

Fairgrounds Expansion, Centennial Promotion Major Items In County General Fund Boost

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The general fund section of the 1959-60 budget for Douglas County has been boosted this year by two new items.

The first is a \$125,000 item requested by the county Fair Board to finance the first phase of a Fairgrounds expansion. The second added \$56,172 for promotion of the county during the centennial year.

They were the major items to push the general fund section to \$2,238,507.27 in a record \$6,377,147.27 budget. Also a record was the road fund of \$4,138,640.

Fair Board member James Myers said the \$125,000 requested by the board will finance about half the over-all plan of expansion planned for the fairgrounds.

The money will cover revamping of the race track, construction of a dormitory for 4-H and FFA members, another exhibit building and addition of facilities in the pavilion. Some of these additions will be completed by county fair time in late August, Myers said.

County Promotion Set

The request for money to promote the county during the state centennial was made by the county Centennial Committee. The budgeted figure allows \$21,869 for printing of half a million brochures on Douglas County to be distributed at the county's centennial building in Portland.

It also allows \$500 for bill boards, \$500 each for promotional material on the On-To-Oregon Cavalcade wagon train and for out-of-state promotional materials, \$5,000 for

aid to community projects and \$3,000 for information booths in the county.

These and addition of \$11,230 to the Health Department budget for re-establishment of the Child Guidance Clinic for emotionally disturbed children highlighted the budget's general fund.

Most other departments showed unspectacular increases due to salary increments and increased costs of materials.

The major departments and amounts budgeted to them are as follows:

Assessor, \$111,380, as compared to \$106,440 this year.
Clerk, \$70,350, as compared to \$65,495 this year.
Planning Commission, \$12,260, as compared to \$10,840 this year.
Circuit Court, \$47,700, as compared to \$45,500 this year.

County Court, \$30,670, as compared to \$31,400 this year.
District Court, \$30,880, as compared to \$29,810 this year.

Bookmobile Refund

Library Department, \$96,622, as compared to \$94,162. A bookmobile and three new employees requested in a \$124,412 budget were turned down.

Parks Department, \$70,365, as compared to \$70,380.

Sheriff, \$98,350, as compared to \$99,240.

Civil Defense, \$16,875, as compared to \$15,920 this year.

Tax Department, \$43,740, as compared to \$42,720.

Surveyor, \$34,110, as compared to \$35,210.

Water resources, \$26,620, as compared to \$28,920. New gauges, including one on Smith River were turned down.

Watermaster, part-time watermaster approved for summer months at salary of \$1,200.

\$4 Million Budget Set For Big Road Program

The biggest budget in the history of the Douglas County Road Department will finance its biggest annual road building program in recent years.

The department has been allowed a whopping budget of \$4,138,640. This year, it was \$3,589,013. Ten years ago, it was \$1,528,485.

Over a third of this has been earmarked for road construction, mostly for logging access. This \$1,522,889 will be used to build 48 miles of road. Added to this is \$332,400 for paving of 26 miles of roads prepared this year and a portion of \$301,750 set aside for bridge construction and maintenance. This means that about half the budget will be used for construction improvements.

Included in that construction will be 2,270 linear feet of bridging and approaches. The 18 bridges to be built range from 40 to 250 feet.

The biggest will replace one now across Calapooia Creek at Umpqua, which is in poor condition.

In all, 24 projects are scheduled for work during the next fiscal year.

Timber Access Eyed

The major road building jobs are in scattered parts of the county and all are designed to speed flow of timber out of the woods.

On the North Fork of Smith River, a project to widen several stretches of rugged road into the Siuslaw National Forest will take an estimated \$100,000.

On the Roseburg-Reston loop road, a five-mile stretch from Reston to Tenmile will be graded, realigned, based and leveled. Cost of this is estimated at \$155,000.

On the Loon Lake Rd. in the lower Umpqua area, an extension

of 3 1/2 miles of construction will take the road from Duckett's Camp through Ash Valley into the Elliott State Forest. This will cost \$136,389.

Finally, the county is taking advantage of a federal aid project for secondary highways in starting construction from Diamond Lake toward Roseburg. The county is putting up \$109,000.

Other Items Listed

Other budgeted items in operation of the County's massive road system are:

Administration, \$37,500, as compared to \$34,140 last year.

Engineering, \$38,038, compared to \$37,453.

Maintenance, \$1,025,803, compared to \$1,085,489.

Shop overhead, \$39,929, compared to \$60,867.

County scales, \$38,035, compared to \$34,035.

Capital outlay, \$306,096, compared to \$245,100.

Rights of way, \$127,350, compared to \$73,250.

Miscellaneous aids to cities and cooperative projects, \$40,000, same as last year.

Operating overhead, \$172,946, compared to \$183,862.

Intertie Under Study

OLYMPIA (AP) — The feasibility of an intertie for exchange of power between the Pacific Northwest and California was scheduled for discussion here Tuesday at one of a series of meetings on the subject.

Representatives of California, Oregon and Washington were to take part.

A Senate committee has called for a detailed survey of the proposed project.

CHAPTER TO MEET

Xi Omicron chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet at the home of Miss Joan Harper on Page Rd. Wednesday at 8 p.m. Mrs. B. R. Shoemaker Jr. will present the program.

Fair Chairman Resigns

SALEM (AP) Lee Eyerly, Salem, chairman of the state Fair Commission, has resigned here. He was appointed to the commission by Gov. Mark Hatfield one month ago.

Eyerly said that his health was not good enough.

Roseburg Church Sets Bible School

Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, on Garden Valley Rd., one block west of Kline St., Huerfano district, will start its vacation Bible School Monday, June 8 to continue through the 19th, using "Adventuring With Christ" as its theme.

To be featured June 15-18 will be a guest speaker, Rev. Don Gibbons, missionary to New Guinea. He will speak from 8 to 11:30 a.m. each weekday.

Included in the classes will be handcraft, Bible story films and religious records. Bus transportation will be available to the Calkins Rd. and Kenney Rd. areas.

This is the first year a Bible School has been conducted in the area, and it will be open to all youths in the area. For further information call the Rev. Arthur Hoenisch at OR 3-5389.

Oregonians Appointed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mrs. Georgia Patterson of Hillsboro and Charles F. Feike of Portland Monday were named to the National Advisory Committee for the White House Conference on the Aging.

Mrs. Patterson is the widow of former Oregon Gov. Paul Patterson. Feike is director of the Oregon Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The first committee meeting will be held here June 9-10.

Monument Proposed

Associated Press Special Service WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore) is co-sponsor of a bill to establish a national monument dedicated to freedom.

Neuberger and Sen. Gordon Allott (R-Colo) want Congress to authorize erection of a shrine to freedom on government land between the Arlington, Va., National Cemetery and the Iwo Jima Memorial.

The shrine would be financed by popular donations.

Oregon Grange Conclave Set For Week In Baker

BAKER (AP) — The annual Oregon State Grange convention opened here Monday with about 1,000 delegates registering for the week-long event.

Mayor William L. Jackson of Baker welcomed the delegates in the opening session.

Drill work and other routine activities were on schedule the opening day.

The annual report of the state grange master, Elmer McClure, is scheduled Tuesday.

Washington Climber Found Dead Near Cliff

DARRINGTON Wash. (AP) — A missing Eastern Washington mountaineer was found dead Monday at the base of a cliff above the snow line on 6,820-foot Mt. Whitehorse near here, search parties radioed from the scene.

The reports said Wallace Reid, about 40, apparently fell over the cliff late Saturday afternoon not long after he left an 11-member Washington Alpine Club party to break in a new pair of boots.

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