

Springfield Council Gives Okay To A Street Building Permits

SPRINGFIELD—In a move preliminary to the adoption of a rezoning ordinance, the city council Tuesday night voted to allow construction permits for business buildings on A St. between Mill and Tenth.

J. W. Boeshans, who started the action, explained that several prospective builders had been denied permits for A St. construction until the new zoning was completed. Under the present ordinance, A St. is first class residential but would be rezoned to business if the new plan is adopted.

The council, meeting to open bids for street and alley improvement, decided to let contracts to the Inter-City Sand and Gravel Co. The accepted bids were for grading and graveling L St. from Tenth to Thirteenth for a total of \$5973.40 and the improvement of an alley between F and G Sts. from Eighth to Ninth for \$571.80.

The city attorney was instructed to draw an amendment to the present ordinance taxing pinball machines and punchboards which would double the city's receipts,

and according to Councilman Fred Korschot would make a one- or two-man monopoly. The amendment would increase the city's percentage on the gross income of pinball machines from 10 to 20 per cent and require a weekly minimum payment of \$180.

Korschot, who presided at the meeting in the absence of Mayor Claude T. Gerlach, opposed the amendment as tending to create a monopoly.

May 22 was set as the date for the special election to determine whether the city can exceed the six per cent limitation on property levies by \$11,717.

Chambers Set Plan For All-Area Folder

SPRINGFIELD—The prospect of an area-wide Chamber of Commerce folder this year is good, according to local Chamber officials who presented the plan to directors of the Cottage Grove Chamber Tuesday.

Eugene and Springfield Chambers have approved the idea for an area folder which would consolidate several individual publications into one comprehensive publication.

Those who contacted the Cottage Grove directors were Lloyd Cameron, chairman of the Springfield Chamber's publicity committee, and Don Lane, manager. Lane said the directors would present the plan to a meeting of the Cottage Grove membership.

One feature of the folder, Lane reported, would be the playing down of cities, allowing each Chamber to insert a sheet concerning its individual city.

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FRANKFURT—(AP)—Every U. S. Army post in Germany must set aside one "snack bar" recreation room where American soldiers may bring their German girl friends for coffee, pie, ice cream, sandwiches and hamburgers, the Army ruled Wednesday.

A 10-cent hamburger served to the Americans and Germans more than equals the 150-gram weekly German meat ration.

Accused Girl Has Birthday

SANTA ANA, Cal.—(AP)—Beulah Louise Overell Wednesday celebrated the 18th birthday that was to have been her wedding day alone and forlorn in her jail cell, hoping that someone had sent her a present.

The plump heiress and her fiancé, George (Bud) Gollum, 21, who planned to be married Wednesday, were awaiting trial on charges of murdering her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Overell, on the family yacht.

She glanced up eagerly each time a jail attendant's footsteps drew near her cell.

"Have there been any presents for me?" she asked constantly. Jail officials said there were no plans for a party.

Her birthday present from the prosecution was complete isolation except from her lawyers. Love letters exchanged between her cell and Gollum's hinted at an escape or suicide plot.

"I am hurt and bewildered," Miss Overell said, informed that her passionate endearments to Gollum had been published. "Why should anyone encourage me to write letters and then do this to me?"

All officials involved in the case, equally bewildered by the leak, denied they were the ones who did it. Defense lawyers blamed the prosecution. The prosecution blamed the defense, and suggested "the girl herself may have put them out."

Truck Driver Suffers Burns in Accident

REDSFORD—(AP)—John Van Went, driver of a truck and trailer wrecked and burned Tuesday on the Redford-Drain highway, is in a Coos Bay hospital with serious burns.

Police reported the truck, operated by the Oregon-California-Nevada Truck Line, was discovered burning along the edge of the highway.

Little Shift Seen In Rent Control

Rent and eviction controls will continue in the Eugene area without substantial change after responsibility for administering the program is transferred to the housing expediter on May 4, it was announced here Wednesday.

Rupert K. Shaw, area rent representative here, said the office would remain at city hall, and that as far as he knew, there would be no personnel reductions on May 4.

Ben C. Duniway, OPA regional administrator in San Francisco, said, "Our regulations and procedures remain in effect. We shall go forward with an adequate program in all areas where rent controls are still in effect, within whatever framework Congress provides."

Duniway said his office would study the need for controls in all areas, with a view toward lifting controls speedily wherever an improved relationship between housing demand and supply develops.

Shaw announced Wednesday, however, that it is no longer necessary for landlords to submit "change of tenancy" reports to OPA rent control, under new regulations received from the national OPA office in Washington.

Toastmasters Listen To Recorded Speeches

At the regular Tuesday evening meeting of the Eugene Toastmasters Club, the self-criticizing orators heard four of their number in "canned" speeches, cut on records last week and "broadcast" to the members of the Toastmasters and the discomfort of the speakers, who had to hear themselves talk.

Clyde Quam's "transcription" was on "Fishing Is My Hobby," T. McKenzie Alexander "Music Hath Charm," Robert G. Christensen, "Why I Don't Like the Navy," and Max Simpson, "Pink Elephants."

The recordings were made by Alexander with background music. The group selected Christensen's for the consideration of the Toastmasters' International. Dr. Lawrence Hilt presided. Wayne Harrington was table topic master, and Fran Kelley was general critic.

NOTED SCIENTIST DIES

LONDON—(AP)—Sir Almroth Edward Wright, the introducer of anti-typhoid inoculation, died here Wednesday. He was 85 years old. He also did much valuable work in the preparation of other vaccines, such as those for tuberculosis and pneumonia.

Government Reports '46 Liquor Bill Record

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Americans spent more for alcoholic beverages last year than in any other year in history.

The Commerce Department said the total liquor, wine and beer bill of American consumers was \$8,770,000,000 last year, compared with \$7,850,000,000 in 1945 and \$2,003,000,000 for the repeal year of 1934.

Canada Plans Tax Reductions

OTTAWA—(AP)—Most Canadians Wednesday greeted with enthusiasm the news that the projected 1947-1948 federal budget will trim their income taxes an average of 29 per cent, but they expressed disappointment that sales and luxury taxes will remain unchanged.

Some labor officials were critical of the fact that the new budget—which calls for expenditure of \$2,002,000,000 in the new fiscal year—proposes removal of the excess profits tax. They contended that if that levy could be removed, lower bracket income taxes should have been eliminated entirely.

Galleries of the House of Commons were jammed Tuesday night when Finance Minister D. C. Abbott presented the budget, and members on the Liberal (government) side applauded the announcement of the federal income tax reductions by banging loudly on their desks tops.

The finance minister said the surplus, first since 1930, compared with a deficit of \$2,123,043,000 in 1945-46 and would be applied against Canada's \$13,000,000,000 debt. He said the surplus reflected the fact that the dominion is "enjoying a degree of prosperity never exceeded in living memory."

Opposition leaders were quick to point out that Canada's sales tax of eight per cent still applies to all but such basic commodities as food and farm implements as do the luxury taxes, ranging up to 25 per cent, on tobacco and liquor.

The budget, which is expected to win approval without serious difficulty, would leave income tax exemptions at \$750 for a single man and \$1500 for a married man. Exemptions in the United States are \$500 for a single man and \$1000 for a married man.

Street Department Gets New Machine

SPRINGFIELD—Paul Basford, city street commissioner, Tuesday reported the receipt of a new piece of street equipment—the first in years except for a light truck purchased in 1946.

A Huba Maintainer, it is equipped with a small grader blade and has front end attachments for a load lifter and bulldozer blade. The Maintainer, including attachments, was brought down from Portland Monday night by street employees. Cost of the machine was \$3700.

16 TEETH AT ONE YEAR

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IWA, Operators Resume Talks

PORTLAND—(AP)—Another session in the prolonged Oregon-Washington fir contract negotiations opened Wednesday with neither the union nor operators expressing optimism.

James E. Fadling, president of the CIO International Woodworkers of America, said the union negotiating committee holds strike authorization and will use it if necessary.

The union, he said, seeks an across-the-board increase of 20 cents an hour for woods and mill workers in the fir industry, plus employer acceptance of the principle of a health and welfare fund which would cost an estimated 6 cents per man-hour worked.

Minimum pay now is \$1.25 an hour but an industry spokesman said the average was \$1.48 in mills and \$1.78 in the woods, high-level piece work payments accounting for a big part of the higher woods average.

Fadling said employers have shown no evidence of willingness either to meet the 20-cent increase or the principle of a health and welfare fund. An employer spokesman said the meetings—which started March 6 and have been held weekly since—have been concerned with discussing the issues.

George Brewer, U. S. conciliator who had been sitting in, has been relieved in what the Conciliation Service called an economy move, and George Walker of the service took his place Wednesday.

DAM'S NAME CHANGED

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman Wednesday signed legislation renaming Boulder Dam, Hoover Dam. Mr. Truman used four pens in signing the resolution and sent them to the vice president, secretary of the interior, and the pen as he pleased.

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Precise, Intelligent Singing Heard at Women's Recital

By BARBARA HEARTFIELD
Precise, intelligent singing marked the performance of the Women's Choral Club Tuesday evening when, directed by Glenn Griffith, it gave its annual spring concert in McArthur Court. Mary Kapp Allton, violinist, was guest soloist.

Griffith has been doing splendid work, this spring, with his many choruses. This one was another example of a group of singers carefully trained, carefully balanced, and completely in control. The ninety women sing from memory, with eyes constantly on the conductor.

He in turn has definite ideas about how he wants the music to sound, and is able to put these ideas over, every time. As a result there is a solidity, a singleness of purpose, about the singing of the women's chorus which is pleasant indeed.

The best numbers on the program were those presented with a simple directness. The opening religious group, and the concluding American group, showed sincere, straightforward singing of a skilled variety.

"We Praise Thee" (Shvedof-Roepper) exhibited a beautiful pianissimo and clear, singing tone. The chorus should be proud of its second alto section, whose low solo tone was used effectively several times during the program.

Spirituals Sung
The more ornate numbers, although sung well enough, were not as satisfying. The two negro spirituals, especially, were a disappointment: the arrangements, by their many notes, lost the true spiritual quality. Lolita Pierson and Florence Murdoch, however, did a fine job as soloists.

Among large ensemble numbers, "Lake of Dreams," arranged from Saint-Saens, with violin obbligato by Mary Kapp Allton, was most effective.

Tone Sweet
Mrs. Allton plays the violin with as sweet a tone as we have ever heard from a violinist. She uses a full, sweeping bow, and, except in Dvorak's "Slavonic Dance in G Major" where her playing was frequently tentative, conveys authority and a driving power. Most beautiful, because of her performance of its singing melodies and colorful pizzicato-and-bow tests, was Sarasote's "Zigeunerweisen." Donald W. Allton accompanied his wife.

A feature of the program was the presentation, by Dr. Theodore Kratt, dean of the University of Oregon school of music, of the Maude Denmore music scholarship. Gloria Chellis, senior at St. Mary's High School, received the award which entitles her to a year of voice training at the university.

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