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THE BEDMATES in the picture above are on opposite sides of the political fence, but it doesn't worry the obviously bored new Democrat and Republican beside their mothers—even though their names are Nixon and Kennedy. At left is Mrs. Daniel Kennedy of Riddle, mother of Timothy Eugene Kennedy, both Democrats. At right is Mr. Ted Nixon of Days Creek, mother of Pamela Diane, both Republicans. The mothers shared the same room at Mercy Hospital over the weekend. (Chris' Studio).

Council Proposes Development For East Side Of City's Airport

By JERRY CORNELL
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Proposals for the development of the east side of the Roseburg Municipal Airport are being sought by the City of Roseburg as a result of Monday night's City Council meeting.

After the council approved a new airport ordinance providing for operation of the facility, the east side of the airport came into focus.

John Warburton, city manager, suggested that it be offered for lease for non-commercial flight operations in accordance with Federal Aviation Authority regulations.

Hamer Interested

Councilman Virgil Walls asked if there were any persons interested in that side of the facility.

Warburton replied that the Hamer Corp. "has shown some interest in it."

Mayor Pete Serafin, in reference to a prolonged time limit for presentation of proposals for the land's use, said he felt by next council meeting, June 26, any suggestions could be presented.

"I don't like to see it wait too long," he said.

Councilman Orville Petersen moved to have all proposals concerning this part of the facility presented at the next council meeting.

Lease With Good

At that session, Warburton indicated the city will sign a lease with Bud Good of Roseburg Skyways for operation of the city's facility.

Noting Good's present operation at the airport, Serafin said: "All I've heard about operations there now are on the good side—nothing detrimental."

Council action on the airport ordinance came after its third reading.

Serafin added that he planned to keep the airport committee, headed by Petersen, in operation.

The city's new ordinance "is pretty much the result of the airport committee which did a fine and thorough job," he said.

A request by the Roseburg Council of the Civil Air Patrol for a piece of land at the airport 80 by 100 foot for a CAP building, was referred to the airport committee.

Other Action

In other action the council:

Accepted a bid by the Douglas County State Bank on $98,214.71 for city bonds on sewer and street projects last year. Effective interest rate will be 3.494 per cent with an interest cost of $19,123.05.

Voted to hold public hearings on proposed sanitary sewers on NW Calkins Rd. from Jefferson St. to Lynwood Dr. and the SE Jackson and Main streets sewer system in the vicinity north of the old Rose School.

Recommended condemnation proceedings concerning Oerding sewers and for the structure on lots 12 and 13 in Miller's Addition SE Kane St. and the structure on Lots 8, 9 and 10 in Hassel Addition, SE Hassel St. Condemnation of the structures was asked by the Roseburg Fire Department. A third structure at 1649 SE Booth Ave. could be repaired, it was thought, and its owners were to be advised of this.

Bills for May were approved as were the minutes of the last meeting.

City Police Chief Appointment Due

Roseburg City Manager John Warburton Monday night announced to the City Council that by July 1 Roseburg will be able to name a new chief of police.

For the past few months the department has been operating under Acting Police Chief Bert Eaton. The former police chief Vernon Murdock Jr. resigned.

Warburton made the announcement after a question by Councilman Jack Davis concerning the appointment of a permanent chief.

The city manager said 40 applications for the job were received by the deadline of May 30.

A MAJOR HERO of the Aug. 7, 1959 blast in Roseburg, Fire Chief Don Stormer, is leaving his post to accept a position in San Francisco, Calif. (See story Page 2).

Kennedy Cancels Talk Engagement

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy cancelled a speaking engagement today to speed recovery of his ailing back.

Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, emphasized in announcing that Kennedy had called off his speech that the decision indicated no worsening of his condition.

"It is just a question of allowing the improvement to continue and not doing anything to delay the improvement," Salinger told newsmen.

Kennedy had been scheduled to address the U.S. Conference of Mayors at a luncheon in a downtown Washington hotel.

The engagement would have required him to drive about a half-mile from the White House and, despite the crutches he is using, to put additional pressure on his back.

Before Salinger announced the change in Kennedy's program, Democratic congressional leaders had reported the President seemed to be in excellent condition.

"I never saw him look better," House Speaker Sam Rayburn, D-Tex., said after he and other Democratic congressional leaders held their weekly breakfast meeting with Kennedy.

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Fair tonight, Wednesday and Wednesday night. Continued warm.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	78
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	48
Highest temp. any June ('55)	96
Lowest temp. any June ('54)	34
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from June 1	.46
Precip. from Sept. 1	34.31
Excess from Sept. 1	4.90

Sunset tonight, 7:54 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:32 a.m.

Crowds Frighten Princess Grace

DUBLIN (AP) — The police guard on Princess Grace and Prince Rainier of Monaco was doubled today after wildly enthusiastic crowds broke cordons and frightened the princess to tears.

Reinforcements also were added to the motorcycle escort around the limousine of the princess, former movie star Grace Kelly. Some of the outriders were swept off their machines as a crowd of 20,000 surged round the princess in Dublin Monday night.

Truck Driver Killed

PORTLAND (AP) — A dump truck plunged into a gravel pit in northeast Portland today. The driver, Miles E. McCarthy, 60, was killed.

Witnesses said he backed up the truck too far and went over the edge of the pit.

Myrtle Creek's Grouping Plan Gets Airing

Myrtle Creek's student grouping system in the elementary schools came in for an airing on Monday night, according to Lorraine Birenbaum, News-Review correspondent, and about 120 persons attended. The purpose was discussion, not decision—whether the system will be retained or rejected will be decided later.

Essentially the system calls for grouping of youngsters into three categories depending upon a percentile arrangement—below average, above average and average. The highest category is 99 percentile, the lowest 0, the average 50 per cent.

It is based entirely on reading scores—half vocabulary and half comprehension. The three categories move up in their grades, but at different levels of study—and they can either rise or fall from various categories depending on their own merits.

The system has been in operation for three years in Tri-City, a year in Myrtle Creek. Principal Ray Coffenberry of Myrtle Creek explained that for 1960-61 in grades one through eight the Myrtle Creek school system showed that better than three-fourths of each room were above the 50 percentile and were above the natural normal in each room in each grade with the ability grouping.

The replies to varied questions went like this:

Most of the parents are in favor of the plan, according to a Myrtle Creek School Board member. The tests are on reading scores because you "cannot define intelligence but you can measure it" and the "most critical factor in reading intelligence is reading ability," according to Oregon educational authority Dr. John Waterman.

The grouping is used to "reduce the range" and be better able to meet the individual needs of the child. No vote of the people is required; the decision to use the grouping system is the responsibility of the Board of Education. An impartial substitute teacher list (certified) administers the tests, machine-scored at the county superintendent offices. The California achievement test, recommended but not required by Oregon, is used.

Officials conducting the panel included Supt. Al Neet of the Myrtle Creek school, Principals Ray Coffenberry and Marvin Covey of Tri-City, and School Board members John Meier Jr., Robert Taylor, Gilbert Weaver, Bill Wirth and Burton Holt (with Dr. Bill Bayless absent on vacation.)

Jacqueline Dances

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Jacqueline Kennedy danced until 1 a.m. today at a seafront night club looking out over beautiful Saronic Gulf off Athens.

America's First Lady was the guest of Mrs. Constantine Caramanlis, wife of Greece's prime minister, for dinner and the evening of dancing.

Jobless Insurance Overhaul Asked

JFK Urges Expansion Of Benefits

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy proposed to Congress today a broad expansion of the unemployment compensation system to increase the amount and duration of benefits and the payroll taxes to pay for them.

Kennedy called for the most extensive overhaul of the jobless insurance plan that has been proposed since it was enacted as part of Social Security during the Roosevelt New Deal.

Long Range Changes

Most of the suggested changes are long-range in character. They wouldn't go into effect for several years, some not until 1968. This gives Congress plenty of time to take a long hard look at the proposals.

The program was accompanied by administration statements that the federal-state unemployment compensation system has long been in need of reform. It was stated that the system has proved its worth through the years, since enactment in 1935, not only in helping idled workers but in bolstering the economy in bad times.

No cost figures were immediately announced, nor was there any estimate of the amount of additional revenue that would be raised by the proposed higher payroll taxes.

Here are the highlights of Kennedy's proposals:

1. The present temporary plan of extending an extra 13 weeks of benefits to out-of-job workers would be continued permanently for steady workers suddenly made unemployed.

2. The president would be empowered during recessions to extend the 13-week extra benefits to all workers, even those without a long work history.

These two provisions would go into effect in mid-1962 when the present temporary benefit extension legislation expires.

3. The government, under a grants program, would pay two-thirds of the costs of benefits when a state experienced a heavy drain on its funds. This would go into effect in 1962.

3.5 Million More

4. Beginning in 1964 about 3.5 million more workers would be brought under the system, bringing total coverage to about 50 million. This would be done by dropping present exemptions for certain small employers, employes of nonprofit organizations, various salesmen and shop operators, and agricultural processing workers.

5. Beginning in 1964 the states would be required to increase benefits. An individual worker would be entitled to half his former regular wage, up to a fixed maximum. Required maximums would be at least half the statewide average weekly wage in 1964-66, 60 per cent of the state average in 1966-68, and 66 2-3 per cent after Jan. 1, 1968.

At present the maximum benefit amounts payable in 46 states are below half the weekly statewide average wage in each of the states. Weekly benefits now average about $35.

6. Additional taxes would go into effect in 1964. The base of the federal payroll tax would be increased from the first $3,000 of wages to the first $4,800.

Also the increased tax rate scheduled to go into effect only in 1962 and 1963, to pay for the present temporary benefits extension, would be made a permanent increase. This runs to eight-tenths of one per cent of payrolls.

After 1963, employers would lose allowable tax credits in states failing to meet federal requirements as to benefits.

Idle workers also could lose their right to benefits if they refused to take retraining or refresher courses prescribed to fit them for new jobs. In this connection the administration earlier proposed a four-year $700-million retraining-relocation program.

Mayor Asks Cooperation In Pioneer Days Fete

Roseburg Mayor Pete Serafin Monday night asked City Council members to cooperate in any way possible with the Douglas County Pioneer Days celebration now under way.

He said councilmen are being sought to participate in the Saturday Pioneer Days Parade "on horses or floats or autos."

It was noted that the idea of the Pioneer Days is to build the annual rodeo in Roseburg into a countywide affair.

He said that the only difference between the rodeos at Roseburg and Pendleton "is pageantry—and that's what we're trying to build."

APPEARING IN the 1961 Douglas County Rodeo will be Linda Lou Dreyer, 12, of Pendleton in her trick riding act. She will also appear during the Booster Button Show Friday night at the Fairgrounds.

Big Celebration Slated This Week

By GEORGE CASTILLO
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One of Douglas County's biggest celebrations starts in Roseburg Wednesday.

It's the Douglas County Pioneer Days, and it's all a prelude to a weekend of the 7th annual Douglas County Rodeo Saturday and Sunday.

The final meeting of the Pioneer Days and Rodeo Booster Committee was held this morning at the Broiler to review the events planned. The accounting proved favorable.

Loam Brought In

Preparations for the big five days of activity started Monday night as the first loam was brought to the center of town, and the Jackson St. Corral was blocked off to traffic. The corral will be the center of most of the pre-rodeo activity.

Also, Tuesday was officially set as the day for people to start wearing western or pioneer garb in recognition of Pioneer Days. Booster Chairman Alan Knudtson said the dress would be enforced only among the downtown merchants and businessmen. He said the committee wants people visiting town to wear western dress, but they won't be put in the stockade as punishment for not dressing up.

Children Feted

Wednesday has been set aside for the children. The Kids' Day activities will include a pack train demonstration by owners of the Cascade Corrals from Dry Creek at 10 a.m.; horseshoeing demonstration in the Jackson St. Corral at 11 a.m.; horse show at noon. All times are standard time.

In the afternoon at 2, a special pioneer Days movie will be held for youngsters at the Indian Theatre. It is called aptly "Palomino."

As a special drawing card for youngsters during the horse show at noon Wednesday in the Jackson St. Corral, 25 free passes to the kids' matinee will be given away.

Conducting the earlier horseshoeing demonstration will be Everett Jones of Umpqua.

Activity picks up Thursday and Friday. With hardly a dull moment, the events on tap are antique car show, gun show, pack train demonstration, merchants' burro race, archery exhibition, merchant's tug of war, sheep dog trial and sheep shearing demonstration, booster button show, fly and plug casting demonstration, pony express race, parades and the rodeo events.

Race Scheduled

A late addition to the list of events is a cowboys' hardtop race at the Roseburg Speedway Friday night. It starts at 7 p.m., with only cowboys eligible for this one race. The winner of the event will receive a pair of cowboy boots.

Mrs. Robert Schmitt, grand parade float chairman, reported that about 15 floats will be in the parade. The entries will be judged before the 1 p.m. parade, and announcers will be stationed along the parade route to describe the entries with loudspeakers.

The only event planned which had to be canceled was the square dance. Knudtson said the support was just not strong enough.

Hillsboro Boy Dies In Swimming Pool

HILLSBORO (AP) —A boy died in a hospital here Monday night from injuries suffered in a fall at the Hillsboro municipal swimming pool less than an hour earlier.

He was Donald Urich, 14, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Urich of Hillsboro.

An autopsy is scheduled, but doctors said indications were that he suffered either a broken neck or a fractured skull, or both.

Miss Merle Wright, a lifeguard, noticed the boy at the bottom of the pool eight feet from the surface and pulled him out. Richard Burke, pool manager, applied artificial respiration but he was pronounced dead shortly after an ambulance got him to the hospital.

Three lifeguards were present, and some 250 persons were at the pool but, Burke said, apparently no one saw the accident. It was believed he may have hit his head on the bottom following a dive.

New Explosions Rock S. Tyrol

BOLZANO, Italy (AP) — Two new dynamite explosions toppled more electric power pylons in the troubled South Tyrol area early today, further cutting power to the region.

No one was injured, but the Bolzano deputy state attorney, Leonardo D'Alessandro, 46, died of a heart attack shortly after making a pre-dawn inspection of the wrecked pylons.

Tractor Team In Havana For Parley

HAVANA (AP)—The American mission to exchange tractors for prisoners arrived by air today and was greeted by middle-ranking officials of Prime Minister Fidel Castro's government.

The four members of the mission were received at the airport by Major Luiz Crespo of the Institute of Agrarian Reform; Enrique Cabre, chief of machinery of the institute, and Fernando Otero, aide to President Osvaldo Dorticos.

The group went from the airport to the Havana Riviera Hotel

In a statement released to newsmen, Prof. Roy Banier of the University of California said the group plans to remain in Havana two days. He added that the negotiations will be "of a technical nature."

Castro left for Oriente Province before the arrival of the mission.

Before leaving Miami the group declared its "humanitarian purpose" is to free 1,200 captured invaders by exchanging 500 tractors for them, as originally proposed by Castro.

The four man team of technical experts departed at 5:26 a.m. on the hour's flight to Havana with the avowed hope of working out a satisfactory tractors for prisoners trade in the next couple of days.

A one-man protest demonstration greeted the U.S. negotiators as they went through final departure procedures at Miami International Airport.

Douglas R. Voorhees, a local real estate man known for his vocal advocacy of causes, loudly accused the team of going to Cuba to "submit to ransom, to blackmail."

He charged that the non-governmental team of experts was violating the Logan Act which bars negotiations by private citizens with foreign governments.

Voorhees demanded that the Dade County (Miami) police arrest the U.S. team. The police instead kept Voohees to one side of the departing group but let him talk on.

The Kennedy administration, which supports the Tractors-for-Freedom drive, has told the group it is not violating the Logan Act.

The technical team, while hopeful Castro would quickly agree to a swap because he needs tractors, was apprehensive that the unpredictable prime minister might demand terms unacceptable to the American committee.

Voorhees was the only protestor to show up at the airport through there had been rumors there might be trouble.

Jaycees To Give City Check For Swim Pool

Roseburg Jaycees will present a check for more than $400 to City Manager John Warburton at a 7:30 p.m. dinner meeting tonight, Alan Brown, president, announced today. The money is for additional swimming pool facilities.

The check marks the windup of an extensive cleanup and beautification project undertaken by the local civic booster organization.

All Jaycees and Jay-C-ettes are urged to attend the meeting in the Gold Room of the Umpqua Hotel. Every member should also bring a guest, Brown stated.

Proposed Power Merger Wins State Approval

SALEM, (AP) — The proposed merger of Pacific Power and Light Co. and California Oregon Power Co. won the approval today of Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill.

Hill said there was nothing in the merger plan that would be adverse to the public. He added that there was no opposition at recent hearings held in Medford.

Competition Said Reason For Decision

By GEORGE CASTILLO
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Six major lumber companies in central Douglas County have decided to hold the line on daylight saving time despite the general swing in the Roseburg area back to standard time.

Representatives of Pacific Plywood Co. of Dillard, Martin Box Co. of Oakland, Roseburg Lumber Co. of Dillard, Evans Products Co. of Winchester, Sun Studs Inc. and United States Plywood Corp., both of Roseburg, met to discuss the issue Monday night.

Their decision came after consideration of the competitive position of mills in Washington, Montana, the major part of Oregon now on DST and California. They also considered the balance of the country when the manufactured products are being purchased. In their formal statement, the representatives said "the group felt it had no alternative but to meet the competition and remain on daylight saving time."

"An example of the problem faced by the mills" the statement continues, "is that the east coast has already gone to lunch at 8 a.m. standard time here and, as a result, only a small part of the working day is effective for selling. Competitors 80 miles to the north and 100 miles to the south, because of daylight saving time, are able to take advantage of the lost time."

A matter of additional concern expressed at the meeting was the "inability to secure needed materials and services locally at the start of business each day because of time differential." However, it was decided local suppliers would cooperate to aid the business climate, "particularly since the problem will recur every year.

Battle Continues

Meanwhile, on the Roseburg battlefield, more businesses continued to return to the standard time fold, and the running verbal battle between Harold Reaume, manager of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce and Norman Lee, business agent of Lumber and Sawmill Workers Local 2949, went on.

Both major Roseburg hotels, the Hotel Rose and Hotel Umpqua reported today they are on standard time, but at the Umpqua, civic clubs are still meeting on daylight time.

Douglas Community Hospital joined Mercy Hospital in the decision to return to standard time. A Community Hospital spokesman said today the hospital would return to standard Wednesday. This is the same day previously selected by Mercy for a return.

Reaume, meantime, charged Lee with deception in reporting Monday that Local 2949 had written the Oregon Building and Construction Trades Council protesting the bill which set the stage for the time mixup. Lee said the local had sent a letter to the council, as well as the chamber, in protest.

Reaume says in rebuttal: "The letter from Local 2949 was dated June 5 and was received by the Chamber of Commerce June 6. In a telephone conversation at 3 p.m. Thursday June 8, Norman Lee admitted he had no knowledge of who requested the introduction of House Bill 1502 — so any letter which Local 2949 may have written to the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council was not written until they were forced into it by the facts being revealed."

Continuing, Reaume says: "Mr. Lee states that the Oregon AFL-CIO stands for uniform time throughout the state. Just when, and under what circumstances, did they take that action? Why have they kept it a secret? Certainly no news media has reported it."

Reaume also said Lee had "totally avoided the question as to how many members were at the June 2 meeting." He also called a boycott he said the union was using against DST businesses as "a vicious form of pressure." If it isn't, he concluded, what is? — "the use of brass knucks, blackjacks, lead pipes and chains?"

Two Leave Sutherlin City Council Positions

Sutherlin has two less councilmen today.

The two, Ray Mullen and Frank Moss, resigned at Monday night's meeting of the Sutherlin City Council. Their resignations were accepted.

Mullen, recently named superintendent of Sutherlin schools, said he had not anticipated the advancement in his profession when he ran for the council seat last fall. He said he could not do an adequate job in both positions.

Moss, a Sutherlin high school teacher for the past several years, said he had resigned his position at school and was leaving Sutherlin.

Terms Unexpired

Both were elected last November for three years. Appointees to serve out the unexpired terms are expected to be named at the next regular council meeting July 10.

The matter of daylight saving time was discussed but no action was taken. It was the council's feeling none was necessary, reports correspondent Barbara Liesinger.

Most business places in the city have remained on standard time.

The council granted permission to Selmar Hutchins to erect a billboard on city property adjacent to Highway 99 freeway for 10 years. The sign will announce the southbound exit to Sutherlin.

The problem of water drainage created by the sidewalk now under construction on W. Central Ave. was placed before the council. It voted to allow installation of lower driveways on unfinished portions for drainage purposes only.

George Stubbert, city manager, said 1,500 feet of sidewalk have been completed. He said another 1,000 feet will be completed today.

The Branton St. sewer line has been completed, Stubbert said. He also informed the council the city has sprayed for mosquito control twice this year.

A resolution was adopted petitioning the state Highway Commission for funds from the special city allotment for improvement of Umpqua St. between Central and Everett avenues.