

# New Parking Regulations On West Side of Church

A variety of street and traffic matters came before the Salem City Council Monday night as it approved new parking regulations on the Church Street side of Meier & Frank's, extension of the parking zone on the east side of High Street, four new speed zones proposed by the state and heard a petition from the Hollywood Lions Club asking for work on Fairgrounds Road.

Under the resolution passed by the council, parking would be prohibited on the west side of Church Street, between Center and Market Streets from 4 a. m. until 9:30 p. m. on all weekdays.

Alderman Clayton Jones explained that the action would simplify the existing situation and would tend to avoid confusion.

Previously it had been legal to park on the street during the hours the Meier and Frank store was not open. Signs on the street listing the legal parking hours are complicated and tend to confuse the motorists, it was pointed out.

A number of tickets for parking

on the street at the wrong time have been issued by city police in recent weeks and the parked cars have resulted in traffic jams on the street.

## 400 Acres of New Area for Parks Needed

### Department Report on City's Requirements Goes to Council

A \$750,000 bond issue to acquire 400 acres of land for park sites and to improve them, as well as present park facilities, is recommended in the recently issued report to the park department on Salem's needs.

An additional \$35,000 would also be needed yearly to provide for the maintenance and operation of the park facilities.

Five areas are included in the 400 acres recommended for park acquisition.

A municipal golf course to be located north of the city is proposed along with other sites which would be west of the river, in the north, in the east and a small area in the southwest part of the city.

Specific locations of the sites were not listed in the report.

It is explained in the report that national standards established by park agencies recommend that there should be at least an acre of park space for every 100 persons in the city.

At present the city has but 140 acres devoted to park purposes, or .32 acre for each 100 persons. In comparison it is cited that Portland has 1.43 acres for each 100 people, Eugene 1.83 and Klamath Falls 2.48.

If the additional 400 acres proposed in the report were acquired, the city would have 1.20 acres for each 100 population.

Although it is pointed out Salem cannot ideally establish an adequate park system on a national basis, there are possible desirable park sites adjacent to the city boundaries.

The report emphasizes that immediate action must be taken for their acquisition or they will also be lost in the city's rapid fringe-resident expansion. It is noted that suitable park areas are not available within the city limits.

The hunt will continue for small areas for children's playgrounds so that no small child will have to walk more than a quarter mile and will not have to cross any main thoroughfares.

In some instances, the neighborhood playground will have to become a part of larger park sites and it may be necessary to travel over a mile, rather than the standard of one-half to one mile for some children to get to them.

In the large parks it is proposed to have a pre-school playground; apparatus for older children; open space for informal play; surfaced area for multiple use as tennis courts, handball, shuffleboard, volleyball and others; fields for games such as softball, touch football and mass games with some of these fields being lighted; swimming pools; wading pools; shelter houses; lawn areas for croquet, archery, and other such activities; picnic areas; site for old people table games; center for day camping; boating; small children's zoo; floral displays and landscaping and parking areas.

Three park recreation centers are planned, one at Bush Pasture Park and the others in proposed parks west of the river and north of the city.

Each of these centers would provide an assembly hall with stage, arts and crafts workshop; two or more club rooms; room for active games; room for reading and quiet games; kitchen; park office; service and storage for building equipment and a heating room.

Top priority for widening of Fairgrounds Road from South Street to Hood Street was called for in the petition from the Hollywood Lions Club which was read to the council by J. Carroll Meeks.

He said that information had been given that the west side of the street would be widened in 1955 and the east side in 1956 and that there was disappointment the project had not been carried out.

The petition was placed on file so as to be made available to the budget committee this spring.

Mayor Robert White said that the Fairgrounds Road project would be given consideration. He said that there has been some thought given to asking for a bond issue to widen the street along with 12th Street and Market Street.

Traffic count on Fairgrounds Road has now increased and is now second only to 12th Street among the streets being considered for widening, the mayor said.

Work on parking on the east side of High Street from Lefelle Street to Rural Avenue received council approval. The resolution had been requested by the Traffic Safety Committee and extends the no parking area which now runs from Mission to Lefelle.

The council gave its approval to four suggested speed zone changes given by the state speed control board. Posted speed on Pine Street from North Portland Road to North Commercial will be 30 miles an hour.

On Wallace road from the north city limits to 50 feet north of Bassett Street 35 miles will be posted, while a 25-mile zone was also approved for the bridge connection street from Edgewater to the bridge.

Action was deferred on the request to change Chemeketa Street between Front and Commercial Streets from a one-way to a two-way street until a report is received from the state highway commission.

## 2nd Unit for Ad Building Goes on List

### Government Again to Give Assistance At Airport

Construction of the second unit of the Administration Building at Salem airport is among the projects considered needed at the airfield, and it is on the list that will be covered if the people are asked to vote on a bond authorization next May.

If the City Council puts the \$53,000 bond authorization on the ballot it will be based somewhat on recent information from the Civil Aeronautics Administration indicating that the agency will again participate to a limited extent in necessary improvements at airports of the Salem classification.

The estimated cost of improvements needed at the airport is \$117,500, in which the CAA would participate 55 per cent, making the city's 45 per cent \$53,000. The improvements considered needed are:

Reconstruct existing taxiway from Administration Building to both ends of northwest-southeast runway. Estimated cost of north taxiway, \$20,000; south taxiway, \$25,000.

Reconstruction of part of water supply system, \$13,000.

New taxiway connecting the northwest-southeast runway and the aircraft parking apron at the Administration Building, \$15,500.

Reconstruct northwest end of main runway at turning area, \$60,000.

Obstruction removal from southeast approach zone, \$40,000.

Construct second unit of Administration Building for weather bureau and traffic control, \$30,000.

Several years ago a long-term improvement program totaling about \$900,000 was scheduled over a 10-year period. At that time the U. S. Government, through the CAA, stood about 75 per cent of the cost of each project and the city the remaining 25 per cent. Under this arrangement several important projects were completed. The first unit of the Administration Building, housing United Air Lines and the weather bureau, was put into service. The high intensity runway lights and an instrument landing system were installed; obstruction removal of trees was carried out; and the reconstruction of taxiways was begun.

Three years ago the policy of the CAA was changed and the city could no longer get the necessary financial assistance to continue the program. The result, says the airport administration, has been a much more rapid deterioration of facilities, to the point where reconstruction of some units is now essential, and the construction of a new taxiway is seriously needed for airline operation.

"Recent information received from the CAA," says the report, "indicated that that agency will again be able to participate to a limited extent in necessary improvements in trunk line airports of this classification. For that reason it is now the opportune time for the city to provide the bond authorization for the city's share of projects which are urgently required."

## Woodburn Man Held at Dallas

### DALLAS—Jasper Fleetwood, 34, Woodburn, Monday pleaded innocent of a charge of impersonating an officer when arraigned before Justice of the Peace Kenneth Shetterly. Unable to furnish \$2500 bail he is being held in the Polk county jail.

Dist. Atty. Walter Foster, who filed the complaint, stated that the charge accuses Fleetwood of impersonating Sheriff Tony Neufeldt in a conversation with Herman May in an effort to obtain money.

Further details of the charge were withheld by Polk county authorities.

## Charlene Raid Rites Wednesday

SILVERTON—Funeral services for Charlene Susie Raid, 16-year-old girl killed in an automobile accident Saturday night, will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday from the Trinity Lutheran Missouri Synod church three miles east of Mt. Angel.

Burial will be in the Lutheran cemetery with the Ungar Funeral Home in charge.

The girl was born in Portland April 29, 1939.

She leaves her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raid, a brother, Gary and two sisters, Carol and Nancy, all of Silverton.

## Joint Service For 2 Victims

WOODBURN—Joint services for two victims of an automobile accident near Woodburn Sunday will be held at Corvallis at a time to be announced later by the Ringo-Cornwell Funeral Chapel.

Victims of the accident were Mrs. Laura May Shalman, 53, of Donald, and her granddaughter, Donna Mae Hooe of Portland.

Mrs. Shalman was born at Colwich, Kan., Jan. 9, 1902. She lived at Corvallis until 1938 when she moved to Donald.

Surviving besides her husband, Fred, Donald, are two sons, William Hooe, Donna Mae's father, U. S. Navy, and Leslie Hooe, John Day; two daughters, Mrs. Jewel Moore, Philomath, and Mrs. Martha Evans, Folly Beach, N. C., and her mother, Mrs. William Peterson, Corvallis.

## CRASH VICTIM BETTER

SILVERTON—Ronald Crawford Moon, injured in an automobile accident Saturday night, is reported in slightly improved but still serious condition at the Silverton hospital Tuesday morning.

## Road's End Near Independence



INDEPENDENCE—Traffic over the Independence bridge across the Willamette river to Salem was halted Monday as backwaters from the stream washed across the highway. Photo was taken from the bridge looking east.

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## Eugene Water Rates Reduced

EUGENE—Rate reductions for the Eugene Water and Electric Board's 22,000 customers, were approved by the utility's board of directors Monday night.

The new rates will be effective Feb. 1, 1956.

The reductions will average about 8 per cent for residential users and about 13 per cent for commercial and industrial users, according to Byron Taylor, assistant superintendent.

The board delayed a discussion on Sept. Ray Boole's recommendation that Eugene withdraw from the Northwest Public Power Assn. One of the board members suggested that Gus Norwood, executive secretary of the association, be invited to meet with the board before action is taken.

Boole charged last week that the association has departed from its original purpose of exchanging information about better utility operations to engage in public power battles.

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**Gene Weathers Now Private First Class**

During the Monday night meeting of the Salem Marine Corps Reserve unit, Third 155 mm Gun battery, Gene W. Weathers, member of the unit was presented his promotion to a private first class by the commander of the battery, Capt. Hubert J. Falston. Weathers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weathers of 2165 North Fourth Street.

Fred C. Myers, Turner, was enlisted in the reserve unit Monday with the rank of sergeant. Myers was enlisted as a sergeant because of six years of previous active service with the U. S. Air Force. He had the rank of airman first class at the time of his being released from active duty.

**Red China Sets up Many Co-op Farms**

TOKYO (AP)—Peiping Radio said Tuesday Red China has almost doubled the number of cooperative farms since August, in possibly the most sweeping agricultural overhaul of a nation in history.

The Red radio, quoting the official government newspaper, the Peiping Peoples Daily, said that from Aug. 1 to Nov. 30 more than 500,000 new agricultural cooperatives of a semi-socialist nature were set up.

China now has over 1,400,000 agricultural producer cooperatives, the broadcast added.

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