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City Launches Self Improvement 'Livability' Projects

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City crews and private construction firms have been busy this summer working on scores of city improvement projects including sewer and paving work by the city street department, park and marina improvement by the recreation department and work by the city police and fire departments.

"This is an all out effort on the part of Klamath Falls toward self improvement designed to enhance the livability of the city and prepare for new residential growth and make the area more attractive to prospective industries," Bob Kyle, city manager, said.

"Klamath Falls is feeling the will to progress and improve itself and all city departments and private business groups are moving forward together," Kyle said.

The most recent project undertaken by the city is permanent

repair work on the two Municipal Airport runways. The \$24,000 cost of the project will be shared equally by the State Board of Aeronautics and the city.

In a report submitted to the state board Feb. 12, the city manager explained, "Because of age and weather exposure, these runways have developed longitudinal cracks on cold joints between original paving spreads and contraction cracks at random locations. These cracks go

through the three-inch asphalt pavement to the base rock and open to a width up to one inch wide and allow surface water to penetrate into the pavement base and cause further failure.

"The complete removal and replacement, including in some cases, sub-base reinforcement, is the only recommended permanent repair for this type failure," he said.

Kyle indicated the new city projects were not necessarily

emergencies, but rather that the face will be sealed. The estimated cost of the project is \$3,400, from admission charge receipts.

About half the funds will come from the Central Fire Station at lavatory and shower replacement.



PARKING AREA RETAINING WALL — A crew from the City Recreation Department is working on a retaining wall at the parking lot next to the newly resurfaced Moore Park tennis courts. The resurface work cost an estimated \$500, but the wall is being constructed mostly with city owned material.



PREPARING TO CATCH RUNOFF — Storm sewers are being constructed on Washburn Way, Pershing Way, Avalon and Austin streets to catch rain water runoff in these areas that previously were without the facilities. Sanitary sewer projects are also planned for the Mountain View section. The Mountain View work will cost approximately \$25,000 and the contract was awarded to the W. D. Miller Construction Company.



MAIN STREET BEFORE AND AFTER — These two shots show Main Street before, left, and after, right, the new slurry seal surfacing that cost the city approximately \$950. Slurry seal projects completed in the last few weeks included South Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets.



CRACKS ON AIRPORT RUNWAY — These are some of the 43,000 feet of surface cracks that will be repaired by the City Street Department at the Municipal Airport starting this week. The State Board of Aeronautics has agreed to defray 50 per cent of the \$24,000 estimated cost of the project. Some of the major repairs will include complete removal and replacement of some of the worst sections and reinforcing the sub-base. Work on the runways is expected to last over a month.



POLICEMEN BUILD RANGE — City policemen worked almost two years during off-duty hours constructing this outdoor shooting range off the OTI road. All the bulldozing and grading was done by policemen with borrowed machinery. The target holders were constructed and the targets put in place recently. Five runways, like the one at the right, will be asphalted in the near future. Planting grass and digging a well are planned after the runways are paved.



Forthcoming paving projects will include Laguna Street, Worden Street, Van Ness, Tiffany, Benson, Euclid, Birch, Avalon and Calhoun streets. Asphalt paving is planned for most of these streets. The slurry sealer is a makeshift piece of equipment designed and built by City

Street Department men and it fits the bill as well as most expensive pieces of equipment. Kyle said this little bit of street department ingenuity saved the city a considerable amount of money.



SUBSTATION IN SERVICE SIX MONTHS — The new fire substation at Shasta Way and Mitchell Street has served the eastern section of Klamath Falls over six months now. Almost all the work is done and the firemen are just waiting for the grass to pop up. Bob Kyle, city manager, is shown inspecting one of the asphalt curbs at the rear

of the station. The sorely needed building was constructed at a cost of \$45,000. There is one fire truck operating out of the building, a 750-gallon pumper, and there are sleeping quarters for eight, although the sleeping dormitory will eventually handle 12.



NEW DOCKS JUT INTO MARINA — New docks supported with styrofoam flotation were launched at the Moore Park Marina this month giving boaters plenty of room to secure their lines while loading and unloading passengers. The docks provide almost 250 feet of docking space for boats of all sizes. The Klamath County Parks Commission provided \$2,700 of the funds, taken

from state marine license fees paid by Klamath County boaters. Some \$600 came from the City Recreation Department. Other recreation department projects include new poles at Gem Stadium, \$3,300; California Avenue extension at Conger Park, new storage building and restroom at Conger, \$4,500, and preliminary work on Richmond Park.



KLAMATH AVENUE IN TOP SHAPE — When the City Street Department started prying into Klamath Avenue they found out how not to build a street. On the original project, necessary base rock wasn't used as a foundation and the street failed in many places. Where it failed it was replaced with sufficient base rock and the rest was resurfaced. The project cost an estimated \$4,500.