

Council Studies Paving Progress

With no controversial issues like "South A" or fast time to get in their hair, Springfield Council members devoted their time Monday night to city improvements.

Public hearings were held on paving two sections of streets. Decision was deferred on paving Water St. from E to F, due to two persons in the audience entering remonstrances. The project was referred back to the residents on the block.

WOMAN REPORTS FIRST STRAWBERRIES

The first ripe strawberries of the season were claimed Monday by Mrs. Ada Denn, Bailey Hill Road.

She phoned the Union Editor just after she picked them. They were destined for short cake. Mrs. Denn was the first to report ripe berries in Lane County two years ago. The plants are some she purchased "back east."

Red Cross Open House Planned

Several special displays, including a continuous demonstration of the new method of artificial respiration, have been planned for the Lane County Red Cross open house Thursday from 1 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Red Cross first aid instructors will demonstrate the new first aid technique. The event will also feature activities of the production department, with women working on layettes and items for military hospitals. A display of items made by volunteer workers will be shown.

Green Valley, Fabled Land, Scene of Play

"Green Valley" doesn't have an Onion Editor or a Route F, but it does produce some wondrous things. There's a cow that gives gallons of milk that makes the drinker hear music and see people who are thousands of years old.

Beanstalks grow right in front of the eyes, sunflowers are bigger than a house, alfalfa is head-high and strawberries are big as your fist.

'Rhythmania' Tryouts Slated

Further reading for the University Theatre-Varsity Little Theatre-Musicians Union musical comedy, "Rhythmania," will be held in room 104, Villard Hall, on the UO campus Wednesday evening.

Seattle Fire Ball Viewed in Bend

BEND, Ore.—(AP)—The blinding fireball which exploded over Seattle early Sunday was seen as far away as Bend, Ore., some 250 miles south of the Puget Sound city.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Moe of Bend reported they saw "a big ball of fire" about 1:27 a. m. Sunday to the north. They said the fiery object plummeted earthward and the yellowish-orange in color. They said they only got a brief glimpse of it but said it flashed brilliantly.

Work Initiated On City Budget

Work on Eugene's 1952-53 city budget will be started Wednesday night. An initial budget draft, totalling \$1,535,675, will be presented to the municipal budget committee at a 7:30 p.m. session in the City Hall council chambers.

County Budget Study Slated

The Lane County budget committee will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the courthouse for its third session on formulation of a proposed budget for 1952-53.

Drought Cuts Beef

CANBERRA, Australia — (AP) — Commerce Minister John McEwen said Tuesday he did not believe Australia would be able to export beef to Britain this year because of a drought in the North.

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Eugene Register-Guard SECTION B EUGENE, OREGON, TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1952 PAGE 17 Eugene Street Contracts Awarded; New Traffic Signals Approved

The Eugene City Council annexed a one-half block piece of land on the south edge of town and paved the way for a 100-acre annexation at the city's northwest corner Monday night.

The council also: • Let street and alley paving contracts totalling \$125,676.80; • Adopted a report calling for installation of \$10,000 worth of new street intersection traffic control signals; • Sold \$270,172.60 worth of Bancroft bonds to Foster & Marshall at a cost to the city of \$26,588.90;

• Heard some citizens argue over street paving; • And debated the family origins of fur-bearing animals.

Annexed was .9 acre at the south end of Cleveland and Arthur streets. Since all property owners in the district signed the petition for annexation and no one appeared at the hearing on the issue, the council could annex it without an election.

The normal annexation procedure will be followed with the 100-acre tract north of Grand St. This area forms a wedge between the Willamette River and the present city limits.

No one appeared at the hearing scheduled on this annexation. A motion was later adopted by the council calling for an ordinance to be prepared for the June 9 session of the council calling for an election in the area.

THE TRAFFIC light program was set forth in a report of the council's public safety committee. It recommended that signals be placed on Jefferson at the intersections of 1st, 5th, 8th and 11th and at the intersection of 5th and Willamette.

This was part of a larger proposal to make Jefferson and 1st Ave. (and 5th from Blair to High) through arterial streets. This is designed to spread out the daily flow of 10,000 cars entering the city from River Rd.

The proposed light would cost \$3,000. City Manager Oren King explained that the other \$7,000 for traffic signals would be spent on 6th, 7th and Polk. These jobs would be done in cooperation with the State Highway Department on a 50-50 basis. The state has verbally agreed to the program, King said.

In their letter to the council, the Eugene Public Library Board members said that they would agree to the sale of the present library building at 11th and Willamette if proceeds from the sale plus a \$500,000 bond issue which they proposed were assured for a new library.

COUNCILMAN Ray Siegenthal-

Architect to Be At Local Meet

Eugene architects, contractors and material suppliers will gather at Veterans Memorial Bldg. Wednesday night for a dinner address by Paul A. Thiry, well-known Seattle architect.

Sponsored by the Oregon Society of Architects, the meeting will start with a 6:30 refreshment hour, followed by dinner at 7:30. Thiry will discuss "Responsibilities of the Building Industry." He is president of the Washington State chapter of the American Institute of Architects and has been the architect for many leading Pacific Northwest structures.

Tickets are available at the Eugene Builders Exchange, 260 E. 11th Ave., or at 216 Tiffany Bldg. Cost is \$5 per person.

er urged a survey of what the city needs in the way of a library. The council then urged the library board to include a request for such a survey in its 1952-53 budget. No further action was taken.

The argument arose over the paving of Madison St. from 18th to 21st, approval of which has already been given by the council. Paul S. Dull, a resident of the 1800 block, appeared to support a remonstrance to the paving which he circulated, while one of his neighbors, D. E. Walwyn, was on hand to favor the paving.

DULL SAID that 75 per cent of the people between 18th and 20th were against the paving. His remonstrance said that a paved street would constitute an economic burden to some residents, was not a genuine need at this time, and would create an undesired traffic problem on the street.

Walwyn came back good naturedly with the observation that whoever got to the residents with the most recent petition could

make a good showing of his cause. He also argued that rain made the street hard to travel over.

The upshot of the discussion was that the whole issue was turned back to the public works committee and that the bids as advertised be held up at least temporarily.

THE BANCROFT bonds went to Foster & Marshall at an effective interest rate of 1.737 per cent. This is lower than the two most recent issues of Bancroft bonds by the city.

The council was stumped, though, by a letter on behalf of the Western Oregon Chinchilla Breeders Assn. requesting that chinchilla breeders be allowed to operate within the city limits. City Attorney John Pennington observed that in RA outer residential areas persons are allowed to raise, among other things, "rabbits and like animals." Chinchillas aren't mentioned in the ordinance, and for lack of a zoologist to say if chinchillas were "like animals" the dispute went to the health and recreation committee.

(Webster says that chinchillas are "small rodents. . ." and that rabbits are rodents of the hare family.)

In other actions the council: • Referred to the judiciary committee an ordinance regulating circuses, menageries, tent shows and the like.

• Referred back to the city manager's office a proposal to open Pierce St. between 5th and 7th avenues.

• Applauded the awarding of the Oregon police pistol trophy to the Eugene Police Department for the third straight year. The trophy is now the permanent possession of the department. Members of the team who received individual trophies Monday night were Don Clark, Richard T. Nelson, R. V. Mollett, Ed Bunch and Hoyt Snyder.

• Watched Fire Chief Ed Surfus present to Fire Marshal Lester Barker a certificate from the National Fire Prevention Assn. marking the third straight year that Eugene has won first place in the state for fire prevention activities.

Arguments Due On County Plan

Public Invited To Erb Session

Final arguments in the county manager charter campaign will be presented Wednesday night in a free public meeting at Erb Memorial Union on the University of Oregon campus.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting will be in the Dad's Room and will be of the forum type.

Speaking for adoption of the manager plan in Friday's Lane County election will be George H. Todd, chairman of the citizens' group sponsoring it in the pre-election campaign.

The opposition view will be given by Frank B. Reid, leader of the other side in his role as chairman of the Lane County Committee for Democracy. Moderator will be Charles Porter, Eugene attorney.

Speakers' presentations will be limited to 15 minutes and the audience will be permitted to question the speakers after they have finished.

Wednesday's forum has been arranged by the Eugene Junior Chamber of Commerce and the University of Oregon political science honorary.

In balloting on the manager issue Friday, Lane's voters will decide whether the present system of county government should be retained or whether the council-manager system should replace it.

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