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Effect of War Economy Stressed by Governor In Appearances Here

Gov. Douglas McKay, in two Ashland public appearances yesterday, stressed the importance of the Korean war as it affects the people of Oregon, expressed amazement at the apathy of American voters, discussed the box car shortage and expansion in the state since World War II.

The governor spoke to a full house of students, faculty members and townspeople at the first assembly of the year at Southern Oregon college Wednesday afternoon and was guest of honor at a banquet at the Elks club attended by over 200 persons Wednesday evening.

He warned that the Korean war and unstable world conditions will mean increasing sacrifices on the part of American people. He said all Oregonians will feel the effects. Federal tax loads will become increasingly heavy and governments on the state level will have to be more frugal. The state, counties and municipalities must stand up to all the necessary functions of government, but the frills must be eliminated. He promised that the state's new budget will be thoroughly pared of "extras" and unnecessary expenses.

SP Said Lax

In his evening address, Governor McKay pointed out that a box car shortage is not uncommon to the state, but that this year it was intensified by defense requirements. He said that last December he requested aid from the Interstate Commerce Commission and in March called to the attention of A. T. Mercier, president of Southern Pacific, the increasing need for cars in the state. Failure of Southern Pacific to order enough new cars and their failure to keep old cars in repair was the primary cause of the shortage, later made more critical by military shipments, he said.

The governor predicted a serious shortage of manpower by next year, stating that women will again be employed in all types of industry and school children will be needed to harvest crops next fall.

Meet Draft Demands

He advised employers to inventory their personnel and make plans for the time when military demands will materially reduce the state's labor supply.

Chest Leaders Set Drive Plans

Local Community Chest leaders will meet Friday evening to complete preparations for actual contact work of the 1951 drive which will start here next week, according to the Rev. Paul W. Harms, Ashland chairman.

Headquarters for the campaign have already been set up in the office of the Commercial Finance corporation, 45 East Main street.

Jackson county's goal of \$75,000 has been budgeted to include nine Red Feather agencies. These include boy scouts, girl scouts, campfire girls, Medford and Ashland YMCA's, Salvation Army, girls community club, the Oregon chest and the ASAF, successor to the wartime USO.

Ashland's quota of the county goal is \$13,735.

Staff Change Made at Southern Oregon College

Miss Faytne Zumwalt began duties this week as women's residence counselor and instructor in English at Southern Oregon college. Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president, announced today.

Miss Zumwalt was formerly dean of women at Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls. She replaces Mrs. Ruth Pafford on the college staff.

She is a native of Texas and a graduate of Texas State College for Women. She received her masters degree from the University of Houston and has taken graduate work at Oregon State college.

Regarding expansion in Oregon, Governor McKay pointed out that the state has increased its population by 40 per cent in the last ten years and that expansion of state facilities, delayed by the depression and then war, has been vitally necessary.

Building Program Described

Following the war, an 11 million dollar building program was launched to help state institutions keep up with the expanding population. This program is not yet completed and if a suspension is necessary the board of control is prepared to set up a long-range plan which will allow for the eventual completion of the program.

Citizenship Lagging

He told students at the college that, although changes and sacrifices are being made necessary, education in Oregon must not lag. He told them that in their first duty as citizens, they could best serve by remaining in school.

In concluding his evening address, the governor expressed

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Governor's Wife Honored at Tea

The First Lady of the state was honored by the women of Ashland at an afternoon tea at Susanne Homes Hall on the college campus from 2:30 to 4:30. Mrs. Phil Stansbury was assisted during the afternoon by Mrs. Will Dodge, Mrs. Harry Skerry, Jr., Mrs. Angus Bowmer, and Mrs. W. B. McCullough. Serving on the committee were Mrs. J. W. McCoy, Mrs. Harold Merrill, Mrs. Floyd Dickey, Mrs. Raymond Linyard and Mrs. W. W. Weller.

The tea table was beautifully decorated with autumn flowers and foliage and was presided over by Mrs. Henry Galey and Mrs. Alice A. Peil, for the first hour and by Mrs. Olive Swendburg and Mrs. Louise Perrozzi who poured during the latter part of the reception.

Not Even Time To Warm The Motor

Ashland city police get right on the job. Take what happened Wednesday morning, for example.

Victor Zboralski, 292 Van Ness reported a 1935 Ford sedan stolen from his residence at 7:10 a.m. At 7:20 a.m. the car was recovered by police on North Main and returned to its owner.

Voters Urged to Register Before Saturday Deadline

Both democratic and republican workers are completing extensive campaigns this week reminding citizens of the county that Saturday is the last day to register to vote in the November elections.

Ashland residents may register at the public library; Schell Radio shop, 1257 Siskiyou boulevard; the office of Justice of the Peace Nelle M. Burns, 15 N. Main; the city recorder's office or with Samuel S. Davies at the barber shop at 243 Fourth street.

Mrs. Burns is also registering voters from precincts 14 through 18 at her office. These precincts include Bellevue, Pinehurst, Colestine, Barron and Ashland west (Valley View).

Phoenix and Talent Listed

Voters from the three Phoenix precincts, 59, 60 and 61 register with M. E. Randles at Randles' store. Norma O. White is registrar for both Talent precincts, 62 and 63 at White's store.

County Clerk George Carter today reminded Talent and Phoenix voters that they are not permitted to register in Ashland



VISITOR... Gov. Douglas McKay, who with Mrs. McKay made a brief visit to Ashland yesterday. The governor spoke at a Southern Oregon college assembly in the afternoon and was guest at an evening banquet sponsored by the Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis clubs and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Highway Group Orders Survey To Start Soon

Surveys of Highway 99 from Ashland to Central Point are scheduled to begin soon as a result of action taken by the state highway commission, meeting in Portland last Friday.

Authorization of the surveys is the first positive action taken by the commission in response to three years of activity by county groups to have the highway widened to four lanes.

Don Lane, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, said this week that prospects for widening the highway are the best they have ever been.

Lane and Paul Rynning, county highway engineer, appeared before the commission on behalf of the improvement project. They cited traffic figures and emphasized that an increasing population as well as industrial expansion justifies the project for economic reasons. They pointed out that present traffic far exceeds that which the highway was designed to carry.

The delegates proposed a bond issue to make immediate construction possible, asserting that projects that would take 10 years to complete under present financing could be finished in four years. The bonds would be issued against future gasoline tax funds and federal aid. Such a plan would require action by the legislature, however.

Lane pointed out today that the commission's action does not assure completion of the highway, but that the survey is the first step necessary before plans for construction can be made.

Civilian Defense Plans Outlined For City Council

Nearly completed plans for civilian defense of the Ashland area were presented to the city council Tuesday night by Col. Preston B. Waterbury, defense director.

In explaining the organization that has been set up, Waterbury stressed that aerial attacks in the area are highly improbable, but the possibility of sabotage is quite real. The primary function of civilian defense units in southern Oregon would be to care for refugees from other areas. He said, "We must have a flexible plan, able to coordinate with county and state directors as the need arises."

Organization Outlined

Heading the local defense organization will be Mayor Phil Stansbury, who is also a member of the county board. Directly under the mayor and council is the director of defense, who with his staff, is responsible for the plan and assignment of duties.

Those named by Waterbury included Mrs. Sam McNair, chairman of the Red Cross section, which will conduct public instruction in safety and first aid.

Winston Marks has been named intelligence officer with duties to be announced later and Bob Reinholdt will act as signal officer to co-ordinate amateur radio and telephone communications.

Personnel Section Planned

Col. H. R. Jordan has been named deputy for administration and will organize record and personnel sections to assist in supplying volunteer personnel.

A police company under Police Chief Vern Smith, a fire company under Fire Chief Harry McNair and a patrol company with H. A. Thomas in charge will be organized. Each company will consist of 90 men.

Other appointments include Elmer Biegel, deputy for service; Howard Oden, labor company; Dr. Walter W. Weller, sanitary officer; Delbert Jones, deputy for supply and relief; Dr. Harvey Woods, public health hospital and nursing service; Walter Hamby, supply company, and John Austin assisted by Gifford Chindlund, blackout control.

Headquarters Designated

Civil defense headquarters will be located in the American Legion hall on Winburn Way.

Waterbury pointed out that the plan is in its formative stages and certain adjustments and additional personal appointments will undoubtedly be made in the near future.

Action by the council to authorize civil defense expenditures from the emergency fund was deferred until an opinion by District Attorney George could be clarified. Neilson told county leaders, meeting in Medford Monday night, that defense expenditures could not be made unless the governor proclaimed a state of public emergency.

Pear Bowl Plans Made by Shrine

Champions of the Far Western conference and the Northwest conference will meet in the annual Shrine Pear Bowl game Thanksgiving day, according to plans outlined by members of the Jackson County Shrine club, meeting in Medford Tuesday morning.

The game will again be played at the Medford high school field.

Walter Leverette, Medford, was named general chairman of the event. Executive committee members are Elbert Lennox, vice-chairman; O. L. Overmyer, secretary-treasurer; Paul Rynning, managing director, and Dr. C. H. Paske, assistant director.

Soroptimist Club Plans Style Show October 12

Tickets went on sale last week for the annual Soroptimist club style show to be held October 12 in the Elks lounge at 8:30 p.m. Several local merchants are cooperating with the club in making the 1950 fall style show the most outstanding of any yet presented.

Sanitary Rate Hike Approved; Copco Line Purchase Started

An increase in residential sanitary pick-up rates from 75 cents to \$1 was approved by the city council at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

Action on the increase had been deferred by the council from its last meeting in order to give the Ashland Sanitary service an opportunity to present additional figures showing the need for an increase.

Manvel Heisel, attorney representing the firm, stated that revenue from residential service accounted for approximately 50 per cent of the company's 1949 income. Based on the present 1310 residential users, he said the 25 cent increase would provide about \$4,000 additional annual income, but that proposed wage increases would leave between \$1,000 and \$2,000 available for additional help and

DeMolay Chapter To Be Organized

Tonight the first stated meeting of the newly organized chapter of DeMolay will be held at the Masonic Temple. After years of consideration the step has finally been taken and it is expected that the new group will probably number more than 30 members. The parents of the boys are urged to attend tonight's meeting as well as any other boys who are interested in DeMolay.

On Saturday night, October 14 at 7:30 Medford and Grants Pass DeMolay chapter will initiate the boys who have signed up for the degrees, and on the following Saturday, October 21, an open meeting will be held at the Masonic Temple for the installation of the officers of the local DeMolay chapter. Job's Daughters will entertain after the installation service which will be conducted by the Grants Pass officers.

Schools Receive State Aid Funds

School district No. 5 this week received \$67,000 in basic school support funds, according to Leland P. Linn, city school superintendent. The payment represents approximately one-half of the district's allotment for the 1950-51 fiscal year, Linn said. The balance will be paid in March 1951.

The allotment is made to the school districts on the basis of the school census, number of teachers employed and number of miles traveled by school buses in the district. Funds are received from the state and are based on \$50 for each child.

Total disbursements made to county schools this week amount to \$413,749.83, according to the county school superintendent's office.

Toastmasters Club Holds Installation

Abe Neslin was installed as president of the Toastmasters club during the regular meeting at the Lithia hotel Monday evening.

Other officers installed were Dr. Edward E. Brown, vice-president; J. Q. Adams, secretary-treasurer, Gene Leidigh, sergeant-at-arms, and Winston Marks, deputy governor. Harold Thomas, deputy governor, was installing officer.

Leidigh and Dr. Brown were speakers. Neslin was toastmaster, Marks, topmaster, and Harry A. Skerry, Jr., acted as critic.

Bob Hilliard, SOC student and member of the Seattle toastmasters was a guest of the club.

Two members of the Ashland Toastmasters club attended the installation of officers of the Yreka Toastmasters at the Yreka Inn last Saturday night.

Attending from Ashland were Mr. and Mrs. Abe Neslin and Mr. and Mrs. Chet McCoy.

equipment.

Action was started by the council to complete the purchase of Copco lines located in the Bellview district, which was annexed to the city in 1947. City Attorney Harry A. Skerry, Jr., and City Superintendent Elmer Biegel were authorized to negotiate with Copco for the purchase.

The action followed a recommendation by the electrical committee presented by Chairman Fred Homes. The committee's recommendation urged immediate purchase of the property, stating that valuable revenues have been lost to the city since the annexation was completed.

Ballot Measure Discussion Given

Arthur Kreisman, member of the staff of Southern Oregon college, presented a discussion of the nine pending ballot measures when he appeared before the Chamber of Commerce at their meeting at the Elks dining room Tuesday noon.

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, Southern Oregon college president, who presided at the meeting and introduced the speaker, announced that future meetings will feature additional discussions of the various measures. He said that presentation of a proposed "town meeting" forum will be dependent upon community interest.

Kreisman reviewed the nine initiative measures that will appear on the Oregon ballot November 7, briefly commenting on the implications of each bill.

He discussed in detail arguments favoring the basic school support bill, which is being actively supported by educators' groups throughout the state.

Pioneers Plan Annual Meeting

Dr. Arthur Taylor, professor of social science at Southern Oregon college, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Pioneer association Saturday noon at the Elks dining room.

Dr. Taylor is considered an authority on the early day background of southern Oregon.

Election of association officers will also be held at the meeting which alternates each year between Ashland and Jacksonville. J. P. Wells, Ashland, has served as association president for the past year and Miss Clair Hanley of Medford is the retiring secretary.

Craft Classes Begin at YMCA

The Y.M.C.A. Adult Group in Crafts will meet for its first session in the fall and winter program on Thursday afternoon, October 5, at 2 o'clock. The "Y" craft program this fall includes shellcraft; carving in plastics; textile painting and metal modeling. Sessions for the Adult group will be held in the Social Hall of the "Y" building every Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon and from 7:30 to 9:30 in the evening. The "Y" Adult group in crafts, under the direction of Mrs. R. N. Fletcher is open to all men and women interested in craft work.

School Boards To Meet Here

Southern Oregon college will be host to directors and clerks of school boards from eight counties at their regional meeting October 12.

Counties to be represented at the meeting are Coos, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake.

Speakers who will appear at the sessions include William Healy, assistant secretary of state and former secretary of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce; Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction; H. L. Skirvin, Harrisburg, president of the Oregon School Boards association, and A. C. McLain, Grants Pass, director of the association.

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To Issue Bonds

Purchase of the property is to be made in cash from available funds in the electrical department with the balance to be financed by 3 per cent special obligation bonds obligated by the cemetery trust fund.

Earlier estimates by Copco valued the property at \$27,139.28. Biegel reported that lines to connect the area to the city system would cost approximately \$10,000.

Seth Bullis, representing Copco, pointed out that the company's estimate was made several months ago and that since that time additions have been made. Actual purchase price will be based on the inventory value at the time of sale.

Opposed by Rath

Roger Rath addressed the council in opposition to the purchase. Rath, who said he represented Bellview residents who were reluctant to appear, maintained that Copco service has been better and cheaper than city service and advocated sale of the entire city system, with the exception of the power plant, to Copco.

Mayor Phil Stansbury said that action to purchase the Bellview lines at this time did not eliminate the possibility of selling the entire system at a later date if such action seems advisable.

Col. P. B. Waterbury, director of civilian defense for the Ashland area, outlined the defense plan and presented an organizational chart illustrating the break-down of responsibility and duties.

Other Business Completed

In other action the council authorized purchase of a half-ton Ford pickup for the electrical department, based on a bid of \$1,252.27; deferred action on zoning problems until further study can be made; approved issuing a beer license to the Bohemian club; confirmed the appointment of Jacob V. Weitzel, Walter Redford and Harold Thomas to the city hospital board, and ordered construction of a sidewalk from the stairway near the Shrine warehouse to the present walk adjacent to the Weitzel building. The work was authorized a year ago and was one of the conditions of the deed which was accepted at that time.

Monthly reports of city departments were presented and approved.

Student Officer Convention Here

Over 100 students from 26 high schools participated in the Region 5 student council convention at the Ashland senior high school Monday and Tuesday.

Purpose of the convention, which was attended by student body officers from Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Douglas county high schools, was to air student council problems.

Panel discussions held Monday afternoon covered most of the problems, such as club programs, student election procedures, projects, publicity, better understanding and support by faculty members, leadership training, student government, club and social programs and orientation of incoming students.

A highlight of the two-day session was a banquet, program and dance held Monday night at the Elks lounge. Charles Bingham, Myrtle Point, was the principal speaker at the banquet.

Ted Weitzel, Ashland high school student body president, was chairman of the general convention committee.