

Student City Council Meeting Highlights SGD Activities

The citizens of Medford got a chance Thursday night to see how high school students would run the city if they were in charge.

Student Mayor Pat McLaughlin and eight Medford and St. Mary's High school students climaxed the Elks-sponsored 12th annual Student Government Day by taking over the job of the regular city council.

In addition to the students on the council, many others representing the various city offices, and about 30 more were in the audience who contributed much to the lengthy discussion that arose on each issue considered by the council.

If the students were in charge all the time, there would be no jay-walking on Medford's city streets, no billboards on city property at the airport, and no parking-at-any-time restrictions on the south side of Main st. from the east end of the Eighth st. bridge to Almond st.

Furthermore, action would be undertaken to establish two city parks along Bear creek, eliminate pollution and beautify the unsightly backs of some of the buildings now bordering the stream.

Hesitate on items. Even the students hesitated on several controversial items and referred them to the regular city council for further action, but whether or not the latter body would like to consider them has not yet been determined.

One of these was a student proposal to build two underpasses under the railroad tracks at Stewart ave. and McAndrews rd.

Before they had finished discussing the subject, the council hashed over several ideas, including asking the railroad to move its tracks outside of the city, asking the company to go underground by dropping the level of the tracks below the level of the streets and building overpasses at each major city arterial street.

The council defeated a motion, by a 5 to 3 vote, to recommend against voting for a dog control "leash law" that will appear on the ballot at the primary election.

Student Councilman John Lacy said, in moving for the "a g a i n s t" recommendation, that dogs are the responsibilities of their owners and not the community. He added that it would be unfair to tie or lock-up all the dogs to prevent un-dog like actions by a few of them, just as it would be unfair to lock up all the people to prevent criminal actions by a few of them.

Councilwoman Comment
Councilwoman Linda Lowry commented: "Why, you can't compare people to dogs," which brought forth an anonymous murmur from the audience, "oh, I don't know."

As it turned out no recommendation was made one way or the other, since the students seemed to feel that the voters should make up their own minds when they vote.

The students also discussed the idea of having a city-owned recreation center in Medford which would be a multi-purpose center for all age groups, but they could not decide on whether the

center should contain sports or cultural facilities.

One of the students in the audience who argued for the cultural facilities said that Medford has no real cultural life and should have a center for this purpose, such as a museum or art gallery.

Sports Activities
He felt that sports activities should be left up to pri-

uate enterprise and not be undertaken by the city.

At the opposite end of the pole was Councilman Wayne Thompson who argued that about the only recreational activity available to students in the city is bowling, and the city should have a center containing such possible items as a ballroom or skating rink to give persons more to do in

their spare time.

This item was referred to the regular planning commission for further study.

The council directed the police department to enforce the city ordinances pertaining to jay-walking and other pedestrian regulations, which have long been on the books but seldom enforced.

Penalties Noted
It would be an all-out program, they said, and penalties for infractions would be minor at first, possibly just a warning or a dollar fine.

One of the council members noted that there were 20 traffic accidents last year involving jay-walking pedestrians and said the police department had offered to enforce the laws but first wanted the all-out support of the council.

In restricting parking to the east of the new bridge the council expressed its opinion that any loss of business incurred by the merchants along here would not be as great as the confusion that drivers have when they must form one-lane after coming off of the two-lane bridge.

It was felt that a serious accident may some day result because of this confusion and the city might also be open to a lawsuit if such an accident occurred.

Approve Resolution
The council unanimously approved a resolution to thank the Elks club and the city for giving them a wonderful educational opportunity and for training "we the students of today who will be the citizens of tomorrow."

After the meeting, regular Councilman Donald Hansen thanked the student council

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and the audience for their participation and interest, and said the city council, most of whose members attended, had learned something from listening to the matters discussed.

The students who took part in last night's meeting were Mayor McLaughlin, Councilman Lacy, Ron Daley, Keith Berg, Thompson, Elgan Cook, David Ryn; Councilwomen Linda Lowry, Judy Bash; Recorder-treasurer Mildred Boyd; City Manager Clint Stiger; City Attorney Gary Cummings; Public Works Director John Shaw; Planning Consultant Patty Barnes; and Parks and Recreation Director Sue Brennan.

Medford Men Return From Short Course

Corvallis-William R. Dierix and Orle Moore of Medford completed a special three-day sanitarians short course at Oregon State college last week.

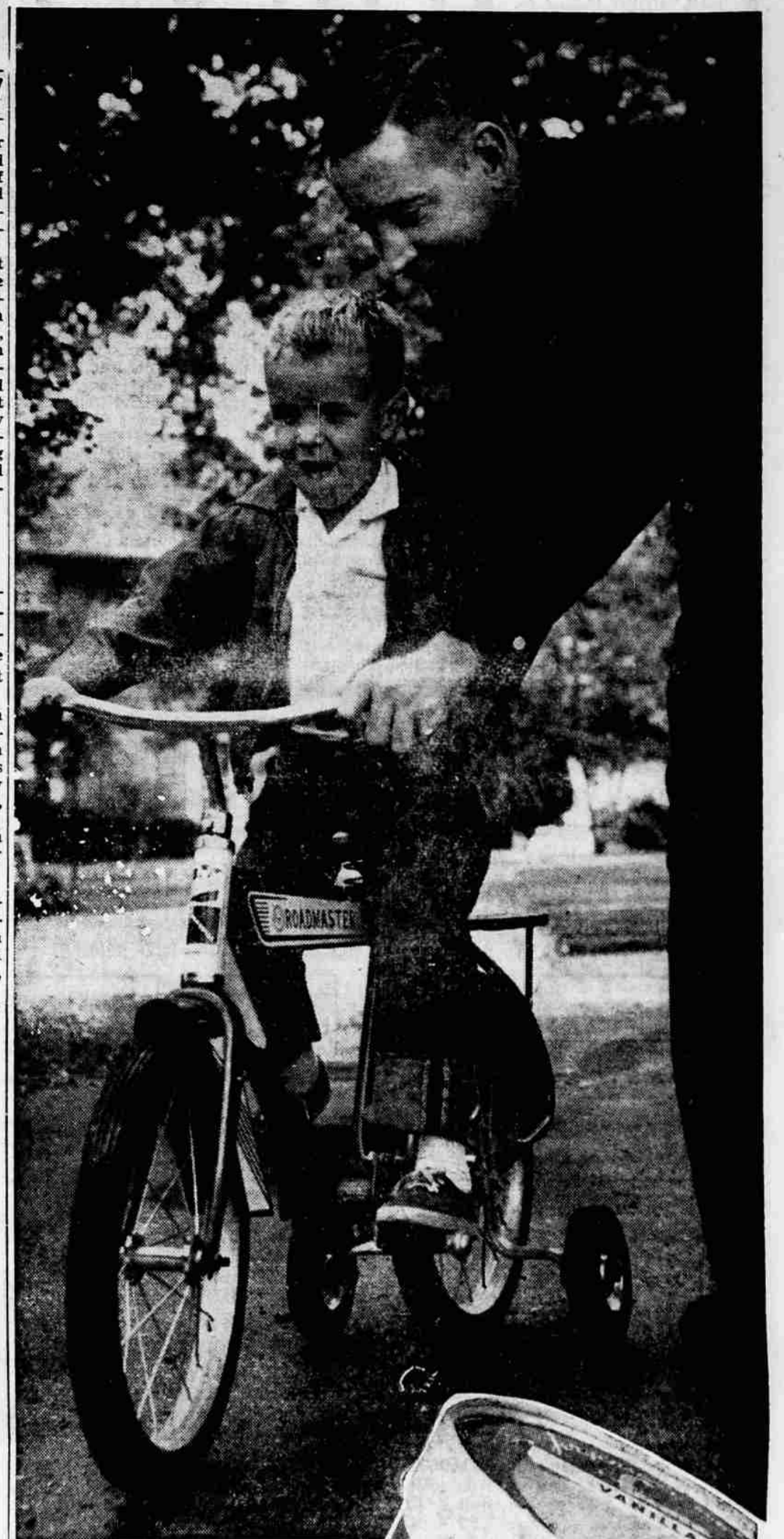
The course is offered each year by the school of engineering as a service to health department workers. This year's course was attended by 65 persons from Oregon, Washington and Canada.

Emphasis this year was on sewage disposal, water supply and sanitation.

Salem-UPB - The State Corporation Department said Friday articles of incorporation have been filed for a third daily newspaper in Portland, the Portland Examiner, Inc.



AMPHIBIAN ANTICS - Something to flip about - Jay Alcantara and Lita Stratton of New York City, dressed in toad costumes, cut loose with some amphibian antics at the ninth annual Carioca Ball at New York City's Hotel Astor. The couple won third prize in the costume contest. The ball - replica of Rio De Janeiro's famous carnival, was sponsored by the Brazilian Culture Society. (UPI Telephoto)



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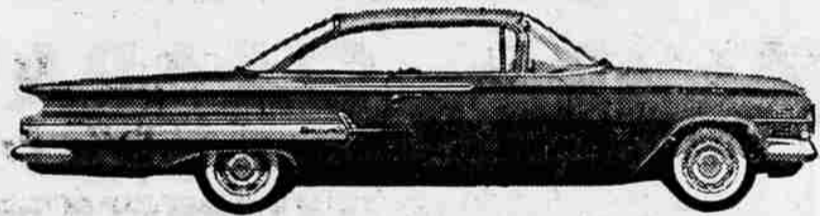
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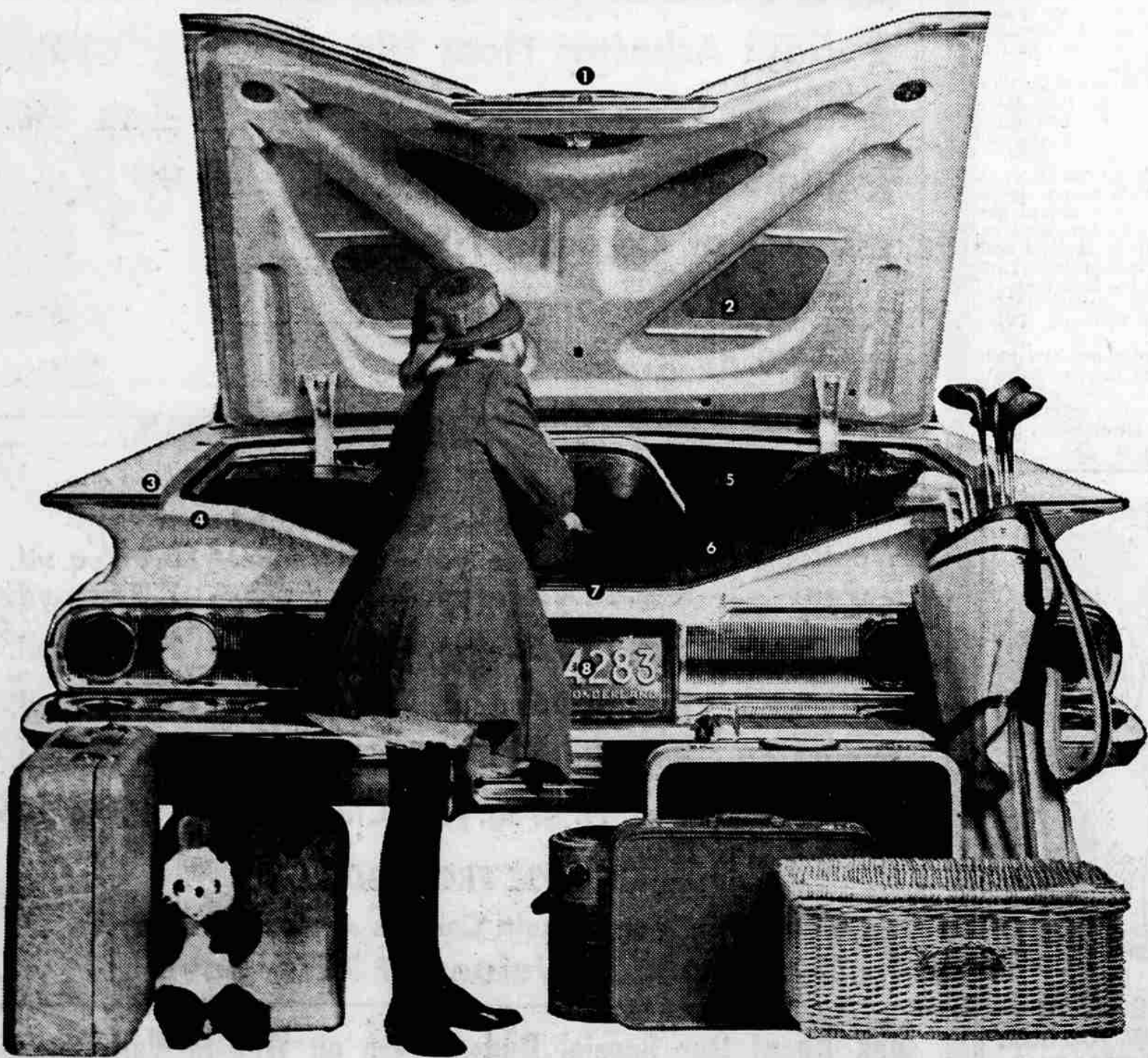
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