

New Approach Seen For School-Park Sites

A new approach for the joint development of school-park sites in the Springfield area was suggested Tuesday evening by directors of the Willamalane Park District.

Park district and Springfield School District 19 officials have already agreed that school-park areas should be developed when possible. And in some cases, the park district has already purchased acreage adjacent to school property for future park development.

Tuesday night, however, directors suggested that it might be feasible at three future school sites for the park district to actually develop the school playground and install equipment rather than purchasing additional land.

Park and School Districts

Directors said the park district could maintain the playground equipment in the summer months while the school district could be in charge of it during the school year. Where the school district has already purchased sufficient land, there is nothing to be gained by the park district's buying more adjacent property, directors said.

Three future school sites on which the park district could develop recreational facilities

are these, the park board suggested: (1) A 10-acre elementary school site near Yolanda Street, (2) A 20-acre junior high school site also near Yolanda, and (3) A 40-acre high school site northeast of Springfield.

Robert Artz, park district superintendent, said he plans to meet with school district officials Thursday and will discuss the feasibility of the new-type school-park development.

Vandalism Reported

In another matter, Artz reported that there has been considerable vandalism at Gamebird Park. He said some children and teenagers in that area have ripped boards off the park shelter and torn down a softball backstop. Artz said he is writing a letter to parents in the Gamebird area asking them to "exercise responsibility."

In other actions, the board: • Awarded a contract to Crombie Fuel Co. of Springfield for the purchase of about 8,000 gallons of diesel oil for heating the Memorial Bldg. during 1962-63. The firm submitted a bid of 13 cents a gallon.

• Awarded a contract to the Reed Fuel Co. of Springfield for purchase of about 4,000 gallons of diesel oil for heating the building at the Willamalane

Swimming Pool. The firm submitted a price of 13 cents a gallon. The firm will also supply about 800 gallons of diesel oil at the same price for heating the James Park Bldg. in Glenwood.

• Awarded a contract to Springfield Stationery for purchase of 10 chairs, an executive desk, and a secretarial desk. The chairs will cost \$365.50, the executive desk \$139, and the secretarial desk \$174.40.

• Approved the purchase of a 7.89-acre tract on the west side of 51st Street. The price is \$1,000 an acre.

• Authorized Artz to attend the National Recreation Assn. Congress in Philadelphia Sept. 30-Oct. 5. Artz was invited by the NRA to participate Oct. 3 in a panel discussion.

Life Sentence Ruling Made

SALEM — A person who commits two sex crimes can be sentenced to life in prison as a sex offender, even though one of the offenses is a misdemeanor or punishable by only a jail sentence.

The Oregon Supreme Court made this ruling Wednesday in holding that Roger Willard Jensen, sentenced in Lane County, must serve life.

Jensen was sentenced in 1956 to five years for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Two years later, he got six months for indecent exposure.

Then former Circuit Judge A. T. Goodwin, now a Supreme Court justice, revoked the six months' sentence, and gave Jensen a life sentence.

Jensen argued a man can't get a life sentence as a sex offender unless he has been convicted of two or more felonies.

But the Supreme Court, in an opinion by Justice Kenneth O'Connell, said the fact that the second offense was a misdemeanor doesn't make any difference.

Jensen, who now is serving the life sentence, sued for release under the Post Conviction Relief Act. Wednesday's decision upholds Circuit Judge George A. Jones of Marion County.

The high court also said the Legislature acted properly in providing life sentences for repeated sex offenders.

Amateur Rockets Face Regulation

WASHINGTON — As a safety move, the Federal Aviation Agency wants advance notice when amateur rocketeers plan to hurl their spacecraft skyward.

It has proposed a regulation which would require not only 24 to 48 hours advance notice of such firings but also would ban night launchings and rocket firings within five miles of an airport.

The proposed regulation, however, won't apply to toy and model rockets weighing less than a pound and having less than five ounces of propellants.

Tunneling Crews Near Final Foot

Crews working in the overdue 11,380-foot Carmen-Smith diversion tunnel on the upper McKenzie River expect to meet each other sometime next week.

Eugene Water & Electric Board officials said Wednesday morning that only 397 feet remain to be excavated on this troublesome portion of their complex \$25-million hydroelectric project.

The tunnel originally was scheduled for completion last January, but was delayed because of unexpected underground water flows, sometimes reaching 25,000 gallons a minute.

After special measures were taken to control the water, a new completion date of mid-July was set.

It now appears that crews of Canadian contractor Emil Anderson Co. will beat this by at least two weeks.

Crews had 562 feet to go Saturday morning, but since then, up to 8 a.m., daylight, Wednesday, they have tunneled 165 more feet.

The Emil Anderson Co. will swing right into lining the two-mile tunnel as soon as the haling through occurs, lining it with concrete to make the tunnel 9½ feet in diameter.

1,000 Shriners To Be in City

One thousand Shriners and their wives are expected in Eugene Saturday to take part in a one-day meeting and initiation which will include a parade in the afternoon.

At least 250 uniformed marchers will participate in the parade which will leave the park blocks at 3 p.m. standard, 4 p.m. daylight, march down Willamette to 12th Avenue, turn right on 12th and proceed to Monroe Street.

Following the parade, 55 candidates will be initiated into Shrinism at the Fairgrounds. Ray Miller and Jim Moorehouse, both of Eugene, are in charge of preparations for the affair. They announced that Shriners will come from the Willamette Valley, California, Nevada and Washington. They also said that all Shriners, regardless of temple affiliation, are welcome guests at the ceremonies.

Thefts Reported From Sorority

The Chi Omega sorority house at 1461 Alder St., Eugene, was ransacked sometime Monday night or Tuesday morning and a number of pieces of luggage and clothing taken.

Eugene Police said that approximately 15 overnight bags, 10 larger suitcases and numerous gowns, dresses, coats and other items of women's apparel were taken. Entrance was believed to have been made through a basement window.

Mildred Hyerstay, the sorority housemother, said no one was living in the house at the time and it would be fall before the exact number of contents stolen could be established.

Two Eugeneans Named Advisors

Two Eugene residents were appointed Tuesday to a state advisory committee to Oregon's new program of community mental health clinics.

The two are Lane County Circuit Judge Roland Rodman and Leona E. Tyler, professor of psychology and counselor at the University of Oregon Counseling Center.

The appointment of the nine-member committee was made by the State Board of Control. The board also approved a plan of operation for the new state mental health division. The plan involves shifting of the State Board of Health's community health services section in Portland to Salem where it will be included in the new mental health division.

King to Visit Troops

BANGKOK (AP)—King Bhumibol Adulyadaj and Queen Sirikit will leave Thursday for Thailand's north and northeast regions on a three-day flying tour of military camps where Thai and U.S. troops are stationed.

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Springfield Council

Noise Ordinance To Be Studied

Springfield councilmen will study the city's noise ordinance at a work session sometime next week.

At a meeting Monday evening, the council decided to take no action on a recommendation of the Springfield Planning Commission.

The commission recently recommended a change in the ordinance. The proposed change would permit the operation of air compressors or other such devices during night hours in industrially zoned areas. At present, it is unlawful to operate air compressors any place in Springfield during the night.

At Monday night's session, Councilman L. H. Wojcik said he feels the entire noise question needs review. "You could turn noise loose in the proper zone, but if it affected surrounding residential areas it wouldn't be fair," he said.

In another matter, the council Monday evening formally authorized City Manager Frank Smiley to initiate a tandem parking plan along Main Street from Second to Seventh streets.

To install the parking system, every third parking meter will be removed, permitting motorists to drive directly into a parking space.

In other actions, the council:

• Granted a request for a variance to Oscar H. Brandt to establish a towing service with wrecking and storage privileges for autos acquired by the towing service. Brandt for the past year has been operating his towing service at 5196 Main St. under provisions of a one-year temporary permit.

• Referred to the street committee for study a request by Vance Freeman to permit construction of four-foot-wide sidewalks along G Street from 21st to 28th. The city's ordinance provides that sidewalks should be five feet wide. Petitions would still have to be circulated by property owners before any sidewalk project could be initiated.

• Tabled a proposal to annex the Willamalane Heights area. The council decided it needs more information on possible boundaries before it can schedule an annexation election.

• Voted 4-2 against a proposal to provide \$5,000 in the 1962-63 budget to hire an additional police officer. Councilmen Wojcik and Del Cooper voted to allocate the additional funds while Councilmen Omer Vrooman, Edward Buckholz, Russell Eldridge, and Dave Seefeld voted against the proposal.

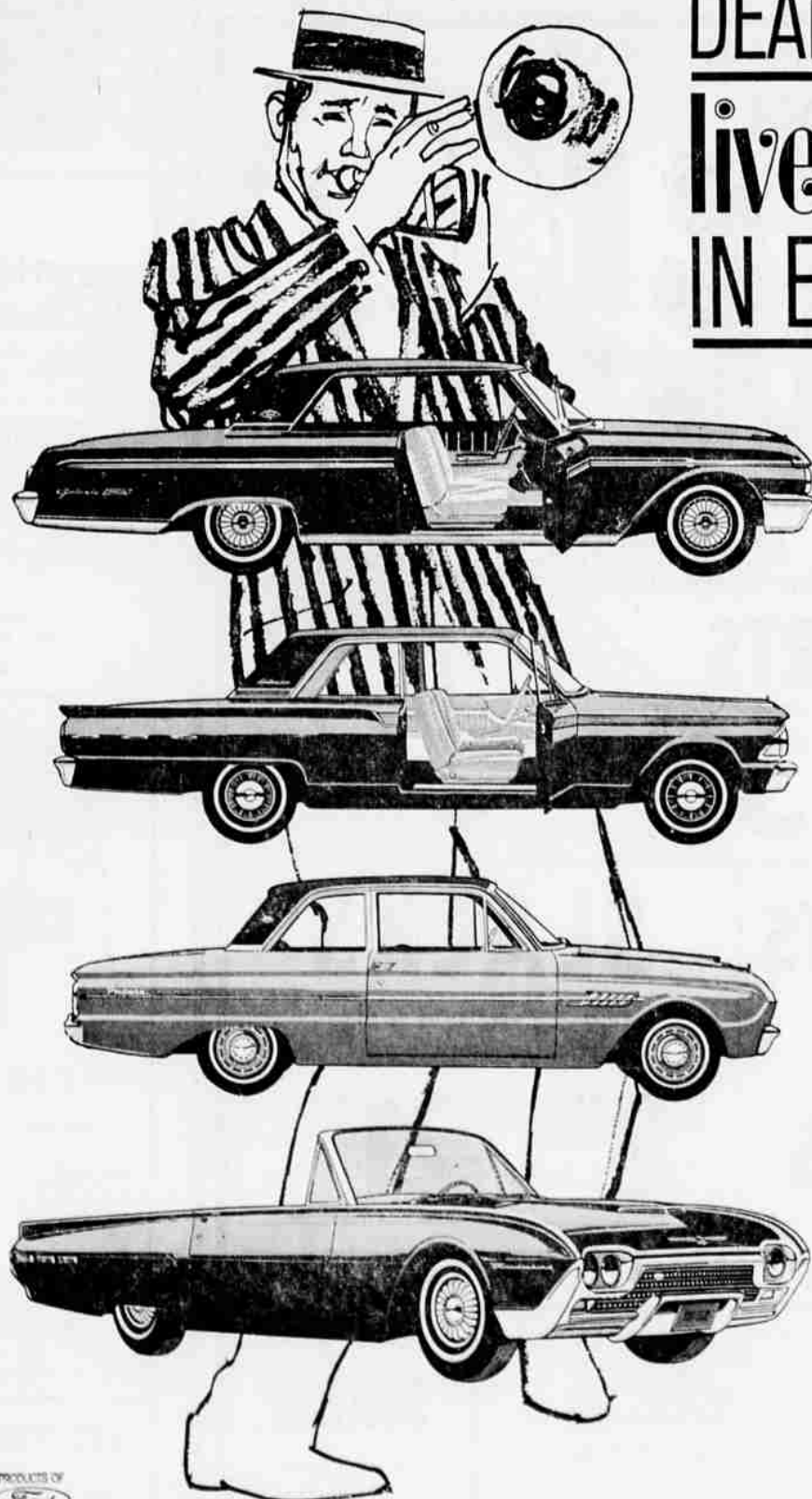
• Voted to deed to the Willamalane Park District two parcels of city-owned land—one located at the southeast corner of 18th and H, the other at 34th and E streets.

Wojcik said the city should "follow up and see that the parcels are used for park purposes."

Seefeld commented that the city has no authority to tell the park district what to do.

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