

# Wall Street Hill May Be Improved Soon; City Dads Order Sidewalk Ordinance

The Wall street hill off Esplanade may be improved soon if the district school board and property-owners chip in their share of the cost.

City Engineer E. A. Thomas told councilmen Monday night that the chore—installing pavement, curbs and gutters—would cost \$2780. The city would pay \$1000, the school board \$680 and property-owners \$1100.

The school board met last night and agreed to the plan.

The property owners except one have been contacted, and they also indicate they'll be willing to stand their share of the financial load.

Another construction matter was handled when the city fathers authorized City Attorney Henry Perkins to draw up an ordinance governing the installation of sidewalks.

This move was felt necessary when difficulty was experienced with a property owner near Highway school who balked at installing a sidewalk that councilmen said was necessary for the safety of school children.

The bureau of reclamation will recommend to its main office, building up of the canal where seepage is causing damage to several city streets, Mayor Robert A. Thompson reported.

City Engineer Thomas told councilmen he anticipated trouble at the Esplanade underpass where, he claims, the state installed a sewer pipe 12 inches too low.

Thomas said that the pipe is at the city's flow level and should be 12 inches above it. He expects the catch basin to become clogged.

The city dads said it should be the state's obligation to remedy the situation, and the state highway department will be notified of the problem, it was learned.

Councilmen agreed to wait until after the city audit is completed to handle the problem of the mounting stack of city records.

At that time, it was indicated, an ordinance will be drawn up ordering the disposal of records older than 10 years.

Another long-range problem will be tossed at the new city highway committee, it was divulged at the council confab.

The proposal is to use Klamath as the main thoroughfare instead of Main. This would be done, it was explained, by widening Klamath from Eleventh to Market and building a new stretch of road from First across to the vicinity of the Baldwin hotel, abutting Klamath and thus eliminating the jog at Second and Klamath.

This would permit four-lane traffic and facilitate the through-city traffic flow, it was felt.

Police Judge Leigh Ackerman announced that money was available to go ahead with meeting recommendations from Fire Chief Henry Akin to eliminate fire danger at the city hall.

Councilmen concurred with Matt Finnigan's suggestion to lay plans for the widening of High between Eighth and Tenth.

Final reading on the ordinance authorizing the sale of dog pound and cemetery property to Ellingson's mill was held up to straighten out a boundary question.

L. P. Brockman was given the job of exterior painting at the city hall. Brockman's bid was low at \$1379.

The city dads followed Councilman Wendell Smith's suggestion to appoint a group of merchants to study the advisability of off-street parking.

Mayor Thompson will appoint an "outside" committee of five business men as an advisory body to meet with the council on financial matters. The proposal was brought up by Comdry.

Calling of an open meeting of landlords and tenants to discuss lifting of rent control in the city was pigeon-holed for awhile by unanimous consent of the council.

Copco was given the go-ahead signal for installation of a power line across the southeast corner of the city's disposal plant.

Police Chief Orville Hamilton's request to take \$150 from the police department's depreciation sinking fund for police radio improvements was okayed by council action.

City Attorney Perkins will draw up a resolution showing the backing of HB 4190 which would allocate ship-building work to the west coast.

The request for support by Klamath Falls was forwarded by the labora league for political education of shipyard laborers.

Reading of the proposed assessment roll on improvement unit 101, California from Third to Upham, showed city property to be assessed \$3102.06. Total assessment in the district is \$26,841.96.

The job was held up recently because of lack of city funds and the probability of completing the improvement chore by the Bancroft method is being eyed.

## TOONERVILLE FOLKS



## Trick Pic Backfires On Paper

PEORIA, Ill., Aug. 9 (AP)—A trick picture of a mammoth grasshopper which the Peoria Star printed yesterday wasn't nearly as comical as staff members thought it would be.

The newspaper is begging forgiveness of its readers today and says it "regrets frivolous toying with the truth."

The trick picture was made by Volde Johnson Jr., an amateur photographer. It made the grasshopper appear to be as large as a haystack on which it was riding.

The humorous caption for the picture said the "hopper later was seen heading southward 'in 100 yard leaps.'"

Shortly after the paper appeared on the streets, the Star's telephones were swamped with calls. Peorians wanted to know more details of the giant "hopper. One reader indignantly said it should have been shot.

A mother called the picture "terrible" and told the newspaper that it had shocked her children.

## Inspector Killed By Road Roller

EUGENE, Aug. 9 (AP)—Bert W. Wagner, age about 60, civil employee of the U. S. corps of engineers on the Cottage Grove dam, was instantly killed Monday night while inspecting the earth fill. In his capacity as impervious core inspector, Wagner was on the job at 10:35 p.m. when he was crushed beneath a huge dirt roller.

Deputy Coroner Robert Mills of Cottage Grove said that Wagner, whose address was Cottage Grove hotel, had stepped out of the way of a caterpillar directly into the path of the roller. The body was taken to Mills mortuary in Cottage Grove. Funeral arrangements await the arrival of relatives from Kelso, Wash.

## SALEM, Aug. 9 (AP)—Juveniles are responsible for 75 per cent of the shoplifting in their stores, a representative group of Salem merchants declares. Most of the juvenile shoplifting is by high school age operators, many of them girls interested in clothing and ornaments, a spokesman for the merchant group said today. Cooperating with city police, the storekeepers are organizing to stop or at least curb the activity.

## TELLING THE EDITOR

Letters printed here must not be longer than 500 words, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper, and must be signed by the writer. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

## BURIAL ISSUE

PORTLAND, Ore. (T to The Editor)—As a citizen of these United States, and as a taxpayer in your city, may I express my deep contempt for and disapproval of the action taken by the city council in regard to the burial of "non-Caucasian's" in Memorial Park cemetery?

There can be no doubt that the action will be of great comfort to the communitarian elements both here and abroad, for it provides a concrete example of one point which they have been working most industriously to prove, i.e. that there is no real freedom and equality in the United States. They can now add the words "not even in death" to their statements. They have been working hard to prove that the Founding Fathers were just making funny noises that didn't mean a thing, when one hundred and seventy years ago, they wrote the following words:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident—that ALL MEN are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. . . ."

It is somewhat ironic that a Negro who was accorded equality with white men when it was a question of defending and dying for "his country" should, in death, be deemed unworthy to sleep the last long sleep beside his comrades in arms. To say that there "is no discrimination shown, because Negroes will have equal burial rights in their allocated section of the interment grounds" is a fallacy which no intelligent person could accept.

I greatly doubt that the white service men who sleep so peacefully in that cemetery would feel honored could they know of this decision. After all, they died because we said we didn't agree with Hitler's similar ideas, you know.

We have had and still have with us the processes and results of racial and religious persecution in foreign lands. We have sent our men across the seas to fight and die for the principles laid down in the Constitution of the United States. Today, the very head of that same persecution is rising in our country, poised to strike. Nay, this decision has proven that it has al-

ready struck, and that even now the virus of its poison is coursing through the veins of our nation. Let those who have protested the burial of a Negro beside their dead take comfort in the knowledge that they are playing their part in the grim farce! Their grief for the dead cannot be deep, else their hearts would ache in sympathy for the Negroes who mourn with a sorrow just as deep as it would be were their skins white.

I have read that one of the three wise men who brought gifts to the Infant Jesus was a Negro. But I have not read that he was turned away because of the color of his skin. Nor have I ever had the impression that Jesus Christ died upon the Cross for the exclusive benefit of the white men.

It is not the Negro who has been dishonored by this act. The dishonour lies elsewhere.

I do not believe that I am alone



in my disapproval, and I hope that protests will be long, loud and numerous.

Respectfully yours,  
MR. HARRY J. BOMAN

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