

Fire Sweeps Home For Feeble Minded

The Weather

Increasing cloudiness with possible rain tonight and Friday.
Sunset tonight 7:34 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 4:44 a. m.

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WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins

County Salaries Upped In Budget Committee's Hikes Follow General Plan

County Road Department Tops Increased Items; Recreation Sites OK'd

General adjustment in salaries in all departments is provided in the proposed budget for Douglas County. This was announced following adoption of the tentative budget by the County Budget Committee, which met all day Wednesday.

Total amount of the budget was not available this morning, since it was necessary to retable the item totals to include changes in the various departments, reported County Clerk Roy Agee. There will be a special levy outside the six percent limitation, to be voted on by the people.

Total budget, anticipated revenues, amounts to be raised by taxation, and the amount outside the six percent limitation will be published in Friday's News-Review.

The salary increases generally follow a pattern of \$400 a year increase for all elective officials, except that the salary of the two commissioners will be raised from \$3000 to \$4000 and that of the county school superintendent from \$3300 to \$4000. These changes were authorized by the state legislature.

A general salary pattern of \$300 a month for all other full time Courthouse employees was provided.

The County Road Department shows the largest increase, because of the need to rebuild county roads badly damaged by freeze-thaw last year and contemplated new road construction.

A special item provides \$10,000 for purchase by the County of certain lands along the North and South Umpqua Rivers for recreational purposes. This is considered as only a starter, to be added to in future years.

A new deputy sheriff is provided for at Canyonville. A more detailed report on the budget will appear later.

Mrs. C. T. Shields Discovered Dead

Body of Mrs. Carrie Thompson-Shields, 80, was found hanging by a rope in the woods at the rear of her home at 703 Mill St. this morning, Chief of Police Calvin H. Baird reported. She had apparently died by her own hand, the chief said.

The tragedy was discovered by a neighbor, Mrs. C. H. Wickham, who told police she looked for Mrs. Shields in her woods, where she did her washing, after the elderly woman failed to re-spond to knocking on her door. Mrs. Wickham said she knew Mrs. Shields could not have been far away.

Mrs. Shields died a little more than two weeks after the death of her husband, B. F. Shields, from a heart attack May 2.

The body was removed to the Roseburg Funeral Home, where funeral arrangements will be announced later.



APPROVE COUNTY BUDGET—Douglas County's Budget Committee met in an all-day session Wednesday at the Courthouse to draft county expense allocations for the coming year. The exact amount of the budget was not totaled ready to announce before Friday. Pictured here are, left to right, County Clerk Roy Agee; H. W. Clough, Canyonville; Jack Diehl, Reedsport; Judge D. N. Busenbark (standing); Commissioners Lynn V. Beckley and Dick Baker, and seated in front, Arthur H. Marsh, Lookingglass Route. Clough, Diehl and Marsh are Budget Committee members appointed by the County Court.

\$950,000 Allocated For Two Douglas Highway Projects

Allocations of state and federal funds for Douglas County highway improvements were announced by the State Highway Commission in its meeting at Portland Tuesday, the Associated Press reported.

Among the 57 projects outlined for the state the next two years are the \$600,000 program for the Pacific Highway south of Canyonville, and \$350,000 grading and paving of the 5.6-mile Marks Ranch-Lane Rock section of the North Umpqua Highway.

The North Umpqua Highway project is classed as a secondary route receiving federal aid. The section for which funds are allocated will be an eastward extension from the end of the present paved section.

Money allocated for the Pacific Highway south of Canyonville will be used to improve one of the worst sections of the highway from the standpoint of curves and grades. Federal forest highway money will be used.

Recreational Sites' Fund Asked Of Budget Board

Douglas County may have money next year to make a start on recreational land acquisition.

The Umpqua Basin Conservation Council presented a petition to the County Budget Committee Tuesday, asking inclusion of a sum of \$30,000 or more to be used by the County in buying land for picnic sites, access to fishing streams, boat moorings and other purposes.

The petition, signed by all sports clubs affiliated with the Council, bore endorsement from the Reedsport Chamber of Commerce and Reedsport Lions Club. Various organizations throughout the county have offered endorsement of the petition, the Committee was informed by Bruce Yeager, Council secretary.

Appearing before the Budget Committee on behalf of the Sports Council were Yeager, V. V. Harpham, Harold Hickerson and Charles V. Stanton.

The Budget Committee indicated approval of the plan, providing a source of revenue can be found, but gave no definite promise until a more thorough study is made of County finances to determine availability of money for the project.

FISH HATCHERY EXPANSION SLATED

Rock Creek Project No. 1 In Construction Plans Of State Game Commission

Expansion of the Rock Creek Fish Hatchery on the North Umpqua River is the number one priority of all construction of the State Game Commission's program.

This information was revealed here by Clark Walsh, the Commission's publicity director, who said that bids will probably be taken about June 1. While the sum of \$70,000 is provided in the budget, an additional \$50,000, which must be obtained "from somewhere else," will be needed, said Walsh.

Walsh stated he had inspected plans for the expansion, which will include a new dam, a complete new water supply, and 16 new ponds—12 for nursery stock and four for brood fish. The project has been well designed and will provide sufficient control of water supply and fish.

Walsh, who spoke before the Roseburg Lions Club last Thursday night, stated that a study of hydroelectric and conservation programs reveals that it all boils down to the fact that the Umpqua River is the one remaining source for salmon reproduction in Oregon.

"The spring Chinook is the finest of game fish, but I am afraid the future is very dark," he stated in discussing projected dams on Oregon rivers. "There is no stopping of water power

Operation Of New Sawmill At Green Starts

Operations at the new sawmill of the Associated Plywood Mills, Inc., at Green were started Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday was the first full day of production.

Klamath Machinery Co. planned the layout of the operation, which includes the main sawmill building, equipped with an eight-foot band saw and 8 x 80-foot edger; the planer shed, and other structures.

Thurman Johnson has served as construction superintendent for the layout, while M. M. Robertson will serve as superintendent of the new mill.

Timber for the mill comes from Associated Plywood's holdings on Little River. Peeler logs for the company's plywood mills at Eugene and Willamina mill continue to be shipped by rail from here.

E. S. Wentjar, local manager of Associated Plywood, plans to have an open house at the new sawmill within a few weeks. No definite date has been set.

Four Students Missing From Monmouth College

SALEM, Ore., May 19.—(AP)—Four married men, all students at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, were the object of a police search today after being missed since last night.

College authorities reported to State Police that the men came from Monmouth to Salem last night to go to a baseball game, and that they haven't returned to Monmouth.

It was feared they might have had an auto accident, but no accidents were reported.

The men are Bert McConnell, Sam Ramey, Bob McKeever, and Wayne A. Hubbard. They drove in Hubbard's car.

The college reported that all four men had good habits.

McConnell's wife is an expectant mother, and Ramey's wife teaches at Monmouth. All four are war veterans.

Columbia Basin Water Projects Urged By McKay

WASHINGTON, May 19.—(AP)—Governor Douglas McKay of Oregon said today his state heavily favors the Army Engineers' recommendation for a \$3,000,000,000 development of the Columbia River and its tributaries.

He is here to testify tomorrow before a House Public Works subcommittee in favor of the program.

"We want to see adopted an orderly program for the development of the Pacific Northwest where our great resource is hydro-electric power," the Governor told a reporter. "We need more power and flood control in the Willamette River Valley where floods have caused \$50,000,000 in damages since 1943."

"We need the power and water storage for irrigation because the tremendous increase in our population makes it imperative that we be able to take care of the additional people."

McKay will be joined by Governor Arthur Langlie of Washington state, and Elmo Chase of Eugene, Ore., in testifying favorably for the Columbia Basin development.

Death Claims 3rd Victim Of Three-Auto Crash

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., May 19.—(AP)—Mrs. John P. Christensen, Everett, Wash., died in the local hospital Tuesday night. She was the third fatality in a three-car accident three miles east of Kennebec, S. D., Monday.

Those who previously died in the mishap were Mrs. Andrew Anderson, Florence, Ore., and Gene Fairchild, Pueblo, Colo.

Three others seriously hurt in the accident were described today as "resting quite well." They are Mrs. Gyla Fairchild, Pueblo; Andrew Anderson, Florence, and Mrs. Lloyd W. Swanson, Palo Alto, Calif.

Only 10 Pct. Of Czechs Red, U. S. Woman Says

NEW YORK, May 19.—(AP)—Miss Vlasta Adele Vraz, American relief worker, who was jailed in Prague last month on espionage charges, says "not more than ten percent of the people in Czechoslovakia are Communists."

"About 90 percent are becoming more and more opposed to the government and more and more unhappy," she said on her arrival here yesterday aboard a liner.

Miss Vraz, who headed American Relief for Czechoslovakia in Prague, said she was arrested on "false charges of espionage" because she had known a man a year ago who since has been accused of spying. He was not identified.

Presbyterians Asked To Reduce Synod Structure

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 19.—(AP)—The Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. opened its 161st General Assembly today with major organizational changes near the top of the agenda.

The changes are recommended in a 59-page report completing two years of study by a committee headed by Dr. Robert B. Whyte, pastor of Old Stone Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

The most drastic change proposed concerns the synod structure of the Church. The committee recommends that the number be reduced from 40 to about 12 with a total of 200,000 Church population in each.

It also proposes that the General Council be reorganized, enlarged and given greater increased powers, becoming the "conscience" heart and will of the church.

In connection with this, it proposes creation of a new office of general secretary of the Council to serve as its executive.

Accused Girl Blames Sorority Initiation

PORTLAND, May 19.—(AP)—A school sorority initiation was blamed today by a high school girl for teaching her criminal ways.

Police reported Lella Gundlach, 18, charged with falsifying store charge accounts, told of being instructed to charge a bathing suit to a fictitious account. Since January she had continued obtaining merchandise that way.

Husband, 82, Father Of New Set Of Twin Boys

BATESVILLE, Miss., May 18.—(AP)—W. T. Thompson, 82, is the father of a new set of twin boys.

The boys were born to 41-year-old Mrs. Thompson Saturday. Each weighed five pounds, eight ounces.

The Thompsons have three other children, ages two, five and 24.

Mrs. Thompson was 16 and her husband 57 when they were married in 1924.

James Truslow Adams, Noted Historian, Dies

SOUTHPORT, Conn., May 19.—(AP)—James Truslow Adams, who quit a career in Wall Street to become an internationally-known historian, died here last night at his home.

The 75-year-old chronicler of colonial New England, winner of the Pulitzer prize in history in 1922, had been ill for several weeks. He suffered a stroke a week ago.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Kathryn Seely Adams, and a cousin, Frank Adams Truslow, president of the New York Curb Exchange.

Adams received the Pulitzer prize for his "Founding of New England," one of about 20 histories he produced.

Members Of Staff Rescue All Patients

Fire Fourth In Two Years At Oregon Institution; \$300,000 Loss Covered

SALEM, Ore., May 19.—(AP)—The 40-bed treatment hospital at the state's home for the feeble minded was in ruins today, but heroic work by staff members saved all inmates from injury.

Twenty-five bed patients were in the Fairview Homes Hospital when fire broke out yesterday. The flames were discovered just at the time for changing shifts and the staff was short-handed.

Stairways were blocked as the flames spread rapidly from the basement, up an elevator shaft and through the two-story frame building. Staff workers carried or aided patients to first floor windows and helped them through. Patients on the second floor were sent down fire escape chutes.

Cause of the fire, the fourth in two years at the institution, was under investigation by state police arson squad officers.

Damage was estimated by Dr. Irvin Hill, superintendent, \$300,000. Most of the value was in costly surgical, x-ray and medical equipment. He said the fire was detected at about 5 p. m. The institution's fire equipment was joined by the Salem city departments.

Only the four walls of the stucco-finished medical center were standing today. It had been built in 1933.

Dr. Hill said none of the cottages and other buildings housing about 1,000 other inmates were affected.

Loss Fully Covered

One fireman was overcome by smoke and another knocked over a ladder by a falling cornice. Neither was seriously hurt.

William Ryan, supervisor of state institutions, reported the damage was covered by the state restoration fund which contains about \$400,000. The fund is maintained by the state in lieu of insurance.

Dr. Hill reported the patients in the hospital, 13 of them tubercular, were moved to other buildings quickly. He said the staff would be hard pressed temporarily in medical treatment because of loss of equipment. Surgical cases will be sent to the State Hospital here.

Medals For U. S. Officers Blocked

WASHINGTON, May 19.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, the president's top military aide, will have to wait awhile longer to wear the highly-publicized medal he received from Argentina.

House armed services subcommittee voted unanimously today to table a bill which would have let him and 15 other army officers accept decorations of the order of General San Martin from the Argentine government.

It was Vaughan's medal that indirectly touched off President Truman's now-famous "so.b." remark. Columnist Drew Pearson criticized Vaughan for taking it from Argentine President Peron whom Pearson described as a "military dictator."

That brought a retort from Mr. Truman that he wasn't going to let any "so.b." tell him who he should name to government posts.

The House Committee acted on the recommendation of Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.). Vinson said "no harm will be done if these medals just stay a little while longer" at the State Department.

Gas, Diesel Tax Hikes Not Effective Same Day

SALEM, Ore., May 19.—(AP)—Oregon's increased gasoline tax should become effective July 2, but the increased tax on diesel and other motor vehicle fuels should become law on July 16, Attorney General Neuner ruled today.

The present tax is 5 cents a gallon on gasoline and diesel. The Legislature voted to boost them to 6 cents on July 1.

Neuner, in his opinion for Secretary of State Newby, held that the diesel tax increase couldn't become effective until 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature because it was not an emergency measure.

H. L. Beard, Former Band Leader At O. S. C., Dies

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 19.—(AP)—Harry Lyndon Beard, 70, who led the Oregon State Band for 40 years, died in a hospital here today.

He had retired two years ago, after 42 years on the staff of Oregon State. An assistant professor of mathematics, he was better known for his musical work.

His wife died in 1929. Two sons, a daughter, a sister, and four grandchildren survive.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Prince Aly Khan (could be pronounced Alley Can) announces he will censor any picture taken of his marriage to Rita Hayworth. For this consideration for the reading public he merits a vote of thanks.



THREE DEAD, 4,000 HOMELESS IN FORT WORTH FLOOD—Flood waters of the Trinity River inundated this section of Fort Worth, Tex., when the swollen river, fed by a 10-inch deluge of rain, smashed four levees and surged into 1,000 or more homes. At least three persons were drowned, 10 others are missing and an estimated 4,000 were homeless as a result of the flood. In the foreground, resembling a bathtub filled with water, is Farrington Football Field. Large building in left background is Montgomery Ward and Co.—(INEA Telephone).