

# Ed Dunham Asserts Council 'Ganging Up' On Him With Complaints On Property

E. A. Dunham, pioneer property owner and business man of Klamath Falls, told city councilmen last night that it looks as if they are "ganging up" on him with complaints about his properties.

Dunham appeared last night in connection with an excavation job on his property on Ewauna boulevard near the river, which the council had ordered investigated. A few weeks ago Dunham was at a council session to discuss complaints about a partially destroyed house he owns on Owens street, which the council wants condemned.

There was confusion in the council as to whether Dunham's excavation job was on Ewauna or Cedar, but it was finally agreed that Ewauna is the street involved.

Councilman A. F. Condrey opened the discussion by stating that Dunham's workmen had dug dirt from city property along the street right-of-way and he recommended that the owner be made to construct a concrete retaining wall along the excavated side of the street and replace the dirt, also build a fence alongside the street for the safety of persons using it.

Dunham tried to comment, that an even worse condition had existed for some time at Main and Second, but the council had not had anything done about it. He also pointed out that the property he was working on had previously been a dumping ground for all sorts of trash, but "no one ever complained about it before I bought it." He asserted that he had intended to fence in the street from the start and also intended to replace the earth, and added that if the council would wait until he had a chance to fix it up himself everything would be all right.

Councilman Paul O. Landry interjected to state that he didn't believe that the street committee had been contacted on the matter for an opinion and that Condrey had made his recommendation without the sanction of the committee. Condrey replied that he had given the recommendation as his own entirely.

Condrey added that he had nothing against Dunham, saying, "I've known him since I was a kid."

Mayor Ed Ostendorf commented, "He isn't that old."

Condrey announced, however, that he would "stick by my convictions. If one must obey the laws, all should."

Councilman Landry, upon the suggestion of the city attorney, finally moved that the council protest the removal of the earth from Ewauna street, and ask Dunham for protection of the city property. The motion carried.

Upon the suggestion of Dunham the council asked City Engineer E. A. Thomas to investigate the alleged condition at 2nd and Main.

The council also informed Dunham that a condemnation hearing on his house at 519 Owens would be held at the regular council meeting May 19. The building has been in disrepair for over a year and according to Building Inspector Walter Salway, it is "a dirty, filthy and unsafe structure."

E. E. Benner arose at the city council meeting last night to inquire concerning the council's permission for the Disabled American Veterans to hold a children's show, and beauty contest at the KUHS auditorium. He explained that when he had taken the matter up with Police Judge Harold Franey, Franey had mentioned having to obtain a regular show license. Benner pointed out that the DAV was a non-profit organization and that the entertainment would be entirely home talent.

Benner introduced Mrs. Alla Barbara of Vancouver, Wash., who he said was helping with the show. She substantiated his statements.

Councilman Angus Newton stated that he believed all veterans organizations should clear shows through the inter-veterans council and the chamber of commerce in order that everything be agreeable to them before the permit was granted. Mayor Ed Ostendorf had pointed out that the original date of the child show, June 7, would conflict with the annual Shrine dinner for crippled children.

Councilman A. F. Condrey disagreed with Newton, however, stating that the inter-veterans council and the chamber of commerce had "no bearing on the matter at hand." He added that what the two organizations thought was none of the business of the council. The council granted the DAV the permit.

Two letters were received from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the first asked that the mayor proclaim Saturday, May 24, as Poppy Day and asked the council's permission to

sell poppies on the streets that day. The permission was granted.

The second letter asked the mayor to proclaim May 8, VE day, as a day of remembrance throughout the city. The matter was referred to the mayor for his action.

A recommendation from the budget committee asked that \$44,000 now in the bond sinking fund be transferred to the general fund as it was no longer needed. The recommendation was accepted.

The recommendation also asked that the money in a fund to equip a fire truck with aerial equipment be transferred to the general fund. Fire Chief Keith Ambrose explained the request, stating that in 1935 he had asked the city council to make a special levy for the conversion work and after the money was in the fund it was found that the job was impossible. He added that the money had been sitting in the fund since then. The request was granted.

A copy of the lease between the airport committee and United Airlines concerning the lease of a large storeroom at the airport was read to the council and approved by it.

Fire Chief Keith Ambrose also told the council that one of his pieces of equipment was broken down and he had had to order new parts for it. The council recommended that the fire committee look for new equipment and replace the parts with the view of discarding the old machine.

Councilman Angus Newton asked that the police judge be authorized to advertise an auction sale of bicycles which are piling up on the hands of the police force and have not been claimed by their owners. The request was complied with.

Chairman Condrey of the street committee reported that they had studied the request of a group of property owners in the 800 block on Pacific Terrace concerning the widening of the street for the length of the block and he recommended that the property owners all along the street be asked to form an improvement unit for the widening and terracing of the thoroughfare.

The mayor stated that he thought the upper end of the street would go for the idea, but doubted that the lower end would. Condrey replied, "That's all right, all the money's in the lower end."

The council accepted the recommendation of the street committee and asked the city engineer to contact the property owners along the street in regards to the matter.

The mayor reported to the council that John Raffetto had had a crew working at the city dump, cleaning it up as requested by the planning commission, and that the work was completed. He requested that the group inspect the work, and if satisfactory, thank Raffetto for his help.

# HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

**By MARY LOU CASE**

A long list of candidates for the '47-48 student body officers heads the news items for tonight. The campaign will run through Monday, May 12, at which time the candidates will be given a chance to say a few words on their behalf, and the election will be the following day, May 13.

Running for president are Glenn Lorenz, Pat Williams, Don Zarosinski, Bill Southwell, Bill Moody, Tom Edwards and Gene Hankins. Candidates for secretary treasurer are Lou Chase, Pat McMillan and Rosemary Bisbie. Jack Lust, Wilbur Elliot and Marcela Murray are potential first vice presidents; Joe Demetracos, Dick Petzoldt and Sandra Moore, second vice president. The position of yell leader will be won by one of the eight prospects, Trudy Bennett, Dick Miles, Bob Miles, Dolores Moon, Dorothea Cogdill, Bob Dodson and Margie Liggett.

An all-school picnic is being sponsored Sunday, May 25, by Tri-Hi-Y. The price of a 25 cent ticket will entitle the student to enjoy the

refreshments and various games. The tickets will go on sale Wednesday. Connie Hunt is in charge of arrangements; chairman of the publicity committee is Jean Hilton, recreation, Marilyn McLeilan, Miss Eva Burkhalter is the faculty advisor of Tri-Hi-Y.

To raise money for the employee-employers banquet, the Retail Selling club sponsored a matinee dance today at 2:35. Sam Smith, the new city recreation director, called a few barn dances and directed the dancing. Cokes and doughnuts were sold at the two coke bars. Kathryn Ramsey is president of Retail Selling. Patty Dual and Gwen Beckley supervised the publicity. Advisor to the club is Thomas Williams.

"People are meant to live two by two in this world. Tain't natural to be so lonely," states Mrs. Gibbs, character in Thorton Wilder's play, "Our Town," which will be presented by the seniors in the KUHS auditorium, May 14 and 15. Irma McBride portrays Mrs. Gibbs.

# Council Okays Seven Permits

Only seven building permits were okayed by the city council last night for the smallest amount this year, \$4340 worth of construction.

The permits were issued to:

- R. E. Simmons, new garage building, Vine, \$1500.
- Theo Crags, remodel store, 633 Main, \$1000.
- Arthur M. Cluny, repair office, 8 6th and Spring, \$850.
- Mrs. Waggoner, new garage, 920 Grant, \$600.
- M. L. Guderian, repair roof, 1305 California, \$100.
- Joe Snyder, repair roof, Emil's market, S. 6th, \$225.
- George F. Dumke, repair roof, 2410 Applegate, \$65.

**HIGH COST OF SUDS**  
ATLANTIC CITY, May 6 (AP) — Americans are drinking less beer—a million barrels per month less than last year—because of continued high retail prices, according to the president of the National Beer Wholesalers association, R. J. Cheatwood of Richmond, Va.

# Alaska Official Backs Portland

PORTLAND, May 6 (AP)—Ralph J. Rivers, attorney general of Alaska, was en route to Washington, D. C., from here today after inspecting Portland's port facilities and expressing hope the maritime commission would permit a portland-to-Alaska steamship service.

The territorial officer said the existing Seattle monopoly of Alaska shipping was detrimental to the public welfare and that Alaska businessmen were anxious to develop trade with Portland.

# Chamber Directors Ready For "Queen"

The chamber of commerce directors will be taken up most of Wednesday afternoon with their "queen," the winner of today's "Queen for a Day" program. The directors will hear the report of the queen committee and hear the final plans for the entertainment of the royal lady.

Otherwise on the business of the chamber will be a discussion of the various committee appointments to be made by President Phil Hitchcock. So far Hitchcock has appointed only the executive committee, consisting of himself, Al Hixon, Fred Hoagland, John Houston, Vern Moore, Vern Owens and Mitchell Tillotson.

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**Press Resolution Pondered In L. A.**

LOS ANGELES, May 6 (AP) — A resolution urging passage of a house bill "to restore the Associated Press and all news gathering organizations their rights of contracts as established by the constitution" was introduced today in the city council.

The resolution, proposed by Ed J. Davenport, refers to the 1945 U. S. supreme court decision which held the Associated Press to be in violation of the Sherman Antitrust act in rejecting the application of the Chicago Sun for membership in the AP.

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