

# Medford City Council Favors Extension of Earhart St., Other Road

Medford Attorney Robert Grant appeared before the Medford city council Thursday night on behalf of a proposal to extend Earhart st. so direct access would be available between South Riverside and Central aves.

The owner of Bruce Bauer Lumber company, Grant's client, was one of 31 persons signing a petition favoring the street extension. The petition has since been found to be invalid, since some of the signers do not reside or own property within the proposed assessment district for the improvement.

City Manager Robert Duff reported to the council that the city had studied the matter and had worked out three proposals in connection with a cross street development between Riverside and Central aves.

### Another Cross Street

One of the proposals involves not only the extension of Earhart st. to form a cross street, but also the development of another cross street at a location 350 feet south of the proposed Earhart st. extension.

Duff said the planning commission at its breakfast meeting Thursday had informally favored the creation of both cross streets.

On the motion of Councilman Al Bradford, the council passed a resolution favoring the circulation of petitions calling for construction of both streets, perhaps on a combined assessment district basis. A square foot method of assessment, rather than the usual lineal or front foot method, also was approved by the group.

### New Petition

In order to implement the council's proposals, a new petition of property owners representing more than 50 per cent of the square footage in the streets involved must be filed with the city administration, Duff said.

In other action, the council voted to:

—Approve a change of zone from single-family to multiple family for a rear lot at 1205 East Main st.

—Enter into an agreement with the Oregon state highway department for street improvements on Central ave., East Main st., and Riverside ave.

—Approve lease agreements with West Coast and Pacific airlines at the municipal airport.

### Dr. Mulling Speaks In Grants Pass

Ashland — Using movable charts, puppets, mobiles, and other visual aids, Dr. Leon Mulling, director of the Southern Oregon College Speech and Hearing Center, presented a talk to approximately 100 Roosevelt school Parents and Teachers association members in Grants Pass last week.

Dr. Mulling pointed out that many children are harmed in speech development by unreasonable expectations on the part of relatives. Parents were reminded that national norms indicate that even a child of six might be expected to make errors in the articulation of certain letters.

The use of direct speech drill is generally not advised in most cases, Mulling said, since children rapidly become negative toward their parents and often refuse to talk.

Pleasant home speech activity in the form of rhymes, games, and songs usually yields the best results and harsh discipline often deters speech progress, the speaker said. The most effective discipline in the home or school is that which is fair, quiet, calm, consistent and understood by the child.

### Girl Clings To Bus; Dragged Half Mile

Athol, Mass. — A girl escaped with only minor cuts and bruises Thursday when dragged a half mile while clutching the front bumper of a school bus.

"I was scared but I didn't dare let go while the bus was turning a corner because it might have run over me," Pamela Coffin, 7, a first grade pupil at Gale Brooks school, said.

She said she grabbed the bumper after she slipped while getting off. The driver, Roy G. Blackmer, said neither he nor 30 children on the bus were aware that the girl was hanging onto the bumper.

She finally let go on a straight stretch and the bus passed over her.

When found a few minutes later walking along the road, the girl needed treatment for only a small cut on the head. Her shoes and boots were missing and her coat was torn and wet.

Defer action, pending a report in two weeks from a special committee appointed to study conditions at the airport.

Award a contract for operation of the restaurant at the airport, which is currently being remodeled, to Vern Langford, Central Point. The lease will be written for a term of five years with an option to renew.

Set Feb. 21 as the date for a public hearing on a proposal to withdraw the recently annexed Chestnut st.-Stewart ave. area from the Medford rural fire protection district.

Approve plans and specifications, and call for bids, for the installation of a sewage treatment plant digester mixer and heat exchanger.

Approve a liquor license application for the Court Street Grocery, 940 North Central ave.

Approve the transfer of \$14,170 from funds allocated for developments at Union and Jefferson parks to be applied toward the installation of a diving tank at Jackson park. The sum will be added to an amount raised by the Crater Lions through their efforts for the near future. Bids will be called for on the project as soon as estimates can be compiled.

All councilmen except Robert Baccus were present at the one-hour meeting, which was presided over by Mayor James Dunlevy. The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

### They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Harlo



Authorize Installation — Permit Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone company to install an underground fuel oil storage tank under the sidewalk in front of their central office building at 502 North Central ave.

Approve the school-park principal outlined in "Planning for Parks and Recreation" report.

Amend an ordinance providing for sewer assessment procedures for sanitary sewers.

Authorize the city manager to obtain surplus property from the federal government for Civil Defense purposes.

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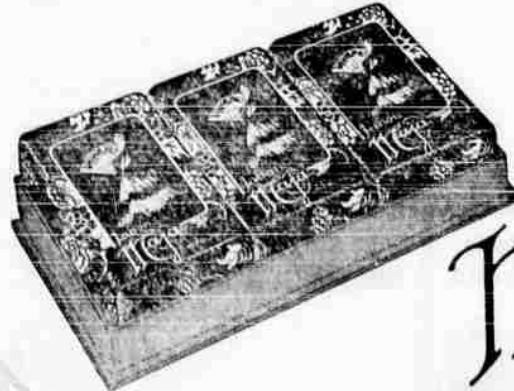
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