

City Planners Favor Shrubbery Ordinance, Annexation of Lots

A measure concerning trees or shrubbery which obstruct public property and annexation of two lots in the southwest corner of town were passed on to the city council with favorable recommendation by the city planning commission last night.

The commission unanimously supported a proposed ordinance introduced by Mrs. O. A. Eden. If approved by the council, the measure would give the city the right to trim or remove trees, shrubs, and other growing plants "which endanger or may endanger the usefulness or security of a public street, sewer, or sidewalk."

Back Annexation

Two lots on the northeast corner of Murray st. and Columbus ave., were recommended by the commission for annexation. The owners, Benton W. Smith and Oscar W. Larson, had requested such action, as the property is now surrounded on four sides by city served land.

City Manager Robert Duff promised to take up an alleged violation of the zoning ordinance with City Attorney Frank Farrell this morning. A private citizen appeared before the planning body last night asking that measure be taken to close a boarding house on Willamette ave. The street is zoned 1-A for single family dwellings.

Tom Wray, commission chairman, appointed Mark Goldy and City Engineer Ed McKinstry a committee to study and recommend zoning of the newly annexed Laurelhurst district.

Del Harvey and Allan Perry were named a committee to study and recommend action on a request by Alber's Milling company to encroach on 10 feet of Evergreen st. The milling organization asked the right to construct a building on Ever-

green st., back of the old Mason Ehrman building. The proposed structure's platform would extend 10 feet on to the right-of-way which is not used for street purposes.

Don Root and Mrs. Eden were appointed to investigate a request that the city vacate a north-south alley running from Quince st. to the east-west alley between Quince and Rose sts.

The latter two committees were to report at a special planning commission session set for 5 p.m. Monday.

The commission told James S. Winslow that property on the corner of Selang and Oregon Terrace for which he requested a change of setback had been vacated by the city. Therefore, the planning group had no jurisdiction.

A request by Benton W. Smith to change the setback from 10 feet to nothing on the corner of Eighth and Laurel sts. was denied. A petition from property owners is required before action can be taken.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hagen, 824 Belmont st., asked the commission if a single dwelling could be constructed on their property next to the present duplex. The commission said it could not. Total square footage of the Hagen buildings, 9,200, would not meet city requirements of 10,000 square foot minimum area for such an arrangement.

Shortly before adjournment, City Manager Duff handed commission members copies of animal and agricultural zoning regulations for several Oregon cities. The commissioners were asked to study them, in connection with a possible need for similar ordinances in Medford.

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, established under the Bretton Woods Agreement, began operations in 1947.

Jean Peters Plans To Divorce Husband

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Jean Peters has announced she will divorce Stuart Cramer III within the next several weeks.

Miss Peters and Cramer were married in Washington May 29, 1954, but have been separated for almost a year.

The former Ohio State University beauty contest winner currently is on a leave of absence from 20th Century-Fox Studios after a suspension for failing to work in the picture "The Bottom of the Bottle."

Hospital District Meeting Scheduled Friday at Ashland

Ashland — An open meeting on hospital problems in the Valley View hospital district will be held in the city council chambers in Ashland on Friday, Sept. 16, it was announced today. The meeting will start at 8 p.m.

Those attending will include members of the district's board of directors, members of two committees which have investigated the district's hospital situation, and interested residents of the area.

Members of the board said that they wished to discuss the entire hospital problem with a representative group of citizens before proceeding further with plans to bring a new hospital to Ashland and vicinity.

Several weeks ago, a committee headed by Clint Baughman, of Ashland, reported to the board that after a lengthy investigation, it had concluded that more modern facilities were needed. Following this report, a committee headed by J. W. McCoy looked into various means of financing a hospital and recommended that the board study a plan for building a hospital with donated funds.

Committee Members
Members of Baughman's committee were G. H. Wenner, Graham M. Dean, Lloyd Selby and O. N. Wray. Serving with McCoy were E. H. Singmaster and Harry Morris.

The board said that the meeting Friday evening would be open to anyone interested, but that special invitations were being sent to a score of people who were known to be interested in improved facilities for the Ashland area.

Three Illnesses On Weekly Report

Only three cases of communicable diseases, one of them already reported, were included on the county health department's report for the week ending Sept. 10.

The case already reported was that of a Washington man, visiting in the Ashland area, who has polio.

Also on the list were one case of tuberculosis at Butte Falls, and one case of pink eye at Gold Hill.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

James Bobo, general counsel for juvenile delinquency subcommittee, after the Bismarck, N.D., Lion club evaluated off-color pictures as a "citizen jury": "Everybody thought the stuff came from France. But it doesn't. It's mostly right here and at prices children can afford."

Farmer Keron Walsh, Durand, Ill., father of nine polio stricken children: "We need a lot of prayers."

The Bern, Switzerland, newspaper "Der Bund," reviewing a performance by the Salt Lake City Mormon Tabernacle choir: "One gets the impression that all those singers are filled with the senses of their task and fully dedicated."

Bus executives in Elizabeth, N.J., predicting what life in America will be like in 20 years: "Material welfare will cease to be a problem for the first time in man's history."

Vladimir M. Matskevich, Soviet First Deputy Minister of Agriculture, asked what members of the 11-man Soviet agriculture delegation who toured the United States, thought of Marilyn Monroe in the movies they had seen: "Some of them like her."

Herold C. Hunt, new Undersecretary of Health, Education and Welfare on the crisis confronting the nation's schools: "Classrooms are bulging to the walls with pupils."

Genevieve de Galard Terraube, the "Angel of Dien Bien Phu" during the French bastion's last day in Indochina, in New York for training at the Institute of Physical Rehabilitation at New York university: "The war is finished but the problems of these people are not over."

Portland Hangar In Air Force Plan

Portland — (U.P.) — The Air Force informed the Port of Portland yesterday that it has decided to go ahead with its construction program at the Portland international airport.

John M. Ferry, special assistant to the secretary of air installations, said a top level decision to look elsewhere for a permanent base to house fighter-interceptors to protect Portland skies had been reversed.

Ferry informed the port by letter that a long-disputed alert hangar for fighter planes "would be constructed at the northwest run" of the main instrument runway.

Enclosed was a map specifying additional land needed for new taxiways and other facilities in the southwest corner at the airport.

Ferry said "substantial agreement" had been reached with the Civil Aeronautics Administration which had objected that the alert hangar might interfere with the instrument landing system glide path.

Kansas Becomes Free From Long-Time Debt

Topeka, Kan. — (U.P.) — For the first time in 32 years, the state of Kansas became debt-free on July 1.

On that date, the state finished paying off the last of its World War I veterans' bonus bonds. Final payment was \$259,375, the last quarter-million bond retirement plus interest.

In all, the \$31,650,000 in bonds cost the people of the Sunflower State \$21,839,813 in interest, because the bonds were issued under a statutory provision that only one million of them could be retired annually.

Kansas legislatures in the last few years have defeated all attempts to provide bonuses for Kansans in military service during World War II and the Korean conflict.

'Follies' Tryouts Slated Thursday

Tryouts for parts in the forthcoming "Footlighters' Follies," a musical and variety show to be put on this fall by the Medford little theater group, will be held Thursday, it was announced today.

Anyone with entertainment talent, musical, dancing or other, is invited to participate, and may make arrangements by telephoning the Footlighters president, Mrs. Max Wimmer, at Medford 2-5096. Solo acts as well as group numbers are acceptable.

Preliminary auditions were held earlier in the week, and a number of entertainers, both amateur and professional, were signed up for the show, but more are needed.

The production will be presented at the recently-moved Footlighters building at the fairgrounds, and proceeds will go to pay for the moving job and for further remodeling of the theater building.

Flying Farmer Bombs Meadow Mice

Burt, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Meadow mice haven't a chance when a flying farmer, Russell D. Sage, bombs them from the air.

Sage has put into use a gadget known as a Venturi pipe, hooked over the side of an airplane, to shower poisoned pellets into the mice runways of his orchards. The propeller blast from low altitude does the trick.

One of western New York's first flying farmers, Sage says his novel system has it all over the ground method of distributing poisoned bait to kill meadow mice—one of the worst orchard pests. He claims it also is much more effective.

By using his plane, Sage says he can cover an acre in two minutes—compared with about an hour's time when using the hand broadcast method, a garden-seeder or a tractor attachment.

Remington Free Of Riot Charges In Custody Case

Hillsboro — (U.P.) — Charles Remington was found innocent yesterday of a charge he incited a riot while attempting to reclaim his 10-month-old adopted son.

Remington had been charged by Arnold Casteel and his wife, the natural parents of the boy. The pair put their tiny son up for adoption by Mr. and Mrs. Remington and then changed their mind.

A Washington county jury of three men and three women took just 20 minutes to find Remington innocent after Arnold Casteel's brother, Amos, contradicted his brother in testifying that Remington was invited into the Casteel home the night he was supposed to have incited the riot.

Earlier, Mr. and Mrs. Casteel testified that Remington, a Beaverton roofer, had forced his way into their home.

Fate of the child, which is still living with the Remingtons, will be decided when a circuit judge is appointed to hear Remington's appeal of the adoption cancellation hearing.

Washington county welfare officials gave the Remingtons custody of the child pending their appeal.

APPLE FOR BOQUET

Corvallis, Ore. — (U.P.) — Spencer Apple has been appointed head of the horticulture department at Oregon State College. He succeeded A. G. B. Bouquet, retired.

Air Force Bomber Crashes; Six Die

Mitchell AFB, N. Y. — (U.P.) — An Air Force B25 twin-engine bomber crashed and burned in a cemetery shortly after taking off from here today. All six persons aboard were killed.

This base is located on the outskirts of Hempstead, at the center of the most heavily populated suburban area of Long Island.

Three bodies were recovered immediately after the flames were put out by fire crews from the base and nearby towns.

The plane carried three crewmen and three passengers en route to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, O. The passengers were identified by a base spokesman as a soldier, a retired Air Force colonel and a civilian.

An Air Force spokesman said the plane had reported engine trouble and was returning to the base when it crashed into an unused section of Greenfield Cemetery a short distance from the busy southern state parkway.

Screen Actors Guild Approves New Contract

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Members of the Screen Actors Guild (AFL) voted by better than a 7 to 1 margin to approve a new contract which ended a 12-day strike against television entertainment film producers, SAG Executive Secretary John Dales announced today.

New Britain, Conn. — (U.P.) — Police brought two-and-one-half-year-old Karen Majewski to New Britain General Hospital after she swallowed 50 aspirin tablets—an entire bottle. She was treated and discharged, showing no ill effects.

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