



### Civic Leaders Reply to Critics Of Off-Street Parking Measure

Two Medford civic leaders fired separate replies yesterday at critics of the municipal off-street parking measure to be voted on here tomorrow. "There will always be those," Dr. D. Kirkland West, chairman of the mayor's advisory committee on off-street parking said, "who, for some special interest or other reason—real or imagined—seek to oppose any measure of real significance or purpose for the betterment of our city. They will detract and condemn—they will cast doubt and suspicion! In so doing," he said in his prepared statement, "they do a great disservice to all of us."

**Appear at Roundtable**  
Otto Ewaldsen, appearing at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce weekly roundtable, answered an observation from Fred W. Conrad that some people were suspicious because the measure was appearing in a special election. Conrad said there was fear in some quarters that "special interests" were behind it.

"There is no special interest involved in this election," Ewaldsen replied emphatically. Ewaldsen, (another advisory committee member), also stated that businesses with their own off-street parking facilities generally favored the measure.

"Anyone who says parking lot operators are against it," he said, "is speaking probably of one person."

**Parking Lot Operator**  
He was evidently referring to George Goodman, a downtown parking lot operator who has stated his opposition to the measure on the radio. Ewaldsen, like other proponents of the measure, emphasized that it was permissible legislation. The main point is amendment of the charter to permit the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance acquisition, construction and operation of off-street parking facilities, he pointed out.

Bond market authorities have assured city officials that this type of bond, backed by the full faith and credit of the city, would be the only type that could readily be sold.

**Outlines Steps**  
Ewaldsen outlined the steps that would follow approval of the charter amendment. The next action, he said, would be proposing the special assessment district for properties to be benefited. After public hearings, the city council would establish the district by ordinance.

Then, proposed parking facilities would be studied, with a special eye to cost figures. Once a facility was agreed upon, and the costs ascertained, general obligation bonds would be issued in the necessary amount but not to exceed \$500,000.

The bonds would be paid off, in a maximum of 20 years by a combination of revenue from the facilities themselves, up to 25 per cent of parking meter revenue and special assessments on property in the benefited district.

**Property Assessed**  
This property, it is anticipated, would be assessed in varying degrees depending on the degree of benefit.

Ewaldsen pointed out that parking lot operators in the vicinity of a large municipal facility could expect to benefit through increased value of their property.

"If a man operates a parking lot and someone puts up a 400-car lot next to it," he said, "his property value will be increased." He said he based this on the fact that the property could subsequently be used for other purposes, such as erection of a building.

He said failure to provide adequate off-street parking could result in declining property values downtown.

**Charter Amended**  
"Many, many years ago," Dr. West stated, "there was no provision in city charters for the control or regulation

of certain types of water, street or sewer districts. As the necessity for some orderly regulation of these new developments became evident—the charter was amended by a vote of the people to correct this situation.

"We are faced with a similar situation now. Our Medford city charter does not carry a provision for the regulation of off-street parking because in the 'horse and buggy' days when the charter was drafted there was no need for such a provision. Today there is a definite need for such an amendment.

"We can no longer hide the problem. We can no longer close our eyes and hope that the cars will disappear and the parking confusion be solved. Instead, we must build the framework for a program of orderly regulation and direction to this area of civic planning."

Both men pointed out that the ballot measure is not a general tax levy.

### Medford Students Win Speech Tourney

Three Medford High school students took top honors at last week's Pacific university speech tournament, according to debate coach, DeVere Taylor.

Dean Goddard and Doug Kliever, both juniors, won first places in the men's division debate. Jim Frake, a sophomore, took first place in the men's division extemporaneous speaking.

Goddard also gained the finals of the men's division oratory, and the semi-finals of the men's division serious reading.

Other semi-finalists all sophomores included Judy Sims and Diane Lewis, in women's division extemporaneous speaking; Ken Wise in men's division extemporaneous speaking; Mike Phillips in men's division oratory; and Jerry Gastineau and Bob Rix in men's division humorous reading. More than 350 contestants representing 38 schools participated, Taylor reported. The tournament was held Dec. 5 and 6 at the university Forest Grove.

### Stephens Tops Police Firing at Course

Patrolman Berle E. Stephens was top man in the regularly scheduled Practical Pistol course held bimonthly for members of the Medford police department. Stephens' score was 97.6.

Other high scores were claimed by Lt. Jack E. McMillan, 96.4; Patrolman Frank J. Elsom, 94.4; and Chief of Police Charles Camplin, 94.

### Student Leaders From Colleges in State at Meeting

Ashtland—Seventy-five collegians, representing student leaders in 11 Oregon colleges, met recently at Southern Oregon college, Ashtland, for the 16th annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Collegiate Leaders.

General conference meetings were presided over by OFCL president, Jack Barry, Pacific university.

Highlight of the convention was a series of discussion panels Friday and Saturday.

Student body presidents from member institutions led the following group discussions on pertinent college problems: "Purpose of OFCL," Bud Titus, University of Oregon; "Student-faculty Relations," Larry Willingham, Willamette university; "Finances and Fund Raising," Harold Moore, Eastern Oregon college; "Intercollegiate Relations," Howard Chase, Lewis and Clark; "Orientation for Freshmen and Transfer Students," Larry McKennon, Oregon State college.

**Other Groups**  
"Student Structure of Government and Organization," Dean DeChaine, Portland State; "Public Relations," Bob Lee, Linfield; "Leadership Conferences," Bill Furrow, Oregon Technical Institute; "Encouraging Student Participation," Jack Jossi; "Student Disciplinary and Judicial Problems," Don Helwig, Oregon College of Education; and "Publications," Dick Clark, Southern Oregon college.

Josie Ward, Eastern Oregon college student and vice-president of the OFCL, was coordinator of discussion groups, and Sondra Roark, Willamette, was secretary for the group. Convention plans, spearheaded by George Olson, SOC host, included a banquet Saturday night at which newly-elected officers were installed. New officers are: Dick Clark, SOC, president; Bill Furrow, OTI, vice-president; and Betty Johnson, EOE, secretary. Oregon State college was selected as the 1959 convention site with Dick Seideman as convention host.

**COMEDIAN'S SON DIES**  
Hollywood—George Bunney, 65, son of silent film comedian John Bunney, died Monday when fire gutted his room in an apartment house.

### Hatfield Says Republicans Must Get Out of Headquarters

Honolulu—UPP—Governor-elect Mark Hatfield of Oregon said Monday night Republicans must "get out of headquarters and out among the people" if they expect to win elections from the Democrats.

Hatfield, speaking informally at a gathering of prominent

local Republican and community leaders, said he attributed his success to the fact "we broke out of the hallowed halls of the Republican party—we went out to meet the people."

**Personal Application**  
Instead of attending the rallies set up by his party, Hatfield said "we spent our time handshaking at saw mills. My wife was at supermarkets doing the same. I think it was the personal application."

Hatfield arrived Monday by plane to attend the Western Republican Conference. He was one of the few Republicans in the nation to defeat a Democrat incumbent. He has been asked to tell the conference about his system this Thursday.

Hatfield said that Vice President Richard M. Nixon telephoned him after the election to congratulate him. "He told me the most stupid blunder Republicans made was to embrace the right to work legislation," Hatfield said. "I agree with Mr. Nixon on that."

### Matson Sells Honolulu Hotels

San Francisco—UPP—Matson Navigation company announced today the sale of its four big Honolulu hotels to the Sheraton Corp. of America for \$18 million.

The hotels are the Royal Hawaiian, Princess Kaiulani, Moana and Surfrider, all of which are on Waikiki Beach. They have a total of 1,056 rooms.

Matson may exercise its option to conclude the sale at some time after the next four months but within a year.

Matson President Randolph Sevier said that an agreement will be made in the next few weeks for Sheraton to operate the hotels on a management fee basis until the sale is completed.

When the sale is completed, Sevier said, arrangements will be worked out for the transfer of Matson's hotel personnel to the Sheraton organization. About 1,000 workers are involved.

"Consumption of this contract will allow the company to concentrate more fully on its passenger and freight operations to Hawaii and other areas in the Pacific, and increase the opportunity for

### 4-H Club News

**Happy Stitches**  
The Happy Stitches sewing club held its second meeting Dec. 6, at the home of our leader, Mrs. Becker.

After the business meeting we worked on our needle cases, which we had started at the first meeting. We learned the blanket stitch with which we finished our needle cases.

The girls compared sewing boxes which they had covered. Our next meeting will be held during the Christmas Holidays. Cherylee Becker, Reporter

"I think we had too many men who don't know we are in the 20th century. The people I've mentioned didn't realize that you have to stay in touch with the people—not wait until six weeks before the election."

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