

EISENHOWER SUBMITS BALANCED BUDGET

County Court Procedure Receives Clean Bill From Taxpayers League

Resolution Supports
Okay Of Budget Board
For County Engineer

The workings of the county court received a special airing Saturday at a special meeting of the Douglas County Taxpayers League. Members learned:

(1) That their chairman, Henry L. Goodman, after investigation, found no malfeasance in office by any court member;

(2) That the court had had a long-range road plan, adopted in 1931, and then made inactive for four and one-half years because a recently-resigned court member did not approve it;

(3) That the court, according to Judge Carl C. Hill, had been "unable to find anything morally or legally wrong" in the county road department.

(4) That the court was now working to find an impartial administrative engineer to "come in and give a good impartial survey on county road building."

(5) That the court hopes to hire a county engineer to handle bookkeeping and actual field work while the court concerns itself with policy matters only.

Chairman Goodman called the session, at the written request of some members, for the purpose of considering the charges made in the past months against the court by former Commissioner Elmer R. Metzger.

Goodman said that, as far as he could find, the only thing wrong "may be the matter of judgment." He noted that such was not malfeasance, but only a matter of opinion. The role of the league, he continued, was not to get anyone in trouble or to whitewash any wrong doings, but only to get the facts.

He added: "The whole trouble was personal animosity of two men which the league did not wish to take up."

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The personal appearance of Judge Hill was the first time the county judge had spoken at length, publicly, on the earlier allegations of Metzger.

Judge Hill termed the charges as "very indefinite with one exception." (That was Metzger's specific charges against the expenditure of road funds.) The judge said he and Commissioner Francis Ashley had found nothing morally or legally wrong in the road department. He pointed out that court members were aware of the need for long-range planning on county roads.

The judge recounted that the former commissioner had requested time to examine a plan for the road department which called for hiring of a county engineer, who would have direct supervision of several departments: Shop, maintenance, construction and bridge. This plan had been worked out by Judge Hill and his two fellow court members in 1931; the late Richard Baker and Lynn Beckley. Hill said Metzger had asked to examine the plan when he came on the court, adding the matter had been held in abeyance since Metzger's resignation.

Under the plan, the court would work on policy and budget matters only. The county engineer and his department would handle operational matters.

Engineer Hiring Advised

League members, following the reports by their chairman and the judge, unanimously adopted a resolution to the county budget board, requesting that a competent engineer be hired and that necessary funds be allocated to pay for him.

Earlier Judge Hill had suggested \$10,000 as a minimum salary, in answer to a question on what the pay should be. The league did not specify any amount.

Judge Hill emphasized that he and Commissioner Ashley felt the impartial survey and study of the county road program should be done before the county gets another engineer. He added that if

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Road Department Plan
Described At Meeting
By County Judge Hill

A plan for a Douglas County road department, which has lain inactive for four and one half years, was outlined to 30 men attending a special Douglas County Taxpayers League meeting in Roseburg Saturday.

The plan, which first calls for the hiring by the county of a county engineer with direct supervision over several departments, was conceived in 1931. Before it was placed in operation, the plan hit a snag when a new court member asked to examine it and then, apparently, did not approve it.

Judge Carl C. Hill told League members that former commissioner Elmer Metzger had asked to look it over in 1931. He said the ex-commissioner then held any opinion in abeyance.

Metzger, he continued, had no specific objections that he made known, and he said the plan was in effect only in a very general status.

"I don't believe a plan of any type adopted over the vociferous objections of one member will be too workable," Judge Hill commented.

Specifically, the "plan" places the county court members at the top of a chart. The court would confine its actions to policy matters (where roads should be built, etc.) and the engineer would supervise actual construction, make surveys concerning road costs and the like.

"In fairness to any county engineer," Judge Hill continued, "the court must accept the responsibility of where and when the road is built."

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Choking On Food Leads
To Asphyxiation Death

An autopsy showed that Clifford Arnold Hanson, who succumbed to Roseburg Saturday night, died from asphyxiation after choking on food, according to Coroner L. L. Powers.

Hanson, 43, was dead on arrival at a hospital after he collapsed at the Harris Cafe on Sheridan Street, city police said.

He had just eaten dinner with another man, Neil Orvalia, when he choked. He went outside the cafe and fell on the sidewalk.

Both Hanson and Orvalia are from Kirkland, Wash., having been in Roseburg about 10 days. The dead man was employed as a carpenter with Vnu & Olson Contracting Co., working on remodeling the Roseburg Sears & Roebuck store.

Hanson was born Oct. 30, 1912, in Malung, Minn. He was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America, Renton Local 1797, and E. A. G. Lodge Aerie No. 2681, Kirkland, Wash.

Surviving are two daughters, Jo Ann and Judy Hanson, both of Minneapolis, Minn.; six sisters, Mrs. Ella Olson, Fairbault, Minn.; Mrs. Olga Knapp, Angle, Minn.; Mrs. Andrew Orvalia, Kirkland, Wash.; Mrs. Ruth Redding, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Ralph Ryden, Pontiac, Mich.; Mrs. Arthur Berryman, International Falls, Minn.; five brothers, Alvin and Ferdinand Hanson, both of International Falls, Minn.; Raymond and Melvin Hanson, both of Waukegan, Minn.; and Roy Hanson, Grafton, N. D.

The body will be shipped to Roseau, Minn., for funeral services and interment in the Salem Cemetery in Malung, Minn. The Chapel of the Roses is in charge of arrangements.

SCALDED MAN DIES

TOLEDO, Ore. (AP)—A lumber mill workman scalded with live steam when a valve was opened Saturday night.

The victim was Aulia E. Coxen, 59, an employe of the C. D. Johnson Lumber Co. mill for 16 years.

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Second Flood Forces Evacuation At Yuba City

Exodus Also Occurs At 2 Other Areas

Klamath River Bridge Approaches Taken Out; Poe Valley Threatened

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A mighty torrent rolled down the Feather River in northern California today, threatening the "green" new levee hastily erected at Shanhai Bend after the holiday floods at Yuba City.

Army engineers said the levee was "likely to fail" because it was thrown up with mud and other readily available materials.

The region's second big rainstorm in less than a month ended last night with clearing skies, but it left raging torrents cascading down the Feather and Yuba River systems to converge on Yuba City, still sodden from Christmas floods that took 33 lives there. The state's total was 62 deaths with an estimated property loss of half a billion dollars. Only two deaths were reported in the latest storm.

Civilian defense evacuated more than 700 persons from parts of Olivehurst and Arboga Sunday when the Bear River backed up seven miles south of Marysville, where it runs into the Feather from the east.

Part Of City Evacuated

Officials at Yuba City decided against evacuating the remaining

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Primary Act Reply May Be Ike's Major Decision

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower was informed officially Monday his name has been entered in New Hampshire's March 13 Presidential primary. He had no immediate comment.

Eisenhower has 10 days—or until a week from Tuesday—to advise the New Hampshire secretary of state if he wants his name taken off the ballot.

A reliable source in Concord said last week the President instead will let it be known he approves the move.

Eisenhower's reply to the notification is being eagerly awaited by his supporters in the hope it will provide some clue as to whether he will seek a second term.

Monroe Sweetland Out For State Secretary Job

PORTLAND (AP)—Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national committeeman since 1948, said Sunday he will file soon for his party's nomination as secretary of state.

Sweetland, 45, publisher of the weekly Milwaukie Review, and a state senator, announced his candidacy with the declaration:

"Our state government has been dominated too long by a few selfish economic interests, and Oregon must make a new beginning."

He said a government "responsive to the people's needs requires a liberal and a Democratic Legislature. It requires also that the Board of Control must, at least be bi-partisan. 1956 offers the occasion to elect Democratic members as secretary of state and state treasurer, a majority of the important three-man Board of Control."

Republican Gov. Paul Patterson is the third member of the board. Secretary of State Earl Newberry, a Republican, is barred by law from seeking another term.

There was no comment on Sweetland's announcement from Terry Schunk, Multnomah County sheriff. Schunk has indicated interest in running for the Democratic nomination for secretary of state or for mayor of Portland. He said he will make known his plans after conferring with friends.

If Schunk stays out of the race it could turn out to be a hot contest next November between Sweetland and another state senator, Mark Hatfield, Salem, who already has announced his candidacy for secretary of state.

3 Businesses Entered But Nothing Missing

Three businesses in one building at the intersection of Garden Valley Boulevard and Stephens Street were entered sometime early this morning, according to Sheriff Ira C. Byrd.

The businesses are the OK Rubber Co., Lockwood's paint shop and Floyd Walker's glass shop.

An investigating deputy said nothing was taken, apparently. The break-in was discovered by a merchant policeman, William Hebard, and it's believed he may have scared the burglar away.

Entry to the building was through a rear door leading to the paint shop.

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Smith River Area Fire Prices Nearly Record

A near record price has been paid for some Douglas fir timber in the Smith River area, according to Coos Bay office of the Bureau of Land Management.

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FIRST CITIZEN of Roseburg, Alan Knudtson (second from right), is shown being congratulated by Oregon's first citizen, Gov. Paul Patterson (left center). At far left is Knudtson's wife, Joan, holding a bouquet of roses presented her by the Jay-C-Ettes. At right is Randolph Slocum, master of ceremonies at the Jaycee First Citizen's Banquet. Also see picture page 2. (Paul Jenkins picture.)

Alan Knudtson Earns Nod As Junior 'First Citizen'

A 32-year-old jeweler, who helped focus the world's attention on Roseburg last year with promotion of a "pony express" race against a passenger train of the Southern Pacific Co., Saturday night was named the 10th annual Junior "First Citizen."

He is Alan Knudtson, who believed the Southern Pacific was not keeping faith with its southern Oregon customers. Picking up the support of the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a member, he made efforts to prove it.

The result was probably the most historic race in Douglas County history. The "iron horse" won by a couple of minutes, but the point was proved. Douglas County was better off without the slow, uncomfortable service it was getting. Knudtson called for better service rather than no service at all.

Knudtson was also promoter of the first Veterans Day parade in years.

For his efforts in these community projects, he was elected as the city's top young man for 1956 by a secret committee of the sponsoring Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was presented the award by last year's "first citizen," Glenn Hunter, at a banquet Saturday night in the Elks Club.

Other award winners for one of the city's biggest evenings went to: Jack Gamet, outstanding first-year man in the Jaycees; Warren Woodruff, outstanding project chairman (Fourth of July project); Robert Haffensperger, key man.

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Reduction Of Debt Held Major Goal

Spending Hike Offset By Huge Income Boost; Tax Reduction Opposed

By FRANK O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower sent to Congress today balanced budgets for this year and next while urging higher federal spending he said would total almost \$6 billion dollars in the coming fiscal year.

He said the government could stay in the black in the next 18 months by "slim" margins only if Congress gives him "the utmost cooperation" in holding down spending and awaiting a prudent time for tax cuts.

As long as booming prosperity continues, Eisenhower said, Congress should put at least some reduction of the national debt ahead of tax slashing.

His new spending blueprint allowed for some debt reduction, but not for tax cuts. He reiterated that Congress should act to keep corporate and excise taxes at their present levels, rather than allow them to drop as scheduled on April 1 to the levels in effect before the Korean War.

For fiscal 1957, which begins next July 1, Eisenhower proposed that Uncle Sam spend \$65,865,000,000. He estimated that federal income in that 12-month period would be \$68,300,000,000. If both predictions are achieved, the government will wind up the fiscal year with a surplus of \$2,435 million.

In other main facets of his budget message Eisenhower:

1. Estimated that spending this year will total \$64,270,000,000, and that outlays in the next bookkeeping year will top that by \$1,585,000,000. It was the first time Eisenhower had pointed spending upward.

2. Predicted that revenues next year will be \$1,800,000,000 higher than this year's, resulting in a federal surplus this year of 230 million.

3. Proposed to cut the federal debt by 74 million by June 30 to \$274,300,000,000 and by the following June 30 to \$273,500,000,000.

4. Called for new appropriations of \$66,291,000,000—some 426 millions higher than projected spending and 45 billion higher than appropriations in the current year. This indicated that federal spending may be trending upward for several years.

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Douglas County Rivers Begin Slowly Receding

Douglas County streams lapped high in the banks Sunday before starting to recede slowly, ending at least temporarily the threat of flood damage.

The North Umpqua River at Winchester reached 13.10 feet before cresting at 3 p.m. Sunday. The figure is nearly five feet under the mark of last Dec. 22. This morning the reading was 12.70.

The South Umpqua River at Roseburg crested at 18.80 about 5:15 p.m. This morning it was 16.99 and falling slowly. At Winston, the crest was 21.8; this morning the reading was 19.82.

The Weather Bureau said conditions probably would not call for another river advisory today. An advisory Sunday evening predicted a falling tendency on streams during the night.

Water lapped over some roads, especially along Sutherland Creek; and the edges of Melrose Road, a heavy rainfall Saturday while a mellow snow on higher elevations apparently caused the rise in streams. Rainfall Sunday to 4:30 a.m. today, was .63 of an inch at Roseburg.

Showers are predicted tonight, with more rain Tuesday.

Central Douglas residents basked in warm March-like weather Sunday morning when the temperature reached a high of 59 degrees at 11 a.m. It was a blustery day, according to the U.S. Weather Bureau, when wind gusts up to 31 miles per hour were recorded at 12:30 p.m. It was the warmest day this year.

DRUNK DRIVING DENIED

John Antone Watcher, 63, Green, pleaded innocent today to drunken driving, and Dist. Judge Warren A. Woodruff set his trial for Jan. 30. Watcher was arrested by state police Saturday. He was freed when he posted \$500 bail.

Edward John Chamberlin, 1941 Rutter Lane, pleaded guilty to being drunk on a public highway and the judge fined him \$30. He also was arrested by state police.

Patterson Says 'Maybe'

Governor Still Undecided On Whether He'll Oppose Morse In U. S. Senate Race

BY GEORGE CASTILLO
City Editor, News-Review

The question most of the 150 people at the Junior Chamber of Commerce First Citizen's Banquet wondered about Saturday involved Gov. Paul Patterson's intentions in the coming political campaign.

He didn't mention those intentions during his formal speech, but radio and newspaper newsmen lost no time in putting him on the spot before and after the banquet.

Before the governor arrived in Roseburg, word had reached here that he had indicated he may run for U. S. senator against Sen. Wayne Morse. He made the intimation Saturday afternoon at Coos Bay.

In an interview after the Roseburg meeting, he did not come up with a definite "yes" or "no," but he was a little more specific about his "maybe."

He reported he and Mrs. Patterson were trying to ascertain what the people of the state wanted him to do, either finish out the two years still remaining as governor or run for senator. "We will shirk neither responsibility," he said.

Patterson said he would announce his decision "on or about Feb. 1. I think we owe it to the people to announce my intentions as soon as possible," he said. It erased any doubts that he was

definitely available as a candidate to run against Morse.

In his keynote speech to Jaycees and guests, Patterson compared state government with the aims of the Jaycees organization—making the community a better place in which to live.

He cited citizenship in its purist form as the ideal in making a better community. "The responsibility of every person is to do his part in the community, state and nation," he said.

Taxation Major Problem

He said he regards the privilege of living under a free government, "one you can never completely pay back." He continued that the ideal is for "everyone to accept

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Farm problem slants: Republican Senator Karl Mundt of South Dakota: "Farm prices and farm income should get not one but four or five shots in the arm from the new administration farm program (which includes the 'soil bank' idea).

Democratic Senator Olin Johnston of South Carolina: "I doubt if the various administration farm proposals (including the 'soil bank') will work unless we return to 90 per cent of parity supports."

It is a difference of opinion that makes horse races—and this campaign year of 1956 is a hot political horse race.

As to Senator Mundt: It isn't shots in the arm that the American farmer needs—it's getting rid of overproduction and getting back to a reasonably normal

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The Weather

Showers with brief periods of partial clearing today and tonight. Cloudy with rain Tuesday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 56
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 42
Highest temp. Jan. 15 71
Lowest temp. Jan. 15 49
Precip. last 24 hours .63
Precip. Jan. 15 .63
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BOAST 'BUCKS' GET HOT FOOT—Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce members browsed through money Sunday to collect more than \$400 in their annual 'mile of dollars' drive to fight polio. Jaycees worked from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the dollar bills were scattered all over. Mrs. Harold Horn of Horn's Appliances in Roseburg volunteered use of a store driver. Jaycees Dr. Verner Anderson (left) and Jack Gamet ran the wet blue through. (Photo Lab picture.)

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Don't save all your spare blood for the mosquitoes. Give some to the Red Cross Bloodmobile.