

Special \$125,620 City Levy Asked

Roseburg Hosts Convention

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Total Budget
Of \$519,852
Is Presented

Council To Set Vote
Date; Levy Provides
Park Property Purchase

Voters in the City of Roseburg later this spring will be asked for approval of a special levy of \$125,620.27 outside the 6 per cent limitation required to balance the 1955-56 budget completed in two meetings this week.

Date of the election and a public hearing will be set Monday night by the City Council.

Total estimated expenditures approved by the City Budget Committee were fixed at \$519,852.90, figures completed Thursday in the city hall. The Budget Committee had met Monday and Tuesday nights to fix the budget.

If the total expenditures, \$269,000 would be covered by receipts other than taxes, while the remaining \$250,852.90 would be raised by tax levy. Approximately half of that, \$125,232.63, is inside the 6 per cent limitation.

City Manager George Farrell said the total levy would represent a tax rate of 22.84 mills, based on 11 million dollars valuation in the city limits. The present rate is 22.2 mills.

Totals are slightly in excess of those in this year's budget. Last spring, voters went to the polls three times before they approved a special levy of \$123,308.33 outside the 6 per cent limitation. The

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Bradley, Droscher,
Forrest Vying For
RHS Presidency

Three young men, Bob Bradley, Jerry Droscher and Bill Forrest, have been nominated for the presidency of the Roseburg High School student body for 1955-56.

Election is scheduled Tuesday, May 10, according to Principal Henry

Nominated for senior vice president are Mary Backen and Jim Powell; for junior vice president, Marvin Fray and Mary Unruh; for secretary, Janet Lewis and Sharon Lander; for business manager, Dave Lyons and Barney Weger.

Also on the slate are Jack Kelly and Jim Hicks.

Treasurer Carl Hunter was elected at mid-term in January so he could turn under the outgoing treasurer, Mark Robbins.

Nominating speeches by presidential candidates and introduction of other candidates will be made at a student body meeting Tuesday, May 3. The campaign will get under way Wednesday, with lively activity promised, Jacoby said. No outside activities, signs or posters are allowed. The principal said, but many gimmicks will probably be employed, as in the past.

If no presidential nominee receives a majority at the May 10 election, another vote will be held Thursday, May 12, between the two top candidates. Voters must have student body cards for the current year.

Crooch Discusses School Budget At Lions Meet

A discussion on the proposed budget for Roseburg School District 4 was given by board member Wayne Crooch at the weekly Roseburg Lions club meeting Thursday night.

Crooch, introduced by Asst. Sup't. Marvin Smith, explained the budget on which residents of the district will vote Tuesday, May 3. The vote actually will be upon an amount of \$1,014,454.16 outside the 6 per cent limitation. The total budget is \$2,434,540.52.

Need for additional teachers to care for some 270 additional children next year and to staff the new Huerfano School and Joseph Lane Additions were told by Crooch. He also discussed teachers salaries and other features of the budget.

At the Lions club meeting Edell Bryant reported on a trip he and Charles Collins made to Boy Scout Camp Taitcocks last weekend.

Election of club officers will be held next Thursday. Joint installation with Lady Lions will take place June 25. Mel Robert, chairman, Walter Welker and Bruce Elliott were named as the committee in charge.

MISHAP INVESTIGATED
State police today were still investigating a traffic accident on Highway 99 north of Drain Thursday night. Several persons in two cars received minor injuries in a head-on collision. The names of the drivers were not immediately learned. No one was hospitalized.

Levy Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

President Eisenhower's proposed \$3 1/2 billion fund for foreign aid underscores the reminder that the U. S. has "big stakes" in Europe and Asia. Size of the fund indicates not only "stakes" but also a few lamb chops and legs of the same animal.

Water Resources Bill Voted

Measure Goes To Conferees For Revision

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP) — Water resources legislation, described by its sponsors as revolutionary in setting up a system of conservation and use of the state's streams and lakes, was in a Senate-House conference committee Friday for ironing out minor differences.

The Senate voted 25-5 Thursday for the bill, which would create a seven-member Water Resources Board which would develop a state water policy and settle arguments over how water should be used. The House refused to accept the amendments which the Senate had hoped would satisfy the fishing interests which oppose the bill.

The proposed board would take over the functions of the state Reclamation, Willamette Basin and Upper Columbia Basin commissions, and the Irrigation Board. It would become effective next Jan. 1.

Sen. Paul Geddes, Roseburg, chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, said "this bill is revolutionary, and is a big step in developing Oregon. We are just 50 years too late in passing it."

Geddes said the board could settle disputes between various agencies as to how the water of a stream should be used, such as a department since Byrd was appointed to the office April 20 after the resignation of Baird. Williams has been with the department about two years. Prior to that, he was police chief at Riddle and Hermiston.

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Premier Diem Claims Victory, Defies His Chief

By JOHN RODERICK

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — Premier Ngo Dinh Diem claimed victory in bloody civil strife Friday and defied the authority of Chief of State Bao Dai to remove him.

Diem's American-backed government, in the second day of a showdown battle with the Binh Xuyen society, said the premier was "indispensable" to the country.

Despite the victory claim, fighting which had caused casualties of perhaps 1,000 killed or wounded continued in the area between Saigon and its Chinese suburb of Cho Lon. One clash flared only four blocks from the U.S. Embassy. Fires raged the past 24 hours made thousands of persons homeless.

The government said its shock troops had blasted the last of the Binh Xuyen from their lone remaining stronghold guarding approaches to the city's headquarters in Cho Lon. The building was reported ablaze from nationalist artillery.

Bao Dai, who lives on the French Riviera, summoned Diem to confer with him there by Tuesday. This was regarded as a veiled dismissal for Diem. Bao Dai also ordered military authority transferred from Gen. Le Van Ty who as army chief of staff is directing the war against the Binh Xuyen, to Gen. Nguyen Van Vy, a French-supported general opposed to Diem.

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Nationalists Hit China Mainland

By SPENCER MOOSA

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — Chinese Nationalist guerrillas have shelled the Chinese mainland near the Hsueh Islands and destroyed a considerable number of artillery positions, navy headquarters claimed Friday.

The navy said the warships—number and nature not disclosed—poured more than 100 shells into artillery positions in the vicinity of the Hsueh Islands, 10 miles north of the main island of Matsuo on Thursday. It said all ships hit their targets, started fires and returned safely.

The shelling was preceded by attacks on Communist craft near Hsueh on both Wednesday and Thursday, the navy said.

Targets of the shelling included docks at Hsueh where the Reds had been reported unloading supplies presumably for use against the seacoast.

The town of Hsueh is five miles from the nearest Matsuo island.

The navy's announcement came in the midst of uncertainty and fear hanging over this Nationalist outpost that U.S.-Red China talks would do this government no good.

INCORPORATES
SALEM (AP) — New corporations Thursday:

West Coast Resources, Inc., Roseburg, 100 shares no par value. R. S. Dransfield, C. R. Clumpher and William H. F. Ziedrich, lumber business.

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Second Judge For Douglas Assured In Senate Action; Measure Goes To Governor

The Oregon Senate Thursday passed and sent to the governor a bill which would create two additional circuit court judgeships in the Second Judicial District, which embraces Douglas County.

The bill, consolidated from two earlier measures, provides for an additional resident judge in Douglas County and one in Lane County, increasing the number in the district from four to six.

Approval by the legislature of the second judge in Douglas County came after the County Bar Assn. presented a brief to the Senate Judiciary Committee outlining an overburden of work in the single court here.

A bill to create the second position here later passed in the Senate, while a bill for creation of another bench in Lane County won approval of the House.

The Senate bill was consolidated with the House bill and sent back to the Senate, where it passed Wednesday.

Facilities for the second court are included in plans for the new additions to the county courthouse, now under construction.

The bill carries an emergency clause, meaning announcement of a new judge here within the next few weeks. Circuit Judge Carl E.

Fett Re-elected County Planning Commission Head

O. J. Fett Jr. of Roseburg was re-elected chairman of the Douglas County Planning Commission at a meeting in the courthouse Thursday night.

Also re-elected was Robert Franks of Glendale as secretary. New vice chairman is George Wilcox of Oakland.

The two new members of the commission took their seats also. They are Ernie Seaton of Drain, succeeding George Churchill, and I. N. Gray of Canyonville, succeeding D. W. Gill.

The major business of the meeting was the final review by the commission of the subdivision regulations to govern all Douglas County outside corporate limits. It was prepared by J. Haslett Bell, commission consultant. The regulations were adopted by the commission, and it was voted to recommend final adoption by the county court.

After the meeting, members of the commission went to the commission office to review the work of the staff. Current work involves making a map to show the distribution of population in the county by voting precincts. Staff personnel has just completed a map of soils of the agricultural area of central Douglas County.

The next meeting is scheduled May 26 at the courthouse.

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THE SORTING OF PAPERS is an important part of preparing for a host of expected delegates to a convention. Here Mrs. Newell Morgan, Mrs. Kirk Wirick and Mrs. Clifford Boxter arrange notices and pamphlets in order to accommodate conventioners. Ialo Stephens sits by, ready to help youngsters who are here from all over the state. (Paul Jenkins picture)

Hundred Of Youngsters Pour Into Roseburg For Start Of CE Convention

Youngsters of junior high and high school age poured into Roseburg Thursday to attend the opening night session of the state Christian Endeavor Convention. Ranging in age, generally from 11 to 18, they inspected the city, found their assigned living quarters and found their way to a stimulating starting-night program.

Many of them have attended other CE meets. Most are very active in CE work in their own communities. They came from throughout the state. Saturday, a crowd of some 100 younger youngsters will arrive in town to attend the junior age convention.

Housing presented no great problem to local chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Baxter and their many helpers. Although some of the youthful visitors were sleeping in sleeping bags and others drew cots, there was "room for all and more."

Some 450 out-of-towners were registered by late Thursday evening. The number was expected to more than double by the same time today.

Two young people took an active part in the initial program. They were Miss Carol Garrett, 17, Portland, and Lyle Himelwright.

The Sutherland Sun reports that recall petitions are now in circulation for an Oakland school board director, Lyle Himelwright.

No petitions have been filed yet with the school clerk Hunter Early, the Sun says. To get the recall on a ballot, it will be necessary to have 150 signatures, the Sun says.

Himelwright and the other two board of director members of the Oakland district were involved early this year in a dispute which led to the resignations of both Supt. James Cummings and Elementary Principal J. Clyde Akey.

"There is nothing unusual about the petition drive," Himelwright said. "The Sun says the petition charging that Himelwright advocates lowering the school standards, and that he does not have the interest of children at heart."

"Once more the weather has interfered with the atomic planners. Today's big civil defense test on the Nevada desert was postponed less than half an hour before the test shot was due to go off."

"There will be no noot before tomorrow. And, judging from the weather forecast, there probably won't be one either tomorrow or the next day."

"A BAD WEATHER FRONT IS MOVING IN FROM THE PACIFIC."

I wonder about these bad weather fronts moving in from the Pacific.

They seem to be running about a mile apart. As soon as one passes over another rolls in. Do you reckon the Russians could be cooking 'em up over in the Kuriles and sending 'em against us—as the Japs did with their bomb-toting paper balloons?

If so, why?

Maybe the Russkies think they

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The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight with showers in the Cascades. Partly sunny and a little warmer Saturday. A little cooler tonight.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	55
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	39
Highest temp. any April	96
Lowest temp. any April	25
Precip. last 24 hours	14
Precip. from April 1	3.31
Deficiency from Sept. 1	21.48
Sunrise tonight, 7:12 p.m.	5:36
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:09 a.m.	