

Council Asks Change In Plans for Q Street

Springfield councilmen Friday evening said they feel the State Highway Commission should change its plans for linking the new Q Street with Main Street at 57th.

At an informal work session at the city hall, the council studied a proposed master plan needed to carry heavy traffic flows some 25 years from now.

The plan foresees the extension of Q Street eastward as far as Henricks Bridge (near Cedar Flats) where it would tie into the McKenzie Highway. And current state plans call for angling off Q with a curved road to link with 57th at Main Street.

Supports Planners

Councilmen said that 57th should instead be extended northward to intersect with Q at a right angle. The council's position supports an informal recommendation on the same matter made Monday night by the Springfield Planning Commission.

And the roads and highways committee of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Friday noon approved a resolution favoring a right-angle connection of 57th with Q Street.

City Manager Frank Smiley told the council Friday evening, however, that the state has already started buying right-of-way for the proposed curved road linking Q to Main at 57th.

United Efforts Urged

Mayor B. J. Rogers said he feels it is important for city officials, planners and Chamber of Commerce representatives to unite in efforts to convince the state to change plans.

A major reason for altering the state plans, the council said, would be to preserve neighborhood development in the area near Q and 57th.

In another matter, the council indicated it will soon request City Attorney Robert Carmichael to prepare the necessary documents for scheduling an annexation election for the Willamette Heights area. The area, comprising about a quarter-mile square, lies at the southwestern edge of Springfield. The southern boundary of the area would be Dorris Street with the exception of a tract adjacent to the Willamette River which juts south of Dorris Street several hundred feet.

It now appears an election for residents of the annexation area will be scheduled for some time in August. No election will be held within the city, but a public hearing on the proposal will be conducted.

Sidewalks Discussed

Councilmen also discussed plans for installing sidewalks on M Street from Eighth to Ninth streets. Property owners have requested the city to install walks immediately adjacent to the curb, leaving out a parking strip.

The council, however, has already conducted a public hearing calling for a seven-foot parking strip. At a recent meeting, councilmen agreed unofficially the parking strip could be reduced to 4.5 feet to give some home owners a little more front yard space.

Councilmen also agreed that another public hearing would be required before the 4.5-foot width would be official. They also agreed to explain to property owners all ramifications of possible sidewalk alignments before a second public hearing is scheduled.

Change Possible

Noise problems were also discussed by the council. Councilman Edward Buckholz suggested that the present noise ordinance should be amended in this way: "That the ordinance would apply in industrial zones only when noise was 'unreasonable.'"

In the case of a complaint, Buckholz said, the question of what is unreasonable noise could be decided by the municipal court judge after hearing the evidence.

The councilman said if this plan didn't work out the city might have to go to a "decibel system," utilizing a noise meter to determine whether a particular noise exceeds allowable levels.

After more comments, the council requested Carmichael to work up a resolution incorporating an "unreasonable noise" clause.

Fadeley Files For New Trial In Lane Court

A motion for a new trial for Ernest Merrill Nichols, convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the murder of his wife last fall, was filed in Lane County Circuit Court Friday.

The motion was filed by defense attorney Edward Fadeley on behalf of the 34-year-old Fall Creek man who is now in the Oregon State Penitentiary. Nichols was convicted June 8 of murdering his wife with a rifle in their home last Oct. 10.

Newspaper Account

Fadeley offered three reasons for a new trial:

He said that a member of the jury that convicted Nichols was heard to say that "she couldn't tell what was going on either—she had to go home and read about it in the paper," referring to the three-day trial before Judge Edward Leavy.

Fadeley claims his secretary, Doris E. Givan, was in court and overheard William Black of Springfield, the father of Nichols' dead wife, Hazel, say that he had heard the juror make the remark.

Fadeley also claims there is new evidence in regard to testimony that could be given by Nichols' son, Ernest M. Nichols Jr. The defense attorney submitted a transcript of testimony taken in questioning of the son on the day of his father's sentencing.

Claims an Error

In essence, the boy states that he was the one who took the murder weapon from the living room into the bedroom during the day of the fatal shooting. He says his mother asked him to do it, but that he did not do it or load it.

Finally, Fadeley claims that Leavy erred in denying him the opportunity to put on certain evidence regarding the bed upon which Mrs. Nichols was lying when she was shot. Leavy has not yet set a time for hearing argument on the defense motion.

Ashland Author Collapses, Dies

BOISE (AP) — Author Verne Athanas of Ashland, Ore., collapsed and died while acting as master of ceremonies at the annual awards banquet of the Western Writers of America Thursday night.

The cause of death was not immediately determined. He was stricken at the group's banquet and rushed to a Boise hospital, but died en route. Athanas lived in Caldwell, Idaho, before moving to Ashland.

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Board Discusses Policy on Books

A small claims court action for 25 cents, filed against the Eugene District, may be the indirect cause of a new policy on rental books.

A possible change in procedure was discussed Friday at a Eugene School Board committee-of-the-whole meeting. The Friday committee meeting is a new procedure, to give board members an opportunity to discuss the Monday night agenda. No decisions were made, however. These will be reserved for the official Monday session.

A large part of Friday's meeting was devoted to discussion of an action brought against the district by Paul J. Hoffman, of 488 E. 11th Ave., Eugene.

Hoffman stated that his son, a ninth grade student at Thomas Jefferson Junior High, had to pay 25 cents out of his locker deposit for his share of book losses.

Hoffman said he objected to the practice on principle, because a student is fined whether he personally is responsible for a book's loss or not.

Ninth grade students pay a rental fee for books, which covers those assigned to them personally, as well as room sets. Students share the room sets, because there aren't enough books for each individual. These are usually supplementary books.

Thomas E. Brownhill, attorney for the school board, suggested that the board might include an amount for loss in the rental fee, avoiding the need for a deduction at the end of the year. This could be considered a part of overhead, following a normal business practice, Brownhill said.

Board member Vernon Hoffman said, "It does cost us money to defend these, what I would call, 'silly suits.' . . . It could open the floodgates to actions of this kind."

Such disputes should be worked out with the school principal, not brought to the board, Hoffman said.

After further discussion, the board agreed to reconsider its policy on book rental fees at a future meeting.

The claims action will be heard in Lane County District Court Monday.

Board members briefly discussed a number of other items that will be on Monday night's agenda, including:

- A resolution calling for a school building bond issue next September. An annuity program for teachers.
- A new street crossing plan at 30th Avenue and University Street, for students attending Harris School.

Unions Accuse Railroads Of Trying to Provoke Strike

CHICAGO (AP) — Angry union officials representing 200,000 trainmen have accused operators of the nation's railroads of trying to provoke a nationwide rail strike.

The accusations came after management representatives walked out of a negotiation meeting with union officials Friday. It was the second time railroad operators had

walked out of a bargaining session with the trainmen. The last walkout occurred May 17.

The break in bargaining arose over work rules the carriers consider featherbedding—calling for unnecessary jobs. The unions maintain the rules are a requisite for safe and efficient transportation.

J. E. Wolfe, chief industry spokesman, handed a statement to Leverett Edwards, chairman of the National Mediation Board, and to the union chiefs, saying: "It is obvious that no progress can be made by prolonging the present endeavors."

The unions retaliated, charging: "The break is a deliberate, irresponsible, determined effort to force a transportation crisis."

The unions, representing engineers, conductors, trainmen, firemen and switchmen, added: "Since the start of the present conferences, carrier representatives have sought unilateral application of the presidential commission's report and adamantly refused to negotiate issues."

At Colorado Springs, Colo., Louis J. Wagner, president of the Conductors and Brakemen's Union, said his union "generally is placed in a crucial situation as a result of the rupture of negotiations."

H. E. Gilbert, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, said the collapse could lead to a national rail strike.

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Senators Opposed To Compromise Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A compromise has emerged in the House from the ashes of the administration farm bill.

But it immediately smacked into stony opposition in the Senate.

The measure, to extend present emergency controls on wheat and feed grains for another year, was introduced Friday by Rep. Harold D. Cooley, D-N.C., who told the House:

"We have no choice but to turn to the program that is the second best available to use."

But Sen. Allen Ellender, D-La., the Senate's Agriculture Committee chairman, indicated he preferred no choice to "second best."

He declared that under no circumstances would he try to push through an extension of the emergency grain programs.

"I wouldn't waste a minute on it," he said. "Let them go ahead and produce and fill up the bins . . . People won't stand for these surpluses forever."

The Senate has passed a bill similar to the one the House killed Thursday night, one to clamp mandatory controls and marketing quotas on wheat and feed grains. But Democratic

leaders in the House said there was no chance that it would get House approval now.

The emergency one-year wheat and feed grain programs—with voluntary controls—will expire this year unless new legislation is passed. The law then would revert to the 1958 act of Republican Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson which provided price supports on any amount of grain produced.

Waltonians Hear Hatfield At Banquet

PORTLAND (AP) — Selection of a 1963 convention site and adoption of resolutions highlighted Saturday's closing session of the 40th Izaak Walton of America convention.

The national board of directors and the executive board were to meet following adjournment.

Friday night, Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield told a banquet gathering that lumbermen are not often given credit for being conservationists.

He said publications often feature the bleakness of freshly logged areas, but rarely note stands of young trees planted by lumber firms.

Hatfield said he objects to the concept of limited use of natural resources.

"All present and future values must be recognized when determining usage for the common good of all the people," he said.

Earlier in the day, the League gave its highest award for public service to Laurence S. Rockefeller, head of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission.

There were 45 quartets entered in the Kansas City event.

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Eugene Entry Finishes 13th

Eugene's entry in the national barbershop quartet contest won 13th place in the event being held this weekend in Kansas City, Mo.

The quartet, called "The Journeymen," reached the semifinals, but was eliminated there Friday night. The only other Northwest quartet qualifying for the national contest—the Four-Do-Matics of Seattle—moved into the finals tonight.

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Youth Charged With Store Theft

Larry Dale Buessow, 18, of 818 N. 18th St., Springfield, was arrested by state police Friday night and charged with larceny from a store.

Two other youths were also taken into custody and turned over to authorities at Skipworth juvenile home.

The three have been accused of taking a money changing machine containing approximately \$40 from the Holiday Laundromat on Harlow Road Wednesday night.

Buessow has been set at \$1,000.

Accidents Put 2 Eugeneans In Hospital

Two Eugene residents were hospitalized as a result of separate car accidents Friday afternoon and early Saturday morning.

Alton D. Simons, 27, of 1711 River Rd. was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital at 3:45 p.m. daylight Saturday with head and facial bruises as the result of a one-car accident on Henderson Avenue in Glenwood. According to state police Simons swerved and struck a power pole while southbound on Henderson.

On Friday afternoon Mary Elizabeth Hager, 59, of Rte. 3 Box 230, suffered a fractured left ankle when the car she was in struck a flat-bed truck on Paragon Road near W. 18th Avenue.

State police said that the truck, driven by Douglas M. Thomas, 28, of 540 Almaden St. Eugene, was pulling out of a private driveway when struck by a southbound car driven by Raymond Hager, 59, at 2:30 p.m. daylight.

Mrs. Hager was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital. Both she and Simons were listed in good condition Saturday morning.

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Gary Tryon, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tryon, is honored this month for being a good business man, for having no complaints, for paying his bill on time and for introducing 13 new families to the Register-Guard.

Gary has six brothers and sisters, Loren, 2 years, Penny, 5, Bobby, 7, Vernon, 9, Rickey, 11, and Gale, 13. His best friend is Larry Pliska. His opinion on the most vital local news: he likes Daylight Saving time; on world news (Russia); he "likes our way better than theirs."

Gary's favorite class is a Waldport High Sophomore is math, his favorite sport, fishing in nearby creeks. He enjoys living by the ocean although in spring it is pretty windy. Gary feels the Register-Guard dealership gives him sales training and bookkeeping experience that will help him later in life. He would like to work for his father at the Waldport Ready Mix Company when he finishes school.

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