

PAVING PROJECTS AWARDED BY CITY, TOTAL \$101,000

Eleven paving projects, amounting to some \$101,000, were awarded here last night at a regular meeting of the Medford city council. The city also awarded contracts for the widening of East Main street and Dakota avenue.

Only two local contractors entered bids on the paving jobs. They were E. C. Conrad and T. R. Flory.

Contracts awarded to Conrad, and his low bids, included South Peach street from 11th to 12th streets, \$4,471.20; South Peach street from 12th to 13th streets, \$4,957.30; Murray street from South Peach to Hamilton streets, \$10,008.65; Beekman street from the end of the pavement to the end of the street, \$9,320.90; Lincoln street from Main to 11th street, \$16,016.10; Pennsylvania avenue from Rose to Peach streets, \$9,383.58; Pennsylvania avenue from Summit to Rose streets, \$6,118.20; Pine street from Maple to Jackson streets, \$14,004.90 and Maple street from Central to Riverside avenues, \$14,359.40.

Flory Contracts
Contracts awarded to Flory, and his low bids, were West 13th street, from Peach to Newtown streets, \$7,008.35, and Madison place from Jackson to Reddy streets, \$5,655.

Each of the 11 bids was slightly in excess of the city engineer's estimate, which totalled \$98,616.56, or about \$4,500 less than the successful bids.

Everett Den Herder was awarded contracts for the two street widening projects in competition with two other bidders, T. W. Thomas and P. L. Knox. Den Herder's low bids were \$10,105.35 on the East Main street project and \$3,424.80 for Dakota avenue.

In action on other paving projects, the council adopted plans and specifications and set May 6 for a public hearing on Wilson place from Eastwood to Keeneway drives, Haven street from Summit avenue to Oak street, Jasper street from Melrose to Stewart avenues, Haven street from Columbus to Summit avenues, and South Peach street from 13th street to Dakota avenue.

Hearings Held
Public hearings were held on paving of Washington street from West Main to West 10th streets and Fifth street from

Drugstore's Grand Opening Tomorrow; Will Give Prizes

Ed Hall has announced the grand opening tomorrow of his Pennywise Walgreen Agency Drug store. To observe the event he is conducting a store-wide sale.

Prizes, balloons for the children and favors for women will be given out daily and a fountain special will be featured.

Hall also announced the employment of Robert B. Morris as general manager of the store. Morris was graduated in June, 1951, from the Oregon State college school of pharmacy and is a member of the Kappa Psi honorary fraternity. He first worked after graduation at the Redmond Drug store at Redmond, Ore., as manager. He is married and with his wife moved to Medford in December.

Prescriptions Important
"We consider the compounding of prescriptions as the most important part of our business," Morris said yesterday. Sick room supplies and a wide variety of emergency supplies for physicians and surgeons are also carried.

Hall, who purchased the store in December, has been in the drug business since 1934 and has been associated in the trade in Medford since 1941 except for service in the Navy from 1944 to 1946. He was employed here by Wainwright's drugs until he and Harold Wainwright purchased the Hunters for Drugs, now known as Central Rexall drugs. Hall is president and general manager of that firm.

Councilmen Authorize Letter of Sympathy
A letter of sympathy to Mrs. Charles E. Gates was authorized yesterday by the Medford city council. Mrs. Gates is the widow of the late Charles E. (Pop) Gates, ex-mayor and councilman and long-time civic leader, who died last week in Salem.

The motion authorizing the letter was made by Councilman Harold Frye. It was passed unanimously by the council.

ARRESTED
Grants Pass—State police officers yesterday arrested Melvin Keller, a transient who has been residing in Glendale, and are holding him in the Josephine county jail for Los Angeles authorities. He is wanted in connection with grand theft investigation involving a stolen trailer.

Lebanon Authorized To Get House Project
Washington—(U.P.)—The Public Housing Authority Wednesday cleared the way for acquisition by the city of Lebanon of a defense housing project to which the community has been trying to win title for more than two years.

PHA officials told Rep. Harris Ellsworth, R-Ore., an executive order will make possible the transfer.

Lebanon will be required to purchase the land on which the housing stands, but otherwise will obtain the property without cost.

None Hurt in Two Vehicle Accidents

Two motor vehicle accidents in which no one was injured were investigated by state police officers yesterday.

One accident occurred at Voorheis crossing on Highway 99 south of Medford, when a pickup truck driven by Miles Leo Mosher, Central Point, and a logging truck driven by George Robert Jensen, 1615 East Main street, Ashland, were involved in a collision as the pickup was passing the truck.

Cause of the accident, which happened about 9:30 a.m., was not revealed on the police report, but only minor damage was listed for the pickup and none for the truck. A third vehicle was also indirectly involved in the accident, the report indicated.

The other accident happened at about 1:12 p.m. two miles south of the Siskiyou mountain pass summit, and involved cars driven by Clyde Hobson Jones, San Fernando, Calif., and Edmund Joseph Kiras, Albany, Calif. Both cars were severely damaged but no one, including three passengers, was hurt.

The first airplane flight from San Francisco to San Diego was made by Silas Christofferson, Feb. 16, 1914.

Taft's Fading Hopes Revived in Nebraska, Wisconsin Primaries

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington—(U.P.)—Nebraska and Wisconsin voters put Sen. Robert A. Taft back in the contest for the Republican presidential nomination with a bang Wednesday with a solid showing of his midwestern strength.

Taft won the Wisconsin primary and was pulling away from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in tabulations of Tuesday's Nebraska primary poll.

Taft's First Triumph
It was Ike's first reverse at the polls and Taft's first triumph. Republican voters in the two great midwestern states fingered the senator and the general as far and away top candidates for their party's presidential nomination.

The returns revived Taft's fading campaign for the nomination. Incomplete Nebraska tabulations maintained a consistent lead for Taft in a head-on write-in contest with Eisenhower. Nebraska and Wisconsin put a solid Midwest foundation under Taft's pre-convention efforts.

Kefauver Scores
Wisconsin Democrats gave Sen. Estes Kefauver an over-

whelming victory and 28 Democratic national convention votes.

And as the Tennessee maintained a big lead in the Nebraska primary popularity contest which does not bind the state's convention delegates, his opponent—Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma—conceded to Kefauver.

Kefauver's stature steadily grew with the victory while Kerr's diminished.

Taft won 24 of Wisconsin's 30 nominating convention votes. Gov. Earl Warren of California took six. Harold E. Stassen and two others, including a stand-in for Gen. Douglas MacArthur, were blanked.

Taft Popularity Winner
Taft also won the popularity contest, although his vote did not equal the combined total of his opponents.

The returns broke the back of the MacArthur for president movement in Wisconsin and probably elsewhere. Grant Ritter was the MacArthur stand-in without the general's blessing. MacArthur managers in Wisconsin announced they were transferring their support to Taft.

The Wisconsin primary was crucial for Taft. His campaign could not have sustained a serious reverse there. He needed a real victory such as he won to get back on the pace. Taft said Tuesday he was in the race for the nomination, win or lose in Wisconsin. Many, however, judge that for Taft in Wisconsin it was win—or else.

Warren said Wednesday he also was in the contest to stay.

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