

Petition for Vacation of Alley Declared Invalid by City Council

A petition requesting the vacation of the alley between Hawthorne st. and Genesee st. was declared invalid at Thursday night's city council meeting since it was learned that 100 per cent of the property owners on the alley had not signed the petition.

However, after a plea by Mrs. O. A. Eden that something be done to reduce the traffic hazard in the alley, the council referred the matter to the city police department for investigation.

In other action the city council:

Approved the installation of a six-inch water main on Crestbrook rd. from Modoc

ave. to Barnett rd. and called for bids.

Approved the installation of an eight-inch water main on Beattie st., Jackson st. and Lindley ave. from Saling ave. to Reddy ave., and called for bids.

The main was recommended for health and safety reasons since the majority of the lots are now serviced by small privately owned pipes. The main will correct the fire flow deficiency at Roosevelt school. The city will pay \$7,710 of the estimated \$11,860 cost for the main.

and a license antenna pole, all at the municipal airport.

Approved a 10-year lease for the Rogue Flying Service at the airport at an annual rate of four cents per square foot of ground area. The balance due on the previous account is \$6,649.31 which is to be paid at the rate of \$500 per month plus 6 per cent interest.

Approved a lease amendment for the Aviation Services company indicating a transfer of ownership from Kelly Adams to Pete Logan and Wayne F. Reavis. The lease at the airport entitles the company to operate a business to sell aircraft, aircraft maintenance, charter

service and aircraft storage.

Approved the application of the Aero-Ag Corporation to conduct an aerial agricultural and fire suppression business at the Medford airport.

Approved the construction of private hangars at the Medford airport for C. E. Chamberlain, G. F. Chamberlain, Ted DeFord, Dick Travis, Bruce Blew, Robert Kline, and Austin King.

high speed and reduction of 10 miles per hour in the designated speed would not materially change any possible hazard.

The council also approved transferring several budget items for the current fiscal year. The housekeeping measure is necessary each year since the budgets are com-

pleted 18 months prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Attending the council meeting were Mayor James Dunlevy and Councilmen William A. Singler, Robert J. Cunningham, Jack Edson, Joe Hosick, R. L. Van Sickle, and Richard Travis. Absent were Robert L. Baccus and Terry D. Green.

Controversy Over New Edition Of Dictionary Reaches County

The controversy over Webster's New Third International Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) which has raged nationwide since its publication last year, has reached into educational and library circles in Jackson county.

Some criticize it sharply; others praise it as a definitive work which accurately reflects the language as it is today.

"This dictionary will never enter my library," is one comment. Another: "Our standards are disintegrating, our teen agers are setting the standards."

Part of the controversy has come about because the editors have dropped such status labels as "colloquial" and "illiterate," and use the terms "substandard," "nonstandard," "standard," and "slang."

No effort is made to distinguish a word as "bad" or "good," but only to record how the word is used in the United States.

Indicates Usage

Webster uses "substandard" to indicate usage which exists in the U.S., but which differs from that of the prestige group in that community.

For instance, two "standard" words are "drowned" and "himself." "Drowned" and "himself" are listed as substandard. The term, "non-standard," is used for "a small number of words that can hardly stand without some status label, but are too widely current in reputable context to be labeled substandard, as 'ir-regardless'."

Mrs. Margaret Zwick, dean of girls at Ashland High school, says, "My main objection is the theory that anything that is spoken is correct. I believe that anyone concerned with education, which should include publishers of dictionaries, should attempt to maintain and even raise standards of spoken and written English."

Giles Green, librarian at Ashland High school, says, "The English-speaking people have always looked to Webster as the final authority on all questions relating to the English language. Until the publication of the Third Edition, people of letters had

never been afraid of compromise. They had known that if Webster approved, the usage was correct. Unfortunately, this Third Edition has gone too far in this matter of validating by common usage. It has compromised our language with 'slangage'."

The word "ain't" has raised a furor, as the first meaning of the word bears no label and the definition says, "used orally in most parts of the U.S. by many cultivated speakers."

The definition for another word in dispute, "don't," states that it is "often used with a singular subject by cultivated speakers though the construction is sometimes objected to, as, 'He don't want to go.'"

In tracing the history of a language, it is found that words in favor in one century may be in disrepute in another century. Such words as "fellow" during Shakespeare's time was used in speaking to a menial or servant. Today, the word carries no connotations and no one would object to being called a fellow.

Dr. Richard Byrns, profes-

sor of English at Southern Oregon college, points out that the language is continually changing. The word, "anon," originally meant "right now." Then its meaning changed to "in a little while."

Differing Meaning

In addition, a word can have differing meanings depending on the country in which it is used. An example is the word, "bloody." This word is acceptable in the U.S., but cultivated people in England avoid the word, and doctors will substitute the word, "sanguinary," for it.

Of the Third Edition, Dr. Byrns states, "This represents a reasonable way to describe the language as it works. Properly used the edition would be of great help to most teachers."

Omar Bacon, head librarian of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County, states, "The Third Edition fills a real need for an up-to-date list of current words in our language and is in keeping with the modern pace of the world. It accepts the dictate that good usage modifies the language."

Called for public hearings to annex 5.4 acres of property east of Murphy rd. opposite Rogue Valley hospital, and to annex 4.7 acres of property south of Garfield rd.

Approved storm sewer construction on South Fir st. between Melrose ave. and Barnett rd. to connect with drainage on the Barnett rd. project.

The city council received a petition from several homeowners along Bessie st. requesting their names be withdrawn from a petition for paving on Bessie st. from Saling ave. to Jackson st.

With the elimination of the names the original petitions failed to represent 50 per cent of the property owners along the project so the matter was dropped.

Report Is Read

A report from the state speed control board was read regarding the city council's request relative to reducing the speed limit on the Interstate 5 viaduct through Medford.

The board proposed that the present 70 miles per-hour speed zone be retained.

The report stated that the freeway was designed for

VARIED ACTIVITIES—This is Clewax lake as seen from a huge sand dune located in Honeyman Memorial State park on highway 101 about three miles south of Florence. Hiking trails lead along the south side of the lake and to the sand dunes. A sandy trail over the dunes takes a hiker to the ocean beach less than a mile away. This popular park features camping, picnicking, swimming, fishing and frolicking in the surf. (Oregon State Highway Department photo)

110 Miles of Trails Wind Through Oregon State Parks

Salem—Hiking on trails in Oregon state parks can prove interesting to the rock hound or to the person seeking a panoramic view of nearby mountains or the ocean.

Approximately 110 miles of hiking trails wind through state parks. Every type of trail and park is represented.

Historic Fort Stevens State park, 13 miles west of Astoria, contains over three miles of trail that follows around the shore of Coffeenbury lake. The trail leads near an outstanding example of stabilized sand dunes.

Silver Falls State park, 20 miles east of Salem, has about seven miles of hiking trails that lead by 10 of the park's waterfalls. This area has the highest concentration of waterfalls in the United States.

Along Oregon Coast

Ecola park, at Cannon Beach, on the Oregon Coast has a hiking trail through unusual forest areas that lead to the "Kitchen Middens," where Indians cleaned and ate clams hundreds of years ago. Capt. William Clark first saw this ocean beach and the stunning viewpoint above during the Lewis and Clark exploration in 1805 and 1806. He gave the name "Ecola" to a creek in this park area.

Other state park trails include one that leads to the top of Humbug mountain and an outstanding view, and one at Saddle Mountain park, a 3,000-acre area eight miles northeast of Necanicum junction.

tion that leads through alpine flowers to a panoramic look-out point.

The Elliott Corbett II park east of Salem has a trail that leads off the Santiam Highway to a primitive wooded area and to the rim of Blue lake. This trail also intersects a portion of an old pioneer road that crossed the Cascades.

Esperanto Will Be Presented in Area

Appearing on television and radio and making several public appearances in Medford and Ashland, Tom Davidson of Portland will introduce the international language of Esperanto to the Rogue valley this month.

He will appear on the television program, "Focal Point" Tuesday, June 25, at 9:30 a.m., on all of the radio stations in Medford, and KWIN of Ashland. A public meeting will be held in the Ashland library Tuesday, June 25, at 7 p.m., and the following evening, Wednesday, June 26, in the Medford library at 7 p.m.

Davidson will enter the University of Victoria in Victoria, B.C., this fall. He is past chairman of the Esperanto movement in Oregon, resigning this position to enter the university.

There will be displays in the libraries and extra books and free literature about Esperanto will be distributed. While in Medford, Davidson will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Headlee.

Horse, Car Involved In Applegate Mishap

A car-horse collision on the Applegate rd., one mile from Ruch, killed the horse, severely damaged the car and resulted in slight injuries to the teenage driver and his passenger Friday afternoon, state police said.

The car driven by Larry Dean Shores, 18, of 1309 Locust ave., Medford, was going west on the Applegate rd. when one of two stray horses alongside the road ran in front of it.

The horse's head hit the roof and windshield knocking it out. Shores and his passenger, Donald Glenn Logan, 18, of 1224 West McAndrews rd., Medford, received bruises and minor cuts from the flying glass fragments, state police said.

The car was towed away and the horse, owned by James Louis Fredericks, route 1, box 24, Jacksonville, was sent to the Southern Oregon Tallow company.

National Recreation Month Is Observed

National Recreation month has been observed in Medford with the opening of various recreation facilities, according to City Parks and Recreation Director Robert Haworth.

President John F. Kennedy has endorsed the observance of June as National Recreation month and in a statement encouraged "citizens to discover the new potentials of their leisure, new opportunities and meaning in their free time."

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