

Improvement Of Highways Eyed By Council; Zoning Laws Overhaul Proposed

Long-range highway improvement in Klamath Falls, proposed by the planning commission last night before the city council, accentuated the need for revamping of the city's ancient zoning ordinance.

The widening and establishing of set-back lines on North 11th street, widely discussed in the past as a necessary step to handle future traffic, was one of the requests that emphasized the need for overhauling of the zoning ordinance.

Alfred Collier and Bert Igt of the planning commission were anxious to have the property lines now established set back 10 feet on both sides of the street so that future building will not interfere with the proposed widening of the street.

They feel that 11th will eventually be a main arterial route in the long-range highway program and widening is necessary to take care of the expected upsurge in traffic.

City Attorney Henry Perkins divulged that certain restrictions in the present zoning statutes prohibit establishing set-back lines on the stretch from Main to the Crescent street bridge.

Another necessity for revising the current zoning ordinance bobbed up in connection with the proposed rezoning of the lake front in the shipping area, to make way for extensive marine building.

Perkins said that the ordinance now stipulates only four zones in Klamath Falls and that the proposed 3-A Marine district zone is actually a "fifth zone" and could not be established without a zoning amendment or a new ordinance.

In line with the new ordinance, Councilman A. F. Conroy went a step further and suggested the planning commission work with the city engineer, building inspector and city attorney in mapping out a city-wide re-zoning program.

In other planning commission recommendations, the city fathers went on record as blocking any attempt to erect signboards or billboards on the new north entrance stretch, although state regulations already prohibit such signs.

The city council will refer any building applications in the 3-A marine district to the planning commission for study and recommendation, it was decided.

The proposed yacht club building in the marine district will not be affected by the zoning ordinance, inasmuch as the structure is being built on local option.

Bids were opened on a two-ton truck for the city street department, the two-year comprehensive audit, typewriter for the engineering department, and on the two improvement units, 12th from Main to Klamath and California from 3rd to Upham.

City councilmen voted to include restrictions in the deed to the Ellingson's mill for the sale of the dog pound property so that, in the event of re-sale by Ellingson's it would not be occupied by some objectionable enterprise.

John L. Lee was okayed as manager and general superintendent of both cemeteries.

The ordinance governing detective agencies will be switched to charge a \$25 annual license fee for all agencies and a \$10 fee for each added operator. The ordinance now reads just the reverse.

A survey will be made to determine the vacant lots in the territory bounded by 8th, Klamath, Spring and Broad. This will include both city and private property.

Councilman Darrell Miller said that his investigation showed that city mosquito spraying would have to wait for next year. Murel Long of the Farmer's Air service informed Miller that it was too late this year to remedy the situation.

Row Grows Over Negro Burial Rule

The city council Monday night took initial steps to strike out a provision in a city ordinance that prohibits the burial of Negroes in the Klamath Memorial Park cemetery.

The issue came to the fore last week when burial of Pete Williams, 27-year-old army veteran, was prevented by a clause in the law that governs Klamath Memorial park that reads, "said land shall be used for underground burial of human dead of the white race as defined by decisions of the United States Supreme court and none other."

Many persons, among them several Negroes, crowded the council chambers to lodge a protest against the Jim Crow ruling.

Bill Canton, chairman of the Memorial cemetery committee, lead the fight and stated vociferously that if the provision stays, "there'll be a fight."

Canton said that he had been asked to bury Williams in Keno's cemetery, but he had refused.

The colored veteran, who died in Klamath Falls recently, was buried in a plot in Linkville cemetery set aside for indigent war veterans.

The debate was led off with a letter from Mrs. Irene Kroenert who termed the ruling "un-American and a disgrace to the city of Klamath Falls."

Canton added to his arguments when he reasoned that both cemeteries are operated by city taxpayers and no discrimination should be made.

All the councilmen were in agreement that the ordinance should be amended. The matter was turned over to the city attorney and the council judiciary committee for study and action.

Canton was asked to sit in on the session with the judiciary committee.

Petticoat Lane Peevish Question

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 28 (AP)—County Engineer Stephen Jayne decided today to find out whether the people who live on Petticoat lane want it named Overcoat avenue or something.

The county road department kept putting up street signs on Petticoat lane. Every time one went up, somebody tore it down again.

In despair, Jayne finally got out a circular letter to all the lane's residents, asking if they wanted the name Petticoat lane changed to something else.

Some Good Seen In Probe Of Atom

DES MOINES, June 28 (AP)—Some good already has come from a senate committee investigation of the atomic energy commission, Senator Hickenlooper (R-Ia.) believes.

The investigation has brought "evidence of a very drastic tightening up of the commission along several lines," he told a news conference yesterday.

Hickenlooper, who has charged AEC Chairman David Lilienthal with "incredible mismanagement," declared the senate committee has built "a very substantial case" and added that the next week or so would bring additional "substantial factors."

Without identifying them, he told reporters that there are two areas in the nation where criticism and approval of the investigation "have been about 50-50."

Maritime Repair Program Proposed

WASHINGTON, June 23 (AP)—The U. S. maritime commission has proposed a \$25,000,000 program of repairs for the national reserve merchant fleet.

The proposal was disclosed today in a letter from Commission Chairman Philip B. Fleming to Rep. Angel (R-Cre.) Details of the program have been submitted to the budget bureau, the letter said.

If it is approved by the bureau and funds authorized by congress, Fleming said, hull, engine and electrical work involved will be distributed among shipyards along the Atlantic, Pacific and gulf coasts.

Fleming said the commission is considering construction of coast-wise passenger trailer vessels. Bids now are being invited from west coast yards, he said, on nine new vessels already on the commission's construction program.

King Leopold Loses Chance For Return

BRUSSELS, Belgium, June 28 (AP)—King Leopold's chances of returning to the Belgian throne were blasted by Sunday's election.

Final parliamentary election returns, issued yesterday, showed that the Social Christian (Catholic) party, supporting Leopold, failed to get the absolute majority they needed to force a referendum to bring back the king.

They strengthened their position as Belgium's biggest party, though, winning 104 of the 212 seats in the chamber of deputies. This represented a gain of 12 over the 1946 elections.

The socialists, who have ruled the country in a coalition cabinet with the Social Christians, continued in second place. They won 66 seats, a loss of three seats.

The liberals—a conservative group—almost doubled their strength, emerging with 30 seats. They had 17.

This swing to the right, which observers have noted in most recent European elections, was emphasized by the communist loss of 11 seats. They now have 12.

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Mr. Anderson was born at Stony Ford, Calif., on November 19, 1875, and came to Oregon with his parents when he was a lad of 12. The family settled first at Gale, near the present town of Merrill, in Klamath county.

As a young man, Anderson engaged in ranching and he also operated a sawmill on Stukei mountain. He then opened a confectionery store at Merrill, and became postmaster of that place. Later, he served many years as mayor.

He erected a building, the "White House," and for 24 years carried on a general merchandising business at Merrill. After the death of his father, he handled the estate and later bought out the other heirs.

He operated the family farm lands near Merrill for a number of years, but about 10 years ago moved to the Nagar district on the Merrill highway where he built a fine home.

Anderson married Thirza Mae Martin at Merrill on August 9, 1908. He and Mrs. Anderson have been active in affairs of the county com-



R. H. Anderson

munity for many years. He served as master of the Pomona grange in 1940-41, held many other positions in the grange and the Odd Fellows lodge at Merrill. He was on his way to a lodge meeting when last night's accident occurred.

A staunch republican, Anderson was always interested in local, state

Stiff Fine Levied In Driving Offense

Donald Lloyd Schonchin, 21-year-old Beatty man who was found in bed with a rifle and with bullet holes in the building, paid a total of \$209 in fines in justice court and was released late yesterday.

Schonchin was fined \$154.50 for drunken driving in connection with the operation of a jeep which was found abandoned at Sprague River junction. Police said a woman occupant had fallen out of the car.

He was fined \$54.50 on the concealed weapon charge. The source of the bullet holes in the building was not explained in court.

BOOST

SALEM, June 28 (AP)—A straight 10-cent bus fare is expected in this city shortly. The city council cleared the way for the fare increase last night after City Transit Lines said it had operated at a loss of \$22,885 so far this year.

The fare has been at three tokens for 25 cents.

and national affairs. A few years ago he entered politics as a candidate for the first time, seeking election as a republican to the county commission. He was a member of the Episcopal church.

Anderson is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. William D. (Thirza) DeCew of Klamath Falls and Mrs. Edward Goeckner of Salem; two sisters, Mrs. Dan Colwell of Klamath Falls and Mrs. George Grahman of Merrill; and four grandchildren. The remains are at Whitlock's, and funeral services will be announced tomorrow.

London Dock Strike Ends

LONDON, June 28 (AP)—Striking workers on London's docks voted to return to their jobs today with the proviso that they will refuse to work Canadian ships involved in a dispute with crew members.

Threats of a major ship-upping in the whole port of London eased when 2000 workers at the Royal docks voted unanimously to return to their jobs. A similar action was taken later by almost as many strikers at the Surrey docks where the sympathy move in support of the Canadian sailors started two days ago.

Thirty ships loaded with vital cargoes of meats and fruits were left idle as the dockers and longshoremen walked out yesterday. Dock officials said they expected work to return to normal tomorrow with the exception of the Canadian vessels, four of which are now in English ports.

GRANT

BETHESDA, Md., June 28 (AP)—The University of Oregon medical school was among schools getting grants yesterday from the National

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Taylor To Take Insurance Post

SALEM, June 28 (AP)—Robert B. Taylor, Portland insurance agent, will become state insurance commissioner July 1.

He was appointed yesterday by Governor McKay to succeed Seth B. Thompson, who will leave office to become agency vice president for the West Coast Life Insurance company of San Francisco. Thompson has served since 1940.

Taylor, whose appointment is for four years, is president of the Oregon Fire Underwriters association.

Sacred Heart To Plan For Picnic

Plans for the Sacred Heart parish picnic to be held July 17 will be made at a meeting of St. Mary's Altar society of the church Wednesday.

Members are urged to be present for the meeting which will be held in the rectory, 815 High, at 1 p. m.

Cancer institute for laboratory and clinical research. The Oregon grant was \$11,022 for use by Dr. Edwin E. Osgood. The institute made 99 grants, totaling \$1,925,294.

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