

# Talent Area Residents Favor Establishing Planning District

Talent - Residents of the Talent area, during a New England style town meeting Friday night, favored study of a planning (zoning) district and authorized the board of directors of the South Talent Property Owners' association to make preliminary plans for it.

Approximately 60 persons attending the special meeting in the Talent city hall reaffirmed their opposition to licensing a wrecking yard on the west side of Highway 99 about a half mile south of the Talent city limits.

Acting Chairman Dr. Loren Messenger, Southern Oregon college professor and Talent area resident, urged Talent people to attend Wednesday night's public hearing in the Jackson county courthouse to show their opposition.

**Suggest District**

Medford Lawyer Frank VanDyke, representing the Talent group, repeatedly suggested "a planning district" be established by the residents. (He changed the title to "planning district" when a member of the audience reminded him that the word "zoning" is unpopular with Jackson county residents.)

VanDyke explained that a "planning district" would originate with the people of that area and be exclusively under their control. The interim zoning, which is somewhat similar, is controlled by the Jackson county planning commission and its legal origin is somewhat vague, he explained.

The "planning district" requires a petition of 10 freeholders, establishment of district boundaries and an election within 30 days after the petitions are verified. The county court then orders the district established if a majority of the residents within the proposed district boundaries vote in favor of it.

A four-man temporary board would be established until district directors are elected, VanDyke explained.

**Rallying Point**

"This wrecking yard problem could go down in Talent history as a rallying point for boosting Talent progress," the Medford lawyer declared. "Need for more adequate city water is another challenge the people must face."

The people huddled in their heavy coats and scarves inside the large, white barn-like city hall as snow continued to fall outside. In one corner of the community hall, Mrs. Frank Christian, voter's registrar for the Talent precinct, registered voters so they could legally sign petitions circulated by Mrs. Goldie Davis, association secretary.

Dr. Messenger set the spirit of the meeting: "Whenever a threat occurs to our homes and families there is always a rallying together... a great unity of purpose. With this same spirit of unity and determination the pioneers of this area fought against the ravaging Indians."

**Threat to Health**

"The proposed wrecking yard is a threat to our families, their health and security," Dr. Messenger continued. He described the proposed wrecking yard "as a rat-infested, soggy, mosquito-infested area."

Merely because the planning commission requires the proposed wrecking yard to plant a screen of trees is no assurance they will grow, nor will the wrecking yard necessarily always be kept in good order, it was pointed out.

A member of the audience pointed out that the Talent area residents are not trying to "run out" the two existing small wrecking yards. (The proposed wrecking yard would include 9 1/2 acres, VanDyke noted.)

Reviewing the legal implications of the proposed large wrecking yard, the Medford lawyer noted that only minimum restrictions on the yard would be enforceable.

**Not Required**

A 12-foot fence and a screen of evergreen trees is not required by law, the Medford lawyer said. He said that wrecking yards tried unsuccessfully to establish in the Camp White area, Jacksonville and Medford.

He added that "there is a teeny bit of truth to the remark that Talent is seedy looking. We have to upgrade ourselves and now is the time to do it," he urged.

VanDyke cautioned the people against "making a personal issue" of their opposition to the wrecking yard.

John Pletsch, manager of Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association, Medford, said existence of a nearby wrecking yard does depreciate loan values on property. He added that he was one of the original members of the Jackson county planning commission, and urged Talent residents to get behind the commission "and don't abuse them."

"People don't want zoning until they need it, and then it's too late," Pletsch noted. "Supply and demand determine values of homes. Naturally few people want to live near wrecking yards."



**DRIVE WINNERS** — Tom Teutsch, right, chairman of the Medford Young Men's Christian association membership drive, congratulates August (Dutch) Farfan and Mrs. Alice Garrett for enrolling the most members in the recent membership drive. A total of 242 new members joined the YMCA, bringing the total membership to about 1,890, Y officials said. The drive was considered one of the most successful in recent years. (Knackstedt Photo)

## New Association Elects Officers

Ray Lamberg, Medford, was elected president of the newly formed Southern Oregon Photographic association recently.

Ed Klimko and Jean Cordona, both of Medford, were elected vice president and secretary, respectively.

Purpose of the new association is to provide amateur photographers a place to discuss common problems and projects. Activities have been planned to interest all serious amateur photographers.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Red Cross building on Hawthorne ave., Medford.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 1. The program will include an author's choice of color slides to be shown by Medford free-lance writer and photographer Dale Vincent. All visitors and prospective new members are welcome. Those wishing further information should write Southern Oregon Photographic association, post office box 892, Medford.

Contests will be held among members with the best entries displayed in southern Oregon galleries. Other activities will include talks and demonstrations by factory representatives with picture and pleasure field trips. Some 20 members have joined so far.

### STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN  
Your Daily Activity Guide  
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To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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## Several Items To Be Considered by Young GOP Group

Former Jackson county clerk, Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, will speak on "The Function of Young Republicans in Local and County Politics" at a meeting of the Jackson County Young Republicans Friday.

One of the goals of Jackson county young Republicans is to discover new ways of serving their party more effectively on the local and county level, Mrs. Hopkins is the first of a group of politically minded individuals to address them," according to Mrs. L. R. Bishop, executive board member, Jackson County Young Republicans.

Delegates to the National Young Republicans convention in Minneapolis, Minn., from June 21 to 24 will be discussed at the meeting, according to Gary Boshears, president of the group.

**Banquet on Agenda**

Plans for the May 6 Republican banquet will be discussed by Dr. Douglas Phillips, club secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bishop Medford, at 8 p.m. All interested Republicans from 18 to 40 years old are invited.

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Miss Ownby, a graduate of Crater High school, will spend a 14-day leave in Lancaster, Pa., following her graduation and before reporting back for yeoman school.

## The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a woman's editor. The article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors. (Copyright 1961—General Features Corp.)

**Mrs. B.R.** - I wish he'd be more friendly with his brother.

**James R.** - We haven't anything in common except our parents.

**Mrs. B.R.** - We have just the two boys, Greg is 22 and Jim's 20. You'd think, since there are only the two of them, they'd be pals and companions. But no. They never go out together. Each has separate friends, and different paths.

My husband and I would rest easier knowing they at least liked each other, and would look out for each other and take some interest. Greg says not to worry, he'll go bail for his brother any time. Greg jokes about it. But Jim tells me he'd rather turn to a stranger if he needs help. He has no confidence in Greg.

I can't understand how two sons of the same parents can be so diametrically opposite. Greg's the cutup, the perennial teen-ager. Jim's the old man, always serious. Still, they ought to make allowances and be friends.

**James R.** - Just because we were born into the same family is no reason for me on top of each other all the time. Heredity must have played tricks on us, because he's a throwback to no ancestor anyone can identify and I - well I must be the guy to demonstrate how many qualities can skip a generation!

Does my mother want two clowns around the house? Greg is the "yock boy" and I'm her sourpuss. Ever since we were kids, Greg was the one everybody counted on to do the hula and pass out the trick cigars. I would sneak upstairs where nobody missed me while I read National Geographic Magazine. Together, we're oil and water.

**The Council:** We wonder whether Jim is really all that different from Greg, or whether he's been working hard at creating an "image" of oppositeness, for deep emotional reasons. Maybe during the boys' childhood there was too much comparing, too much even-steven emphasis. It became more important for Jim, let's say, to be a non-Greg than a just-Jim. So, in order not to be ignored, not to be lumped with his more exhibitionistic brother, Jim became a withdrawn, self-effacing "type."

Ever since the days of Cain and Abel, and of Esau and Jacob, parents have encountered sibling rivalry which takes the form of one brother striving to be everything the other is not. Let one be a teetotaler, the other is a "wet." Let one be a "bohemian," the other lives by the book. One wonders how much of Jim's seriousness is natural, and how much put on to counterbalance Greg's wackiness. Underlying the extreme behavior of each brother may be the urge for recognition, the need to say, "I'm me, not him, and don't mix us up."

To ease this rigid role playing, Mrs. R. must assure her sons that they can be their relaxed, natural selves, with no further striving to create their separate "personalities." She sees, and loves, them as individuals - not just as "the boys." With this accomplished, the brothers can afford to come a bit closer to each other, without the threat of being either submerged or "shown up." They can drop the exaggerated poses, and Greg can sober down while Jim jollies up, to some degree. From such slight rapprochement, true brotherliness can spring.

As to oil and water, we remind Jim that they can go together when the water is "troubled."

**AP Columnist Gets Reporting Award**

Washington - UPI - Associated Press columnist James Marlow Saturday was named winner of the 17th annual Raymond Clapper memorial award for distinguished Washington reporting for 1960.

Marlow's selection was announced at the annual meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. He received a \$1,000 award.

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