

City Council Stirred By Taxicab Question

The taxicab question, with some bitterness at times, was threshed out at City Council Monday night at a public hearing on application of K. E. Stewart, Jr., for a permit to operate four taxis in Salem.

It was referred to the license committee.

Then there was an echo of the arguments at another hearing on application of Peter V. Stroh for a permit to operate a limousine

service between McNary Field and the city. This was granted. It was a fight between the existing Yellow Cab Company and new interests that want to operate. And the existing company, while it voiced no opposition in the meeting, lost a sizeable point on a third piece of legislation. This was enactment of an ordinance removing the limit on the number of taxi licenses that may be issued, which was one for each 3,000 of population.

Stewart, who wants the four-cab permit, was represented by Elmer Amundson as attorney. He said the Yellow Cab Company owns 20 licenses and operates only eight or nine taxicabs. In the ensuing argument eight proved to be correct. Amundson mentioned that more cabs were formerly in service, but added that "the company has lost business since it got a monopoly." He mentioned a number of letters that have been sent to the City Council by people who want additional taxi service.

Among others speaking for Stewart were Will Carver and Ray Short.

Speaking for Robert Lynn Clark, operator of the Yellow Cab Company, Eugene Laird, attorney, said the company had lost \$1,872 in the first six months of this year, which he cited as an argument against a competing concern coming into the field.

Among questions Laird said had to be considered were whether there is a public necessity for additional service, the matter of traffic congestion, and what the effect on incomes of the drivers is going to be.

When Peter Stroh's application for a limousine license between the airport and the city came up he was questioned closely by Mayor Al Loucks and some of the aldermen whether it would be a paying venture, "even if

you get a fare for every flight coming into the field?"

He replied that he was sure it would, that it is successful in Eugene and other similar places. He added that "the class of people traveling by air like better service than that furnished by taxicabs. I've owned and driven cabs, and I know."

Stroh said United Air Lines had promised him a contract after he secured his city permit and that under the contract he could also carry air passengers from Salem to Portland and Eugene when necessary.

Laird, who also opposed this application on behalf of the Yellow Cab Company, said that under the existing ordinance "the only permit that can be granted by this council is a taxi permit."

"It doesn't make sense that he could make it pay," said Laird. "As for service between Salem and Portland or Eugene, that is beyond the jurisdiction of this body, and would be for the Public Utilities Commission and maybe the Interstate Commerce Commission to determine."

That, he said, would bring on a battle with other transportation agencies.

Alderman Robert F. White, chairman of the license committee, made the motion that the permit be granted, which carried without opposition in the Council.

MARION COUNTY MEN LEAVE FOR ARMED FORCES



Nancy Stewart Nosed Out in Speech Finals

LOUISVILLE (AP)—Nancy Stuart, Salem, Ore., was a finalist in the International Toastmistress Clubs' speech contest here Monday night. The contest was won by Mrs. Jean Thomson, Laguna Beach, Calif.

Twelve Marion County men, following a farewell party presented at the YMCA by ladies of Calvary Baptist church, departed Monday afternoon for service with the armed forces. Front row, from left: Richard Strong, George Allen, Ron Helgeson, Roger Hein, Kenneth Magee, Raymond E. Vance. Back row, from left: Larry Lincoln, Marvin Cheney, Merwin Haun, Don Healey, Eugene Mitchell and David H. Rhoten.

11 GUERRILLAS KILLED
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya (AP)—Eleven Communist guerrillas have

been killed in operations during the last 48 hours, the government announced Tuesday.

'Big Smear' Predicted

PORTLAND (AP)—A letter predicting that "the big smear" will be used against Richard L. Neuberger in an effort to re-elect Sen. Guy Cordon (R-Ore) has been sent to all Oregon AFL unions.

The letter, signed by James T. Marr, state AFL secretary, was read at the Portland Central Labor Council meeting Monday night.

Neuberger is the Democratic nominee against Cordon. He has labor endorsement.

Marr forecast that the Cordon campaign "will rely almost entirely on a vicious personal smear" of Neuberger, trying to portray him as a dreamer and a radical.

He said the attempt will be made to swing attention from Cordon's Senate record which Marr described as "against the welfare of the average man and woman on nearly every bill."

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Two Zone Changes Made At City Council Session

Two zone changes were voted by the City Council Monday night by enactment of ordinances after public hearings had been called at which no one appeared in opposition.

One of the changes was from an R-1 strictly residential district to a C-2 business district for lots 13 and 16, Block 8, of Mapleton Addition. One of the lots fronts on Bliler and the other on Tryon Avenue. The change had been recommended by the City Planning Commission. The latter said it had been made R-1 by oversight when the city was rezoned.

The other change was from an R-1 residential to R-3 residential on the north side of Center at

18th where R. A. Kitzke plans an \$80,000 apartment project. This also was recommended by the planning commission.

Two ordinance bills that were introduced for first reading Monday night to bring in revenue to aid in financing annexations were referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission although they had been recommended by that body. One would increase sewer service charges, and the other provides a fee of \$125 for sewer hook-ups to premises. A companion resolution authorizing the city manager to increase water rates was tabled for later consideration.

Other bills introduced were: Initiating a charter amendment, and providing for a bond issue of \$1,750,000 to acquire site and construct a public auditorium.

Providing for a new building code, and adopting, with some exceptions, the 1952 edition of the Uniform Building Code of the Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference.

Authorizing the city treasurer to borrow up to \$240,000 to meet current expenses pending receipt of tax monies.

An application by Earl Burk for renewal of outside fire protection for property on Silverton Road, a mile from the city limits, was tabled.

B. J. Zobel, who is establishing a piano and organ retail store in the Senator Hotel building, where KSLM was formerly located, requested a loading zone at 519 Court Street. It was referred to Police Chief Clyde A. Warren, City Engineer J. H. Davis and Alderman Claud Jorgensen who will confer with Zobel.

The council voted to accept an offer of \$1700 from Robert B. Sullivan, on behalf of Sally Ann Probert, for water department property on Luther Street.

Plans of the Chamber of Commerce for street decorations for the State Fair were approved, and also approved was a request from Clinton L. Standish for a permit to build a curb sidewalk at property on the south side of Columbia Street between Broadway and Fifth.

On recommendation of the city engineer the improvement of Carlton Way from Abrams Avenue to the city limits was put on the city program.

Frank N. Grimm, operator of the Armored Car Service, asked for authority to employ three city police officers on off-duty hours between midnight and 1 a.m. at \$2 an hour each. It was tabled until a report is received from the civil service commission as to its legality.

A bid from the Western Golf Course Supply Company to sell the city a lawnmower for the park department at \$990 was accepted.

The council reappointed William J. Entress as a member of the Civil Service Commission for a five-year term.

Two sidewalk resolutions were referred to Aldermen David O'Hara. Both were for walks along the west side of Commercial between Pine and Grove.

A fire protection agreement between the city and the Eola Hills Rural Fire Protection District was approved.

Linn Court Busy With Many Cases

ALBANY—Bail of \$1500 has been set by Linn County District Judge Wendell Tompkins for Leonard V. Moe, 43, on a charge of nonsupport, court proceedings showed Monday. The complaint, signed by his wife, charged Moe with failure to support their one-year-old son. He was arrested and confined in the Linn Jail.

Ralph L. McLain, Albany, who had been charged by state police in district court with drunken driving, denied the charge in court Monday. Judge Wendell Tompkins set the trial for October 1 at 9:30 a.m., entering a plea of innocent.

Clifford Albee, 19, Lebanon, was fined \$25 in district court Monday after pleading guilty to a trespassing charge. Albee was accused of entering upon private property in the Roaring river area and of peeling chittam bark along with two other youths, whose cases are still pending. Albee was arrested by a Linn county deputy sheriff.

May Ann Warren has filed suit in circuit court here against Cleo Warren asking a divorce and custody of two children. They were married June 9, 1947, at Rogers, Ark.

East Salem Family Has New York Guests

EAST SALEM—Out of state guests the past week at the Leonard Malm home on Silverton road were her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Grabenhorst and Miss Barbara Jensen from New York City, with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ihlenburg who recently moved to Portland from New York.

Week-end guests in the Malm home were Mrs. M. O. Cannon and Mr. and Mrs. DeLos Cannon from Portland.

Wednesday Mrs. Malm entertained friends of her mother, Mrs. Anna Jess, who is leaving for an indefinite stay with another daughter, Mrs. Ed Reynolds at Post Falls, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCrea of Fisher road have returned from a two weeks vacation trip spent in Weiser, Idaho, visiting the John Victors.

July meeting of the Swegle Road Garden club was cancelled. August meeting will be held as scheduled.

Pilot's Body, Plane Found Near Toledo

TOLEDO, Ore. (AP)—The body of a pilot missing since April 12 and wreckage of his plane were found Monday about seven miles northeast of this coastal area town. Dead was R. W. Hall, 34, Bakersfield, Calif., who crashed on a flight from Moscow, Idaho, to Newport, near here, where he had intended to visit his daughter. He was last heard from over Eugene. Vernon Castle and Milton Davenport, loggers, discovered the wreckage in dense timber.

LEE TO TOUR

NEW YORK (UP)—Major Sammy Lee, Olympic diving champion and winner of the 1953 Sullivan Award as the nation's foremost amateur athlete, will include embattled Viet Nam in a tour of southeast Asia this summer. Lee, an Army doctor now in Korea, will also appear in Japan, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Burma and Hong Kong.

The residents of Greenland are attempting to grow trees in some sheltered locations on the island.

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