

Parking Meter Question Postponed Thirty Days

Alderman Albert H. Gille, most ardent of the city council members in favor of parking meters, got the question held in abeyance for 30 days Monday night to give the city planning commission an opportunity to make a full investigation of the subject. Bids received from several companies to furnish the city with the meters, which were to be opened at the meet-

Old Reservoir Still Pondered

What shall be done with Block 25, Fairmount Park addition, which is the site of the old reservoir that was abandoned when the city took over the water utility from private ownership, is still a question being pondered by the city council. And while it is pondering bidding for purchase of the property continues spirited. And quite an influential group of citizens in the Fairmount Park addition district doesn't want the property sold; anyway, not now, and would prefer to see it converted into a park area. Nineteen persons in this group, headed by Urlin S. Page, petitioned the council Monday night not to sell the property until the old reservoir has been filled and restored to the grade that existed before the old reservoir was built many years ago.

The first bid for the property was \$11,000 by Carl W. Hogg. Then Dan J. Fry came in with a bid of \$12,000, and then Hogg upped it another grand to \$13,000. These bids came in without any advertisement for bids by the council. At the meeting two weeks ago the council, on motion of Alderman David O'Hara, chairman of the committee on real property, voted to reject the bids and instructed the city recorder to advertise for bids. The response to this was a bid last night by E. Halvorson of the Halvorson Construction company and Carl W. Hogg for \$13,750.

Running through the property is a water main for which the city of Salem water department has a permanent easement, and which cannot be molested by excavation or any other work done on the property.

ing, are held unopened. Gille made his motion after making a supplementary report for the traffic committee which introduced the meter resolution several weeks ago. The report cited statistics and articles purported to show the success of the meters in other cities. Gille stressed that the meters can be installed for a trial period of six months and then be discarded if found unsatisfactory. He said that while automobile parking is a big problem in the downtown district now, it will be an even bigger problem with unrationed gasoline and the release of new automobiles.

Hundred Citizens Opposed
The only appearance of the planning commission in the picture so far was a letter to the council over the signature of Loyal A. Warner, president of the Chamber of Commerce, asking that the council take no action until the planning commission had considered the question.

A letter from the Salem Retail Trade bureau to the council Monday night said the bureau was taking no stand, but asked that it be held up pending a full investigation. Some time ago the bureau circulated petitions against meters, then held them back pending reaction of the council to Warner's letter. The position of the bureau at that time was that the council either reject meters or refer the subject to the people.

A letter unqualifiedly opposing meters came to the council Monday night signed by P. W. Hale and about 100 other persons. It was referred to the traffic committee.

Silverton Property Sold
Silverton—John Wormdahl has sold his North Second street property including the home place, apartments and duplex to Sam Peterson of Salem during the past week. Wormdahl was working at a painting job on the building several days ago and fell a distance of 12 feet receiving facial and head injuries from which he is recovering nicely.

DDT Used to Fight Polio

Rockford, Ill., Aug. 20 (U.P.)—Cool-headed scientists and fear-stricken citizens waited anxiously today for the outcome of an experiment which converted DDT, powerful wartime insecticide, to a peacetime "mercy" duty in the battle against infantile paralysis.

A B-25 bomber sprayed the DDT from the air yesterday in an experiment attempting to halt the poliomyelitis outbreak which was killed 17 persons here. Officials said today the effect of the spraying will not be known for several days as the polio virus has a long incubation period. New infantile paralysis cases admitted to the county hospital today brought the total number of cases in the Rockford area to 153 since July 1.

It was hoped that by using

the insecticide—most powerful developed—scientists could determine whether or not the polio virus is carried by the common house fly. It also was a mercy mission for the powerful plane, brought here from the canal zone especially for the experiment.

More Light Council Request

On motion of Alderman Albert H. Gille, the city council Monday night directed the Portland General Electric company to illuminate each night all downtown lamps that are installed on standards.

Gille said that during the celebration on V-J night he observed the gloomy condition of the streets, and said he had often heard the comment that Salem is the most poorly lighted city on the Pacific coast.

Military Police To Get Praise

The service of military police who helped the city police in controlling traffic and protecting spectators during the paper mill fire Sunday evening will have complimentary comment in a letter by Mayor I. M. Doughton to the commanding general of the ninth service command at Fort Douglas, Utah. The mayor was directed by the city council Monday night, on motion of Alderman G. F. Chambers, to write the letter. On duty here is Military Police Detachment No. 2, SCU 1906.

Fireman Had Kids Turn in Alarms

Astoria, Ore., Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Ex-Marine Carl D. McKuin, a member of the Astoria fire de-

partment, received a 100-day jail sentence Monday after confessing he encouraged youngsters to set off automatic fire alarm boxes about the city "just for the fun of the thing."

McKuin, who had been employed by the fire department since his medical discharge from the service three months ago, was taken into custody over the week-end and relieved of his fireman's badge.

Argentina, second-largest producer of vitamin A, processes it from shark liver oil.

Water Service Good at Fire

Carl Guenther, manager of the city of Salem water department, estimates that 5,000,000 gallons of water were poured on the fire at the Oregon Pulp & Paper company plant during a five-hour period Sunday evening.

The estimate is calculated on the rate of in-flow and outgo of

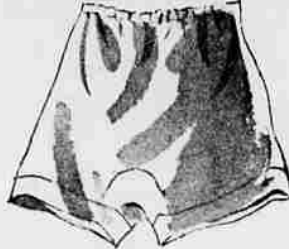
water from the city reservoir. While water was flowing into the reservoir from Stayton island at the rate of 8400 gallons a minute it was flowing out of the reservoir fast enough to show a drop of 2500 ballons a minute. Pressure was good at all time, Guenther said. It was never under 50 pounds hydrant pressure on four hose lines and ranged upwards to 60.

Brazil's first school of chemical engineering is located at Sao Paula, the country's industrial capital.

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