be trimmed, he told the Council. Dean Seward P. Reese, who lives at Church and Madison, told the Council several residents whose trees might be affected had not signed or wished to withdraw their signatures. He stressed that a row of white birch trees might be permanently damaged.

A \$15,000 breach of contract and wrongful conversion of property suit was filed Monday in Circuit Court by a Salem excavating company against a Salem contractor.

Filing the suit is J-C Company, Inc., which alleges that Salem contractor Enoch L. Maerz refused to permit the company to finish a sub-contract for work involving the construction of Detroit Lake State Park overnight camp facilities. The complaint asserts the plaintiff still has \$15,000 coming, and asks another \$1,000 special damages.

In a second cause for action, the plaintiff alleges the contractor wrongfully converted to his own use some of the J-C Company equipment, and asks general damages of \$2,500 and punitive damages of \$10,000.

Escaping Given
10 Days More
The city jail trusty who disappeared May 4 while on a work detail helping a Salem police officer empty parking meters was sentenced Monday in Marion County Circuit Court to 10 days in county jail on pleading guilty to the escape.

Sentencing on the new charge for Daniel Eugene Harrison of Salem followed completion of the 60-day sentence he was serving at the time of the escape in city jail for driving while his license was suspended.

Harrison was found by police the morning after his escape hiding under a pile of blankets in a basement at 1635 Yew St., which he had listed for his address.

BAPTISTS CONVENE
SEATTLE — The 25th annual meeting of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches opened here Monday night with delegates from 34 states attending.

GUATEMALA — Police opened fire with sub-machine guns and pistols on student marchers in downtown Guatemala Monday night. Witnesses said at least three young people were killed and 19 wounded.

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City Employs
Engineers for
Water Project
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Salem City Council forged ahead Monday night on the legislative end of three bond issue projects that city voters approved last month—a \$3,750,000 expansion of the city water capacity, a \$108,000 project for widening three arterial streets and a \$410,000 bond issue for four new bridges.

The bill to raise water rates as means of financing the big water bond issue drew opposition from a few citizens maintaining that Salem lawns and gardens would suffer as a result of it.

Option on Service
But aldermen went ahead with the rate plan and also authorized a contract with Clark, Grotz & Cave, a Salem engineering firm, for engineering the \$3,750,000 new water supply line from Stayton to Salem.

Under this contract the firm will prepare the water line specifications after field survey and follow the project through to completion during the next two years. The fee would be basically 3.75 per cent of the construction cost, with the city retaining an option on some of the inspection services which might be handled at a cost plus 50 per cent basis or a 2 per cent fee.

On the two smaller bond issues, the Council last night authorized the call for bids on the street widening and new bridge work. Bids will be opened July 23.

Principal objections heard last night at City Hall by the Council came from Donald Madison, Salem property owner who maintained little advance warning had been given the citizens about water rate increases.

"This increase would be an excessive amount and I am sure it will leave a monument to this Council in the form of brown, dried-up lawns all over the city," said Madison. He and two others indicated they feared many householders would neglect their lawns and gardens because the irrigation rate will be eliminated and water bills increased considerably in summer.

Canneries Protest
Herbert Barry said he would rather see a per cent increase in water bills the year around.

Earlier Monday the aldermen had received objections from the city's two largest water users—Blue Lake and Paulus canneries, because of the 25 to 40 per cent increase in rates they faced. Over \$100,000 of the water rate increase (about \$110,000) would be paid by the various canneries.

Residents of Lake Labish area will vote today to elect nine directors of the newly-formed 1,200-acre Labish Water Control District northeast of Salem.

The district was legally founded June 7 by order of Marion County Court after several months of planning and public hearings.

Purpose of the district is to prevent land and crop damage through control of Pudding River waters that have flooded the low lying area in the past.

The new board of directors will be asked to investigate and find financial support for a proposed dike across the outlet end of the former lake to prevent the Pudding River from backing into the area during high water. It is expected the project will get some federal funds.

City Manager's
Wife Is Honored
City Manager J. L. Franzen for almost 10 years has been leaving City Council meetings with an armload of official papers and instructions from the aldermen.

His wife, who has only rarely seen J. L. in action at the Council meetings, fared considerably better Monday night at City Hall.

She left the meeting with an armload of long-stemmed red roses, presented by Mayor Robert F. White on behalf of the city "for all the suffering you've gone through because your husband was our city manager."

The mayor added that the manager himself will be given special recognition later on, as he prepares to retire next month.

Conferee



Christian Church educator and missionary William D. Hall.

India Mission
Duty Told by
Salem VisitorBy CALVIN JOHNSON
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Seven years of eating and living with the animals and natives of the region Kipling made famous—India's central provinces—has taught one missionary visiting Salem that "it takes a lot more than a bible and talking about Jesus to convince them about Christianity."

According to the Rev. William D. Hall, former Christian Church missionary to India, it takes a combination minister, showman, doctor, farmer and all around teacher to make the word Jesus "take" among India's people.

The Rev. Mr. Hall is making Salem his home this week as one of the principal speakers at the annual Oregon Christian Missionary convention at Turner being held today through Saturday. He has been director of the United Christian Missionary Society's general church program since his seven year hitch as an Indian missionary ended in 1953.

In India Hall was district evangelistic missionary at Bilaspur, a dot on the map "about 800 miles west of Calcutta by rail, or 450 by air." Doctors ordered Hall and his family back to the states after he permanently injured his right shoulder in the course of his work.

Singling Lesson
Hall said it was usually necessary to couple the teachings of Christ with basic instructions in agriculture, health, and sanitation to give the religion some meaning. One of the most successful devices for getting the natives acquainted with Christianity was through a sort of dramatization of bible stories. "We adapted ourselves to the native's method of learning his own religion," Hall said.

Most of Hall's work, however, involved training, supervising and improving the methods of local Christians.

Getting back to the local scene, Hall said he "probably won't talk of missionary work until Friday or Saturday." In the meantime he plans to give several messages on "what it is that we as Christians have to say to the world."

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