

# City Council Rezones Land on Crater Lake Ave. After Hearing

A strip of land 200 feet deep along the east side of Crater Lake ave. was rezoned from "single family" to "limited commercial" by the city council after public hearing last night.

The strip extends from 150 feet north of Stevens st. to Buckshot Hill rd.

After two other public hearings, the council approved paving an alley in the Willeke addition, and continued a hearing on a sanitary sewer for Woodlawn dr. The council did choose a method of assessment to pay for the sewer.

Property owners will pay on a one-half square foot plus one-half connection charge basis.

**Exchange of Land**

The exchange of city land on

the north side of Barneburg hill for land at the crest of the hill was approved by the council, as requested by the city water commission.

City land involved is a 130 by 180 foot tract fronting on Black Oak dr. and Neito Way. It will be conveyed to Mont Crest Development company in exchange for a 90 by 150 foot section at the top of the hill.

The water commission explained that crest land was needed for construction of a standpipe to provide water service to Barneburg hill.

The city manager was authorized to negotiate a city employees' insurance plan.

Included are group term life insurance from West Coast Life Insurance company; basic service medical insurance from Rogue Valley Physicians service; and major medical insurance from Equitable Life Insurance company. Final contracts are subject to council approval.

**Employees Preference**

Duff said a poll of city employees indicated preference for the three types of insurance approved. Companies chosen submitted lowest rates.

The council adopted plans and specifications developed by the engineering department for paving Juniperio way from Murphy rd. to Mira Mar.

Stop signs both ways on Eighth st. at the Holly st. intersection were approved.

Five companies received the right to bid on the city's storm sewer project, by council approval of prequalification statements. They are F. L. Somers, M. C. Lininger and Sons, and W. R. Conrad Inc, all of Medford; Coast Construction and Excavating company, Eugene; and Salem Sand and Gravel company, Salem.

**Loading Zone Approved**

A 75-foot loading zone on Fir st., north of Fourth st., was approved. A loading dock now on the sidewalk will be removed by the owners, Duff said.

The council accepted the offer of Jackson County Housing authority to dedicate Columbus ave. from Jackson st. to McAndrews rd. for street purposes. The street will be part of Medford's arterial street program.

At Duff's suggestion, the council authorized installation of a sprinkling system at the fairgrounds park, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. The park is sponsored by the Kiwanis club and the county.

**Dispensers Licenses**

A class A dispensers license was approved for The Hi-Way, 12 North Riverside ave., owned by Merrill E. and Cora E. Osterhoudt, and James H. and Nora A. Saulsbury.

Council approval was given a request for class B dispensers license for the Timber Room, 3 South Riverside ave., owned by Gaylen H. and Alice D. Shaw, and Cecil and Betty Stirewalt.

Councilman James Dunlevy asked that speed control signs be installed on Barnett rd. from Crestbrook rd. to Murphy rd. Duff said he would request the state speed control board to establish speeds for the section.

# Rocket Withstands Friction in Diving Into Atmosphere

Washington—The Army has scored an important technological triumph in its race to beat Russia to the punch in perfecting long and intermediate range ballistic missiles, it was learned.

Informed sources said Thursday night an Army rocket fired several hundred miles high withstood tremendous friction and did not disintegrate in striking back into the earth's atmosphere.

It was reported that the nose cone of the three-stage rocket, which sped a distance of 1,200 miles, plunged into the Atlantic ocean a mere 400 yards from its target.

This performance was described as "phenomenal" for such weapons, which can carry atomic warheads.

**Third Stage Recovered**

The third stage of the rocket, which one source reported travelled at a speed of 15,000 miles an hour, was recovered.

Previous reported speeds for test rockets were 9,000 to 12,000 miles an hour.

Reentry of a high speed rocket into the atmosphere without disintegrating has been one of the most perplexing problems facing scientists.

The temperature at which the nose cone reentered the atmosphere could have been as much as 20,000 degrees, one source said.

What the material was that can withstand that kind of heat was not revealed. The Army refused to comment on the rocket, fifth in a test series fired at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

# Producer Tells of 'Blackmail' Attempt by Confidential Agent

Hollywood—A Hollywood producer testified today he was "blackmailed" by agents of Confidential magazine who demanded \$1,000 to prevent publication of a story about a wild film party attended by Robert Mitchum, Charles Laughton and Elsa Lanchester.

The witness for the prosecution in the criminal libel trial of Confidential and Whisper magazines was producer-director Paul Gregory, of the stage-readings "John Brown's Body" and "Don Juan in Hell."

He told the court that a woman he identified as Mrs. Marjorie Meade, one of the West Coast agents for Confidential, met with him in 1935 and told him he could "buy off" the contract of the writer of the article and it would not be published.

Gregory said she told him the article would be "scandalously injurious" to Gregory and his associates. He told her, he testified, that "This was character assassination and blackmail and I intend to report it to the proper authorities." He testified she re-

# Johnny Dio Accused Of Failure To File Income Tax Return

New York—Income tax evasion charges, the downfall of many a top mobster, today added to the woes of racketeer John (Johnny Dio) Dioguardi, self-styled labor "consultant" whose empire began to totter with the acid blinding of labor columnist Victor Riesel.

Filing of the tax charges Thursday came on the heels of Dio's recent conviction for selling labor peace. And it followed by a week the 43-year-old racketeer's appearance before the Senate Labor Rackets Committee, during which he invoked the Fifth Amendment 141 times in reply to questions about

his labor activities.

**Accused as Mastermind**

Dio broke into the headlines a year ago in the Riesel case. The government accused Dio of being the mastermind behind the acid-blinding of the crusading columnist. Subsequently, however, his trial was postponed when two convicted henchmen refused to testify as prosecution witnesses in fear of reprisals.

Then last month Dio was convicted of conspiring to extort \$30,000 from two partners in an electroplating firm. He is now in jail awaiting sentencing on the charge, for which he could receive two years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

In addition, Dio faces trial this fall for allegedly shaking down two firms for \$11,500 in his position as a labor "consultant." If convicted as a second felony offender, he could be sent to prison for 30 years. In 1937, Dio was sentenced to a 3 to 5 year term in Sing Sing prison for the same crime.

**Failure To Report**

Otherwise, however, Dio, aside from a 60-day jail term for failing to file a state income tax return, has managed to steer clear of the law.

In the indictment opened Thursday, Dio is charged with failing to report at least \$63,333 in income taxes in 1930, 1931 and 1932, and evading \$20,168 in taxes for those three years.

If convicted on the income tax evasion charges, Dio could receive up to 20 years in prison and a \$40,000 fine.

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# Is That So?

Much of the pleasure an outdoorsman gets is how his words go their meanings—words such as blizzard, earthquake, hippopotamus, mercury, and porcupine.

Even though blizzard seems such an appropriate word it is a new word as words go. A



hundred years ago it was seldom used and it did not become widespread until great-grandfather's days, in the 1880s.

There were several cold, hard winters in the '80s, and the New York Nation said: "The hard weather has called into use a word which promises to become a national Americanism, namely 'blizzard.' It designates a storm of snow and wind which men cannot resist away from shelter."

Quite likely the word is related to the German "blitz," meaning lightning.

As for earthquake, when we are sick with chills and fever, we shake. When the rock inside the earth slides into a different position, the ground shakes—and there is an earthquake. The old English word for quake was Cwacian; quite similar to the Danish Kwakle, to German quackeln, and to Dutch kwakken. Thank goodness, it didn't become earth-kwakkleien!

Usually an earthquake is caused by the perfectly normal shifting of layers of rock along what is called a fault—a break in the rock. Thousands of earthquakes occur each year but usually in uninhabited places where little damage results.

In the early days, the hippopotamus was thought to be a horse so the Greeks named him 'river horse' from hippos, meaning horse, and potamos, meaning river. The Romans changed the third o to u and made it hippopotamus. We use this Latin word now—although in earlier times it was called in the English language hippotame, ipotayne, ypotayne.

**Same Names**

Mercury and quicksilver are the same names for a quick-moving metal once it is dropped.

Mercury was a Roman god who wore a winged cap and sandals and was fast as quicksilver in delivering his messages. Because of this the Romans gave his name to a metal which they also called argentum vivum, (living silver. When spilled it does seem to have a life of its own—one cannot pick it up with the fingers). In translating argentum vivum into Anglo-Saxon it was called quicksilver. In modern English this is quicksilver.

Porcupines when left alone are harmless and will not attack—but in self-defense they will strike with their tails and that can be painful because the loosely-attached spines may penetrate one's skin.

When disturbed, the porcupine makes his long, sharp needles

# 'Variable Annuity' May Peg Pensions To Dollar Buying Power

Washington—Retirement-conscious Americans soon may be able to peg their pensions to the buying power of the dollar.

The plan is called the "variable annuity." Its merits have split the conservative insurance industry wide open.

Under the plan the payment received each month by the pensioner would reflect the ups and downs of the economy, hence the "variable" title.

Supporters of the plan are inviting those interested in retirement to hitch their wagons to the rising economy, and at the same time cushion themselves against boom-born inflation.

The variable annuity works like this:

A person desiring to set up a retirement plan through regular monthly payments would put part of his payment into a straight annuity. This would give him a partly fixed income

on retirement.

The rest of his payment, some companies recommend one-half, goes into a mutual investment fund that buys blue chip common stocks.

The result would be retirement payments made up in part of a fixed return from the straight annuity, plus a varying return from the mutual fund based on how the economy is doing.

Brokers and other securities dealers resent the invasion into the mutual fund field they long have promoted. Many insurance firms feel they have no business in it and warn that the "variable" part of the annuity could sink to almost nothing in a depression.

Behind the controversy are two facts:

Insurance companies are concerned about dwindling returns on their investments, largely because they are sharply restricted by law from participating more fully in the booming market.

There also is a potent tax angle. Each dollar paid in for a fixed income annuity is a dollar earned by the insurance companies and is taxed that way.

But a firm selling variable annuities would only be taxed on that portion of the pay-in that went toward a fixed income. Since it is investing the rest for the annuity holder, it would not be taxed on it.

# Georgia Youth Wins Tee-Age Driver Laurels

Washington—Charles Earl Hopkins, 19, an Atlanta, Ga., youth picked as the top teen-age driver in the nation, today explained his formula for safety on the road: Courtesy and no hot-rodding.

The blond, crew-cut youngster admitted, however, he may have been a little lax in always following his own advice. He conceded he has had "a lot of traffic tickets."

# Committee Approves Columbia Dredging

Washington—The Senate Appropriations Committee Thursday night approved an allocation of \$475,000 for dredging the Columbia river shipping channel from Vancouver to The Dalles to a depth of 27 feet.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D Ore.) said he was notified of the Committee's approval of the funds following his appearance to urge restoration of the item which was deleted last week by a conference committee from the regular appropriation bill.

# Virginia Shipyard To Build Atomic Carrier

Washington—The Navy today assigned construction of its first atomic-powered aircraft carrier, an 85,000-ton giant, to Newport News, Va., Shipbuilding and Drydock Co.

The Navy said that the ship, to be the largest ever built, was awarded to Newport News without bids but the award is "subject to acceptable contract negotiations."

# Multnomah Grand Jury Criticizes Portland Jail

Portland—The Multnomah county grand jury Thursday criticized the city jail and complimented the county jail in its final report after a three-month summer session.

City jail facilities were said to be "grossly inadequate and overcrowded." The county jail at Rocky Butte was described as "one of the best kept facilities of its type."

# Harvest Catastrophic

Vienna—The Czechoslovakia Agriculture Ministry today described the Communist country's harvest situation as "catastrophic." Radio Prague said collective farms throughout the country are far behind in their harvest work. Night shifts will be formed and volunteer workers will be brought to the farms to assist, the broadcast said.

# Peddicord Accuses Wife of Bombing

Portland—William Peddicord, the blind man convicted of bombing the Meier & Frank department store here, Thursday accused his wife of the crime by contesting her divorce suit against him.

Peddicord, who is serving a 20-year prison term for the bombing, answered his wife's divorce action with a statement saying "the plaintiff well knows she is guilty of the charge for the defendant is incarcerated." He asked dismissal of the suit and petitioned the court to deny his wife custody of their five children.

Previously, Mrs. Peddicord had attempted twice to confess the bombing but on both occasions police had discounted the confessions and Peddicord had insisted that he and his wife's younger sister were solely responsible.

# SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

Chicago—The University of Illinois Business Review reported today that a move is being made to brighten up the barnyard. The Review said an agricultural station has developed a new and more efficient plastic silo shaped like a wedding cake.

The defense is seeking to prove the magazine printed the truth about the alleged sexual activities of filmland's stars.

Gregory said as he came into court: "I am going to testify that nothing in the Confidential story about Robert Mitchum is true." Mitchum sued Confidential for one million dollars over the article.

# Portland Man Held Following Wife's Death

Portland—Jack A. Johnson, 32, today was arrested and held on an open charge following the death of his wife, Geraldine Johnson, 20.

Deputy Coroner Ross Woodward said the woman died after a fight at the Johnson home. Woodward said Johnson admitted that he and his wife had fought Thursday night. The bedroom and hall of their home was spattered with blood.

Johnson and neighbors summoned a doctor early today but the woman was dead by the time the physician arrived.

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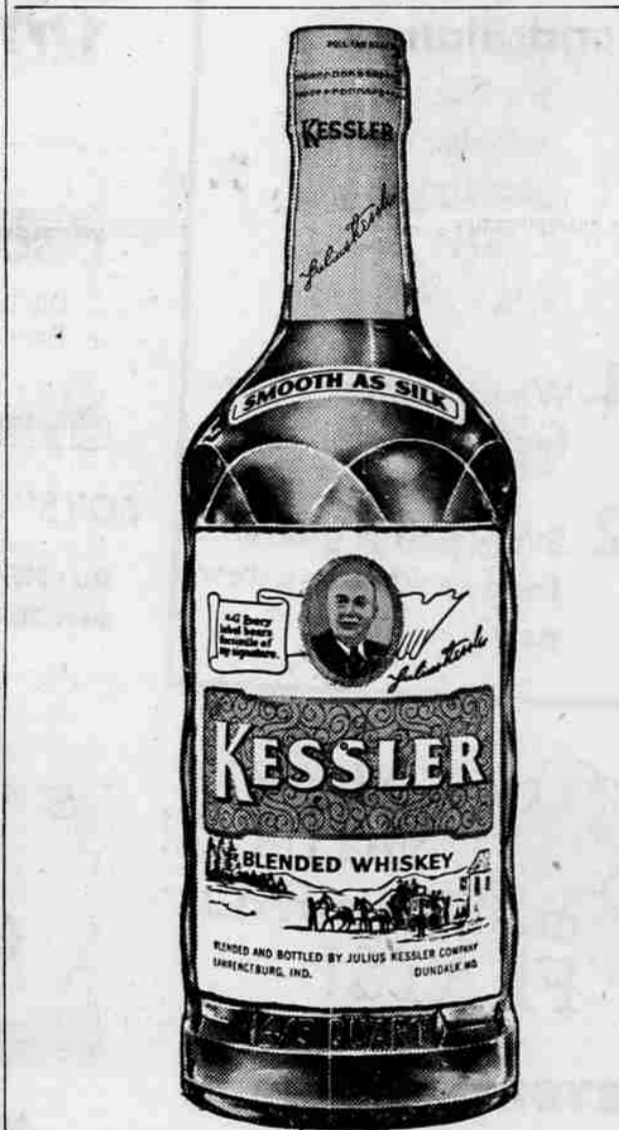
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