

Deadly Tornado Suffocates 37 Lives

Roseburg School Budget Approved Following Hearing Without Dissent Monday

In contrast with recent years, the Roseburg school budget Monday night was put up for public discussion and approved by the school board without a sign of opposition. Only one non-controversial question was asked during the public hearing, held in Central Junior High School. Two other people commended the school budget committee for its work.

Governor Fails To Get Raise In Basic Fund

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.
SALEM — Gov. Holmes' attempt to get the basic school support fund increased from \$80 per child to \$100, failed in the Senate Tuesday because supporters of the higher figure couldn't get the necessary two-thirds vote to consider it.

After turning down the \$100 figure, the Senate voted unanimously to boost the fund to \$95 and sent it back to the House for consideration of a Senate amendment which would designate about one-third of the 15 million dollar biennial increase for property tax relief.

Seventeen senators voted for the higher figure, while 13 opposed it. Twenty votes would be needed to consider the change Tuesday, because the Legislature hopes to adjourn its 128-day-old session Tuesday night.

Before the Senate acted on the \$100 figure, the Joint Ways and Means Committee rejected it, 10 to 4, with every Democratic member voting against the Democratic governor's proposal.

Boosting the figure to \$100 would have cost about 5 million dollars more during the biennium than the \$95 allotment. Gov. Holmes, who announced his idea Monday afternoon at a press conference, said about 3 million dollars of the extra \$5 allotment could be raised by increasing state liquor prices 15 cents a bottle.

On the Senate vote to raise the figure to \$100, 9 Democrats and 8 Republicans supported it, while 6 Democrats and 7 Republicans opposed it.

Voting against the \$100 figure were: Democrats—Cook, Corbett, M. Lewis, Pearson and Overhiser; Republicans—Belton, Cameron, Chase, Francis, Lowry, Ohmart and Wilhelm.

Two Waive Hearings On Charges Of Arson

Two Sutherlin men, linked by state police with the burning of a 1951 model car six miles west of Melrose May 1, each have waived preliminary hearing on arson charges in district court.

William Eugene Edmondson, 27, Rt. 1 Box 245, Sutherlin, a former Phoenix, Ariz., resident, was arraigned Monday. Judge Warren A. Woodruff set his bail at \$2,000.

The second man, charged with being an accessory to the crime, waived his hearing this morning. He is Leon J. Hendricks, 24, Rt. 1 Box 289. Bail was set at \$1,000.

Edmondson was arrested by state police last Friday and Hendricks was jailed Monday. Police indicated the car had been stolen from Phoenix.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
A question this morning: Reading the newspapers and listening to the radio, do you sometimes find yourself saying with the cynical idea that human beings are a pretty rotten lot?

If so, here's a suggestion: Take a few minutes off and think back over the story of little Benny Hooper who fell into an open well in the back yard of his New York home. As an aid to your thinking, I'd like to offer this heart-throb story of the climax of Benny's rescue as told by the UP teletype:

One of the men who helped rescue little Benny is 29-year-old contractor Sam Woodson, who worked through the night with 38-year-old John Arambo, another contractor. The two men were among more than 100 persons who were involved in the night-and-day-long battle to save a child's life.

Woodson was the first to reach the trapped boy, and was starting

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The Weather

Fair tonight and Wednesday. Some morning cloudiness and warmer.
Highest temp. last 24 hours 65
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 44
Highest temp. any May 102
Lowest temp. any May 28
Precip. last 24 hours 2
Precip. from May 1 1.57
Precip. from Sept. 1 29.16
Excess from Sept. 1 1.26
Sunset tonight, 7:56 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:46 a.m.

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Todd's Bid Low For Sewage Plant

Bids Submitted Also For Sewer Line Project

With a bid of about \$80,000 below engineers' estimates, Todd Building Co. of Roseburg Monday night submitted the low bid for constructing the city's new sewage disposal plant. Todd's bid was \$417,500.

Two other bids on the plant were received. Lee Hoffman, Beaverton, submitted a lump sum bid of \$467,300, and John M. Steinmuller, Eugene, \$589,873.

Salem Sand and Gravel submitted the low bid for installing intercepter sewer lines. For the first alternate — lines with guniting joints — the firm bid \$151,317.67.

The bill carries an emergency clause, so the revenue will be available this year.

The effect would be a slight reduction in the tax levy of \$971,031.07 outside the legal tax limit. That amount is to be voted on June 17 in the district.

Although it appears the money will be available, the tax levy must be authorized by the people in order to put the proposed 1957-58 budget of \$2,330,518.59 into effect.

However, the additional money wouldn't authorize the school board to make expenditures in excess of the proposed budget, since the budget was legally adopted by the school board committee last month.

Instead, the money would go into the county treasury to be credited as an offset to the tax levy.

The school board met briefly after the hearing to consider a request by Guy Dixon, superintendent of buildings and grounds, for money for a government surplus plant.

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Taxi Battle Waxes Hotter With Increased Rates O. K.

Roseburg's taxicab problem rolled before the City Council again Monday night with Roseburg Cab Co. making a pitch for higher rates and Truman Ellis showing his first signs of anger.

The rate proposal was made in the application for license by Roseburg Cab and was granted by the council. However, the special taxicab committee which drafted the new licensing ordinance will study the question of rates.

The rates approved for Roseburg Cab are 20 cents per mile higher than those sought by Ellis, Winston operator who has been seeking a license to operate here since last November.

Roseburg Cab's approved rate calls for 50 cents minimum charge for the first half-mile. For each additional quarter-mile the fare would be hiked 10 cents. Each additional passenger would cost 10 cents.

Ellis pointed out to the council that it had approved his rates in March. The schedule he submitted with his application at that time set charges at 30 cents for the first mile and 10 cents for each additional quarter-mile. Ten cents would be charged for each additional passenger and the hourly rate would be \$5 with this cut to \$4 for waiting time.

Ellis declared that it seemed strange that a company would order its meters set for a certain rate without any assurance that the rate would be granted. It is expensive to have fare meters changed to new rates, he said. It was for this reason he had asked for council okay of his rates before ordering meters.

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2 Pheasants 'Charged' With Break-In Attempt

Two Chinese pheasants have been "charged" with attempts to break and enter, but one is dead and the other escaped, so no arrests have been made.

The break and entry was tried Monday at the home of Mrs. Raymond J. Martin of 438 W. Hazel St. The "modus operandi" was to try to fly through a picture window at the home.

Grand Jurors Given Assault Case By Judge



CHARLES H. HUGGINS will be the guest speaker at Memorial Day Services at the Veterans Administration Hospital Thursday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m. Huggins is vice commander of the American Legion Department of Oregon.

Eisenhower Offers Reduced Foreign Aid Budget Amount

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower formally submitted a trimmed-down \$3,965,000,000 foreign aid program Tuesday and told Congress the only sound way to get a substantial tax cut is "to succeed in waging peace."

Eisenhower cautioned skeptical, economy-minded legislators that they face a grave responsibility to maintain foreign aid "at a level dictated by the dangers we face."

Whether this slash will be enough to satisfy the legislators, who have drawn a special bead on foreign aid spending as an economy drive target, is open to question.

Jim Elkins Draws 20-Month Sentence

PORTLAND — Racketeer Big Jim Elkins, whose revelations touched off Portland's year-long vice probe, Tuesday was sentenced to 20 months in federal prison for wiretapping.

U.S. District Judge William East also fined Elkins \$2,000 and released him on bail because of motions pending for a new trial.

East imposed a six-month prison sentence and a \$500 fine on Raymond Clark, a former St. Helens, Ore., police chief who was Elkins' employer and co-defendant.

Clark also was released on bail. East ordered the two men to next appear in federal district court here June 17, when their motions for a new trial will be heard.

Council To Keep Tennis Court On Commercial Street

After hearing arguments pro and con about the city's tennis court on Commercial Avenue, the City Council Monday night decided to keep the court and approved building a new fence on the site.

Supporters of the tennis court were on hand to urge the city to keep the court despite a petition carrying 41 names asking that it be closed. The petition was circulated by Norman Hyde who lives next to the court.

Gordon L. Harness told the council that sentiment of Commercial Avenue residents is not with Hyde. He said many of those who signed Hyde's petition really don't want the tennis court closed.

Hyde's petition really don't want the tennis court closed. "It boils down to a one-man fight," declared Harness. He did urge a higher fence to protect Hyde's property against stray balls.

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Legal Arguments Are Filed In Answer To D. A.'s Claim

Republicans' legal efforts to unseat Democrat Dist. Atty. Avery Thompson are scheduled to make their first courtroom appearance next Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

A notice to Thompson to this effect was filed in circuit court Monday by James G. Richmond, Douglas County GOP chief. He has brought legal action against Thompson, claiming that his appointment by Gov. Robert Holmes was invalid because a Republican should have been appointed.

Richmond's suit is in the nature of a writ of quo warranto—by what right do you hold office?

Thompson in his motion to dismiss the demurrer contends that such proceedings must be started and prosecuted by the district attorney and that the court does not have jurisdiction of the subject of the action.

Kansas City Sector Struck Deadly Blow

200 Persons Injured, Property Damage Heavy In Wake Of Storm

KANSAS CITY — The year's deadliest tornado thus far slashed across Kansas City's southern outskirts at sundown Monday, leaving 37 dead and more than 200 injured in its 80-mile path.

Injured were still being dug out of wreckage as late as 7 a. m. Tuesday and the search for additional possible victims continued. Martial law was declared in the Ruskin Heights-Hickman Mills area to expedite relief work, stop looting and keep out sightseers.

The death toll included 31 in the Kansas City suburbs, four at Spring Hill, Kan., and two at Ottawa, Kan., where the storm began its hop-skip scourge.

Greatest loss of life apparently was in a less than three-year-old shopping center in the mushrooming Ruskin Heights subdivision. Many of the commuters and their families were joining their customary shopping in the center's shops when the twister struck it full blast.

The center serves not only the subdivision but nearby Hickman Mills and several other communities. After smashing its way through this area, the storm veered northward around the eastern extremities of Kansas City and dissipated itself in the vicinity of Liberty, about 20 miles northeast of Kansas City. It skipped past Independence, home of former President Truman.

Casualties would have been far higher had not advance warnings been given repeatedly by radio and television that a severe storm was approaching. Scores of those rescued from the basements and other demolished homes told rescuers they had taken shelter and followed the

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Green Sanitary Dist. Approves Bond Issue For Sewer Project

The battle for sewers in the Green area has apparently been won. In a signal victory for the Green Sanitary District board of directors, voters approved sale of \$355,000 in general obligation bonds Monday to finance construction of sewers in the district.

It was by far the greatest margin ever posted in a sanitary district election in Green during its stormy history. The directors couldn't help but beam after they canvassed the votes. A day's night to find the bond issue had been approved 209 to 93.

In the struggle to keep the board of directors even operating, the district has gained state-wide attention for its narrow victory margin. One effort by opponents for dissolution of the district was defeated by a single ballot.

The next step will be to prepare the bond issue for sale. The bonds will be retired over a 25-year period. Voters approved retirement of the bonds through a yearly tax levy of an estimated 11 mills and the monthly sewer service charge of \$4 per residence.

The district will not have its own disposal plant. Instead, the effluent will be pumped from the plant to Roseburg. The district and Roseburg have a 25-year agreement which becomes effective if construction at Green starts within two years.

Sewer connections as presently planned in Green call for service to an estimated 353 connections.

School Girl Plunges 11 Stories To Death

NEW YORK — A teenage schoolgirl from the Virgin Islands plunged to her death last night from an 11th-floor hotel ledge. A crowd of 2,000 watched the death leap.

Police said the girl, Olga Cassanova, 14, had quarreled with an aunt who lives in the Hotel Walton on Manhattan's upper West Side. They said the aunt punished her for coming home late from school.

For 20 minutes policemen pleaded with the girl not to leave her two-foot wide perch on the top floor of the hotel.

One patrolman was lowered from the roof by a rope. As he neared the girl she grasped the ledge and slid over.

She held on for a moment. Then she lost her grip and fell screaming.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein
Britain's Montgomery, on his Gettysburg battlefield visit with Eisenhower, leveled criticism at Meade and Lee for their blunders. Exercising gentlemanly restraint, like refrained from referring to the blunders of England's Pakenham at New Orleans, Burgoyne's at Saratoga and the trap that finished Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Richmond cites court cases to support his contention that he should be allowed to bring his proceedings against Thompson despite the provision that quo warranto proceedings are to be prosecuted by the district attorney.

One of the citations is from a Michigan case of 1892 which was brought to force quo warranto proceedings to allow a quo warranto proceeding to the citizens and taxpayer.

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