

Shopping Center Land Rezoned

City Council Votes 7 to 0 for Change; Sears Plans Store

Councilman Robinson Abstains from Voting

The Medford city council last night rezoned 28.3 acres of land at the corner of Jackson st. and Bidde rd. to permit construction of a large shopping center. Seven councilmen voted in favor of rezoning from "single family" to "limited commercial." The proposed \$1 1/2 million center will be on part of the Dr. I. D. Phipps farm. It will include a Sears, Roebuck and company store, Safeway store and other establishments.

Councilman Fred Robinson abstained from voting. He was one of several downtown businessmen who retained Attorney Robert Duncan as their representative in opposing the change of zone.

Last night Duncan reviewed his clients' position concerning rezoning. The proposed change of zone was discussed at a public hearing July 5.

Duncan pointed out that his clients are not opposed to Sears, Roebuck and company establishing a retail store in Medford. They were opposed, however, to rezoning property outside the downtown business area for development of "another downtown area," Duncan said.

John G. Wadham, Los Angeles, real estate representative for Sears, Roebuck and company, reviewed the firm's plans for the retail store, and briefly discussed the company's purchase of property in Medford. He pointed out that property between Central and Riverside

avenues, near 10th st. has been split in four pieces since portions were deeded to the city for extension of 10th st. and alleys extending north and south.

Wadham said ground grading should start "in about 30 days" depending on the council action on the request. He indicated construction of the shopping center would start soon.

The center is being developed by J. E. McClellan, of Butress and McClellan, Los Angeles, and associates.

An overflow crowd of about 60 residents and businessmen attended last night's meeting. A large majority favored rezoning the property when Mayor John Snider called for a showing of hands. A small group opposed rezoning.

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Judge Turns Down Plea by Miller

Washington — A federal district judge today rejected playwright Arthur Miller's latest plea to set aside a contempt of Congress conviction. He fined him \$500 and imposed a suspended one month jail sentence.

In suspending the jail sentence, Judge Charles F. McLaughlin placed Miller on probation for three months.

Miller was released in the custody of his attorney, Joseph L. Rauh Jr., Washington, until he can make another bond in connection with an appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Miller's conviction stemmed from an appearance before a House Subcommittee on Un-American Activities July 25, 1956.

English Runner Breaks World Record for Mile

London — Derek Ibbotson of England broke the world record for the mile today when he ran the distance in three minutes, 57.2 seconds.

The clocking broke the mark of 3:58.0 set by Australia's John Landy at Turku, Finland, June 21, 1954.

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Weather

FORECAST: Chance of scattered afternoon and evening thunder storms over mountains. Otherwise fair through Saturday. Low tonight 52. High Saturday 88. Temp. Highest Yesterday 84. Lowest this Morning 51.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 4:51 a.m.
Sunset 7:44 p.m.
The Moon, at Last Quarter, rises 6:17 p.m., sets 11:23 p.m.

PROMINENT CONSTELLATIONS: Cassiopeia, in the northeast at noon. The five brightest stars of this group form a letter "W" in the sky.

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MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1957



SEVENTH HUNDRED PATIENT — Being placed on a Mercy Flights Inc. plane at the Medford airport is Mrs. Robert Anderson, 21, Medford. Mrs. Anderson, who is believed to be suffering from polio, was rushed Thursday night to Eugene. She is the 700th person to be transported by the non-profit air ambulance service.

Second Polio Case Suspected in Valley

A second case of suspected polio this year was reported when Mrs. Robert Anderson, 21, of Medford, was rushed last night to the Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene by Mercy Flights, Inc.

She had been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest DeWitt, route 2, Central Point, since she first became ill Wednesday. She had been having severe headaches for a few days, her attending physician said. Yesterday she lost the use of her legs. Spinal tests made yesterday afternoon by a local physician proved inconclusive so she was sent to the Eugene hospital where more complete diagnostic equipment is available, he said.

Bids Called for Sale of Bonds for Improvement Jobs

Bids will be opened at the Medford council meeting Aug. 1 on general obligation bonds totaling \$195,000 for construction of the first segments of the capital improvement program approved by residents in last November's general election.

Of the total, \$95,000 will be for a cross-town storm sewer project, and \$100,000 for part of the arterial street program. The arterial street program will involve 25 per cent of the estimated cost of the Eighth st., Riverside to Columbus ave. project, which will be a city-state program, according to City Manager Robert Duff. The city is committed to about \$64,000 on the project.

French Express Train Wrecked; 21 Killed

Boilene, France — A Paris-bound express train carrying vacationers home from the Riviera leaped the tracks and was wrecked near this small town in Southern France today.

Official reports said there were 21 dead and 77 injured. The locomotive and 10 cars left the tracks. An overturned sleeper was rammed through the engine's tender by the force of the crash.

Five persons, including the chief conductor and the firemen, died in or near the wreck and seven others died later of burns at nearby hospitals. Most of the injured suffered from burns received when the train's steam pipes burst in the crash.

Cause of the accident was unknown.

White House Silent on Charge by Neuberger

Washington — The White House had no comment today on Sen. Richard L. Neuberger's charge that President Eisenhower must bear responsibility if the civil rights bill is "frittered away."

The Oregon Democrat made the charge Thursday in commenting on President Eisenhower's news conference statements Wednesday which were interpreted widely as a retreat from some of the most controversial sections of the bill.

15-Year-Old Youth Is Lodged in County Jail

A 15-year-old Medford boy was placed in the county jail yesterday after being arrested for molesting several small girls, according to city police.

The youth was placed in the county jail by order of juvenile authorities. He was picked up by city police, who said he made a statement to them admitting he sexually molested several girls between the ages of four and 10 this week.

Nuclear Rocket Fired From Plane High Over Nevada

Five on Ground Below Prove Survival Safety

Atomic Test Site, Nev. — A nuclear-armed rocket was fired from a jet fighter plane today in a dazzling display of things to come in the harnessing of atomic energy to the nation's defenses.

As the device was launched somewhere between 20,000 and 30,000 feet above the Atomic Energy Commission's desert test site, five Air Force officers stood lonely and unprotected on the ground directly below the blast to prove that civilian populations could safely survive the ordeal of an overhead explosion.

Lead Plane Launches Rocket

In the sky above, three F89 Scorpion jets flew in V-formation and the leading plane launched the rocket. Crew members of the jets were doused with radiation because of their proximity to the blast and had to scurry to the ground for decontamination.

The device was fired at 6 a.m. (P.S.T.) and was seen very brightly by reporters on News Nob a dozen miles away. The fireball was visible for between 15 and 20 seconds, and then the cloud formed into a doughnut or smoke ring shape with a tinge of pink coloring and a weird spray trailing earward.

Feel Shock Wave

More than a minute later the shock wave was felt. The cloud retained its doughnut form as it climbed and the ballerina-skirt spray began to disintegrate. Minutes later the cloud appeared as a puff of salmon-tinted cotton as it drifted out of sight.

Today's test was the first firing of a nuclear device by a fighter plane, and its impact was rated by the AEC only as less than 20,000 tons of TNT.

Russia Rejects Offer To Cut Armed Forces

London — Russia today rejected the U.S. offer to join the Soviet Union in cutting their armed forces to 1,700,000 men apiece. The U.S. offer hinged on the condition that certain political improvements are made on East-West differences.

Soviet delegate Valerian Zorin told the five-power Disarmament Conference that Moscow could accept the three-stage troop cut plan, but only if this condition is dropped.

Zorin also rejected British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd's suggestion that technical working groups start now in planning the types of disarmament on which agreement in principle has been reached.

Eisenhower's Vacation Expected in August

Newport, R.I. — President and Mrs. Eisenhower's prospective vacation at this famous seaside community is expected to begin sometime in mid-August and continue for "three or four" weeks, according to White House Press Secretary James Hagerly.

Arrangements for the President's stay were made by Hagerly and 11 other staff members who spent Thursday conferring with city officials here and inspecting accommodations.

State Department Eyes China Reporter Problem

Washington — The State Department pitched into the job today of trying to figure out how many American reporters would go to Red China if travel restrictions on newsmen were lifted.

Indications were that some U.S. reporters will eventually be okayed for assignment on the Chinese mainland. The number and timing are still undecided.

Washington — The government ended fiscal 1957 with a surplus of \$1,645,000,000, the Treasury Department announced.

Ho Acquitted of Bribery-Conspiracy Charges by Jury

Burst of Cheering Greets Verdict

Washington — A Federal Court jury today acquitted Teamsters Vice President James R. Hoffa of government bribery-conspiracy charges that he planted a spy in the Senate Rackets Committee.

A burst of cheering from spectators greeted the foreman's verdict, announced 4 hours and 40 minutes after the case was submitted to the jury.

"God shed the judge and jury," shouted one spectator as marshals sought to restore order.

Three Counts

The tough little labor leader was charged in three counts of conspiracy, bribery and corruptly impeding the inquiry of the Senate committee.

Hoffa's future in the Teamsters Union rode on the outcome of his trial. It had been announced that he would be a candidate to succeed Dave Beck as union president if he were acquitted.

The government charged that Hoffa and Miami attorney Hyman I. Fischbach offered John Cye Cheasty, a New York attorney, \$18,000 to get a job on the Senate committee and smuggle its secrets to them.

Hired as Counsel

Hoffa testified that he did hire Cheasty, but only as a counsel to represent teamsters personnel called before the Senate group.

Fischbach went on trial with Hoffa, but his case was severed when his attorney became ill.

When the jury had been dismissed, Hoffa told reporters: "It proved once again that if you are honest and tell the truth you have nothing to fear."

"I will make it my business within the next six days to call a meeting in Chicago of my friends in the international union and decide what my future activities will be in the international."

Colorado Dam Said 'Holding Its Own'

Capulin, Colo. — The crumbling Terrace reservoir dam was "holding its own" today against more than six billion gallons of water threatening 1,000 southern Colorado residents in the valley below.

Engineers said pressure behind the earthen dam was dropping "steadily but slowly" and danger of a break "lessened by the hour."

The 198-foot high dam has threatened to send a wall of water down Alamosa Canyon since Thursday morning when a gushing hole formed in the earth-fill face.

"We're lowering it as fast as possible and the way it looks now we've saved the dam," said Dave Mathias, assistant state engineer.

Tokyo — A U.S. Air Force B57 bomber crashed about six miles south of the Atsugi U.S. Naval Air Station tonight.

New York — Billy Graham's New York Crusade has been extended for three more weeks, to run through Aug. 10.

"Now How Do I Keep The Goose That Lays The Golden Eggs From Killing Me?"



EVERY INCH A QUEEN — AND WIFE — A pretty picture of royalty is 21-year-old Leona Gage (Miss Maryland) as she sits on her throne after being crowned Miss U.S.A. in the Miss Universe contest at Long Beach, Calif. But today the beautiful winner admitted that rumors are true... she is married to an air force sergeant and is the mother of two boys.

Miss U.S.A. Revealed As Wife and Mother

Long Beach, Calif. — Miss United States, Leona Gage of Maryland, admitted today she is married and the mother of two sons, and officials of the Miss Universe contest announced there would be no Miss U.S.A. in tonight's finals.

With the disqualification of Miss Gage the judges named Miss Utah, Charlotte Sheffield, 20, of Salt Lake City, as Miss U.S.A.

Miss Sheffield, a member of a pioneer Mormon family will receive all the premiums and rewards that go with the title. However, she will not be among the 15 finalists.

After a mid-morning meeting, contest officials announced that Miss Argentina, Monica Lamas

Oregon Planning Director Appointed

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes today picked Julius R. Jensen, a 45-year-old Seattle industrial promotion leader, to head the new Department of Planning and Development.

Jensen, who organized and directed the industrial development program for the state of Iowa for more than five years, will come to the \$12,000-a-year Oregon post after serving the last year as managing director of the Seattle Industrial Expansion Association.

The governor said "Oregon is most fortunate in being able to attract a recognized leader in his field to take over this vitally important task."

Agriculture Board To Meet on July 31

Salem — Agriculture Director Robert J. Steward today called an organizational meeting of the new State Board of Agriculture for July 31 at the department's headquarters here.

It will also be the first meeting with the state director of the agricultural extension service, Dean F. E. Price of Oregon State College, sitting in as an ex-official member of the board.

TOUGH JOB

Lynn, Mass. — Burglars got only blisters during a two-hour attempt to force open a safe in a Lynn Credit office, but damage to the safe was so extensive that it took officials of the firm and safe company experts two days to get to the \$2,000 the safe contained.

Salem — Bids that will complete the U.S. Highway 99 freeway to Albany and improve the route from Salem to the coast have been opened by the State Highway Commission.

Liberace's Mother Beaten by Hooded Pair at Home; Pianist Under Sedatives

Sherman Oaks, Calif. — Pianist Liberace was under sedatives at his lavish home today following the beating of his 63-year-old mother by two hooded men.

The musician was given sedatives early today after promising to "take every precaution from this moment on to protect our home, our lives and our American rights."

Liberace's mothers, Mrs. Frances Liberace, suffered possible rib fractures and bruises Thursday night when two men accosted her in her garage and beat and kicked her.

The elderly woman told police one of the men kicked her and said, just before she fainted, "Kick her again so we'll have something to laugh about later."

Liberace was not informed of the attack until he finished his final show at the Moulin Rouge night club in Hollywood. When told, he said:

"It's shocking that anyone could attack our mother in such a cruel and inhuman way. At this time we are unaware of the reasons behind this violent act."

The normally smiling musician, turned glum with news of the beating of his mother, spent Thursday giving a deposition demanded by a scandal magazine which he has sued for 25 million dollars.

Mrs. Liberace, who was reported sleeping comfortably at the musician's home today, told officers that she had gone to the garage when two men approached her.

"They had black hoods with slits for their eyes. They also had some kind of covering, probably stockings, over their shoes," she said.