

# Hearings on Annexation, Two Improvement Districts Called

The Medford city council last night called for public hearings on one annexation proposal and two improvement district projects.

A public hearing will be held April 2 on annexing property owned by Wesley Coffeen, 103 Stewart ave. Medford, west of Holly st. and 330 feet south on Stewart ave.

Coffeen requested the property be annexed to Medford in order to obtain sanitary sewer connections. If the property is annexed, Coffeen agreed to permit the city to dedicate a 30-foot portion of Stewart ave. crossing the property. No official dedication of the portion of the street has yet been made, it was explained.

**Public Hearings**  
Public hearings will be held March 19 to consider construction of a water main on South Grape st. from Melrose ave. to Stewart ave. and construction of a sanitary sewer in block 4, South Sea addition.

A petition from owners of Highland Market, 450 South Highland drive, Medford, to rezone the 50 by 60-foot lot from class IA (single family) to class IIIA (limited commercial) was referred to the planning commission with directions for the commission to hold a public hearing on the proposal.

A similar request from the property owners was recently considered by the commission but no recommendation was made. Medford Attorney Robert Dames, representing the market owners, said the property owners may request a "variance," which would permit the market to operate if the area's present zoning worked a "special hardship" on them.

The property became class IA (single family) when the area was recently annexed to Medford.

**Ordinance Adopted**  
The council adopted an ordinance to assess benefiting property owners a portion of the cost of a trunk water main for lateral use on South Grape st. from Monroe st. to a point 896 feet north of the street. The decision followed a public hearing.

An ordinance was adopted ordering the assessment of benefiting property owners for paving Greenway Circle and Greenway drive. Estimated cost of the project was \$14,814.45 and final cost was \$15,376.32, it was pointed out. Cost per front foot will be \$5.46 with curbs and \$3.46 per front foot without curbs.

A bid was awarded to the Everett Den Herder Construction company, Medford, for installation of a water main on Marie st. from Saling ave. to Jackson st., on Jackson st. from Marie st. to Madison place, and on Madison place from Jackson st. to an alley between Jackson st. and Queen Anne drive.

**Other Bids**  
The bid submitted was \$4,063. Other bids were submitted by

M. C. Lininger, \$4,558.50; W. H. Conrad, \$4,716.75; and Day and Nite Plumbing, \$5,115.16. All are Medford firms. Engineer's estimate for the project was \$4,506.25.

A request from the Table Rock Sanitary district that the council approve 24 connections in that district to the Medford system was referred to the council health committee. The health committee constitutes all members of the council.

City Manager Robert Duff said a matter of "council policy" was involved in the request. The council should consider its present "no service outside of city" policy in regards to the area, he said, which probably will never be eligible for annexation to Medford.

An ordinance was adopted leasing space on the third floor of the city hall to the bureau of land management. General alterations were completed recently increasing the BLM space to 4,706 square feet, an increase of about 1,901 square feet.

The space, which was leased to the BLM for a five year period, will be rented at the rate of \$1.82 per annum per square foot or \$713.74 per month, according to the ordinance.

**Items Transferred**  
The council adopted an ordinance transferring several city budget items to balance out anticipated deficiencies in various other departmental budget items.

About \$2,177.75 was transferred from the general administration fund to cover costs of special elections, street decorations, office machine repairs and office supplies.

An item of \$506.25 was transferred from the building department fund to cover the cost of Pacific Coast Building conference fees for checking the new Rogue Valley hospital, now under construction.

About \$75 was transferred from the fire department fund to provide sewer pipe for connections to the southeast Medford trunk sewer main at the East Side fire station.

The council accepted as complete a sanitary sewer project in the Verde Hills by the E and W Construction company. Councilman Jimmy Dunlevy said workmen and equipment of the company have damaged property in the area by leaving ditches and furrows in many yards near the work.

Duff said the company indicated that damage would be corrected before crews leave the project.

An extension of contract was granted P. S. Lord Construction company which is installing the southeast trunk Medford sewer. Completion date of the project was extended 30 days.

Reason for the delay, Duff said, was because more rock excavation than expected was encountered by the construction company.

No action was taken on a

letter submitted to the council by Medford Attorney O. H. Bengston, who was to appear at the meeting on behalf of Amos Walker, owner of Walker's Dreamland ballroom. He was to present an oral communication in regards to Bear creek bank work where there has been erosion adjacent to Walker's building.

The council also passed an ordinance establishing a Grape st. No. 2 water fund.

Duff reported that David Lowry, Colver rd., Medford, re-

## Homestake Mining Lists \$4,407,000 in Earnings

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Home stake Mining Company reported Tuesday earnings of \$4,407,000 in 1956, equivalent to \$2.19 a share.

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cently turned over \$1,503 to the city in revenue as the city's share of his profits from 17 acres of pears on city property leased to Lowry. Lowry pays 25 per cent to the city of his total income from the pear crop.

The council also granted an extension of time to the M. C. Lininger and Sons Construction company, Medford, on its completion date of the sewer for the new National Guard armory, now nearing completion.

## Labor-Management Study Group Sought

Salem — (U.P.) — A resolution calling for an interim committee to study Oregon labor-management laws was introduced in the Senate today by Sens. Rudie Wilhelm Jr. of Portland, Lee Ohmart of Salem and Leander Quiring of Hermiston.

It calls particularly for study of statutes relating to labor disputes and picketing.

## Budget-Cutting Drive

Washington — (U.P.) — A House budget-cutting drive picked up support today from both parties. Some Republicans hinted President Eisenhower himself may be backing it.

House GOP leaders went on record for a "substantial" cut in the President's record \$71.8 billion peacetime budget.

## Patterson's Help To Restore Liquor Official Denied

Portland — (U.P.) — Accusations made by racketeer James B. Elkins before a Senate committee in Washington yesterday that the late Gov. Paul Patterson was influenced by the Teamsters union to reinstate a liquor control commission official, were denied today.

Thomas J. Sheridan, assistant administrator of the Oregon Liquor Control commission, and a civil service official both took exception to the testimony Elkins gave.

**Came for Help**  
Elkins had said that the late Gov. Patterson "performed" for the Teamsters union by reinstating Sheridan who had been sus-

pending for 30 days for accepting a gratuity.

The Portland racketeer's testimony said that Sheridan came to him for help after his suspension in October 1954. Elkins said he took Sheridan to see Clyde C. Crosby, International Teamster union representative in Oregon.

**By Unanimous Vote**  
Records show that Sheridan's reinstatement as chief of the commission's enforcement division was by the unanimous vote of the three-man State Civil Service commission following a hearing in December, 1954.

"To my knowledge, Elkins, Crosby or any of those people

never used . . . influence on Gov. Patterson for me," Sheridan said.

Sheridan was joined by Philip A. Joss, state Civil Service commission chairman.

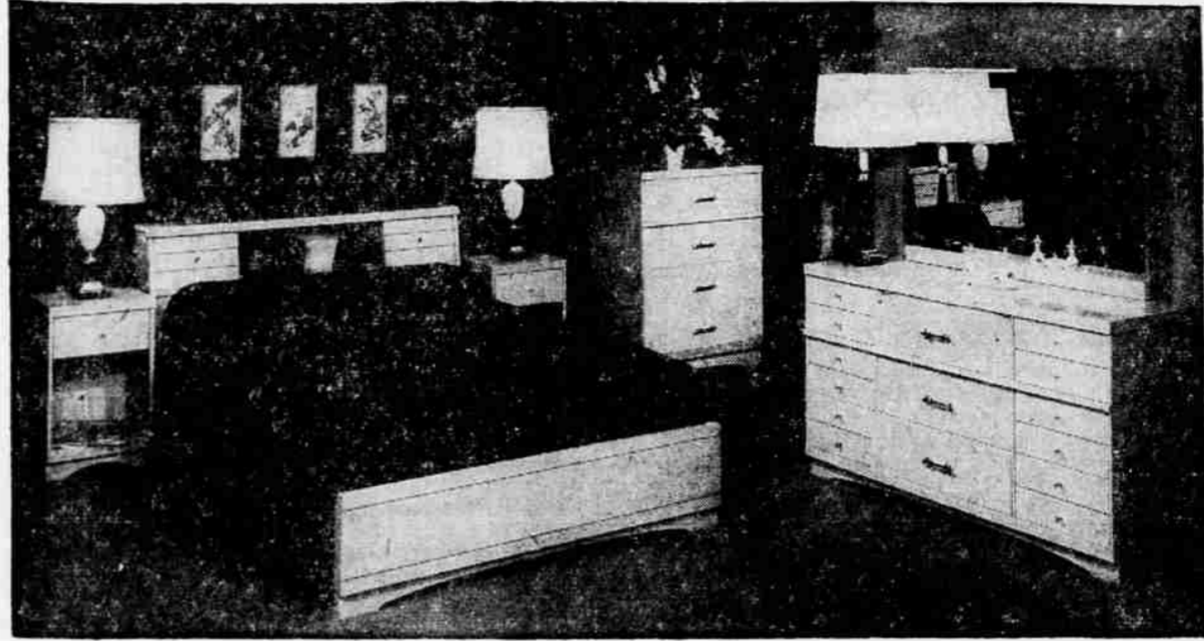
"There has never to my knowledge been any attempt by anyone to influence the State Civil Service commission," Joss said.

Portland — (U.P.) — Some 6,000 educators, nearly half the teachers in Oregon, will gather here next week when the Oregon Educational association holds its 54th annual convention March 14-16.



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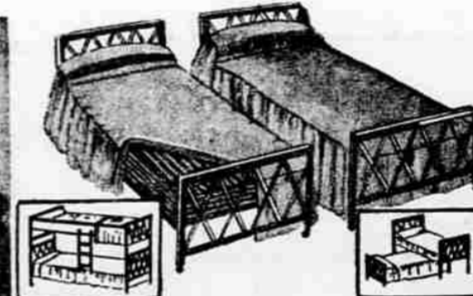
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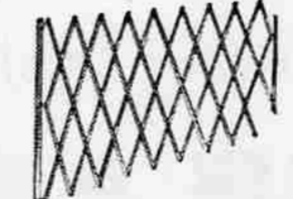
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