

City Council Approves Daylight Saving Time Starting April 30; \$2,800,000 Bond Issue Asked For New Medford Water Pipe Line

City To Conform With California, Many Other Areas

Carpenters Object To DST; Others Favor

The city of Medford will have daylight saving time this year. As a result of an ordinance enacted last night by the city council, clocks will be set one hour ahead of standard time between 2:01 a.m. April 30 and 1:59 a.m. September 24.

Medford thereby will be uniform this summer with time in California, western Washington, Portland and numerous other Oregon cities.

Objections Voiced
The council took the action after hearing objections from members of the carpenters' union, about 10 of whom were at the meeting. Councilman Harold Frye abstained on the first reading but the vote on the issue was otherwise unanimous. I. C. Daley was principal spokesman for the carpenters. He declared that the issue has

By United Press
Rural vs. urban battle on the controversial daylight saving time issue was shaping up again today, with many Oregon cities indicating they will adopt fast time generally on April 30.

Portland, Eugene, Corvallis, Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Medford, Oceanlake, Seaside, Beaverton and Milwaukie have decided to put the daylight time in effect during the long summer days.

Representatives from Coos, Curry, and western Douglas counties will talk over the issue, while a number of Willamette valley points indicate they will follow in the steps of the majority.

California will observe daylight time, while the issue in Washington state hinges on community action. The general period for fast time is April 30 to September 30.

made dissatisfaction throughout Medford, has caused disruption over the state. Daley said that changing to and from daylight time is a poor proposition and does not give everybody a fair deal.

"No Benefits"
A carpenters' resolution stated that there is no reason for changing the clock and that there are no benefits a person can labor. George Potucek of the carpenters' union and building trades council reported that building trades group and the central labor council sentiment was opposed to daylight time.

He said the labor groups represented 3,000 American Federation of Labor members, including their families, 15,000 people.

Opposition from the Central Point Granges was also reported. The council, however, pointed to petitions signed by 129 people favoring daylight time, and to pressure from airlines, radio stations and businessmen as to the need for uniformity with other areas on the coast and with eastern states.

Charles Boyden, who said he was speaking for himself, stressed the uniformity need and recreational advantages of summer time.

It is understood that county offices will remain on standard time.
Postmaster Moore Hamilton said this morning that mail carriers will remain on their same schedule to render their best service since trains will remain on standard time. That would make city mail deliveries one hour later according to the clock. Window service at the post office will operate on daylight time.

Greyhound and Trailways bus representatives here said their companies were undecided or had nothing definite on a time change. Rogue River National Forest service reported nothing determined.

Astoria, Ore., Mar. 22—(U.P.)—Fireboat service along Astoria's waterfront is available for the first time in more than 25 years.

Keith Mirick Top Winner In Amateur Hour Competition

Keith Mirick, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mirick, 509 West 11th street, became the county's leading amateur musician last night when he was named grand prize winner of the Original Amateur Hour competition sponsored by McLain's Drug center, and radio station KJYC.

Young Mirick's cornet solo, performed on the stage of the Craterian theater and broadcast over KJYC, The Mail Tribune station, brought thunderous applause from the large theater audience. An electric appliance meter gave him a scientific edge over the seven other contestants competing for the attractive prizes that have been posted. He was awarded a \$75 cash prize and free trip to Portland via West Coast airways.

Other winners
Second and third place prizes went to Gene Linderman, Shady Cove vocalist, and to young Ronnie Peyton of Four Corners who



Slayer Of Twin Refuses Appeal To Attend Funeral

Fresno, Mar. 22—(U.P.)—Graveside rites were held for Sally Richard today as her sister, Alice, after confessing the "hate" slaying of her popular twin, refused a last minute appeal by sheriff's officers to attend the funeral.

Authorities at juvenile home revealed the 14-year-old unrepentant twin, charged with the "cold and calculated" murder of her sister, has become "more morose than ever" and has refused food or to be questioned by doctors.

"Hardened Killer"
A. A. George, attorney for blonde, blue-eyed Alice, likened the girl to "the worst type of hardened killer." He said she flatly refused to respond to questioning and has rejected even the most subtle psychiatric tests.

While Alice sulked in confinement at the home, sheriff's deputies said their investigation was "closed." Officers reported they were "right back where we started" without a single underlying motive since Alice confessed firing a .22 cal. bullet through her sister's head early Sunday. The slaying, Alice said, was the culmination of years of hate and jealousy.

Astoria Voters Will Decide Housing Plan

Astoria, Ore., Mar. 22—(U.P.)—Voters may decide whether the city will accept a government plan to build low-rent housing units in Astoria, city officials said today.

The city council is studying a proposed ordinance to put the issue on the May 19 ballot. The council itself is divided on the issue, largely opposed by building material firms and contractors.

Labor groups have supported the planned housing construction.

Voting Under Way In Conservation Election

Voting got underway this afternoon at six polling places throughout the county to decide the fate of a soil conservation district that has been proposed for the county. The referendum election was called as the result of petitions circulated by valley irrigation districts and other interested parties.

Hearings were held earlier this year to determine the extent of public interest in the issue and the election date was finally set by the state soil conservation committee. If approved, the district would cover all of Jackson county with the exception of the northwest corner. Thirty percent of eligible landowners must vote favorably if the district is to be approved.

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delighted the audience with his rendition of "I'll Never See Maggie Alone."

Mirick is now eligible to enter statewide competition in Portland. Saturday West Coast will fly him to Portland where he will appear in finalist eliminations sponsored by station KEX. If successful there, the youthful instrumentalist, a student at Medford senior high school, will be a contestant on the Old Gold Original Amateur Hour that will be broadcast over a nationwide ABC hookup from Portland April 6.

All eight contestants on last night's KJYC broadcast were winners in two previous local elimination contests. Three impartial judges, Dick Gleebe of McLains, Chuck Whillock of West Coast airways, and Hollywood Star June Storey, kept watchful eyes on the applause meter and announced its final verdict. Awards were made by Miss Storey.



(Acme Telephoto)
MISSSES FUNERAL — Alice Richard, 14, shown above in custody of Sheriff J. W. Ripperdan following the slaying of her identical twin sister, Sally, in Fresno, Cal., Sunday, today refused a last minute appeal of sheriff's officers to attend the funeral. Graveside rites for Sally, shown below, were conducted in Fresno today.

Sawmill Workers Protest Picketing Of Lumber Firm

Members of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers local union No. 3063, AF of L, today protested action of the Medford Central Labor council, AF of L, which they said, if continued, "may put at least 100 workers out of work."

In a letter addressed to the Central Labor union, the lumber and sawmill workers said: "The attempt by your organization to force your demands on the Kogap Lumber industries and the methods used are definitely disapproved by all those employed by Kogap Lumber industries and by those employed in M & M Planning mill, including all those who belong to the Lumber and Sawmill Workers local union."

"We therefore request," the letter continued, "(1) that you stop trying to restrain interstate traffic of our employer's lumber so that we can continue to work and earn a living. (2) That you remove pickets at the operations."
The Lumber and Sawmill Workers union represents employees of the Kogap Lumber industries, as the result of an election certified by the NLRB in 1948. Pickets were placed in front of the plant in February of this year as the result of a dispute arising from the employment of Kogap employees in construction and repair work at the plant.

Officials Pleased With Fire Program

Progress in the improvement program of the Medford fire department was noted by a party of fire officials who visited Medford today. The group included Robert B. Taylor, state fire marshal, Chief Edward Grenfell, Portland fire department; William F. White, chief engineer of the Oregon Insurance Rating bureau, and Jack A. Hayes, deputy state fire marshal.

After conferring with Acting Fire Chief Leo Weidner, Mayor Diamond Flynn and other city officials, Taylor said he is "very much encouraged" by evidence of intelligent support of the fire program by the city administration.

"Much progress has been made in this entire program of strengthening Medford's fire defenses, and changes and improvements of considerable importance have already been made," Taylor said. "More, of course, remains to be done," he added.

Hollywood, Mar. 22—(U.P.)—Lawrence Tibbett Jr., son of the opera star, and Norma Fletcher Meredith, an heiress to the Fletcher-Castoria fortune, were married secretly Monday, his mother revealed today.

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ITALY REDS RIOT

Policemen Scour Vancouver Region For Missing Girl

Sex Attack Feared By Police Officers

Vancouver, Wash., Mar. 22—(U.P.)—Twenty-five policemen, aided by volunteers, searched through deserted buildings and shrubbery at the old Vancouver barracks today for an 18-year-old girl feared slain by two men who kidnaped her from a city street.

Police believe the girl, Joann Dewey of Battleground, Wash., may have been raped and killed by abductors who beat and then dragged her into a car Sunday night while she screamed for help.

Centered in Barracks Area

Search for the girl centered in the Vancouver barracks area, four miles north of Vancouver. Police also checked a barn fire on a farm ten miles north of Vancouver. A gasoline can near the barn indicated arson.

Miss Dewey was snatched from a dimly-lighted street within sight of residents.

The men tossed the girl into a 1941-model black coupe and drove away before the witnesses could call officers.

Other volunteers searched cisterns and gutters for the girl's body.

Mother Fears Attack

The girl's mother, Mrs. N. C. Dewey, said she was convinced that her daughter had been attacked by sex fiends who abducted her first girl to cross their paths. She doubted if there was a ransom motive.

Miss Dewey, who worked as a kitchen helper at Portland, Ore., sanitarium, was on her way to spend the night with a girl friend at the St. Joseph's hospital here when the men attacked her. The scene was two blocks from the hospital.

"The witnesses they saw the girl struggle with the men. They said the men beat her on the head. An apartment tenant, Dr. C. N. Thackeray, yelled to the men: 'What's all the noise about?'"

One man shouted back, "Shut up, it's my wife." The doctor said the girl screamed: "No, I'm not."

Despite the witnesses, the abduction was not reported to police until Monday noon. Since then, scores of "tips" from residents kept police busy tracing films leads throughout this city of 40,000 persons.

Rape Trial To Go To Jury This Afternoon

The case of the state of Oregon against Earl G. Edison on a statutory rape charge was expected to go to the jury in county court sometime this afternoon. Final arguments to the jury were underway by 10 a.m. today and were to be completed by the middle of the afternoon.

Attorneys for the defendant, George Roberts and Edward Branchfield, have contended that Edison was in Yreka, Cal., on the day the state charges the crime was committed. In his statement to the jury, Deputy District Attorney Paul Haviland told the jury of six men and six women that the defense did not have sufficient proof of Edison's alibi.

When he took the stand yesterday afternoon, Edison, who is general foreman of Medford corporation's railroad, denied emphatically that he committed the crime charged in the secret grand jury indictment returned against him February 23.

Southwest Airways Manager Returns

Joe Gehring, Southwest airways station manager here until recently, returned to Medford today to resume his duties with the airline.

He had been transferred to Phoenix, Ariz., to take over the company's station there, but has returned pending a civil aeronautics administration decision on the extension of Southwest's franchise to include the proposed new southern California-Arizona route.

Girl Held Captive For 21 Months By Rapist Is Freed

San Jose, Cal., Mar. 22—(U.P.)—A honey-haired 22-year-old schoolgirl tearfully told police today she was held captive for 21 months by a convicted rapist who told her he was an FBI agent.

Sally Horner, an attractive blue-eyed Camden, N. J., girl who could pass for a 16-year-old, identified Frank LaSalle, 36, as her abductor.

She was rescued late yesterday when LaSalle left a trailer court where they were staying and went downtown to look for a job. While he was gone, Sally telephoned an older sister in New Jersey and pleaded with her to "send the FBI right away."

Jailed By Deputies

LaSalle was jailed by Santa Clara county sheriff's deputies and formally charged with violating the Mann act by transporting a woman across state lines for immoral purposes. He was arraigned before a U. S. commissioner.

FBI agents said "in all probability" he would be tried on the Mann act charge before being turned over to Camden, N. J., authorities for action on a grand jury indictment charging him with abducting Sally. New Jersey officials said they would take "immediate steps" to extradite him.

LaSalle, a thin-faced, grey-haired man who previously had been convicted of five counts of statutory rape involving young girls, was sullen as he stayed in his Santa Clara county jail cell. He kept demanding to see a lawyer.

Relations Admitted

Sally at first denied she had improper relations with LaSalle but later admitted to a doctor who examined her that she had sex relations with him.

The girl hysterically claimed LaSalle forced her to live with him. LaSalle, FBI agents said, was equally emphatic in claiming the girl went with him willingly and had stayed with him for nearly two years of her own free will. He denied having intercourse with the girl and claimed she is his daughter.

Sally, however, told authorities she was with LaSalle with him was that LaSalle threatened to reveal her "immoral acts" and warned her she would be sent to a reform school if she told anyone.

The girl told an FBI agent today that LaSalle first approached her in a five-and-dime store in Camden in June of 1948. Sally said she was being initiated in a small girls' group and that one of the requirements was that they "twice something from the store."

LaSalle saw her, she said, drew her aside, and whispered that he was a federal officer.

"He said 'Come with me, we have a place for girls like you,'" the officer quoted her as saying.

LaSalle then told her he was an FBI agent, that she must accompany him or he would turn her over to an institution.

The girl then returned to her home and told her widowed mother she had been invited to spend part of the summer vacation with two classmates at Atlantic City.

On June 14, 1948, her mother kissed her goodbye and put her on a bus with LaSalle, who posed as the father of one of Sally's classmates.

Then began a two-year odyssey which took the couple to Atlantic City, Dallas, Tex., and finally San Jose. LaSalle worked for several months in the vicinity of Dallas as an automobile mechanic.

Redmond Area Eyed For Air Academy

Redmond, Ore., Mar. 22—(U.P.)—Three men from the Portland office of the army engineers will be in this area until tomorrow to inspect proposed central Oregon sites for the national air academy.

Douglas Pelton heads the group and they were to meet with Redmond and Bend representatives of the chamber of commerce as well as representatives from other towns. The meeting was to be held at the Pilot Butte inn at Bend.

Harold C. Clapp of Redmond, chairman of the central Oregon chamber of commerce aviation committee, said the three Portland visitors would be flown over the proposed lands today, and then would go to Prineville tomorrow to look over other lands in that area.

Police Break Up Demonstrations In Rome Streets

Government Meets Communist Challenge

Rome, Mar. 22—(U.P.)—Police fired into the air today to drive off a communist mob advancing on the Italian foreign office during a 12-hour communist nationwide general strike.

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Slayer Of Negroes Sentenced To Life

Kosciusko, Miss., Mar. 22—(U.P.)—A bushy-haired ex-convict accused of killing three little Negro girls casually puffed a cigarette last night as he heard himself sentenced to life in prison.

An all-white jury decided within an hour that Leon Turner was guilty of murdering Ruby Nell Harris, one of three children slaughtered in a "revenge" attack on a share-cropper's cabin in last January.

Like the jury that found Windoll Whitt guilty of the same offense last week, last night's group disagreed on the punishment, making a life sentence automatic. Next week, Malcolm Whitt, the third man indicted in the case, will come to trial.

Turner, a 38-year-old river bottom dweller, sat picking his teeth as a state witness quoted him as saying "I'll kill every damn one of them" as he blazed away with his pistol.

Orleans, Mass., Mar. 22—(U.P.)—Katherine Grey, 78, noted actress of the early 1900's died at her home here yesterday.

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Increasing Need For Water Cited; Vote Suggested

No Increases In Taxes Or Water Rates Sought

Medford's board of water commissioners last night proposed that the city council ask residents to approve a \$2,800,000 bond issue for construction of a new water line from Big Butte springs. The commissioners suggested that the special election be held on May 19 in conjunction with the primary election.

Robert A. Duff, superintendent of the water commission, read the proposal to councilmen at their regular meeting. No action was taken by the council last night, although comments of the group were favorable to the plan. A number of water commission and council conferences are contemplated between now and the next regular council meeting on April 4.

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Supply Inadequate

Commissioners brought out that the present water supply is inadequate and that during last summer it was necessary to restrict use to conserve water. They explained that in 1928 Medford water served an estimated population of 6,822, and on February 28, 1950, an estimated 23,913, a yearly rate of increase of about 915 persons.

Although the present pipe will serve Medford past its previously-calculated life expectancy of 40 years, commissioners stated that more repairs will become necessary and interruptions to service more frequent. It is virtually impossible to shut down the pipe during summer months for repairs, it was said.

Commissioner Seth M. Bullis at the council meeting warned of the danger of depending upon one pipeline and expressed the need for two as a safety factor. The fire hazard in case of a pipe-line break or low water pressure was mentioned.

Use As Standby

It is planned that old line will be standby for peak summer periods, when both old and new lines can be used to keep city water mains full and pressure up. The new repairs would care for city adjoining committees for the next 50 years and would have a life expectancy of 60 years. It would follow much the same route of the present pipeline but would be far enough from it to prevent the same accident befalling both. Length of the present aqueduct is 30.4 miles. The new one would be 30.

A last night's meeting Councilman Dwight Houghton brought out the need to keep pace with community growth and Councilman Harold Frye stated that the need is so vital he could not see why there would be objections to it.

SEASICKNESS KILLS COWS

Vera Cruz, Mexico, Mar. 23—(U.P.)—Officers of the Freighter Tamaulipas said today 135 out of 315 cows being taken to Mexico City for slaughter died of seasickness. The vessel was pounded by heavy seas while on a sandbar near Lizardi Point.

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WEATHER	
FORECAST: Clearing this evening but becoming cloudy with occasional light rain Thursday. Continued cool.	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	42
Lowest This Morning	37
Pre. to 4:30 A.M. Today	12