

Rogers Balks On Designs for New Courthouse

County Commissioner Opposes Offsets on Main Floor

By DON UPJOHN
County Commissioner Ed Rogers stated Saturday that he will oppose the exterior design proposed for the new courthouse by Architect Pietro Belluschi of Portland and its three offsets above the main floor and basement which Rogers said in his opinion would give the building too much of an aspect of a structure built with "child's building blocks."

On the contrary, he said, his idea of a courthouse would be one to conform to the business-like structures used in the capitol building group such as the new five-story office structure now under construction, with possibility of an offset on the top story for the jail.

No Expansion Room

"The structure as now proposed may be adequate for years but as I see it allows no room for expansion and when the time comes will have to be replaced. It will be a different looking structure than any others in the civic and capitol group and I believe with a building conforming with those the same adequacy in space could be secured with less height and also give an opportunity for expansion when needed."

"The arrangement for the basement and the main floors of the courthouse as now proposed seems to be excellent and not requiring anything but minor changes to meet individual cases."

Wasted Space Cited

"But as it goes on up with the offset and 20 or 30 feet ceilings for the circuit court and library I think there is considerable wasted space which could be used advantageously in a building built in the plainer but, to my mind, more appropriate office building type of a structure."

"What it is planned to do with the present arrangement in six floors could be done in four with a building of the other type. And when the time came for expansion the building could be run up to the six floors and furnish needed space for many, many years more."

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Permit Issued For Englewood

A permit was issued by the city building inspector Friday for remodeling the old part of Englewood school and the construction of an addition of six new rooms.

The cost is put at \$176,454, and the contract has been let to Vlesko & Post.

Work on the old part of the building is to be completed by the date of school opening September 9. The addition will not be finished by that time.

Included in the work will be installation of fire doors, addition of a cafeteria and remodeling of the heating plant in the old building.

Under its construction program the Salem school board has completed the addition to the West Salem school, a six-room addition at Bush, and a one-room addition at Middle Grove.

In progress are the addition to Parrish junior high, a two-room addition at Swegle, the Englewood contract, and complete new buildings going up at Four Corners and Capitols.

Four new class rooms and a combined auditorium and cafeteria at McKinley school will not be on this year's program.

Other new building permits: Early Early, to wreck a two-story dwelling at 1930 Fairgrounds, \$50. Robert N. Phillips, to reroof a one-story dwelling at 1180 Columbia, \$50. L. D. McAllister, to reroof a two-story dwelling at 680 Lefelle, \$200.

Flying Saucers Said Buzzing Over Oregon

Pendleton, June 18 (AP)—Flying saucers purring like kittens were reported buzzing through eastern Oregon skies again.

R. H. Osborne, Sr., and E. L. Young, both of Pendleton, said today they saw one while on a fishing trip in the John Day country earlier this week.

"It was flying at about 10,000 feet," Osborne said. "It was a whirling disc, plainly visible for a minute or two as it reflected the sun rays."

He said that it changed direction and disappeared. The pair reported they heard the purring noise gradually decrease until it faded out of sight and out of hearing.

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Valuation of Public Utilities Up \$40,333,000

By JAMES D. OLSON
Valuation of public utilities in Oregon have increased \$40,333,000 during the last 12 months, according to tentative figures released Saturday by the state tax commission.

The total valuation of all public utilities in the state at present is set at \$453,429,040.30 as compared with \$413,096,284.57 in 1948.

Railroads Lead
Steam railroads lead the list of utilities in high value, the tax commission setting a valuation of \$184,817,761. Last year the total valuation of all railroads operating within the state of Oregon was \$177,126,546.60.

Power companies are second on the list with a total valuation for 1949 of \$145,913,763.40 as compared to \$130,974,852.15 a year ago.

Valuation of properties of telephone companies operating in the state are third in the list with a valuation of \$81,271,473.47 as against \$64,806,459.48.

Decreases Shown
Valuation of telegraph companies, express companies and electric street railways showed (Concluded on Page 5, Column 3)

12 Missing in Potomac Flood

Petersburg, W. V., June 18 (AP)—More than a dozen persons were reported missing today as flash floods sent water rushing down streams of the Potomac-Shenandoah valley areas of West Virginia and Virginia.

West Virginia state police said they had received unverified reports that several others were missing and feared dead.

State Police Capt. Basil E. Wright said at Elkins, W. Va., that indications were that many hundreds were made temporarily homeless and that property damage was heavy. "The situation is pretty bad," he said.

At least seven persons were missing in Bridgewater, Va. After Shenandoah river flood waters poured through the town of 1,000.

Fire Chief Allen Harvey, Sr., said the town was "in a state of confusion and near-hysteria."

Many residents were marooned on house-tops and trees. Houses were bowled over by tons of water sweeping down on them.

Petersburg was virtually isolated. Bridges were washed out. Communications lines were down. Rescue workers had to walk the last several miles to get to the town.

The home of state police Cpl. A. M. Hurst was swept into the Potomac river near here during the night. He, his wife and two children are unaccounted for.

'Big Mo' Open House For British Visitors

Portsmouth, Eng., June 18 (AP)—Britons by the thousands crowded aboard the 45,000-ton U.S. battleship Missouri today to see the spot where Japan surrendered.

It was open house on the "Big Mo," here with nine other U.S. naval craft for an official eight-day visit to Britain.

Some 4000 officers and men of the ten ships, plus 1200 Annapolis midshipmen who came along for a six-week training cruise, took turns going ashore for a glimpse of England.

School Districts in County To Hold Elections Monday

School district over the county next Monday when in each district new directors will be elected to replace directors whose term will expire.

In addition elections will be held for directors from zones 3 and 4 both on the non-high school and rural district boards.

In zone 3 of the non-high school district an election will be held to select a successor to Carl Wipper whose term expired some time ago because he was automatically out when the Cloverdale district in which he lives became part of union high school No. 5. Andrew Doran was elected to succeed Wipper but never accepted or became a member of the board. As there are no approved candidates for this office Wipper's successor will be elected by "writings."

In zone 4 of the non-high school district John Plas of Crooked Finger is up for re-election with no opposition.

In zone 3 or the rural school board district Edwin J. Swartz of Jefferson is running to succeed Eugene Finlay who declined to

Ask U. S. to Pay Counties Tax On U. S. Forests

Washington, June 18 (AP)—A bill to pay counties annually two percent of the "fair value" of national forests in their boundaries may be considered by the senate public lands committee next Monday.

A hearing on the measure by Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) has been completed by a sub-committee headed by Senator Anderson (D-NM.).

The sub-committee's recommendation will not be made public until the full committee has acted.

Senator Cordon, however, indicated during the hearing that he would be satisfied with a one percent payment. The agriculture department considers three fourths of one percent enough. Chief Forester Lyle Watts told the committee the 25 percent of gross forest revenues now turned back to the counties.

Appraisal Necessary
The senate last year passed Cordon's bill to provide a one percent fixed payment. The house public lands committee approved it but congress adjourned before the measure came up for a vote.

The current measure would require an appraisal of all national forests. Watts told the committee this would cost \$1,500,000 and that the bill would authorize the expenditure. The work would be done in three years.

Watts testified a three fourths of one percent payment would represent a little less than the average tax rate on privately owned rural lands.

Cost of Building Roads
The forest payment, he said, should be lower because the government is required to do much development work such as building roads and fire protection.

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West Europe In Full Accord

Luxembourg, Luxembourg, June 18 (AP)—Foreign ministers of the five western European alliance nations reported at the end of a two-day session today they are in complete accord on their role in world affairs.

The ministers from Britain, France and the Benelux countries wound up their current business in a three-hour midday meeting in the Luxembourg chamber of deputies.

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman told correspondents there had been no disagreements in the sessions which began yesterday afternoon.

"There were no majorities," Schuman said. "Mr. Vishinsky (Soviet foreign minister) could take some lessons from us."

Dutch Foreign Minister Dirk U. Stikker said the ministers had discussed Germany's future and the part that the five western nations could play in shaping that future.

He also said that they had discussed the financial aspects of a joint military program which would later be integrated with American and Canadian programs under the Atlantic pact.

Schuman said the Atlantic pact itself had not been discussed. "We must now wait for the pact ratification and before that happens we cannot go into the details," said Schuman.



They'll Rule Cherryland—Members of the 1949 Cherryland Festival court pictured Friday night prior to the announcement of the judges' selection of Patricia O'Connor of Stayton and the Sacred Heart Academy in Salem, as queen of the 1949 festival. Left to right the girls are Princess Dorothy Neufeld, Dallas; Princess Jeannine Bentley of Lyons and Stayton high school; Princess Katherine Specht of Jefferson; Queen Patricia O'Connor, and Princess Grace Marie Kirk of St. Paul. Below—Queen-elect Patricia O'Connor of the 1949 Cherryland Festival. (Photo of queen by Bishop Modern studios).

Patricia O'Connor to Rule as Festival Queen

Petite, brunette, green-eyed Patricia O'Connor, who stands only five feet one inch tall, will rule over the 1949 Cherryland Festival set for June 30 and July 1 and 2.

The tiny 18-year-old miss from Stayton, and graduated this spring from the Sacred Heart Academy in Salem, was chosen at a program held at the Elsinore theater Friday night.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis O'Connor, who to quote Queen-Elect Patricia, "lives right in the center of Stayton," the Cherryland ruler for 1949 has lived at Stayton for the past nine years and was born at Parkville, Minn. Besides Pat there are seven other girls in the O'Connor family and four boys living. One brother lost his life in World War II.

Queen-elect Patricia has definite plans for her future and has a career cut out for herself, that of nursing. She's wasting no time in getting started either, for she has already enrolled at the St. Vincent's School of Nursing and will start her studies in the fall. In high school Miss O'Connor took the academic course and her activities included membership in Sodality, Treble Triad and Pep club. She also served as cheer leader and has been active in music circles.

Princesses in the 1949 court are Dorothy Neufeld, of Dallas; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick T. Neufeld; Jeannine Bentley of Lyons and graduate of the Stayton high school this year, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bentley of Lyons; Grace Marie Kirk, St. Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kirk; and Katherine Specht of Jefferson, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Specht.

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Shiny Thing Not Plane

Portland, June 18 (AP)—The "shiny thing" near Molalla seen by a logger wasn't the wreckage of the long-missing air corps bomber after all. The McCord field air rescue service, which sent a crew to check the area, reported the results were negative, and called off the search.

Folson Orders Klan Arrests

Montgomery, Ala., June 18 (AP)—Gov. James E. Folsom, acting by executive order, today ordered Alabama law enforcement officers to arrest all terrorist groups in the state.

Folsom acted shortly after the state senate passed an anti-masking bill, designed to bring into the open depredations of night-riding gangs.

The governor's action was an emergency step which he said would remain in effect until the anti-mask measure goes through the house or representatives which expected to take it up on reconvening next week.

As the highest state authorities moved in on recent acts of violence in the Birmingham area, veterans groups in that city threatened to form their own "committee against crime and violence." They were angered by the latest incident in which hooded men flogged a former sailor.

The governor said the order would remain in effect until the house acted and he signed the anti-masking bill into law.

Reorganization Plans Prepared

Washington, June 18 (AP)—The defense establishment, maritime commission and civil service agencies may be the first agencies whose reorganization plans President Truman will submit to congress.

High administration officials made this known yesterday as the president embarked on the yacht Williamsburg for a weekend cruise with several officials with whom he is expected to discuss the proposed changes.

Congress passed a bill giving the president power to revamp the government Friday. Charles G. Ross, White House press secretary, said Mr. Truman probably will sign the measure Monday.

Ross said six or seven reorganization proposals will be ready to send to congress soon after that, some possibly on Monday. Some of the changes are simple, staff members said, and some are elaborate.

The officials accompanying the president on his cruise in nearby waters included Stephen T. Early, undersecretary of defense, and White House administrative assistants Charles E. Murphy and David Stowe. Mon C. Wallgren, former governor of Washington state whose nomination as chairman of the national security resources board was withdrawn in the face of senatorial opposition, also went along.

The Rev. John W. Darr, Jr., a Congregational minister, said he would marry Robeson and Marilyn Paula Greenberg, 21, with the approval of the parents of both. The couple was issued a marriage license yesterday.

Robeson, who was graduated from Cornell recently with a degree in electrical engineering, spent seven years in school in Russia. His father sent him there in 1936 "to escape racial prejudice in a country where all races are equal." Miss Greenberg holds a degree in psychology from Cornell.

Robeson, Jr. to Wed White Girl

New York, June 18 (AP)—Paul Robeson, Jr., son of the leftwing Negro baritone, tomorrow will marry a New York white girl he met at Cornell university, it was announced today.

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And in Belgrade, the editor of "Borba," Yugoslav communist party newspaper, complained that Russia apparently had agreed with the western powers in opposing Yugoslavia's border claims and reparations.

County Court Rules in New Road Improvement

The Marion county court made it plain at its meeting Friday that public or dedicated roads which are improved under a new law of the last legislature permitting formation of districts to improve such roads at the expense of abutting property owners won't become county roads merely by the act of making such improvement.

It was stated that they will remain in the class of any other roads not county roads and will have to take the necessary procedure to show the county court that they are of such public use as to warrant them being included in the road system. And if this is not shown they will have to continue to maintain their own roads as in the past, regardless of the nature of the improvement made.

The court also discussed, but did not decide, as to whether it will abandon the policy now in effect to accept improved public roads when improvements are made up to specifications required by the county court.

Four such improvements under the old law were ordered accepted Friday in Carllhaven addition off the river road near the Keizer school on report of County Engineer Hedda Swart.

Britain Firm for Trade Treaty With Argentina

Cordon Sees Threat To World Recovery in Proposed Pact

Washington, June 18 (AP)—Britain was reported standing fast today on its proposed agreement with Argentina, despite strong objections from the United States.

Senator Cordon (R., Ore.), describing the agreement as "an ominous threat" to world recovery, said the senate appropriations committee will call on Undersecretary of State James E. Webb for a full report on the American position.

Under the pact, Britain and Argentina would exchange goods and commodities for a five-year period.

Hold on Food Market
Officials here are fearful this would give Britain a stranglehold on the Argentine food market. In addition, they argue, it is the type of trade agreement which could hurt Europe's recovery.

Cordon told a reporter the freedom in world trade desired by this country never will come about if the world faces barriers thrown up by a government "which feels it must protect itself in some particular field."

John Taylor, commercial minister of the British embassy, was reported to have insisted during a state department visit yesterday that the Argentine agreement—due to be signed Tuesday—is essential to British recovery.

Protest Rejected
That statement, delivered to assistant Secretary of State Willard Thorp, was taken as a tentative rejection of American protests.

Economic Cooperation Administrator Paul Hoffman bitterly denounced the pact yesterday while defending the ECA's recovery spending. ECA (Concluded on Page 5, Column 3)

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West Powers Harmonious

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Bond Issue Sold
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Stackhouse to Coach Football At Willamette

Ex-Michigan Staff Member Has Fine Victory Background

Chester R. Stackhouse, former member of the University of Michigan coaching staff and now athletic director at Lincoln university in Pennsylvania, has been named head football coach and athletic director for Willamette university, President G. Herbert Smith disclosed Saturday.

Stackhouse comes to Willamette with top recommendations from the schools in which he has served and from other coaches, among them LaVerne (Kip) Taylor, the new Oregon State college grid mentor. Taylor was a contemporary of Stackhouse in Michigan sports. He is a graduate of Central Michigan Teachers college.

"We have had our eyes on this man for three years," Dr. Smith said in making the announcement of the new appointment. "From the large number of candidates, Mr. Stackhouse by his experience and achievements, seemed outstanding for the Willamette position."

Track Achievements Impressive
The new athletic director, who replaces Jerome (Jerry) Lillie who resigned last month to accept a backfield coaching assignment with the University of Oregon, will also coach track.

His overall record of coaching in high school and college levels includes 93 football wins compared with 23 defeats, 180 basketball victories against 47 setbacks, and 64 track meets without a defeat in dual or triangular competition.

(A photo and additional details on the appointment on Page 2.)

No Censorship On Text Books

Washington, June 18 (AP)—The house-un-American activities committee formally assured the nation's educators today it doesn't intend to "censor textbooks" or interfere with academic freedom.

The assurances were distributed by letter. They were intended to quiet some of the furor, that broke out among schools and colleges—and within the committee itself—over a request for lists of textbooks.

All the committee is trying to do, the letter said, is check up on "serious allegations" made about textbooks by the national sons of the American revolution. These allegations intimated that communist propaganda has been injected into some books.

The committee started the flurry by writing to various state and city boards of education and to something over 70 colleges and universities, picked at random, asking for:

"A list of textbooks and supplementary reading, together with authors, which are being used by your institution in the fields of sociology, geography, economics, government, philosophy, history, political science and American literature."

There were roars from educational organizations and a number of college presidents.

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