

Hearing Called for Closing Clark St. Railroad Crossing

The Medford city council last night called for a public hearing April 2 on whether to close the Clark st. railroad crossing. The planning commission has already recommended that the crossing remain open.

A hearing was called for the next regular meeting, Feb. 19, on a zone change to commercial use for property on the north side of Jackson st. east of Genesee st., where the Rogue Valley State bank plans to erect a branch office. The planners have recommended this change.

The councilmen awarded a contract for supplying the city with fuel oil for the coming year to Signal Oil company. The total sum is \$16,245.10. A contract for lubricating oil was awarded to Texas company, in the amount of \$831.65.

Embankment Extension
The contract for erecting the embankment for the Eighth st. extension east of Bear creek was awarded to F. L. Somers, Medford contractor, in the amount of \$4,900.

The Temple dr. sanitary sewer contract was awarded to W. H. Conrad company, Medford, in the amount of \$4,798, 14 1/2 per cent above the engineer's estimate.

All four of the companies awarded contracts were low bidders, according to city records.

The council, at Duff's request, continued the matter of granting a zoning variance to the apartments at 825 East Ninth st. Duff reported that Watkins Construction company has started erecting a fencing along the lot lines where a substandard setback now exists.

Approve Agreement
The councilmen approved an agreement with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for setting up a private

branch exchange to meet city hall's administrative telephone needs. Duff said it was "imperative that certain improvements and extensions be made."

Richard House, Medford insurance agent at 113 East Eighth st., asked the council to consider allowing variances to the city's sign ordinance. He said the ordinance requirements created a hardship for his office and that of his neighbor, George Lewis of Rogue Travel Service, 111 East Eighth st.

The council asked Duff to study the matter and make a report at the next meeting. Bids were called for installation of the Woodrow lane water main. No date has been set for bid opening.

Orders Extension
The council ordered in the extension of Columbus ave. from West Jackson st. to McAndrews rd. The proposed U.S. Army Reserve Center is to be situated on the west side of this extension.

Also approved were the release of an easement in the Earhart Park subdivision and an extension of time to Chester A. Hubbard and associates for improving Siskiyou blvd. from Fortune dr. to the IOOF cemetery to Dec. 31, 1960. The council also accepted the Earhart Park subdivision storm drain.

The purchase of a parcel of land belonging to the heirs of Sophina J. Ish Gore in the airport clear zone for \$1,200 plus title policy cost was approved on Duff's recommendation.

The council approved the transfer of a liquor license for 124 South Central ave. from C. H. and Una C. Cannon to Frank B. Miller and Lawrence LeRoy Taylor Jr.

Improvement district funds were established for the Riverside ave. and Biddle rd. water mains.

Applications Being Taken for Positions

Applications for engineers' positions with the bureau of reclamation are being received by the civil service commission. Jobs are available in the northwest for civil, electrical or mechanical engineers.

Additional information and application forms may be obtained from L. B. Nelson at the Medford post office.

New Respiratory Viruses Found In Science Study

Washington - (UPI) - Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney reported today that two new respiratory viruses, which cause influenza-like illnesses, have been discovered.

Burney said a recent study by Public Health Service scientists showed the viruses caused more acute respiratory illnesses among hospitalized children and infants than Asian flu last year.

Officials told a reported vaccine is being developed as protection against the highly contagious viruses. Burney described the discovery as "an important advance against one of our major public health problems."

Study Indigent Children
The study was carried on among hospitalized indigent children in the Washington area during 1957-1958.

"Results of the large-scale study on the role of these viruses," Burney said, "show that on a year-round basis they cause 50 per cent more respiratory illness in children than does influenza."

Officials noted that the viruses also strike adults. The study covered a range of infections from mild, fever-producing illness to pneumonia and to croup, a childhood disease characterized by labored and near suffocation breathing.

Great Strides Made
Commenting on results of the study, Burney said "respiratory research has made greater strides in the last several years than in the previous generation."

Health officials said antibiotics alone won't do the trick against such viruses. Such illnesses, they explained, are treated like a "common cold" demanding "lots of rest."

The so-called "hemadsorption" viruses were shown to be responsible for approximately 20 per cent of the total respiratory illnesses during the period under study. Asian influenza accounted for only 13 per cent.

Hatfield's Ideas Proposed in House

Salem - (UPI) - Three bills recommended in Gov. Mark Hatfield's inaugural address were introduced in the Oregon House Thursday.

They included homestead tax exemption bill, a bill to transfer the capitol guide service from the secretary of state's office to the Highway Commission and a bill to abolish the advisory board of the State Boxing Commission and make the attorney general the Commission's advisor.

The \$7,500 homestead tax exemption would go to persons 65 years old or older with an annual income not exceeding \$2,500.

Senate OK's Housing Bill in Excess of Ike's Proposals

Washington - (UPI) - The Democratic-controlled Senate knocked back President Eisenhower's economy campaign today with a \$2,675,000,000 housing bill, a billion dollars in excess of his proposals.

It turned promptly toward action by nightfall on the \$565 million airport construction bill he vetoed last year and is opposing again in 1959.

The housing measure was approved late Thursday night by a vote of 60-28 after two days of hot political debate. Eighteen Republicans joined 10 southern Democrats against it; 13 Republicans and 47 Democrats voted for the bill.

Final Senate action was preceded by Democratic charges that the Eisenhower administration had unduly raised interest rates and Republican accusations that Democrats were trying to throw the President's budget out of kilter.

Democratic and Republican leaders agreed that the Senate bill would pad Eisenhower's fiscal 1960 budget by between \$35 and \$135 million. It would go \$750 million beyond the administration's program on slum clearance by providing \$2,100,000,000 over six years.

Single-Shot Bill
The Senate measure includes a single-shot bill the House approved Wednesday to boost the interest rate on GI housing loans from 4 1/2 to 5 1/4 per cent.

The House approved this at Eisenhower's request but tacked on \$300 million the administration did not want for housing loans to veterans in rural areas.

As an economy compromise, the Senate sliced this \$300 million in half. It also chopped a proposed \$400 million fund for college housing loans by \$100 million. The administration wanted still another \$100 million lopped off.

Flying Boxcar Crash Kills 3
Oakland, Calif. - (UPI) - Two civilian test pilots and an engineer were killed Thursday when an Air Force C119 Flying Boxcar crashed and burned shortly after takeoff from Oakland Airport.

The plane was the last of 50 C119s that were overhauled and modified for the Air Force by AEMCO, a subsidiary of Transocean Air Lines. It was on its first test flight.

The dead were identified as the pilot, M. L. (Ted) Vinson, 46, Castro Valley, Calif.; the co-pilot, C. W. Clampitt, 49, Alameda, Calif.; and the engineer, Russell Hansen, 44, San Leandro, Calif.

Vinson was the chief test pilot for AEMCO, which has overhauled some 4,000 planes for the Air Force since 1948.

A witness to the crash said the plane climbed steeply, then appeared to stall. It crashed in a marshy area just south of the airport and about one and one-half miles west of Nimitz Freeway.

Park Personnel Receive Awards

Two members of the staff at Crater Lake National park this week received cash awards from the interior department under the Employees' Incentive Awards act, Thomas J. Williams, superintendent, has announced.

District Ranger Roby R. Mabery received \$175 for superior performance in first aid, accident prevention and fire training, and Richard O. Varnum, foreman of roads, received \$50 for inventing a rock sling to increase safety and efficiency in moving large rocks with power equipment.

The awards were presented at a meeting of the National Federation of Federal Employees at the park.

They were the eighth and ninth awards made to park employees for accomplishments, Williams said.

The awards act provides a means for recognizing those who contribute to improved government management. It rewards employees for special acts or services performed in the public interest, including suggestions, inventions, or accomplishments contributing to efficiency or economy in government operations.

Debbie Reynolds Treated for Clot

Hollywood - (UPI) - Actress Debbie Reynolds was in Mt. Sinai hospital today for treatment of a blood clot in her left knee injured during a dance rehearsal for a motion picture.

The 26-year-old actress who is seeking a divorce from singer Eddie Fisher was admitted to the hospital Thursday. She received the injury Monday

Applicants Sought For Postmaster Job

Applications for examination for fourth-class postmaster for the Applegate post office will be received by the civil service commission until Feb. 24, the commission has announced.

Applicants must live within the area served by the post office. Additional information may be obtained at the post office in Applegate. Application forms must be filed with the civil service commission, Washington 25, D.C., and must be received or postmarked not later than Feb. 24.

Mario Lanza Stars In West Berlin Film

West Berlin - Mario Lanza is currently raising the temperature in West Berlin where he is starring in a new international musical color film to be titled "Serenade" or "Silent Melody," according to the Berlin Tourist office. The picture is the story of a celebrated singer, Lanza, who falls in love with a deaf German girl, played by the lovely Berlin starlet Johanna von Koczan.

Singer Gets Custody Of Two Children

Los Angeles - (UPI) - Singer Herb Jeffries has been awarded temporary custody of his two children while his estranged wife undergoes treatment for an emotional upset.

Superior Court Judge A. Edward Nichols gave custody of the children, Ferne, 11, and Romanie, 6, to Jeffries for the next six months. He ruled that Jeffries and his wife, Mildred, should share custody at the end of that time. Mrs. Jeffries has a divorce suit pending.

ICICLES STOP TRAIN
Bishopston, England - (UPI) - Icicles stopped a heavy locomotive Thursday night. Railway men said the icicles hanging over the mouth of a tunnel were so big that the engineer was forced to stop after hitting them and wait 35 minutes until they were cleared from the track.

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NEW ATTORNEY
Eugene - (UPI) - Herman Hendershott, who has practiced law in Eugene for several years, today was named Eugene's new city attorney.

He was named by City Manager Robert Finlayson to replace John Pennington, who recently was fined \$5,000 and placed on probation for two years after pleading guilty to filing false income tax returns.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Portland - (UPI) - A new \$50,000 scholarship trust fund available to men students at the University of Oregon law school has been set up. The trust was set up by Henry E. Collier, prominent Portland attorney, who died in 1954, according to terms of his will on file in Probate Court. Scholarships are not to exceed \$500 a year to worthy students.

SHOOT FROM ROADS
Salem - (UPI) - Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) introduced a bill Thursday to permit hunters to shoot from roadsides. At present it is against the law to fire a gun from any part of a road or highway right-of-way. Yturri proposes to shrink this zone to the "main-traveled portion" of the right-of-way.

SHEEP ON ROAD
Salem - (UPI) - Rep. Fayette Bristol (R-Grants Pass) said today he was preparing a bill to clear sheep from Highway 101 from Curry county south to the California line, in the Brookings and Gold Beach areas. He said the sheep are a hazard to traffic.

AUCTIONEERS
Salem - (UPI) - The House passed a bill Thursday providing for reciprocity for licensed auctioneers from states which agreed to go along with Oregon in such a program. It would remove the need for licensing auctioneer helpers and allow sale of jewelry by any licensed auctioneer.

ESTIMATE ASKED
Salem - (UPI) - Chairman Clarence Barton of the House Taxation Committee asked Thursday for a new Tax Commission estimate on the approximate \$30 million surplus expected to be on hand June 30. He said the "tax paying pattern and tax refund pattern now being developed in the Commission might indicate an upturn in business, and could have a profound effect on the tax program that will be coming from the current legislative session."

Weather Control Plan Sponsored

Washington - (UPI) - Twenty senators and congressmen sponsored a bill Thursday night to set up a 10-year, \$10 million weather control program aimed at increasing the water supply in the Colorado River Basin states of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California.

Sen. Clair Engle (D-Calif.), was the principal author of the Senate bill. Rep. Craig Hosmer (R-Calif.), introduced a companion measure in the House.

The proposed program would be carried out by the Interior Department and the National Science Foundation. Engle said the plan would include engineering and meteorological studies "as well as investigations of modification devices including, but not limited to, cloud seeding to increase precipitation and techniques to control snowpack storage and run-off."

Portland - (UPI) - A federal mediator met today with officials of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company and the International Woodworkers of America to try to settle a dispute over firing of a truck driver in the Coos Bay Area.

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