

Firemen's Pensions And Traffic Problem On Sixth Street Occupies Council

Fire Chief Keith Ambrose brought the perennial subject of firemen's pensions before last night's council meeting, creating a lengthy and inconclusive debate.

Chief Ambrose introduced his subject with a reference to what he believed to be the opposition of the mayor. In referring to a conversation he had had with the mayor prior to the meeting, Ambrose said the mayor had voiced opposition to the pension plan and had further stated the council was also against it.

Following Ambrose's opening argument on the pension plan, Councilman A. F. Conroy voiced his sympathy with the firemen's cause but did not believe a motion to put the plan before the people at the special election October 7 would be passed by the council.

There followed a round-table endorsement by all the councilmen of the pension plan, but they were all of the belief it would be premature to present the pension plan at the special election in view of the fact it had been defeated twice before. The discussion was finally ended by a compromise proposal that a thorough study of the plan be made and presented to the council at some future date, the general feeling being the plan would have a better chance in the spring election of 1948.

An amusing sidelight of the meeting was a discussion on proposed lighting for the Klamath armory. Conroy asked for council action on the matter, which called for floodlights to be placed on the spring street side of the armory as a means of preventing vandalism on nights when dances are held.

Councilman Angus Newton suggested that as long as the matter was before the council, why not consider putting floodlights also in the back of the armory as it was his information that "kids drink beer and neck around behind there." All present joined in the merriment over this quip. But it had little effect on the outcome of the discussion—it was finally decided to table the matter until a report could be obtained from the armory committee.

Another amusing incident was incurred by a remark from Newton to E. A. Thomas, the city engineer. Newton asked if Thomas had observed a certain rock formation at the top of North Sixth street, and asked if it couldn't be removed. Thomas replied that he had been looking at it for 20 years. When the laughter had subsided, Thomas agreed to look into the matter to

Transportation News

Robert A. Houck of the Southern Pacific company, announced the following news items about the activities of the company and its employees:

A group of young cyclists, known as the American Adventure group, will arrive in Klamath Falls on the morning of July 31. They will de-train here, bicycles and all, for parts unknown as far as the SP company has been informed.

On August 1, another group will arrive in Klamath Falls. They will not de-train, however, but will continue southward. This group is known as the American Hostels association. Members of this group will take a side trip to Crater lake before they reach here. They will get off at Chiloquin, ride up and back on the train—not the same train, of course. The trip will take two or three days.

Members of the American Adventure group are pedaling around Crater lake now, and quite possibly will pedal down to Weed and beyond from here.

Frank Sexton has the following to report on the doings of Great Northern employees:

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Neal Gibson, yard clerk, is expected back shortly from a trip to Rochester, Minn.

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Council OK's 13 Permits

Building permits totaling \$11,484 were approved by the council last night for the period from July 21 to July 29. There was a total of 13 permits issued, only one of which was for a new residence. The new residence application was made by Archie L. Reid, who will build a house at 408 Adams to cost \$5500.

Two remodeling jobs amounting to \$4000 were included in the applications. These were a request by C. G. Fraley for permission to move a residence at 131 2nd from the back to the front of the lot, put in a new foundation and remodel for a cost of \$2000; the second application was by A. L. Vinge, who desires to remodel a residence and add three rooms at 2545 Applegate to cost \$2000.

The other applications were Dan J. Marino, new roof at 139 West Oregon, \$335; Madge Sloan, reshingling residence at 17 Pine, \$250; Mrs. E. B. Woodward, new garage and woodshed at 1723 Oak, \$500; Charles L. McPherson, repair residence at 1510 Worden, \$200; United Outdoor Advertising company, erect poster panel at lots 3-4-5, block 94, Klamath addition, \$40; United Outdoor Advertising company, erect two poster panels at lots 9-10, block 105, Klamath addition, \$100; E. L. Berk, repair porch at 1503 Upham, \$100, and Mrs. Frank Sabzek, remodel porch at 1526 Oregon, \$200.

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