

# City Council Grants Variance for Installation of Sign

The Medford city council Thursday night overruled the city planning commission and voted 4 to 3 to grant a variance to Siskiyou Memorial Park which will permit the erection of a 3 by 7 foot sign at the entrance to the park.

A council committee appointed to consider the matter also had recommended against granting the variance, although one of the committee members, Councilman Stan Stark, dissented from the majority.

A statement outlining the reasons for Stark's dissent was read to the council.

In general he argued that the residential nature of the neighborhood in the vicinity of Siskiyou Memorial Park would not be damaged by the sign in any way, nor was the sign large enough or in such taste as to constitute a nuisance to the residences in its proximity.

**Indicates Veto**

Mayor John W. Snider, however, indicated after the council meeting that he was considering a veto of the measure.

In other action, the council approved ordinances and resolutions to:

Amend the city's employee compensation plan.

Establish sewer service rate increases and apportion revenues derived therefrom.

Authorize the city manager to enter into an agree-

ment with the Oregon state highway department providing for illumination of the freeway interchanges.

Extend An Option - Authorize the administration to pay \$1,200 to extend an option it holds on land known as the Earhart property which lies along Bear creek.

Permit an agreement with parents of the Medford swimming team to operate a concession at Hawthorne pool.

Amend personnel rules for city employees to extend sick leave accumulation from 50 work days to 120 days for 40-hour work week personnel, and to 60 work days for 64-hour work week personnel.

Set Public Hearing - Schedule a public hearing on July 19 on a request for a change of zone for a piece of property on West Main st. between Hamilton and Quince sts. to permit construction of a Safeway store.

Plans and specifications were authorized and approved to pave portions of East Main st. from Eastwood st. to Valley View dr., and Valley View dr. from East Main st. to Hillcrest rd. Public hearings were set July 19 on the two projects.

Plans and specifications also were approved and a public hearing called for a proposal to pave a portion of Newtown st. from Catherine to Belmont sts.

Similar action was taken with respect to construction of a sanitary sewer for Rogue Valley Estates. A method for assessing the sewer system also was approved by the council.

Two completed improvement projects were accepted by the council: the paving of Johnson st. from Corona ave. to a point 780 feet east, and the paving of Miracle lane in Brookhurst Villa subdivision.

Local Youths Back From Detroit Event

Jim Sevcik, 17, and Clarence Lamp, 18, Medford High school students competing in the National Plymouth Trouble Shooting championships in Detroit, Mich., returned home recently.

Each boy received a jacket and wrist watch from the sponsoring Chrysler - Plymouth company.

The boys were accompanied to Detroit by their instructor, Lloyd Lyda. They were winners of the Oregon Plymouth Trouble Shooting contest.

Sevcik is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sevcik, 26 Willamette ave., and Lamp is the son of Mrs. Edna Lamp, 311 Florence ave.

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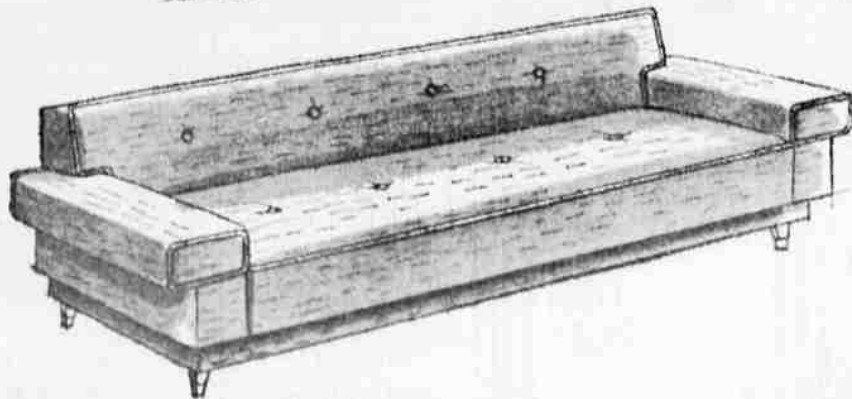
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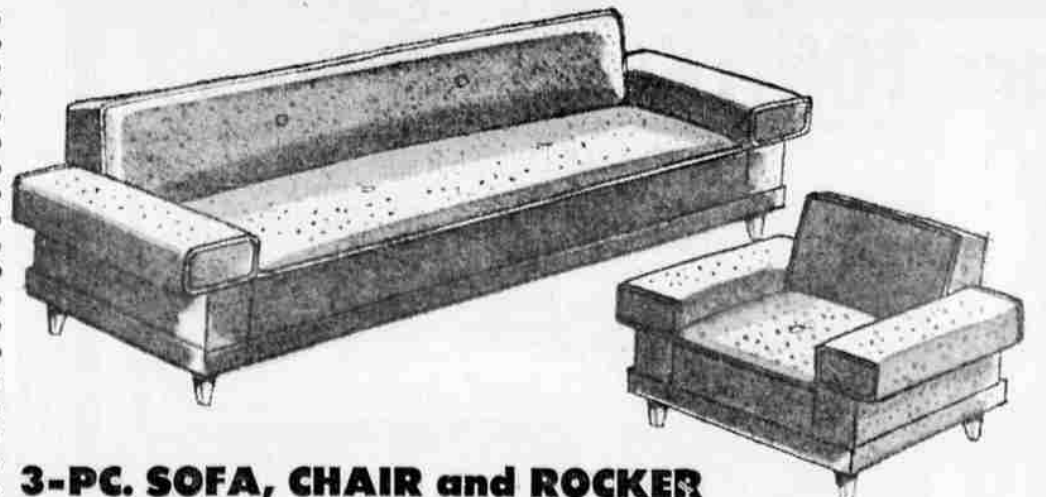
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