

Committee Passes New Salem Budget

Salem's \$2 1/2 million city budget for the year starting July 1 was given final approval with only minor changes by the City Budget Committee Monday night.

Rep. Stover May Replace Sen. Hitchcock

KLAMATH FALLS — Wyatt Pagett, chairman of the Klamath County Republican Central Committee, said Monday that State Rep. B. Stover of Bend was being considered as a possible replacement for State Sen. Phil Hitchcock.

Hitchcock, a resident of Klamath Falls, recently announced he soon will resign to join the staff of Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

Pagett said that State Rep. Ed Geary had been considered as a possible replacement, but that Geary had rejected the plan as he wishes to continue his campaign for speaker of the House at the next session State Rep. David Baum also is seeking the speakership.

Hitchcock's district is composed of Klamath, Lake, Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties. His replacement will be chosen by party committee of the five counties.

Hit-Run Driver Dents Gesner Auto Again

Richard Gesner, of 859 Gaines St., is beginning to believe his car is jinxed and destined to be banged into at periodic intervals by hit-and-run drivers.

Gesner suffered his second hit-and-run damage in the past year Monday night while his car was parked in the 300 block of North Commercial Street.

He said he parked the car and went to work at about 4 p. m. and upon returning at 10:30 p. m. he discovered considerable damage to the rear of the car and to the trunk. He explained that there were large amounts of blue paint and primer paint scraped along his car near the damaged areas, apparently from the other car.

There was no identification of the hit-run driver's car, but police were investigating Monday night.

Four Corners Barn Burns

FOUR CORNERS — A fire of unknown origin late Monday night totally destroyed a barn located about 50 yards behind the home of Mrs. William C. Howard, 3810 Center St.

Mrs. Howard said she was asleep when she suddenly realized there was quite a glow in the back of the house. Looking through a rear window she discovered the blaze and called the Four Corners Volunteer Fire Department.

The one-story barn, which Mrs. Howard said cost \$1,800 to build three years ago, was partially insured. She said that there was a bale of hay and a neighbor's power saw in the barn, but no animals.

Navy to Convert Plane Carrier into Copter Transport

WASHINGTON — The Navy announced plans Monday to convert an aircraft carrier into its first "assault helicopter transport."

Rear Adm. Bernard E. Manseau, acting chief of the Bureau of Ships, told the Senate armed services appropriations subcommittee the vessel would be able to launch a Marine combat unit for assault operations. The committee is working on the Navy's part of the defense money bill for next fiscal year.

Two Forest Fires Quelled in Oregon

Oregon had two forest fires over the weekend, one of which burned 15 acres of slashings on Evans Creek in Josephine County.

The other, caused by burning sawdust east of Lowell in Lane County, was put out quickly before causing any damage.

Oregon had 26 forest fires this year through May 15, burning over 62 acres. That is 39 acres less than in the same period of last year.

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Crash Victim



Eleanor Ann McIntosh, 18, of Salem, who was killed in an auto crash near Dallas early Monday. (Story on page one.)

The allowable 6 per cent increase in tax revenue is taken, but no part of the budget is to be referred to the voters for an extra levy.

The total estimated city costs in 1954-55 come to \$2,528,888; compared with this year's \$2,560,035. But revenues are expected to be lower than this year.

Bond Cost Added
One addition to the budget Monday night at a City Hall meeting was \$23,000 as the first year cost of a 10-year \$20,000 bond issue which voters approved last Friday for a 12th Street improvement including curb separation of railroad tracks and other features.

Alderman Daniel J. Fry, budget chairman, said he felt the city's budget still came out with too small an emergency fund and perhaps not enough allowance for taxes that won't be collected.

One of the biggest arguments was over a \$2,540 budget for a city 4-H program, and this was renewed last night although the amount was approved. Some of the budgetmakers said they felt the program is worthy but should not be financed through city taxes.

They reminded the 4-H sponsors that they should be seeking a change in state law so that other than city financing could be arranged.

By Departments
The city budget breaks down by departments as follows:
Engineering, \$734,426; water, \$480,506; fire \$402,408; police, \$385,982; debt service, \$168,200; street lighting, \$80,350; parks and playgrounds, \$74,160; library, \$42,667; health, \$29,128; recorder, \$27,249; public buildings, \$18,590; airport, \$16,980; emergency fund, \$16,500; city manager's office, \$13,866; city attorney's, \$13,329.

Treasurer's, \$10,358; judge's, \$6,659; procurement, \$4,500; mosquito control, \$3,600; 4-H, \$2,540; civil defense, \$3,600; auditing, \$2,000; elections, \$2,000; cemetery, \$1,000; planning and zoning, \$1,000; Bush Home museum, \$1,200; civil service, \$500; mayor-council expense, \$1,500.

At last night's meeting, Alderman David O'Hara called attention to the fact that only three of the nine citizen members of the committee were present. "This may be a legal quorum," he said, "but it shows a marked lack of interest."

The committee is made up of the aldermen, mayor and nine citizen members. The latter are William H. Hammond, George Thomason and Harold Phillippe, who were present last night; Russell Bonesteel, Harvey Michaelis, Everett Crabtree, Dr. Morris Crothers, Fred Gibson and Conrad Paulson.

Man Stricken on Vacation, Flown Home for Surgery

SILVERTON—Val Eberle, 42, of Mt. Angel was brought to Silvertown Hospital Monday by Willamette Ambulance Service after being transferred to McNary Field at Salem by a Red Cross mercy plane.

Hospital officials said that Eberle and his wife were vacationing in California when he apparently suffered an attack of appendicitis. He was operated on at Silvertown Hospital Monday and his condition Monday night was considered "good."

Judge Revokes Stay of Execution

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — Kidnaper-rapist Caryl Chessman, author of "Cell 2455, Death Row" was quickly sentenced to die July 30 after a judge here Monday revoked his stay of execution.

The 32-year-old convict wrote his prospective best seller during 6 years of awaiting death in San Quentin's gas chamber.

Molalla Men Hurt in Wreck, One 'Critical'

SILVERTON — Frank Lewis and Frank Lowe, both of Molalla, were brought to the Silvertown Hospital Monday following collision of Lowe's car with a Haley and Haley Co. logging truck east of Molalla on Highway 211.

Lowe, who suffered head injuries and a fractured collarbone, was considered critical and was transferred shortly after arrival at Silvertown to Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.

Lewis, who sustained fractures of the ribs and a chipped vertebra, was considered "fair" Monday night at Silvertown Hospital. Investigating Molalla officers said the Lowe vehicle was a total wreck after the collision at an intersection of Highway 211. The logging truck was only slightly damaged.

Purchase of Fire Truck Recommended

(Story also on Page 1.)
Purchase of a new fire truck by the city was proposed Monday night at a City Council meeting in City Hall, but the truck was lost in a scuffle over bookkeeping, at least until the June 14 Council meeting.

City Manager J. L. Franzen and Fire Chief E. L. Smith recommended the purchase of a \$12,000 truck, using city, state and federal funds in a civil defense tie-in.

Succumbs



T. M. Medford, former Salem man, who died Monday at a Portland hospital.

Morse added that, "The defeat of Angell leaves the Republican Party without a single candidate who stands for the people's interests." He said that Mrs. Edith Green (the Democratic candidate) can defeat the combined opposition of McKee, McKay and McCall.

T. M. Medford, Former Salem Man, Dies

T. M. Medford, Safeway Stores, Inc., executive and former resident of Salem, died Monday following surgery required after an auto accident in Portland May 14.

Medford first came to Salem in 1945 from Klamath Falls where he assumed the position of district manager from the Salem office. He left Salem in 1951 and moved to Portland to take over the job of retail sales manager.

Friends of Medford said he was slated for his next advance with Safeway on June 6 when he was to have moved to Oakland, Calif.

Medford suffered severe fractures and internal injuries in the auto accident which sent him to the hospital. He never completely recovered.

Pearlys include the widow, Theodora, and a daughter, Theodora, both of Portland. Announcement of services will be made later by the Colonial Mortuary of Portland.

Queen Bee Uses 'Dope' to Control Slaves

LONDON — A British scientist reported Monday a queen bee controls her subjects by turning them into dope addicts which have to come to her for their supply.

Dr. Colin Butler, head of a bee research project at Rothamsted, announced his finding in a newly published book, "The World of the Honeybee."

Dr. Butler identified the "dope," which he calls the "queen substance," as a kind of wax which covers the queen bee's body. The worker bees get the stuff by running their tongues over her, or by licking other bees which have been in bodily contact with the queen.

The author said the "queen substance" can be rubbed off with a cotton swab, which then becomes as attractive to bees as the queen herself. Dr. Butler said there is evidence that the same sort of addiction prevails among ants and termites.

Bing Crosby's Son Injured in Fatal Wreck

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Bing Crosby's singing son, Gary, suffered a cut nose and bruised knee Monday in a highway collision which killed a man and injured five in the other car.

Twenty-year-old Gary, preparing to replace his famed father on the radio this summer, was taken to O'Connor Hospital in San Jose for X-ray examination. Doctors said Gary was not badly hurt and probably would be released Tuesday.

The dead man was Felix Olivares, 24, a farm laborer. E. D. Jones, attorney for young Crosby, quoted the Stanford University student as saying the other car drove out at an intersection. Santa Clara County Deputy Dist. Atty. Margaret Morten said no charges would be filed.

All six occupants of the other car were residents of a farm labor camp.

GI Wrestles Rare Fish to Shore at Coast

PORTLAND — Tom Baker, 20, said he saw the thing swimming right between his legs, so he grabbed it and began trying to tow it out of the ocean.

"It squirmed a lot and made one pass at my legs with some awfully sharp-looking teeth. I wanted to let go of it, but kept tugging, and finally had it onto shore," said Tom.

That makes Tom one of the few persons who have caught a hand-saw fish, and perhaps the only one to do it with his bare hands.

The hand-saw fish was a slender, 4 1/2-foot-long member of the vicious lancet family. It had a mouth eight inches wide, full of knife-like teeth.

Tom, an airman third class from Columbus, Ohio, now stationed at Portland, came across the fish in four feet of surf while Tom was at Cannon Beach, Ore., Sunday. He grabbed the slick, scaleless, muscular fish near the tail, and somehow managed to dodge the biting while tugging it shoreward.

When he got there, he didn't know what he had. Coastal residents said they had never seen anything like it before, either. Finally a state game commission expert identified it Monday, explaining it is a deep-water fish, rarely found near a shore.

Morse Sees Oregon Demo Win Next Fall

PORTLAND — Sen. Wayne Morse came back to Oregon Monday with predictions the Democrats will take the top offices in next fall's election.

He said he expected Richard L. Neuberger to defeat the Republican incumbent, Guy Cordon, for U.S. senator, because of what he called the "reactionary record of Cordon."

He also said that "as we smoke out Gov. Paul Patterson's private utility support and leanings, the people will realize that they will have to support Joseph K. Carson."

Morse added that, "The defeat of Angell leaves the Republican Party without a single candidate who stands for the people's interests." He said that Mrs. Edith Green (the Democratic candidate) can defeat the combined opposition of McKee, McKay and McCall.

He was referring to Paul McKee, president of Pacific Power & Light Co.; Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay; and the Republican who defeated Angell in the primary election, Tom Lawson McCall.

Move to Allow Sparklers in City Studied

A move to once again allow Fourth of July sparklers — but only the small tots' brand of sparkler — was undertaken Monday night by Salem City Council.

Aldermen David O'Hara and Robert F. White co-sponsored a bill to put sparklers back on the approved list (along with cap pistols), after the Council received a request for such action from several merchants.

Mayor Alfred Loucks said indefinite wording about the "sparklers" had led to abuse in the past. City Attorney said he had prepared the new bill with a description of "sparklers with a burning area not to exceed one foot in length."

Fire Chief E. L. Smith said even the little sparklers cause fires and burnt fingers and he's against them.

The bill will be up for disposition June 14.

Oil Developers Lease Land in Douglas County

ROSEBURG — The Douglas County Court has leased subsurface rights on 62,000 acres of county land to Oil Developers, Inc.

The lands are scattered over much of the county in parcels varying in size from 20 to 100 acres.

The agreement, which leases the land for five years, gives the county 10 cents an acre yearly rental. If oil is found on the land the rental will increase to 50 cents an acre. The county also is to receive a one-eighth share of any oil or gas produced. If sulphur is found the county will receive \$2 per ton.

Re-Check of Count Gives Wells Lead For Nomination

LA GRANDE — A re-check of primary election figures Monday gave Harry Wells a 44-vote lead over Vernon D. Bull in their close race for Democratic nomination to a state House seat for Union and Wallowa counties.

Earlier tabulations had credited Bull, a former state senator, with a four-vote edge. The re-check by county clerks gave Bull 1,243 votes in Union County, 261 in Wallowa for a total of 1,504. Wells had 1,359 in Union, 189 in Wallowa for a total of 1,548.

The results were unofficial. The official canvass will be held later.

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Letters on Capitol at Olympia Painted by Lovesick Youth

OLYMPIA — Politicians shouting "smear campaign" were relieved Monday when they learned the bright orange lettering on the Capitol dome was the artistry of a lovesick college boy trying to impress a high school girl friend.

Thurston County Prosecutor Hewitt Henry said George Doherty Jr., 19, honor student at St. Martin's College, admitted he painted the initials "G. D. I. R." on three sides of the dome early Monday morning.

One set of initials six feet high faced the high school, across the street from the Capitol, where the girl could see them from her classroom.

"I had nothing to do with it and I'm sorry it happened," the pretty 17-year-old high school senior told reporters. "But I don't think it will affect my friendship with him."

The Prosecutor was not as forgiving. He charged young Doherty with malicious trespassing. If convicted, Doherty could be fined three times the cost of repairing the damage, a year in the county jail, or both, Henry said.

Henry said the youth was accompanied by his 18-year-old brother, Stephen, also a St. Martin's honor student, but the latter will not be charged, as he apparently did not participate in the actual painting.

State Patrolmen traced the organize intervention against Gauthman had jotted it down when he saw their car parked on the Capitol grounds during the wee hours of the morning.

Prior to the apprehension of the youths, politicians speculated that the lettering meant: Go Democratic, move Republicans.

Emergency Board To Discuss State Hospital Project

Discussion of whether to go ahead with construction of a \$1,530,000 new building at the Oregon State Hospital will be aired this morning at a meeting of the state emergency board with the members of the board of control.

The emergency board, a legislative committee, has voiced objection to the building on the grounds that an extra \$200,000 or more would have to be appropriated by the next legislature. The emergency board has been critical of the board of control for not constructing the whole thing out of the \$1,500,000 appropriation made by the 1953 legislature.

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