

Commission Calls Special Meeting to Consider Rezoning

A special meeting was set for Sept. 16 by the city planning commission last night to continue for further study consideration of a request for change of zone from multiple family to limited commercial for a block in the Fruitdale addition.

The request to rezone the block, which is southeast of property on which a new shopping center is planned, came to the commission two meetings ago. Last night's session was a continued hearing.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Sneed, 229 North Keene Way dr., are the main petitioners for the change. If the area is rezoned, they plan to have a service station erected on the northwest corner.

The area is bordered by Jackson, Genesee, and Hawthorne sts. and Sherman ave.

Recommend Rezoning
The commission recommended to the city council that three lots on the corner of Highland dr. and Siskiyou blvd., including the Highland market, be rezoned from single family to limited commercial.

Six other matters concerning land areas came before the commission last night.

A public hearing was continued on a request for change of zone from single family to limited commercial for property at the corner of Delta Waters rd. and Crater Lake highway.

A public hearing was called for the next regular meeting on a petition for change of zone from single family to multiple family for a district on Berrydale ave.

The commission asked the engineering department to draw up maps to consider a request for vacation of an alley in the Consolidated addition. A request for approval of a tentative plat for the Laursen-Gregg subdivision was continued.

A request from Sears, Roebuck and company to vacate an alley on property at the corner of Tenth st. and Riverside ave., was recommended to the city council for approval.

Tentative approval was given a plat of a 60-acre area outside the city owned by A. C. Pierce, Pierce Heights. Pierce appeared before the commission to request tentative approval so roads could be constructed this fall.

Commissioners Hugh Coleman and Allan Perry reported that no action could be taken at this time on annexation of property east of South Riverside ave. They were appointed to study the matter at the last meeting.

Misguided Homing Instinct Apparent in White Pigeon

An unidentified fat, white pigeon with a misguided homing instinct apparently has made its home with a Medford family.

Leigh Gustison, 54 Summit ave., a salesman for Dean-Taylor Pontiac company, reports the bird alighted on the roof of his house about two weeks ago. Since then, it has disappeared during daytime, but returned every afternoon or early evening.

Sunday, Gustison stalked and caught the creature with a fish net while it rested on the eaves of the house. He read the number on a metal band around one of its legs, then released it.

The number, 52-X2657, meant nothing to William Hardin, president of the Grants Pass Racing Pigeon club. Hardin told the

Mail Tribune the number is not listed in records of the country's two pigeon racing organizations, the International Federation and the American Union.

Local clubs in Eugene, Portland and Salem have been flying birds (by airline) to Medford, to be released here for races home. In fact, this is the pigeon racing season.

But the Gustison pigeon's identification resembles none of these. Gustison is undecided about what to do. His last thought on the matter was to "catch it and give it to some kid to pen up."

Cascade Chapter of OAN Is Organized

The Medford Cascade chapter of the Oregon Association of Nurserymen was granted approval at the state convention in Gearheart last week, J. Vernon Marshall and Marcel LePiniec, local chapter delegates, said.

Marshall, secretary-treasurer of the local group, said the convention was held to adopt a new form of state government for the OAN. Up to this time the group was one large organization that met only twice a year. Now the group is divided into local chapters, which will meet to discuss local problems more often.

Other members of the Cascade chapter are LePiniec, president; Elwood Stanfield, vice president; and Allen Baker, Carl Fowler, Lewis Blyth and C. E. Moyer, board of directors.

The Cascade chapter is composed of all nurserymen in southern Oregon counties, Marshall said.

Subcommittee Plans Meeting Tonight

Representatives of major mills and forestry groups will meet tonight with the watershed management subcommittee of the county court's Water Resource committee, according to Mrs. Kathryn E. Hefferman, chairman.

The subcommittee, made up of ranchers, stockmen, foresters and farmers, has had a series of meetings and are making progress toward a complete report early in October.

Emphasis at tonight's meeting will be placed on formulating workable plans in the watershed management field for the lumber industry. Such matters as reforestation, roads, water pollution and a host of other questions will be discussed. Also various section committees of this watershed management group will bring in reports.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Soil Conservation office on Riverside ave., Medford.

On of the huge waterwheel generators of the Grand Coulee dam weighs more than two million pounds.

Fisherman Rescues Boys Off Island

Longview, Wash.—Two 13-year-old Aloha, Ore., boys were rescued from Sand island in the Columbia river Monday by a Longview fisherman, after the youngsters had been stranded on the island Sunday afternoon.

Clad only in swimming suits the pair, Jerry Boucher and Gary Miller, were taken to Kelso, Wash., where their worried parents were contacted through the Cowlitz county juvenile probation officer.

The boys said they had left in a rowboat Sunday morning from Goble on a fishing trip. The boat was swamped in rough water, they said.

Three Persons Die In Auto Collision Near Cottage Grove

Cottage Grove, Ore.—Three persons, including an Ellensburg, Wash., doctor and his baby son, died in a head-on collision near here Monday afternoon and two others were injured, one critically, one mile north of Walker-Saginaw junction.

Dead were Dr. Wayne S. Waddington, 35, Ellensburg, his 3-month-old son Carl, and Willard C. Mitchell, 42, Eugene.

Mitchell, paralyzed from the waist down as a result of a traffic accident "many years ago," had been driving his car equipped with a special gearshift mechanism on highway 99 south when a car ahead of him slowed down for a third vehicle pulling a stock car racer.

Brakes Applied
Mitchell applied his brakes, a witness said, skidded into the opposite traffic lane and crashed head-on into the Waddington car, whose passengers included Mrs. Waddington and the Waddington's 4-year-old son, Paul Francis.

Mitchell, who had been thrown to the pavement, died instantly. The wreckage, and Dr. Waddington died soon after arrival at a Cottage Grove hospital, police said.

Paul and Mrs. Waddington were taken to Sacred Heart hospital at Eugene, where the boy's condition was listed as critical. The woman's condition was fair, hospital attendants said.

Major Fair Events Take \$30,430 More Than One Year Ago

Salem.—The five major events of the 92nd Oregon State Fair made \$30,430 more than last year, according to State Fair Manager Howard Maple.

Receipts from general attendance, race attendance, pari-mutuel betting, the night revue and the horse show—totaling \$1,014,489 compared with \$984,059 for the same events a year ago. The fair closed at midnight Saturday.

Maple said auditors were still working on figures for 29 other divisions of the fair and will not be through until mid-week.

The gate take this year was \$103,116 as against \$88,564 last year. Part of the increase was due to charging 50 cents admission until the gates closed each night. In 1956, prices dropped to 25 cents after 6 p.m.

Attendance Down
Estimated total attendance at the fair was 342,722 this time compared to 347,870 in 1956. Paid attendance was also higher last year, hitting 208,722 compared with 206,230 this year.

Parimutuel take was up from \$812,870 to \$836,295 this year. Revue attendance was 25,642 with receipts of \$36,228 this year compared with last year's 23,549 customers and receipts of \$33,155.

The horse show-rodeo drew 20,657 persons and made \$23,509 this year compared with 24,481 persons and \$34,548 receipts last year.

Incomplete figures showed that about \$11,000 was made on the Portland zoo exhibit.

Malheur Farmers May Get Payments

Ontario, Ore.—Malheur county farmers may receive some \$300,000 in land ravage payments as a result of a decision by the Agriculture department in Washington make payments retroactive to the time of the Vale flood last February.

Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore.) made the announcement in a letter to Dr. C. R. Van Patten, co-chairman of the Malheur county Democratic central committee.

Ullman said he had been working closely with Rep. Jamie Whitten (D-Miss.) and other members of the appropriations committee, and that the payments will come in the "very near future."

Hurricane Carrie Churning Atlantic

Miami.—Hurricane Carrie churned through the South Atlantic about 1,900 miles from the U. S. mainland today packing a punch equal to "three atomic bombs every 30 seconds."

The storm's movement was slow during the night, but winds had built up to 160 miles an hour.

In its advisory at 6 a.m. (EDT) the San Juan, Puerto Rico, weather bureau placed the storm at 970 miles east-northeast of San Juan, P.R. The 160-mile winds cover an area near the center, according to a Navy "hurricane hunter" plane that flew into the storm Monday night and remained in the area early today.

The storm's speed was charted at about nine miles an hour and its direction west-northwest.

Motorists Reminded Of Crossing Laws

All motorists are required to stop at electric signals at railroad crossings, even if it is safe to proceed, according to police chief Charles P. Champlin.

The law requires that at crossings protected by flashing electric signals cars may cross without stopping when the signals are not in operation, but when signals are operating, all vehicles must stop and then proceed if intersection is clear.

Regular stop signs at crossings must also be obeyed, the chief added. He said all vehicles failing to stop while electric signals are operating at a railroad crossing will be given citations.

One Injured In Traffic Accident

Sidney Lowell Cordner, 60, of box 63, Camp White, suffered head lacerations and leg injuries when the pickup truck in which he was riding went out of control and struck a telephone pole near the Starlite Drive-in theater on Highway 99 about 9:40 p.m. yesterday, according to state police.

The driver, James Leon Blessings, 25, of 1865 Barnett rd., Medford, was cited for violation of basic rule, police said.

The truck was traveling south, approaching a highway construction barricade, when the accident happened, police said.

Another passenger in the vehicle left the scene without leaving his name, police said.

Subscriptions to Mercy Flights Lagging Behind, Directors Told

Trustees of Mercy Flights, Inc., were told at their quarterly meeting last night that subscriptions to the non-profit air ambulance corporation are lagging this summer.

Collections during the summer have met current expenses, board members were told, but operating capital necessary to carry the organization through the winter is still lacking.

It is renewals of the pre-paid subscriptions that have fallen behind, according to George Milligan, chairman and founder of the unique service. Ordinarily, renewals run about 90 per cent each year, but the percentage for July and August is well below this figure, he said.

Emergency Service
The subscriptions, which for \$4 per family unit or \$2 per individual, provide free emergency air ambulance service within a 400-mile radius, are the chief source of continuing operating income for the organization, it was explained. Fee-charged non-subscribers provide supplementary income, but not enough to meet all operating costs.

The board, in discussing the situation, came to the conclusion that most subscribers fully intend to renew, but that most of them have simply "put it off," and need reminding about the service, and the fact that it is their small subscriptions that keep Mercy Flights operating.

During 1950, the first year of operations, 13 patients were carried. During 1956, the number had grown to 153, or an average of about three each week. The 1957 rate is about the same or a little higher, the trustees were told.

Two Planes In Service
The air ambulance service now has two planes in service, both two-engine Beechcraft, and is completing purchase of a third, a twin-engine Cessna for shorter flights, particularly into small airfields such as those at Agness or Gold Beach, which are dangerously short for the heavier aircraft.

Plans for Mercy Flights, Inc., were formulated just eight years ago this month, and during the fall and winter of 1949 a fund-raising drive was conducted with the cooperation of many individuals and service clubs.

The first plane, a twin-engine Cessna, was purchased in December of that year, and was refitted and placed in service in January. Six other planes have been in use at one time or another since then. The Beeches were obtained from Air Force

surplus stocks, and have permitted the service to expand its operations.

Safety Record
Mercy Flights has a safety record which has drawn praise from the Civil Aeronautics administration. No passenger or pilot has ever been injured seriously, and the only accident was a minor one when a plane without a passenger ground-looped on the bumpy Ashland air strip four years ago. All approved flight safety regulations are observed by the organization and its volunteer pilots.

The board was told that the financial situation is not yet serious, but that subscriptions would have to be renewed at a better rate, or service would have to be curtailed during the winter. It was decided to begin a stepped-up campaign of information and solicitation to ask prompt renewal of subscriptions, and to solicit new ones.

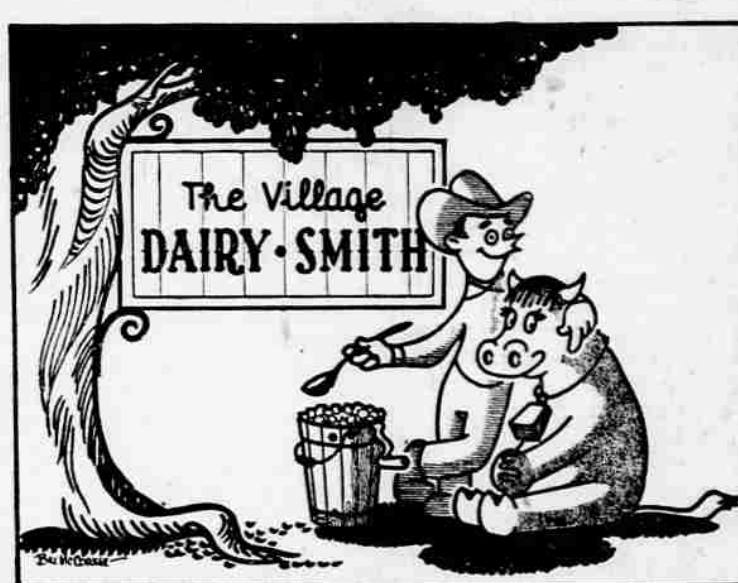
The board reelected the pres-

ent officers of the organization, including George Milligan, chairman; George Flanagan, vice-chairman; Mrs. Jeanette Thatcher Marshall, secretary, and Eric Allen Jr., treasurer.



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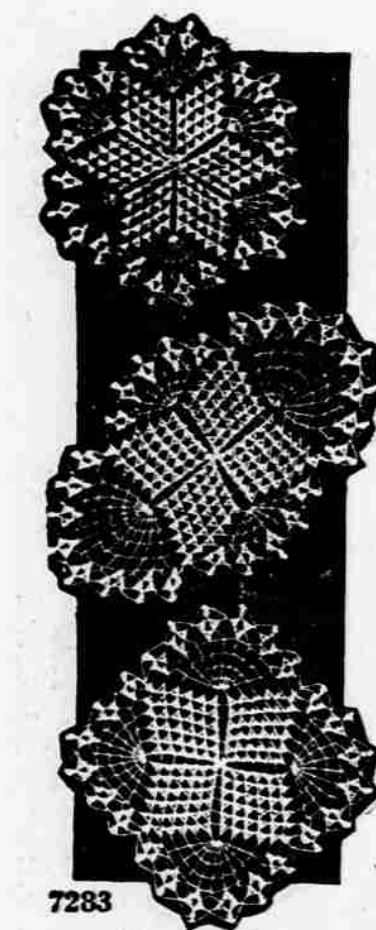


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