

### Variance Request For Sign Denied By City Planners

A variance request to erect a sign on the building occupied by the Oregon Bank on East Jackson st. to identify an insurance business was unanimously denied by the Medford planning commission Thursday night.

The sign would have replaced a pre-existing sign of the same size—24 inches by 50 inches — advertising another firm. The previous sign, however, was non-conforming, and according to sign provisions for limited commercial districts, non-conforming signs may not be replaced once they have been removed.

Clair Stumbo, owner of Allied Neon company, appeared before the commission to urge that the variance be granted. Owner of the insurance firm did not appear.

Commissioner Herb Partidge asked Stumbo if the sign could be constructed flat against the facade of the building, which would be permissible under the regulations, rather than projecting into the front yard setback area.

Stumbo replied he did not feel the sign would be effective or serve its intended purpose if it were placed flush against the front of the building.

In other action, the commission voted to recommend to the city council that:

—A change of zone from single-family to multiple-family for property located at the southwest corner of Crater Lake ave. and McAndrews rd. be granted.

**Recommend Annexation**  
—About 0.35 acres west of Chestnut ave. and north of Stewart ave. be annexed to the city. The property owner has requested annexation.

—Part of the plat for Rogue Valley Heights be vacated. The owner of the property proposes to resubdivide the property.

—The easterly part of the east-west alley in Block 5, Riverside Addition, be vacated. The request was initiated by the owners of Pulver's Motel, who are contemplating expansion of the business.

—A duplicating business be permitted as a home occupation at 360 Berrydale ave.

The commission set Sept. 12 as the date for public hearings on requests for:

—A variance to the sign provisions for permission to erect a temporary sign at East Jackson st. and between Berkeley Way and Barneburg rd.

—A variance to the height regulations in the single-family zone for the construction of a church to be located at the northeast corner of East Jackson st. and Berkeley Way.

—A change of zone from single-family to single and two family for property located on the west side of Kenyon st. north of Garfield rd.

—A variance to the front yard setback requirements for property located at 148 South Keene Way.

—A variance to setback requirements in single-family zone to enable the applicant to erect a carport at 130 White Oak dr.

### Plans for Contest To Be Discussed

Preliminary plans for the 1963-64 United Nations Pilgrimage youth essay contest will be discussed at a meeting 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17, in the IOOF hall in Ashland.

The contest is sponsored by all Independent Order of Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges in Jackson and Josephine counties.

Mrs. Riley Applegate, contest chairman, urges all noble grands of both orders in the district to remind their United Nation delegates of this meeting.

Miss Monte Belle Cummings, Grants Pass, winner of the 1962-63 contest is expected to return to her home early this week from her award trip to New York and the United Nations.

### Story Hour Planned At Local Library

A recorded story hour will start at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County for children 4 to 10 years of age.

The new type program using recordings from Jackson County Curriculum Center has been made possible by the purchase of a new stereophonic record player with funds donated by John Ring, according to Omar Bacon, librarian.

The program will consist of children's classics, fairy stories and other favorites recorded by trained story tellers. A new program will be given each week while the series continues through Sept. 4.

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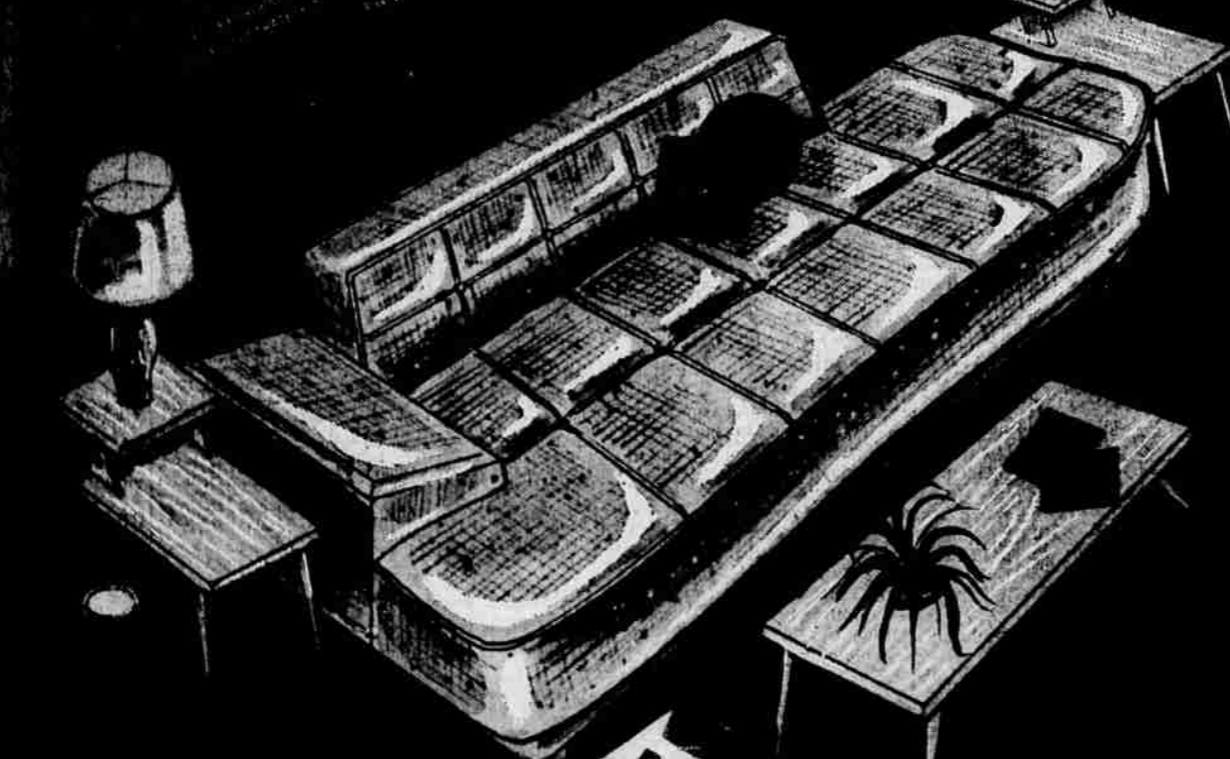


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