

Action on Amendment to Fire Code Deferred by City Council

Action on an amendment to the recently adopted fire code was deferred by the Medford city council last night pending a report by City Manager Robert Duff.

The proposed amendment concerns sprinkler systems in basements. Under the recently adopted fire code approved automatic sprinkler systems will be installed in all basements having an area exceeding 3,500 square feet.

The fire code was made retroactive to include all buildings after Fire Marshall Truman Nelson inspected downtown buildings, he issued 10 orders to have automatic sprinkler systems installed prior to Dec. 30, 1957.

Request Hearing
Two of the 10 property owners requested a hearing because they did not think an automatic system was necessary.

Chet Hubbard of Hubbard Brothers hardware, questioned the use of a sprinkler system in an old building such as Hubbard Brothers, pointing out that the basement is inspected periodically by Nelson and that there is an adequate supply of fire extinguishers.

He said it would not be practical for the company to install such a system because there is a low ceiling and the basement could not be used to advantage. He pointed out there are at least two means of access to the basement from the outside in case of fire.

Warren E. Olson, representing the Crane company, said he felt an automatic sprinkler system in the basement of the firm's building would not be justified since the material stored there includes pipes and other plumbing supplies. He said if the council considered the system necessary, then it could be installed, but Fire Chief Gordon Barker said he did not believe such a system would be necessary in this particular case.

City Attorney R. Bashaw pointed out that the fire code is a preventive regulation, and noted that a fire in a basement presents a problem of access by the fire department. He said an automatic sprinkler system is the best preventive fire method.

The proposed amendment would provide that a sprinkler system is not necessary if no combustible material is stored in the basement, or in that part in which the material was not stored. It also would provide that if there are at least two direct means of access by exterior openings, a sprinkler would be exempt.

Duff was instructed to compile a report, including other factors which may have an effect on automatic sprinkler installations.

Plumbing Code
The council's executive committee and Duff will discuss a proposed plumbing code, which was considered by the council after it voted 5 to 3, against adopting it earlier in the meeting.

Duff pointed out that the city at present has no plumbing code. The proposed code is based on the state plumbing code.

Councilman Donald Hansen said he voted against it because he did not thoroughly understand it, and suggested it be discussed between the executive committee and the administration.

The council accepted a grant agreement from the Civil Aeronautics administration granting federal funds totaling not more than \$37,440 for land acquisition of clear zones at the airport. The administration recommended accepting the grant so the city would be reimbursed for land purchased and be eligible for government participation in lands remaining to be acquired.

Public Hearing
A public hearing will be held Friday, July 5, on paving Marie st. from Saling to Jackson st. Previous notice of a hearing was published with the statutory time limits.

County Youths Not Registering for Draft

Between 14 and 20 Jackson county youths of draft age are overdue in registering with the selective service board, according to Guy T. Applewhite, chairman.

Applewhite said, "the currently reduced monthly calls for induction in Oregon has resulted in an increased letdown of prompt registration by young men upon reaching the age of eighteen years. This is not a willful disregard of the law in most instances, but is considered to be an oversight. It is a condition, however, that should be promptly corrected."

He added that the Universal Military Training and Service act still requires young men to register with the selective service at the local board office or with an appointed registrar within five days after he reaches 18.

Local draft board office is located in the federal building, corner of Sixth st. and South Riverside ave. Registrants must bring verification of date of birth.

Crusade Sets Record, Billy Graham Says

New York — Billy Graham said Thursday night that "more than twice as many persons have given their lives to Christ in our New York Crusade than in any other of our American crusades."

The North Carolina evangelist told a Madison Square Garden audience of 16,000 that in the first five weeks of his crusade more than 20,000 persons had made "decisions for Christ." Thursday night's 559 decisions brought the total to 20,611 since the crusade began May 15.

Graham said that "it's a sacred and holy obligation for us not to publish names of those who give their lives to Christ here, but if I were to tell you the names of some of those who have come forward, names known by all of you, it would shake this city."

Plans and specifications were authorized for construction of a sanitary sewer on Woodlawn ave. between Windsor st. and Barneburg rd. and for six paving projects in Mont Crest Park unit 1. The latter projects include two on State st. and Olympic st., and on Alameda and Morrison sts., and will be done by George W. Field to city specifications.

Bids were awarded to M. C. Lininger and Sons for paving projects on South Grape st., Rose ave., South Front st. and Newtown st., and to Rogue River Paving company for paving on Lyman ave. In the latter project, city crews will provide the tack coat.

A bidder's pre-qualification statement of United Contracting company was approved. The council granted Theodore A. Anderson for a 30-day extension of the closing out sale of Terole's Jewelry at 39 South Bartlett st.



METROPOLITAN OPERA STAR ROBBED—Wagnerian tenor Lauritz Melchior and his wife, Kleinfchen, show police officers how they were bound by four masked bandits who forced their way into Melchior's Hollywood home. The bandits robbed them of \$250,000 in cash, jewels and furs. Some of the jewelry was part of the crown jewels once belonging to Queen Anastasia of Russia.

Parents of Boy Saved From Well Face Devastating After-Effects

Manorville, N. Y. — The Benjamin Hooper family woke up this week to the morning after a "miracle." In some respects it's been a headache.

Benny Hooper Jr., 7, fell into a sandy well hole five weeks ago Thursday night. The eyes and prayers of the nation were focused on the yard behind the Hooper's neat little gray house as hundreds of rescuers fought shifting sand and exhaustion for 24 hours. Benny was saved.

"How can we possibly thank everybody for what they did," Mrs. Hooper said today. "We are so happy at what all of them did."

But the after-effects have become more devastating than the destruction of the Hooper garden beneath the feet of the rescuers and the tires of their trucks. There are trouble that were born of public kindness as well.

"If I sat down to think about them all at once, I'd be in Islip right now," Mrs. Hooper said, referring to a nearby state mental hospital.

Big Doctor Bill
At the top of the list is a \$1,500 bill from Dr. Joseph Kris, who stood at the top of the well throughout Benny's imprisonment, directing life-saving oxygen to his sandy prison, and tended him through a subsequent week in the hospital.

"I don't know what to think," Mrs. Hooper said. "If we had their money, we would try to pay it, but you can't get blood from a stone."
Hooper, a road worker, brings home \$62 a week. Mrs. Hooper earns an additional \$43 working nights as a telephone operator. She has been unable to work since the "miracle" — there've been too many other things to cope with. She expects to return next week.
A sympathetic public has made gifts to the family. In cash they

have totalled less than \$400. Mrs. Hooper said. That has made up her salary and just a bit more, she said.
There have been two \$1,000 payments for television appearances. One is a trust fund which cannot be touched until Benny is 21. The other the Hoopers gave in gratitude to the volunteer Manorville Fire Department for

Asia Flu Reported At Newport Navy Base
Newport, R.I. — A mild outbreak of Oriental influenza at the Newport Naval Base.

The Navy said the flu which has swept the Far East has been detected on eight of 110 Newport-based ships since June 3.

An estimated 500 personnel have been stricken, the Navy said.

The Navy statement said: "The outbreak is mild since only 2 per cent of 27,500 sailors in the Newport-based ships have been affected."
"After an intricate series of laboratory tests the flu virus was determined this week to be the same type as in spreading through the Asiatic countries and along the West Coast of the United States."

River Gives Up Last of German Army Victims
Munich, Germany — The final four bodies of the 15 West German army draftees drowned in the Her river 18 days ago have been recovered, it was announced today.

The soldiers drowned during a training march at Kempen. The search for the bodies was aided the past few days as the level of the swirling river fell rapidly during the current heat wave.

Swedish Diplomat's Daughter, Page Boy Return To Mothers

Washington — The future of the troubled teen-age romance between a Swedish diplomat's daughter and her handsome Capitol page boy hinged today on the outcome of a mother-and-daughter talk.

Pretty 16-year-old Christina Wennerstrom and 18-year-old Huw Williams were back with their mothers again after a two-week Canadian "honeymoon" without benefit of clergy. Police had searched for them in 13 states.

Arrested for Speeding
Christina returned from the arms of her sweetheart to the arms of her mother Thursday after the runaway teenagers were arrested on a speeding charge near Williamsport, Pa. Christina carried a huge teddy bear.

Both Christina and Huw wore wedding bands, but finally admitted they were not married. They said a county clerk in Charlestown, W. Va., refused to give them a marriage license because they were too young.

Sweden Return Expected
Swedish press attache Hugo Lindgren told newsmen the future of Christina's "relationship with the boy will be left up to Christina and the American authorities after she has talked it all out with her mother."

However, Lindgren said he believed Christina would agree to return to Sweden for the present and continue her romance with Huw by mail. Her father, who strongly opposed her marriage to Huw because of their age, already has returned to Sweden for reassignment.

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White Plains, N.Y. — Maurice Deutsch, 73, architect and consulting engineer who designed the track layout at Grand Central Terminal, died Thursday.

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