

# City Awards Motor Grader Contract to Balzer Machinery

A recommendation by the Medford city administration that a contract for a motor grader be awarded to the third lowest bidder, Howard Cooper company, was overruled by the Medford city council Thursday night.

The contract was awarded instead to Balzer Machinery company, the low bidder with a net bid of \$16,133. Howard Cooper company had submitted a bid of \$17,448.

The city had recommended against purchase of the Balzer machine, although it met the city's specifications in all respects, because of certain difficulties the city had experienced with that company's machines on previous occasions.

### Stipulated in Motion

The motion to purchase the Balzer machine was made by Councilman Donald Hansen, who stipulated in his motion that the company must provide a performance bond to protect the city from loss due to any possible defective workmanship in the motor grader.

The contract for a tractor loader was awarded to the low bidder, Howard Cooper company, for a net price of \$14,167.

Following a public hearing on a proposition to pave Olwell Way from Jackson st. to a point 233 feet south, the

measure failed to gain a sufficient majority of votes for passage.

The council voted to continue a public hearing on a proposal to pave a portion of Vella st. from Johnson st. to Morrow rd.

### Report Continued

Also continued was a committee report on the matter of withdrawal of names from petitions presented to the city.

In other action, the council voted to:

Several Medford city council meetings ago, Ethel Marley, a Rogue Valley Manor resident, who moved to Medford only last year, spoke from the audience and told the council the animal care provision in the Medford code should be amended.

She suggested that the word "shelter" should be included in the code along with other stipulations providing for the humane care and treatment of pets.

At last Thursday night's meeting of the council that request from a single citizen bore fruit.

The council voted unanimously to amend the code and insert the words "proper shelter" into the provision.

Ethel Marley was again in the audience. She stood, thanked the group and said, "I'm proud of you." From their expressions, the council members appeared to be a bit proud of themselves.

—Amend the business license section of the Medford code to equalize basic zone fees by making the rate the same for both zone A and B. The rates of zone A will prevail in both areas.

—Grant a non-exclusive, 10-year power franchise to Pacific Power and Light company.

—Approve a request by Pete Logan that he be permitted to lease private hanger space at the municipal airport.

—Extinguish a sewer easement lease which has been superseded by a later document.

### Contract for Audit

—Contract for the services of Oliver P. Taylor to audit the city accounts from July 1, 1961 until June 30, 1962.

—Establish two-way traffic in the north-south alley in block 20 in downtown Medford in order to provide ingress and egress to a Park and Shop lot currently under construction on the northeast corner of Eighth st.

The council voted to authorize plans and specifications for a sanitary sewer project at Rogue Valley Estates. Plans and specifications were approved for paving Foothills rd. and Littell dr. in the Fairview Terrace subdivision.

### Plans Approved

Approval was also given to plans, and bids were called for, for extension of the apron and taxiway at the municipal airport, as well as plans for the construction of a remotely controlled wind tee.

Measures to establish Bear Creek lateral sewer fund and Taft st. water main fund were approved by the council.

A completed sanitary sewer on Olwell Way was accepted by the council.

A request by John L. Gregory for a variance to the fence height requirements in the city building code was continued until the next regular meeting of the council.

A liquor dispenser's license application for North's Chuck Wagon was approved by the council.

A letter accompanying the approved application will be sent to the Oregon Liquor Control commission indicating the council does not necessarily feel a liquor outlet is necessary or desirable at that location. Council's approval means it knows of no reason why the application should not be granted.

The council authorized the administration to negotiate with the Oregon state highway commission on a proposal for rebuilding gutters in the central business district and for straightening two traffic hazards on Central ave.

Mayor John W. Snider presided over the 3 1/2-hour session. All councilmen were present.

## Barrett Author of Quarterly Article

Ashland - Harold Barrett, assistant professor of speech, Southern Oregon college, is author of an article, "Scott of the Oregonian vs. William Jennings Bryan," appearing in the current issue of Quarterly Journal of Speech.

Barrett's article on Scott received national recognition last fall when it was presented as one of five winning papers at the conference of the Speech Association of America.

Scott, editor of the Oregonian for 40 of the years between 1885 and 1910, was described as the last of his kind, "the personal journalist, the independent and fearless warrior who daily planted his feet and fought out the current battle." To Scott, Bryan was a "blind leader of the blind" and one "whose only gift is a rattling verbosity."

From the 1890's to his death, Scott kept his readers aware of every new "folly" and "ill-conceived scheme" uttered by the orator from Nebraska. Scott attacked Bryan as a person and as an outsider among Oregonians, and he attacked Bryan's audiences and speechmaking.

Much of the success in preventing wide acceptance of Bryan's views in Oregon is attributable to the work of Harvey W. Scott.

## OSU Dad's Club Group Has Meeting

A special meeting of the Dad's Club scholarship committee of Oregon State university was held Saturday in the office of Dean Dan Poling in Corvallis.

Purpose of the committee meeting was to select 17 scholarship recipients for the coming year. Selections will be made in the near future.

At the club's directors' meeting in Portland last week, it was suggested that the scholarship base be broadened and some additional awards be worked out. The finance committee will discuss this point at a meeting in the near future.

Members of the scholarship committee are Stan Wallace, Cascade Printing company, Corvallis, chairman; Del Ball, Tigard; Paul Reiling, Gervis; Ken Hirons, Eugene; and Tom Culbertson, 2615 Hillcrest rd., Medford.

## KOG Committee to Meet in Medford

The Keep Oregon Green committee of Jackson county will meet in Stanley's restaurant at 7 a.m. Friday, May 25, according to Dale C. Prentice, county chairman.

Albert Weisendanger, executive secretary of the Keep Oregon Green association, Salem, plans to display fire prevention materials.

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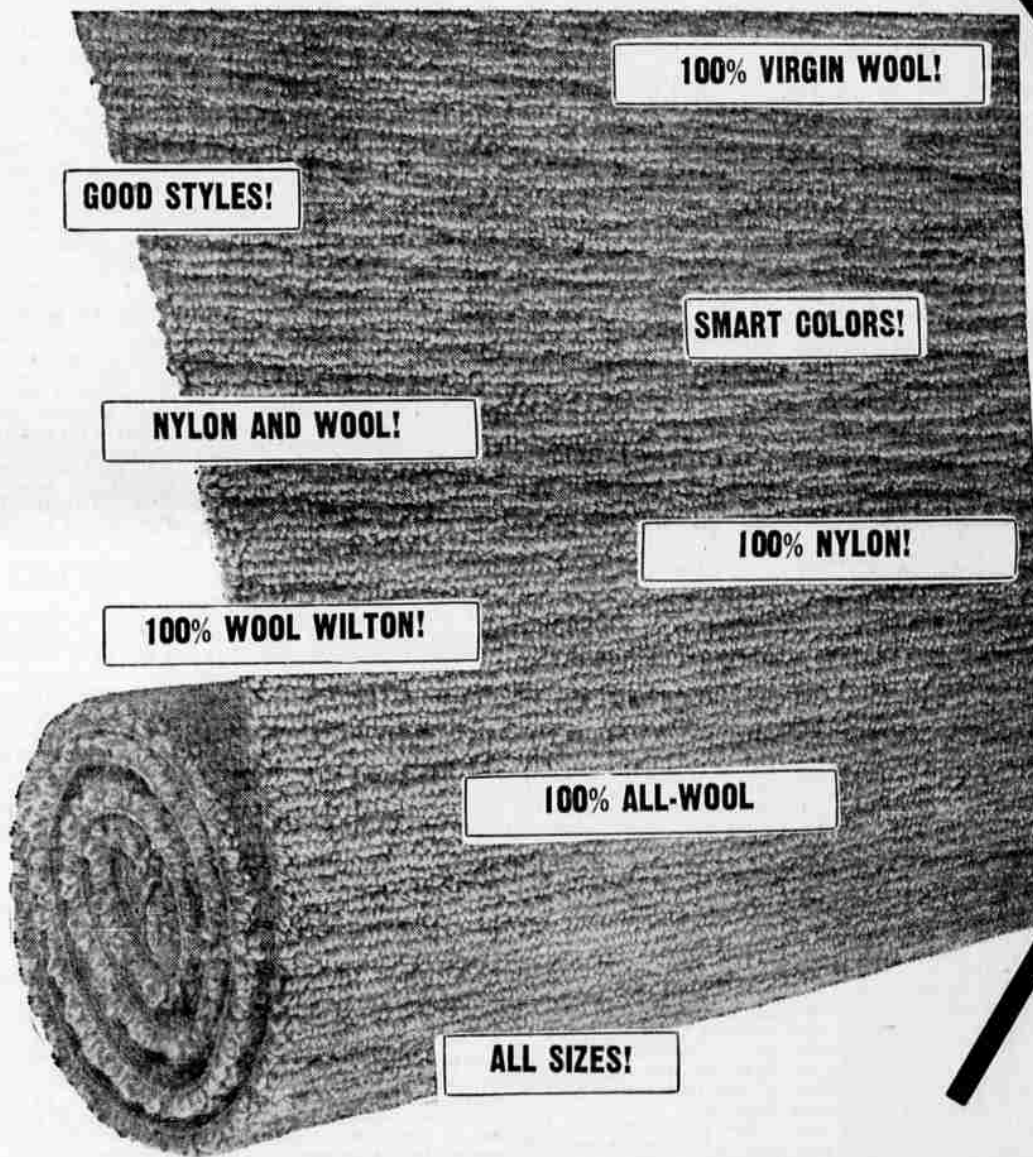
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