

City Planning Group Denies Commercial Zone for East Main

The Medford Planning commission Monday denied a request to rezone East Main st. between Genesee st. and Crater Lake ave., after about 25 residents of the area appeared at a public hearing opposing the change.

The petition requested that an area 150 feet north and 170 feet south of East Main st. be rezoned from multiple family to commercial district and a setback of 10 feet be established.

Petition Opposes
Objections to the change centered around a desire to keep the area zoned for residences only. A petition with 84 signatures opposing the change was submitted by Ken Denman, 104 Geneva st.

Denman said he, as well as other residents, objected to the change because rezoning the area for commercial use would have an adverse effect on residences. "I can't help being biased when our homes are concerned," he said.

He said several pieces of property in downtown Medford are presently zoned as commercial, but are not being used for businesses, including two pieces of property in the area proposed to be rezoned.

Commenting on increased value of property if rezoned for business, Denman said he did not feel "property values in the surrounding area would be increased greatly."

Others Voice Objections
Ed Branchfield, 120 Stark st., Dick House, 15 Corning court, Dr. William W. Holt, 11 Corning court, and O. A. Eden, 211 Genesee st. were among those expressing objections to the change.

Fred L. Heller, 801 East Main st., supporting the requested change, pointed out that "it is more and more evident that business will be extended on the east side," and that measures should be taken to draw shoppers into downtown Medford rather than let shopping centers outside the city limits attract them.

He said he thought business should go where "it wants to go, not where residents want it to go."

The commission also denied a request to rezone East Jackson st. between Hawthorne and Genesee sts. from non-conforming to commercial on recommendation of denial by a commission committee. Mrs. Edith Eden said the committee did not think it a good idea to have a business zone near a public park.

Advise Alley Vacation
In other action, the commission recommended to the city council that a north-south alley in the Edward Place subdivision be vacated. It is a 60-foot blind alley near the intersection of North Riverside ave. and Alice st.

A request for rezoning the southwest corner of Crater Lake ave. and East Jackson st. from single family to multiple family dwelling was denied because the commission said it would constitute spot zoning.

A request for rezoning property north of the YMCA from multiple family to commercial was granted. Property on two sides is presently commercial,

and property on another side is light industrial.

Plat Approved
Approval was given a tentative plat for Douglas Addition No. 1 at the end of Murray ave., and a 10-foot setback was granted Homer J. Pringle on Eighth st. to conform with other residences on that street. Letters requesting sanitary sewer connections from the Congregational and Christian Science churches were tabled until after a special election July 5. Both church properties are just outside the present city limits east of Medford.

Three committees were named to study proposals. A. D. Harvey, chairman, Allen Perry and Mark Goldy were appointed to study terminology of ordinances governing building alterations in non-conforming districts. Donald G. Root and Mrs. Eden were appointed to study a request to rezone sections of Oak Park and Narraigan additions from industrial to commercial.

Goldy and Root were appointed to study a tentative plat for Earhart addition along Bear Creek south of Willamette ave. The committees will report at the next meeting of the commission.

Sheriff Takes Two Men To Start Prison Terms

Two men were taken to prison in Salem and Portland Monday by Sheriff Howard Gault.

They were Clifford Quentin Gee, 29, Harlan, Ore., and Hubert D. Green, a transient.

Gee was sentenced to a one-year term in Multnomah county jail on a petty larceny charge involving theft of items from a Rogue River home. Green was being returned to Oregon state prison in Salem, where he had been sentenced in connection with the same case. He was brought here to testify in Gee's trial.

Mrs. McKay's Foot Encased in Plaster

Vienna, Austria—(U.P.)—U. S. Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay and his wife have interrupted a vacation trip to have doctors encase one of Mrs. McKay's feet in a plaster cast.

Officials said Mrs. McKay pulled a tendon in the foot, but that the injury was not considered serious.

Dulles Will Address United Nations Meeting

San Francisco—(U.P.)—U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will address the United Nations here next week, according to nearly complete plans for the 10th anniversary meeting.

Dulles will speak June 24 in place of U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr.

GULLIBLE THIEF
Hartford, Conn.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Ann J. Papandrea thwarted a holdup man by telling him, "All the cash is in our other building." After the bandit had fled, she told police that a safe directly behind her was "loaded."

Albany, Ore.—(U.P.)—All members of the Linn county grand jury for the current term are women.

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New York Payroll Bandit Slain by Policeman In Wild Gun Battle; Three Persons Injured

New York—(U.P.)—A policeman killed a payroll bandit and three other persons were wounded yesterday in a wild gun battle witnessed by thousands in a crowded commercial district a few blocks from City Hall.

Killed by Patrolman
The holdup man, fleeing with a \$4000 payroll snatched from a 19-year-old girl messenger in a building lobby, was killed by a motorcycle patrolman after an exchange of bullets which ripped through the windshield of an occupied automobile.

Before he was killed, the bandit shot a building elevator man who went to the rescue of the payroll messenger; grazed a woman passerby with a bullet aimed at the policeman, and shot another passerby who attempted to nab him.

An unidentified FBI man also went to the patrolman's assistance, but didn't fire a shot. He was unhurt.

Girl Screamed
Diana Panzer, 19, clerk and typist for the Lincoln Letter Service, said she had left a bank for her office with the payroll wrapped in a plain brown paper envelope.

"I noticed a man following me," she said. "When he got into the ground floor hallway, he grabbed me. I screamed. I thought his gun was a toy pistol."

As the elevator man, Joseph

Sotolana, 43, ran to her aid, the gunman fired, dropping Sotolana with a shot in the groin, and fled with the payroll.

Motorcycle Patrolman Aurelio de Filippi, 28, had stopped for a red light at the corner.

Shoots at Cop
"I heard a shot," de Filippi said. "I jumped off my bike and ran after a man I saw running."

A passerby, Detrick Eberhard, attempted to halt the bandit and was shot by him.

The bandit then shot at the policeman. Adele Lambert, 50, a state industrial relations investi-

gator, walked into the path of the bullet. She was hit in the neck but was not seriously hurt.

"He barricaded himself behind a parked station wagon and fired one shot at me," de Filippi said.

Home of Wandering Homing Pigeon Finally Located

The case of the wandering homing pigeon finally came to an end this week.

The pigeon was found May 13 at Camp White and was turned over to the care of a deputy sheriff. The county contacted the American Union in New Jersey and gave them the number on an aluminum band on the pigeon's leg.

It was found the bird was registered with the federal government as an Army Reserve bird, and the Union notified the sheriff's office that the bird was owned by Bob Ebbesen, Grants Pass.

Ebbesen was notified by mail and he phoned here, asking that the pigeon be sent to him, collect, by bus. Delivery was made Sunday.

It took the bird, which can fly at between 50 and 60 miles an hour, almost a month to make the 30-mile trip.

County Judge To Attend Land Meeting in Denver

Jackson County Judge Rodney Keating will attend a meeting on public land problems on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Denver, he said yesterday. Judge Keating will be representing the Oregon Association of County Courts.

The judge is a member of the association's public lands committee. Representatives of organizations in the 11 western states will be taking part in the Denver meeting.

Washington—(U.P.)—The U. S. Court of Appeals by a tie vote has upheld a lower court's dismissal of two key perjury charges against Owen Lattimore.

Hugh Bryson Sentenced

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Hugh Bryson, handsome 40-year-old former head of a left wing waterfront union, has been sentenced in federal court to the maximum five years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine for lying when he signed a Taft-Hartley anti-Communist affidavit.

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