



Hiker Quits Hospital—Dr. Barbara Moore, 56, transcontinental hiker from Great Britain, covered 20 miles on her first day out of the hospital after she was hit by a car Monday and suffered a sprained left ankle. Ironically, the British vegetarian ended the day's trek at a motel named "Walker."

Main St. Bridge Renovation Approved by Medford Council

The Medford city council last night approved a renovation of the Main st. bridge to provide for more parking spaces, officially accepted Jackson park swimming pool, and awarded the contract for a street resurfacing project.

Permission was given to the city's public works department to tear down a concrete wall along the south side of the Main st. bridge which would provide for nine more parking spaces.

The wall is located between the sidewalk and roadway on the bridge. It was at one time the side of the bridge itself until the bridge was widened some years ago, and sidewalks extended outside of the concrete wall.

Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe could give an estimate of cost but said it would probably take two men with jackhammers about one week to remove the wall. He said to allow parking along this location would not impede the flow of traffic.

Would Offset Cost
Mayor John W. Sner pointed out that the increased business at retail stores in city income from parking meters would offset the cost of removing the wall.

The council accepted the Jackson park swimming pool last night upon the recommendation of City Manager Robert Duff. Duff told the council that under terms of the contract the city could not make the final payment to contractors for the pool until 30 days after the project was accepted by the city.

He said this would be a hardship to the contractor, and so recommended that the project be accepted. He pointed out that there is a one-year maintenance provision in the contract with the contractor, and because the contractor is bonded for it, the city will be adequately protected.

Request Action Postpone
A requested extension of the contractors completion date on the swimming pool was postponed until the next meeting. The contractor completed the pool on June 9. The scheduled completion date was May 8.

It was pointed out that acceptance of the project would not be an automatic extension of the completion date. Rogue River Paving Company was awarded the job bid of \$30,007 to resurface approximately 5.2 mile of city streets. Nineteen streets are included in the project. Five of these streets will be paid from the Arterial Street fund, and the rest will be paid from the State Tax Street fund.

Only other bidder on the project was T. R. Fleay, Medford, who bid \$4,053. Engineers estimate was 25,056.

The council also gave its approval to an extension of Siskiyou blvd. from Willamette to Cottage sts. This alternate eastside route would extend from the intersection of Siskiyou blvd. and Willamette ave., along the east side of Bear creek to connect with the extension of 10th st., now under construction, before it crosses the 10th st. bridge.

In a report to the council the city engineering department said immediate plans provide for 24 feet of pavement for two lanes but that an 80-foot right of way is suggested to provide for landscaping, street trees and for a ultimate 4-lane section when necessary.

No construction date was given. Three other projects in this area are already under construction. These are the extension of 10th st. from Portland ave. to Riverside ave.; construction of the 10th st. bridge over Bear creek; and extension of Siskiyou blvd. to connect with Willamette.

Public Hearing
No one appeared at a scheduled public hearing last night for a proposed 10-inch cast iron water main to be constructed on Juanipero Way from Mira Mar ave. to Murphy rd. The council gave its unanimous approval to the project, and authorized the water superintendent to call for bids on the project.

The council also called a public hearing for its July 7 meeting on the proposed paving of Juanipero Way from Black Oak dr. to Murphy rd. A similar public hearing was called on the proposed paving of Black Oak dr. from Barnett rd. to Juanipero Way. Plans and specifications were approved for both projects.

The council gave the city's consent to the acquisition of four self-contained fire fighting masks by the Medford Rural Fire Protection district for the Medford Fire department.

The masks cost \$256 apiece and, as Fire Chief Gordon Barker pointed out, can be used underground, underwater, or in dense smoke.

The city has proposed in its 1960-61 budget that the city also purchase four of the masks. Barker said the masks would go to replace worn out masks now being used by the department.

A bid to purchase three surplus city lots was awarded by the council to Thomas Whittle. The lots are located on Effie and Bessie sts. in the Laurelhurst addition, and Whittle submitted high bids of \$1,650, \$1,650 and \$1,550, respectively.

The sale had been recommended by the parks and recreation commission which said the lots did not fit into the general park plan for which they were originally intended. After some \$814 in sewer grading and graveling assessments against the lots are paid off, the balance of the money will go into the park and recreation sinking fund.

Granted Franchise
Southern Pacific railroad was granted a one-year franchise to maintain and operate spur tracks and side tracks on and along Evergreen st., 10th st., and 12th st.

The franchises are all renewals of existing franchises. City Manager Robert Duff had originally recommended that the franchises be granted for two-year periods but changed his recommendation on a suggestion from Councilman Fred E. Robinson.

Robinson said the downtown merchants were interested in working out some arrangement whereby they could use some idle land owned by Southern Pacific between 5th and 7th sts., for off-street parking.

He suggested that the city might be able to work out an agreement with the railroad to use this idle land for off-street parking. In exchange for spur franchises on city-owned streets, Duff said one year would be long enough for the city to investigate such an arrangement.

Amendment Deferred
A proposed amendment to the Medford code to permit approved planters on sidewalks was deferred to the next council meeting to permit a more complete study of the matter.

Approval was given to three transfers from the city's \$10,000 emergency fund to other city departments. These were \$3,830 to the Civil Defense department, \$3,075 to the planning department and \$1,600 to the building department. It was pointed out that the money went for all unavoidable expenditures during the 1959-60 fiscal year. The transfers have no effect on the city's proposed 1960-61 budget.

Plans and specifications for paving an alley bounded by Oakdale ave. and Holly st., Fourth and Fifth sts., received council approval. It was pointed out that paving would be done at property owners' expense.

The council accepted construction of a water main on McAndrews rd. from Waverly ave. to 466 feet west of Springbrook rd.

Extra-wide driveways were approved for the Rogue Valley Manor at Mira Mar ave. and Shannon dr., and for the Apostolic Church for a driveway on Niantic st.

ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Nashville, Tenn. — Mrs. Eva L. Bowman, a former inspector and examiner in the state division of cosmetology, will run in the Aug. 4 Democratic primary.

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Colleges for Oregon's Future, of vital concern to SOC, will be Dr. Elmo Stevenson's topic at the assembly Tuesday at 9 a.m.

An evening of square dancing will be provided June 23 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Britt when Dr. Richard Byrns will host "Family Night." On Saturday, June 25, Dr. Stevenson will conduct a walking tour through Lithia park at 9:30 a.m. All students interested should sign up in the student affairs office.

Salem — Joseph W. Smith of Klamath Falls has been appointed to the State Game Commission by Gov. Mark Hatfield. Smith succeeds Ralph W. Renner, Lakeview, whose term expired.

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