

Barr Says Keeney Parking Plan Would Lead to Financial Chaos

Medford should "thank its lucky stars" the municipal off-street parking proposal failed at the polls last Dec. 10, according to William G. Barr, executive director of the National Parking Association.

Barr said yesterday the "Keeney Plan" for a 400-car parking platform straddling the Southern Pacific railroad tracks is "foolhardy" and would lead to "financial chaos."

The Keeney Plan itself developed by Robert Keeney, a local architect, was not at issue in the election. But it was considered a likely program if voters had approved the enabling legislation on the ballot.

Barr told an estimated 75 people at a special Jackson county Chamber of Commerce luncheon that there are not enough businesses within a block and a half of the Keeney parking platform's proposed location, on the tracks between Main and Sixth sts. to support it.

Proper Space Use

Barr told the group they should not consider additional parking, however, until they "make proper use" of the present on-street parking meter spaces.

He said that meter feeding, prohibited by city ordinance, must be discouraged by the "religious, everyday, hour by hour use of chalk on the tire" to determine who are violating the law by occupying meter spaces more than their allotted time.

He suggested hiring "a couple of housewives" rather than requiring city police to perform this function. "Give them uniforms and a chalk on a stick," he said.

Barr stated that 40 per cent of those using parking meter spaces are meter feeders.

In Fringe Areas

He told downtown businessmen they would have to park in "fringe" areas several blocks away to make room for their customers.

He also recommended adoption of the "tandem pair" method of parking, in which two car spaces are placed close together with an eight-foot maneuvering space between each pair. This, he said, cuts down the time necessary to enter and leave the curb spaces.

This method is already in use on certain downtown streets here, except that the maneuvering spaces have not been designated - as Barr recommends - with a large X painted on the pavement.

Barr gave attention in his talk as well to methods of promoting off-street parking lots and the "park and shop" system. He suggested that the city erect signs directing traffic to the lots.

After the luncheon, he met briefly with city officials, including Mayor John W. Snider. Later in the afternoon he departed for Klamath Falls where he was to make another appearance.

Too Many Spaces

"It's fault is there would be too many car spaces in one location," he said.

"You ought to thank your lucky stars that referendum did not pass."

"A municipal parking program honestly reflects," Barr said, "the honest belief of all of us that we can find a panacea to our parking problems."

But he noted among its drawbacks the city's obligation under such a program to pledge a portion of its on-street parking meter receipts to help pay off the necessary bond issue.

He said there will come a time when a city wants to take away the meters and prohibit parking on downtown streets to ease mounting congestion. He pointed out this would be impossible if the meter receipts have been pledged.

Labor Costs

The labor cost of operating a self-parking lot, Barr said, would be about \$100 a month. He recommended hiring elderly persons on social security as lot attendants, since they can earn up to that amount without endangering their government benefits.

He explained that these downtown lots should be primarily for the benefit of short-term parkers, especially those who are shopping or making other business trips. He said the rate structure would determine whether short- or long-term parkers use the lots.

He recommended 10 cents per half hour to encourage short-term use.

Barr also discussed the "park and shop" system, an arrangement between lot proprietors and merchants whereby shoppers can obtain free parking by purchasing merchandise in participating stores.

Receives Ticket

He explained that the motorist receives a ticket upon entering the lot, to which a stamp is affixed in every member store where he or she visits or makes a minimum purchase. Each stamp entitles the person to an hour's free parking.

The merchants under this system buy the stamps from the lot owners, generally through a bank, to distribute to their customers.

"In no city," Barr asserted, has the cost to the merchants "ever exceeded one-tenth of one per cent of gross sales."

Asked what portion of those using the lot take advantage of the free parking, he replied that 54 per cent of the gross business of his own lots in Illinois comes from this use.

Former Medford Man Promoted by Company

Claude R. Reed, formerly of Medford, recently was promoted to a group leader at the Texas company's research center, Beacon, N.Y.

He will head the work in the distillation group in the products testing department.

Reed attended Oregon State college, receiving a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1941.

Quartet Scheduled For Sunday Evening

Eagle Point-The "Simpsonaires," a mixed quartet from Simpson Bible college will present an evening of sacred music at the Eagle Point Community Bible church, Sunday, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Paul S. Allen, president of the college, is accompanying the quartet.

Simpson Bible college is the regional school of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, and is located at San Francisco. The Rev. Joseph J. Munshaw, pastor of the Eagle Point church, is an alumnus of the college.

The public is invited to attend the service.

Men's Fellowship To Meet Saturday

The Men's Fellowship of First Assembly of God, 1108 West Main st., will hold its monthly meeting Saturday at 7:45 p.m. in the church annex.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Paul Hanlin, retiring U. S. Marshal. M. E. Stansfield, fellowship president, is in charge of arrangements.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Central Point - The public address Sunday at 6 p.m. at Kingdom hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, First and Adler sts., Central Point, will be entitled "What Did Christ Ransom?" The Watchtower lesson at 7:10 p.m. Sunday will be "Who Really Can Be Saved?" and "Let All Your Affairs Take Place With Love." The Bible study topic Tuesday at 8 p.m. will be "Your Will Be Done on Earth."

CENTRAL POINT TOPICS

Central Point - "Because of Love" will be the sermon Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at Central Point Church of Christ by Mr. Jean M. Shelley, minister. At 7:30 p.m. he will speak on "God Among the Shells" which is the second in a series of messages on sciences in the Bible.

Ashland - "How Life is Love" will be the sermon topic Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service at Grace Lutheran church, Ashland. The Rev. E. P. Riedel, pastor, will speak. Lenten service will be held at the church Ash Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Missionary Volunteer meeting will be in the Medford Seventh-day Adventist Church at 4 p.m. Saturday. Mrs. Grace Cline, teacher in the Central Point public schools, will show pictures taken last summer while on a tour of Europe.

Ministers to Hear About Bloodmobile

Kenneth F. MacDonald, second vice president on the board of directors of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, will speak on the Red Cross Bloodmobile program at the Tuesday meeting of the Medford Ministerial association.

The speaker will tell how churches and organizations may build blood accounts with the program and explain the value of the Bloodmobile unit. He will also comment on what would happen if the program had to be stopped.

The association meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal church with a fellowship hour to be followed by devotions and the speaker scheduled for 10 a.m.

Following the program a business meeting will be held. The association is open to ministers of all denominations and churches in the area.

Pastor Returns from California Meeting

The Rev. Thomas McCamant of the Congregational church is returning today from the pastoral conference at Berkeley, Calif. This conference is sponsored annually by the Pacific School of Religion and is held at the First Congregational and Trinity Methodist churches of Berkeley. E. T. Earl lectures this year were Dr. Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review, and Archibald Hunter, Professor of Biblical Criticism and Master of Christ's College at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

The sermon at the 10 a.m. service Sunday will be on "Barnabas", continuing the series based on the Acts of the Apostles. Announcement will be made of the time of the Lenten study group on prayer.

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21st congress was Josef Stalin. There was hardly a reference to the man who enjoyed absolute rule of Soviet Communism for three decades and no further discussion of the Stalin personality cult exposed at the last congress in 1956.

The praise of the new premier and Communist Party secretary was accompanied by mass acceptance of his thesis that to accomplish all its goals Russia must be friendly and flexible on the outside and tough and consistent on the inside.

Nowhere was this more evident than in Khrushchev's closing speech, in which he invited President Eisenhower to come to Russia while at the same time condemning Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for "bellicose phraseology" to prevent an end to the cold war.

Khrushchev took special pains to tell the world that Russia was tired of the cold war and wanted a "thaw." But not once did he suggest a change in the Soviet position on Berlin, Germany, and the Far and Middle East.

The Department of Agriculture has found benzene hexachloride to be an effective agent in the control and elimination of common chicken lice.

Officers Elected by Assemblies of God

Officers to serve for a one-year period in the Rogue valley section of the Oregon Assemblies of God were elected Jan. 27 during a ministers' institute held at Ashland.

Those elected were the Rev. R. E. Cull, presbyter, the Rev. L. D. Krause, Sunday school representative, the Rev. Leroy Nidever, youth director, and the Rev. Lorraine Havemann, women's missionary council. The Rogue valley section includes 22 churches.

SERVICES TONIGHT

The Bresee Evangelistic company continues its Friday night meetings with a special program tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Monty Jones will lead the congregation in a song service and Jim Kempster will be soloist. In his sermon Pastor Floyd Bresee will tell "What Medford Needs Most."

FILM SATURDAY

Saturday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. pictures will be shown in the Pathfinder clubhouse at Rogue River academy. The films to be shown are "Olympic Elk," a Walt Disney production, and a children's story, "Tommy Finds a Pet." There is no admission charge.

Musician to Appear At Central Point

Central Point - The Rev. Frederick Lindblad, Swedish tenor and musician, will be heard at the Community Bible church, Fourth and Alder sts., Central Point tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Lindblad spent three years singing with one of America's broadcasting units, First Mate Bob's Haven of Rest male quartet from California. He also conducted his own radio program.


He is also an organist and pianist.

The public is invited to attend.

TRAINING CLASSES

A Christian service training course, "You and Your Church," will be offered during the Sunday school hour at First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., beginning Feb. 8. Meeting for seven weeks, the class will be held in the church library and will study the beginnings, doctrine and practices of the Church of the Nazarene. Anyone interested in the study is invited to attend, the classes will be under the direction of Mrs. Lowell Shepard, Christian Service Training director of the local church.

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Khrushchev Emerges As Undisputed Head

By HENRY SHAPIRO
United Press International

Moscow - (UPI) - Western observers said today that Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev emerged from the 21st Communist Party congress as Russia's undisputed leader with complete approval for his policy of economic challenge to the West.

The congress fully endorsed his seven-year plan for economic development of the Soviet Union. Every one of the speeches at the nine-day meeting gave him absolute approval, praising his wisdom, initiative and boldness.

There was not a hint of criticism in any of the speeches of his foreign and domestic policies. All indications were the Communist Party Central Committee now would meet to place its stamp of approval on the Khrushchev program, and draw decrees to carry out resolutions passed by the congress.

Predict Party Expulsion

Western observers here predicted the Central Committee also would show its confidence in Khrushchev by expelling the three members of the anti-party group still in its ranks - former Premier Nikolai Bulganin, Mikhail Pervukhin and Maxim Saburov - and elect new members.

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