

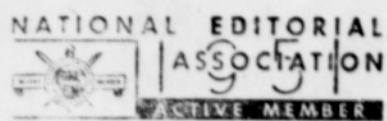
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Give Your Support

"When at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

This ancient axiom is just exactly what the Rogue River Valley Irrigation association has attempted to do with its recent 12 to 4 vote in favor of dropping support to "Plan A" for the Rogue basin and offering an amended plan which will satisfy the greatest number possible at the present time and alleviate urgent problems which have been stalemated and will continue to be unless some different plan is adopted.

The new plan provides for enlargement of the Howard Prairie and Emigrant reservoirs for supplemental water to the Bear creek drainage irrigated districts, two power plant installations, one at Cascade Gorge and the other at Emigrant reservoir, use of the water from the Illinois river tributaries for irrigation in the Illinois valley, and the rehabilitation of main water supply canals of local districts to conserve the present water supplies and reduce operation and maintenance costs.

It specifically states that it will not seek creation of any new Rogue river dams unless they have the approval of the fishing interests.

In adopting the latter policy, the association will undoubtedly gain the good will of the sports and recreation interests which are the principal adversaries to "Plan A" and so nationally-organized as to block national approval. However, in so doing, the dry land farming interests of Sams Valley-Beagle, Applegate, Fort Vannoy and Merlin have been alienated.

The matter now boils down to the question, "Is this opposition representative of a big enough area and population of the Rogue basin to not warrant its adoption, and is it clearly not helpful to the majority of those affected?"

The answer is decidedly NO.

And is the overall worth of such a project important enough to the nation at this critical time in which the defense power administration is urgently seeking any feasible power capacity in the Pacific northwest for relief to the present critically-short supply?

The answer is clearly and unmistakably YES.

Those who have been backing such a project since its original inception and who have the interests of the WHOLE at heart, want to see, and rightly so, SOMETHING DONE NOW.

And this doesn't mean just anything, but something constructive for the good of the majority. At this point in the debates, it seems that no plan whatever will satisfy everybody concerned. If this be the case, and we feel it is, are we going to be inactive seeking the utopian plan that will satisfy everybody, or are we going to find a means that will satisfy the greatest number possible and give the project a toehold where it can commence in future years to a comprehensive plan that is the goal of everybody concerned?

Common sense and our critical situation leave no room for any answer but for ACTION. The majority have agreed on some form of action to solve the situation.

They are to be commended for their perseverance and every Rogue basin citizen with the interests of this area and the nation as a whole should give his support to the amended plan to break the "Plan A" deadlock and pave the way for future development of our basin. —H.N.

STATE SCHOOL BENEFITS GIVEN FOR KOREAN, WORLD WAR II VETS

With the fall term of school at hand, Oregon veterans of World War II and the Korean war were reminded this week they may be entitled to educational benefits from the state of Oregon ranging up to \$50 for each month of school attendance.

Edward T. Taggart, educational officer for the state department of veterans' affairs, which administers the program, pointed out that veterans who lived in Oregon for one year just prior to service either in World War II or the Korean war, and who served six months or more, are eligible for the benefits.

Full Time, \$50
They pay a qualified veteran \$50 for each month he attends college as a full time undergraduate student, or \$35 for studies in any other school which requires 40 hours of classroom attendance monthly. They are also payable in smaller amounts for part-time studies. The student may draw one month's benefits for each month he served in the armed forces, up to 36 months.

"Oregon's educational aid program should prove especially helpful to veterans who want to continue their studies, now

that the federal GI program has expired for most of them," Taggart said. No deadline has been set on the Oregon grant.

4,800 Vets Benefit
More than 4,800 Oregon veterans have studied under the state assistance program since it was established for World War II veterans in 1945. The 1951 legislature extended the benefits to Oregon servicemen who have been in service since June 25, 1950, and prior to the termination of the current national emergency, provided they had some service in Korea.

Application for educational grant may be made through county veterans' service officers, or from the department of veterans' affairs, either in the state library building, Salem, or 415 S. W. 11th Avenue, Portland. And at Southern Oregon college from Professor M. E. Woodell, dean of men.

DROWNS IN BATHTUB
Jacksonville, Fla.—Little Laverne Tanksley, 10-months old, drowned in the bathtub at her parents' home when a washcloth stopped up the drain of the tub in which she was playing. The child was found floating face-up in the half-filled tub.

Our Town



By HARRY NORDWICK

A planning commission is again on the minds of the city fathers.

Uppermost in their minds is the fact that past such attempts at modern city government on Ashland's part have met with disaster because if the council didn't accept what the commission did, the members would resign.

This is a problem inherent in appointive posts where the members work themselves up over some project and leave in a huff because others don't see the thing in the same light as themselves.

The same problem has faced other cities and has been solved. Eugene uses the liaison method of the armed forces with a member of both the council and commission acting as a go-between and thus softens any denial by either group and promotes advanced feelings before they become a die-hard issue that results in resigning.

There are doubtless other methods that can be used effectively. The point to be made is that planning bodies definitely have a place in cities of our size and bigger.

They effectively plan zoning developments, street improvements, extensions, and all types of civic growth.

They are, in effect, a committee of the council that has the time to put to better civic improvements, zoning, construction, and the like.

The fact that in 1940 Ashland had only 4,744 people, and that in 1950 there are 7,702 shows that problems have necessarily developed along with this 62.4 per cent increase in population.

In order to catch up on this past development and to provide for the next 10 years, we should find the right solution for a planning commission in OUR TOWN as soon as possible.

Highway 97 Straightened

Klamath Falls and its tributary territory celebrated the welding of another major link in highway 97 at noon September 10 with appropriate ceremonies on the spot followed by a luncheon at Hensell Bros. Cook House.

The occasion was the completion of the \$1 million construction project from Algoma to Barkley Springs, a distance of 7.5 miles, a relocation and reconstruction job built to modern standards and alignment with pavement 24 feet wide bordered by 6-foot shoulders.

.9 Mile Eliminated
It irons out the curves, eliminates 0.9 of a mile in distance, and opens up the bottleneck into and through Klamath Falls, completing the southern end of the late Sam Hill's dream of a through north-south highway through Washington, Oregon and California.

The Oregon section of highway 97 is locally known as The Dalles-California highway through its northern terminus is at Biggs opposite Maryhill between which two points Hill built his connecting ferry across the Columbia.

The state of Oregon was officially represented at the opening ceremonies by Gov. Douglas McKay, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock, Assistant Highway Engineer W. C. Williams, and Secretary H. B. Glaisyer; California furnished the main speaker of the day: Senator Randolph Collier, legislative leader in highway development in that state.

Don't Sneeze
Those handkerchief suits the gals are wearing on the beach these days are nothing to be sneezed at. —Herb Stein in Coronet

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By Murray Wade

THE EISENHOWER ENIGMAS

Which potential candidate for the presidential nomination — Taft or Truman, has General Dwight D. Eisenhower been favoring by prolonging the announcement of the political party he is registered with?

Few doubt that the president will be a candidate to succeed himself. If the General's name gets on the May primary ballot against Harry S. Truman it would put Oregon in the political spotlight of the nation. The situation would be similar to that of the Dewey vs. Stassen fight in 1948.

State Senator Tom Mahoney has filed petitions to put Eisenhower's name on the democratic primary ballot. State Representative Mark Hatfield has charge of the petitions to put Eisenhower's name on the republican primary ballot.

The state supreme court may be called on to decide if Eisenhower's name can be placed on the republican or the democratic ballot.

The General could have done a better and quicker job.

STANDARDIZE STATE BUYING

William E. Stevenson, state administrator of procurement and supplies left for Colorado Springs, Colo., this week to attend a meeting of procurement officers from over the nation.

The purpose of the meeting will be to further attempts to standardize procurement proceedings for all states, to establish group buying and augment

90 DRIVERS FEEL EFFECT OF NEW LAW

Ninety Oregon residents came face to face with the state's new safety responsibility act during August, when they were convicted of operating a car without a drivers license, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry said today.

Under the act, anyone convicted of driving without a license automatically comes into contact with the department of state, and must be able to show proof of financial responsibility for three years. The secretary said this is true regardless of whether the driver has been involved in an accident.

The effect of the law also was apparent in another state department office. Approximately 7500 applications for original drivers licenses, a figure considerably higher than that of any other month, were received in the drivers license division.

Until the safety responsibility act became effective, motorists convicted of driving without a license paid only a small fine.

PHONE HEARING SET AT SALEM

A hearing on the proposed rate increases for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company will be held on September 24, 10 a.m., in the public service building at Salem, according to George Flagg, commissioner.

The rates applied for, according to the commissioner, provide an additional gross revenue to the company of 5 million 188 thousand dollars annually. This increase, he continues, is calculated by the company to produce an additional revenue of approximately 2 million 400 thousand dollars after payment of federal taxes.

Would Offset Costs
The application for the change in rates "recites that this amount in gross revenue is required by the company to offset increased taxes and operating costs, which include wage increases under a recent contract."

The proposed rates affect the Ashland exchange with a proposed 75 cent monthly increase on the individual lines; 45 cents for the two-party, and 40 cents for the four-party and suburban lines.

Farmer line stations would be 35 cents higher and the public coin phones would be 5 cents higher.

special services connected with manufacturing.

CUT STATE TRAVEL COSTS

Out-of-state trips by employees will be cut at a saving to the state of \$130,000. When Harry Dorman, director of the department of finance read a report on travel expenses by department heads the board of control was unanimous in backing up a crack down of extensive travel when not provided for in the budget.

The last trip to be authorized by the board was to allow Dr. Irving Hill, superintendent of Fairview Home, expenses that he might be the principal speaker at an association meeting in Colorado. The approval was made by a two-to-one vote of the board.

PHYSICIANS IN HOSPITALS

All hospitals in Oregon are subject to standard license requirements of the state board of health. Although the hospital district act allows all physicians equal privileges in using hospital facilities, it does not preclude directors of a district from adopting reasonable rules and maintaining a standard of proficiency in the interest of public safety, according to an opinion given by Attorney General George Neuner last week.

PHONE RATE HEARING SET

An increase in the inter-state rates applied for by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company amounting to \$5,188,000 a year will be reviewed at a hearing in the Public Service building, Salem, September 24.

Both company officials and Public Utilities Commissioner Flagg argue that this increase would net the company only \$2,529,000 and \$2,759,000 would be paid as income taxes.

STATE NEWS POWWOW

There are few occasions when state officials withhold news from the press. There are times when a premature announcement is detrimental to the state. A disclosure of intentions to purchase a piece of property for the state almost invariably sends the asking price skyrocketing.

These explanations and others were offered by Governor Douglas McKay at a conference of state officials and members of the newsmen's section of the Oregon Newspaper Publisher's association at the Capitol last Saturday.

In a full day of panel discussions topics varied from secret meetings of state boards to the value of news releases by department publication.

STATE FAIR TOPS

Paid attendance at the 86th Oregon State Fair that closed Saturday night totaled 172,829, a gain of 5,706 over the 1950 mark. This does not include an approximated season gate toll of 34,700 exhibitors, 4-H club youths, workers and kiddies that were not required to pay an admission fee.

UNEMPLOYMENT STILL RISING

Oregon's unemployment increased September 1 for the third month in succession.

Woods shutdowns due to fire danger pushed the number of active job-seekers up to 13,953, but increased activity around Portland, Salem and other centers held the total slightly below last year's 14,819 count.

Local offices in Lebanon, Toledo, Roseburg, Eugene, Coos Bay and Oregon City reported more out of work than since early May, but it was hoped that fall rains soon would bring relief.

This week marks the annual peak of the employment cycle in Jackson county.

There are only 150 persons in the county without work, despite the fact that there has been an influx of migratory workers and foreign labor.

John J. Patton, manager of the state employment service at Medford, said that temporary shortages are expected at a later date this month when the students return to schools and when migrant workers with children leave the packing plants and orchards.

The manager stated that unemployment compensation claims remained low during last month, with the exception of a brief upsurge during the logging shutdown.

Increases Noted
Astoria also had a jump in unemployment — from 150 to 387 — but most of these were cannery workers temporarily off because of fishing conditions. Lesser increases were noted in La Grande, Baker, Bend and Klamath Falls.

Largely due to stepped up food processing and other seasonal activity, Portland, Hood River, Ontario, Hillsboro, Albany and Salem reported fewer idle workers than since last summer. Last year's low point was reached October 1 when only 12,418 were unemployed — as compared with 30,434 in June, 1950.

Insured unemployment after a sharp upturn the week ending August 24 dropped off considerably, local offices reported. The number of lumber workers receiving compensation, however, reached 1,136 the last week of August against 593 only six weeks before.

DRIVING EXAMINER DUE

A drivers license examiner will be on duty at the Ashland city hall, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, September 17, according to the secretary of state's office.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

County Defense Bond Quota Is \$250,000

Jackson county's quota in the new U.S. defense bond drive is \$250,000, according to Morris B. Leonard, Sr., county chairman.

The theme of the campaign is "Defense Is Your Job, Too," and the slogan, "Make Today Your D-Day — Buy U.S. Defense Bonds."

Primary objectives are to provide funds to make the country strong defensively and syphon off excess earnings to restrain inflation. Individual communities, however, will emphasize the appeal of Secretary of the Treasury Snyder to use Bonds to promote systematic thrift among individuals to provide themselves with reserves against reverses as well as improve their way of life at a later date.

Cities Qualify

Five Oregon cities — Salem, Grants Pass, Bend, Gresham and The Dalles — have already qualified for the U.S. treasury defense bond flag. To become a Flag city, at least 80 per cent of the employers must agree to make payroll savings available to their employees. Successful cities, in addition to receiving the treasury flag to fly with the colors from some civic flagpole, are awarded a special post office cancellation reading "U.S. Treasury Defense Bond Flag City" to be used indefinitely.

Numerous other Oregon cities are now considering defense bond flag campaigns, indicating the state should hold its leadership for some time.

Cooperation Given

Both employers and labor unions are cooperating with special committees to promote payroll savings to the utmost. The Oregon State Bankers association has an active program underway and has pledged the active support of every member. Women's groups, schools, civic clubs, veterans' units, and similar organizations will all play their part. A state agricultural committee will cooperate with county committees in carrying the campaign to farmers.

Oregon now has a backlog of \$500,000,000 in bonds, a large part of which were purchased through payroll savings, providing every community in the state with a strong economic backlog.



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