

Hot Springs Residents Criticize Councilmen In Matter Of Street Closures

An unidentified resident of Hot Springs district expressed the feelings of a group of property owners along the right-of-way of the new north entrance highway along Alameda when he told Council President Paul O. Landry, "You can't do that to us!"

The group attended the meeting of the council, held Thursday night due to the lack of a quorum on the regular Monday evening meeting, to protest the closure of Earle and Melrose streets by the city on order of the Oregon state highway department.

Landry explained that this city council has nothing to do with the plan, that the contract was signed by the city, county and the highway department in May of 1944, in which the city and the county sold certain lots to the department and the city agreed to close certain streets. He stressed that the streets would not be closed to traffic, but would only be closed at one end, and that end would be supplied with a turning circle for the use of motorists.

The principle gripe of the property owners appeared to be objections to no ready access to the highway. It was stated that during the winter snow prevents persons living on the lower end of Melrose and Earle from going uphill, and if the lower end is closed, they "would be stuck there." Representative residents demanded to know what the plans of the state highway department were and City Engineer E. A. Thomas advised that latest word from the department had asked that all the streets crossing Alameda be closed except Portland.

The unidentified man again arose to ask Landry when the department expected to construct the overhead on Portland, and when Landry answered that he didn't know, the man replied, "It's your business to know!" "That's what we elected you for, I didn't vote for you, though, and don't think I ever will!"

The council finally decided to ask the highway department to investigate some way in which

Earle and Melrose streets could be kept open.

C. A. Hayden, manager for the federal housing project in the Klamath Falls area, appeared before the council to point out that the government makes payments in lieu of taxes and deserves the same consideration on their projects inside the city limits as any other taxpayer. He asked that the city provide police protection and street and lighting service to the two projects. He also pointed out that if the government is forced to pay for the services itself, they must deduct the maintenance cost from the tax payments made to the city. The council recommended that the city engineer fix the streets, that the police problem be referred to the police committee, and the lights to the public utilities committee.

Chief Vernon Chitwood of the navy recruiting office asked the council for permission to scatter 10,000 leaflets urging recruiting in the U. S. Naval reserve over the town from an airplane. No statute being found which prohibited such distribution for such a manner, the council granted the request.

W. E. Palmer also appeared before the council to protest the moving by the 20-30 club of a house to be used by the Air Scouts out to property adjoining his own. Palmer said that he also represented three other property owners in the immediate vicinity. The council recommended that the 20-30 club be notified that the objections had been raised and that the council could not give its approval to the plan.

Two communications were received from the insurance committee recommending first that the council make a study of the

insurance needs of all the buildings at the airport in preparation for the taking over of the buildings, and second that the budget committee be asked to allot sufficient funds so that the city could consider placing all its existing and future liability policies under one comprehensive policy.

A recommendation from the planning commission was accepted that all parking strips in the business and industrial districts of town be eliminated, either paving them over or making them part of the street.

Councilman Conde made a motion that the fire chief and the fire committee meet with Architect Howard Perrin for the study of a suitable building plan for a fire station to be erected on the corner of Division and Radcliffe. The council accepted his motion. He also moved that the fire chief be given permission to sell or dispose of the aged Stutz fire truck which is now stopping at the fire station. The council accepted this motion also.

A letter was received from K. K. Cramer of the federal communications commission asking for the use of the council chamber May 10 for giving radio examinations. The council granted his request.

Two bids were received and opened for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the use of the street department. They were referred to the city engineer and the finance department with the power to act.

A bid for an Adams grader from the Howard-Cooper corporation was accepted and a scarifier was ordered at the same time.

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Policeman Hurt In Fall

Clyde Fichtner, Medford city traffic officer and well known to law enforcement officers here, was critically injured Monday in Medford when he was thrown 35 to 40 feet off his motorcycle in a collision on West Main street while in pursuit of a speeding motorist.

Fichtner is in Sacred Heart hospital Medford, with compound fracture of the left leg above the knee, fracture and dislocation of the left elbow, a bone injury to the left wrist and a broken right wrist. He will be unable to report for duty for six months, the attending physician reported.

According to Medford sources, Fichtner was chasing a motorist speeding west when he attempted to pass another car which turned into a driveway on the left. The motorcycle hooked onto the rear of the sedan and Fichtner was thrown in the air. The valley officer has visited here at various sessions of Foot-Printers of which he is a member.

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Nutritionally, turkey has similar characteristics to beef, mutton, veal, lamb and pork, writes Lucy Case, extension specialist in nutrition at OSC, in her bulletin on poultry cookery, HE 1980.

Economically, an 18 to 20-pound bird is a better buy than a smaller one for large families, for guest meals, or if there is refrigeration to aid in keeping leftovers.

A half turkey can be bought

at some markets and roasted as satisfactorily as a whole turkey. It presents a tasty sight on the platter in a garland of candied sweet potatoes.

If small families must buy a large whole bird the other half may be used later in meat pies, shortcakes, creamed dishes, sandwiches, salads, loaves and in many other ways. As a general rule each person to be served will need three-quarters to one pound in dressed weight of turkey. A 15-pound turkey will make about 20 generous servings.

For best results birds under one year old are cooked by dry heat methods at low temperatures which results in less cooking loss, more juicy meat, more uniformly cooked meat. With one method the bird is cooked in an uncovered pan, with no water used and at a low temperature throughout the cooking period. Older birds are best stewed or steamed.

Very young turkeys may be fried or broiled just like chicken except that the cooking period is longer. Turkey steaks is the new way of preparing larger turkeys. A steak cut about one inch thick from the breast of a young bird, dredged with flour or dipped in batter and fried, requires about 45 minutes to cook. Steaks are also cut from the thighs and from the "oysters" along the back.

The sea mouse is actually a worm.



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"Dear Mr. _____

"During the past month the company has met with you and with other union representatives to bargain on union demands for increased wage rates and for various other changes in working conditions.

"On wages, which is the fundamental issue in dispute, the company's position is that the wages it is now paying compare favorably with wages now being paid generally in the area in which we operate for work requiring comparable skill and training.

"Since the company and the unions have a difference of opinion on this matter, the company is willing to submit the issue on wages to a board of arbitrators to be selected from a panel named by the U. S. Department of Labor. In fairness to all

Telephone employees, as is well known, have been fairly paid and well treated. Wage schedules have been increased several times in the last few years in addition to regular progressive increases. The employees have good working conditions, steady work, holidays and vacations with pay, sickness benefits and pensions.

The company believes that the present contracts are liberal and is willing to renew them.

The unions' demands, if granted, would cost the company, and ultimately the users of the service, about \$100,000,000 annually. This is equivalent to—

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A letter along the lines of the following is being sent to each union involved.

our employees, the offer to arbitrate the wage issue is being made to all unions with whom we have been in negotiation.

"This letter is a formal offer by the company to submit to arbitration by such a board the question whether or not basic wage rates now paid by the company should be increased, the amount of increase, if any, in starting and top rates, the length of progression schedules, the intermediate steps in such schedules, and locality differentials. The decision of the board of arbitrators shall be final and binding on the parties.

"This offer to arbitrate is made in recognition that the public interest must come first and upon the condition that strike notices filed by the unions you represent are withdrawn.

"We would appreciate an early reply."

By any reasonable comparison, telephone employees are doing all right. That's the way we want it. But the public has a stake in the issue. The company's earnings are already too low and any major additional wage costs must be reflected in increased rates.

The company wants to be fair—fair to the employees, fair to the public who buy the service and fair to those who invest in the business. We believe that the present contracts, which we are willing to renew are fair, but since there is a difference of opinion between the company and the unions and believing it to be in the public interest, we have made this offer to arbitrate.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company