

## Bellview Property Owners Consider Incorporating Area

Ashland—More than 50 Bellview property owners voted unanimously to explore the possibility of incorporating an area that is up for annexation to the city of Ashland.

The decision was made Thursday night at a meeting of the anti-annexation committee in the Bellview Grange hall.

For some months the controversial issue has been the subject of study by the city council and the planning commission and certain areas of the six tentatively proposed districts have filed annexation petitions while opponents have filed protests and counter petitions.

On the original petition presented by Chester Squire and Harry Hawk were names of signers who later asked that their signatures be removed, a request which City Attorney Harry Skerry declared legal. A second petition was then presented to the council embracing a reduced area.

**Area 'Whittled Down'**  
According to opponents, the proposed annexation area has been "whittled down in order to secure the required percentage of signers." The city planning commission said that public hearings will be set by the council at its June 18 meeting.

The consensus of the anti-annexation committee was that if the property owners are to eventually have city-rural living conditions they prefer to control their own facilities and taxation as well as administration, and know full well the problems that

would be involved. However they have received legal advice, and based upon ORS 221.020 it would be possible for any area of 150 or more residents to be incorporated as a city. A total of 20 percent of legal voters may petition the county court to set a special election.

A committee was appointed to establish the desired incorporation boundaries and to contact every resident within the area. The committee named by Chairman Milton Hamilton is composed of Earle Swift, Earl Surber, Ben Hart, Mrs. Elmer Byrd and William Frost.

## Little Change Is Made in Fund Drive

Ashland—Little change in the 1963-64 Ashland-Talent United Fund drive was made by the budget committee at its Friday meeting. The goal announced by the board of directors is \$22,222.22.

Member agency allocations are American Red Cross, \$2,600; Boy Scouts, \$2,500; Girl Scouts, \$1,500; Camp Fire Girls, \$1,000; Oregon United Appeal, \$2,000; Mental Health association, \$50; Salvation Army \$1,200; Ashland YMCA, \$9,072; Arthritis and Rheumatism, \$150; administration and campaign expenses, \$2,150.22.

Chairman of the United Fund is Gerald Scannel. Members of the board are Dr. Charles Brown, Clinton Lorber, Duane Baker and Howard Wiley.



**PILOT PROGRAM**—This sign, erected near Jacksonville recently, is a pilot program of the tourist committee of the Medford Chamber of Commerce. If the sign is considered successful, others will be erected along Jackson county roads at various tourist attractions. (Knackstedt photo)

## Yreka Youth To Live With Italian Family

Yreka—Steven Meek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meek, Yreka, and a junior at Yreka High school, will spend the summer in Italy under the American Field service program. Meek will sail from New York June 26. He will spend July with the family of a doctor in Cremona, in the province of Como. The family has two sons, aged 14 and 15. He will spend August with a second Italian family.

## Planning Commission Schedules Four Hearings

The Medford planning commission Thursday night assured itself of a full agenda for its July meeting. It scheduled four public hearings, and deferred action until then on five other requests.

One other matter—the naming of a street north of Barnett rd. immediately west of Bear creek—was referred to the park and recreation commission for its recommendation.

On the positive side, the group recommended to the city council that a request for annexation of 5.4 acres of property lying east of Murphy rd. opposite the Rogue Valley hospital be approved.

A doctor's clinic containing between 5,000 and 7,000 square feet of floor space is under construction on the site. City Planner Ned Langford noted the clinic at that location would be consistent with the city's land use proposals. Commissioner Larry Horton moved to recommend approval of the request to the city council with the provision that the land be brought into the city as a multiple family zone.

**Ask for Sewer Survey**  
The commission also recommended approval of a request for annexation of 4.7 acres of undeveloped land on the south side of Garfield st. at Ivy st. with the proviso that a profile sewer survey be made first.

Final approval of Siskiyou Village subdivision, Unit No. 1, as revised, was granted by the group.

Motions to defer action were passed on requests to:

—Change the zone from single-family to limited commercial for property located on the south side of Barnett rd. immediately east of Bear creek.

—Change the zone from multiple-family to commercial for property located on the

west side of Franquette st. north of Earhart st.

—Change the zone from single-family to single and two-family for property located at 1925 Crestbrook rd.

**Variance Granted**  
—Grant a variance to the setback requirements in a single-family zone to prevent the ordered removal of a patio cover, constructed in violation of city building codes, at 1401 Johnson st.

—Operate a subdivision office as a home occupation at 1925 Crestbrook rd.

Public hearings were scheduled for July 11 on requests to:

—Rezoning a portion of property lying between the Old Biddle rd. at the Interstate 5 freeway interchange.

—Grant a variance to sign provision in a limited commercial district for property located on the south side of Crater Lake highway near Bear creek. The request is in connection with a proposed Richfield service station at that location.

**Service Requests Sign**  
—Grant a variance to sign provisions in a limited commercial zone for property located at Biddle rd. and Crater Lake highway to permit erection of a 50-foot sign at a proposed Texaco service station planned for that location.

—Grant a change of zone from single-family to limited commercial for property located on the south side of Biddle rd. and McAndrews rd. All commissioners were present at the 1½-hour meeting except Bert Thierolf. The meeting was presided over by Chairman Elwood Hedberg.

Collier said Senate Bill 8 legislation was requested by the Montague Water Conservation district to allow it to contract with the federal government under the irrigation district federal cooperation law. The bill allows the city of Montague to be excluded from such an improvement district, if it desires, to issue bonds for water improvements. Any assessments resulting would be levied only against the rural property included within the special improvement district.

Collier's Senate Bill 10 allows an irrigation district to fix one bond if the jobs of assessor, collector, and treasurer, are held by one person.

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