

Additions to Medford's Budget for 1955-56 Urged by Committee for Necessary Services

City Vote Due July 5; Increases Explained

(Editor's note: Residents of Medford will be asked to vote July 5 on approval of a city budget which exceeds the amount allowed under a constitutional limitation. Budgets cannot increase more than 6 per cent each year, unless voters approve. The proposed 1955-56 budget is \$65,510 over that limit. The initial "minimum" budget submitted was somewhat over the limitation, and in addition the budget committee has proposed other expenditures, which are listed and described in the story below.)

The city's general fund budget of \$642,602, adopted by the citizens' budget committee and presented to the city council last week, includes additions totaling \$34,760 over the preliminary budget submitted by City Manager Robert Duff.

The additions were made by the committee after several weeks of study. Committee members said they are deemed necessary to continue existing services, and for items essential in a growing city.

Several items deleted from the original budget were restored, while others were added.

Minimum Service Budget

The preliminary budget was prepared on the basis of continuing the minimum services now being provided. Provision for maintaining adequate service commensurate with the growth of the city and services requested by its citizens have necessarily been deleted," Duff pointed out in presenting the preliminary budget that city income is relatively static, while expenses continue to increase.

As a result, even the "minimum" budget was \$31,750 in excess of the 6 per cent limitation.

In making additions, the committee pointed out that additional funds are necessary to "continue presently existing services for the people of the city of Medford, and in order to develop programs deemed necessary for the progress of the city."

For Airport Improvement

Additions to the budget include \$10,400 for airport improvement. Of the amount, \$10,000 is estimated to be Medford's share in purchasing or obtaining navigational easement rights on property for runway clearance.

The clearance will be necessary next year if Medford is to participate in Civil Aeronautics administration development program. Federal funds will be available both for airport improvements and for runway clearance.

Clearance land may be purchased by the city, or an easement may be obtained which would prohibit construction of buildings on property extending one-half mile both north and south of the main runway.

The remaining \$400 will be used by the city to separate the drive and parking lot west of the terminal with curbing.

Police Improvements

Some \$2,000 was added to improve police department facilities. The improvements include relocation and rehabilitation of the women's jail, a storage room, relocation of a squad room, and arrest and booking room, and interrogation rooms. The work was recommended after a survey of the department by Sgt. William P. Beall Jr. of Berkeley, Calif., several years ago.

Another \$2,000 was added to the engineering department for extra work anticipated if annexation is approved and for work on sanitary and sewer trunk lines. The addition brought the department's total to \$8,482, the original request.

Sanitary sewer trunk line studies have started, and when construction proceeds, additional staff help will be required. Work already has started on a section of trunk line in the Eastwood and Capital Hill area. Additional work also will be required if voters approve annexation of more than 3,000 acres south of Medford and the Laurelhurst addition.

Ask New Switchboard

Of \$3,300 added to the fire department budget, \$2,800 is for an automatic reporting switchboard. The switchboard would record a phone out of order on Medford's alarm system, and would give the system full credit on fire insurance ratings. Capt. Leo Weidner of Portland, who conducted a study of Medford alarm system, recommended the change.

Presently, the police department makes daily checks of the system phones.

The remaining \$500 is for miscellaneous supplies. The \$500

AWARDED 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Don Smith, 1306 South Columbus ave., Medford, is one of seven 4-H club members throughout the state who have been awarded scholarships to attend 4-H summer camp by the Oregon Egg Producers association. It was announced Saturday by Burton Hutton, Corvallis, state 4-H leader.

was deleted from the original budget, but the supplies were deemed necessary to continue efficient service.

General administration increases total \$2,600. Of that amount, \$1,000 will be Medford's share of mosquito control in co-operation with the Jackson County Health department. The remaining \$1,600 will raise the city manager's salary to \$6,800 per year.

A total of \$5,500 has been added to the planning commission budget, bringing the amount back to the originally requested \$7,500. The funds will be used for development of planning in conjunction with Jackson county, which also has budgeted \$7,500 for planning purposes.

Restored to the traffic department's budget is \$2,000. The amount brings the total of \$7,000 which was requested for installation of traffic signals.

Radar equipment will cost an additional \$1,200, but the amount will be equally divided between traffic and police departments. The equipment will be used for traffic counts, speed checks and for obtaining other traffic information.

In addition to \$500 for radar, \$360 has been added to police department funds for information from the Oregon secretary of state. A charge of 20 cents per name is requested when names of owners of license plates are requested after parking meter violations. Other license plate information has no charge.

The service, which is estimated to cost about \$360 annually, will pay for itself through fines collected from violators, Duff said.

For FBI Schooling

Some \$1,200 has been added for sending a police officer to the Federal Bureau of Investigation academy at Washington, D. C. The funds will cover expenses for the three-month course, which Chief Charles Champlin took in 1951.

Legal codification of city ordinances is estimated to cost about \$3,000, and has been added. Regulatory ordinances, many of which are antiquated, would be revised by the League of Oregon Cities. The league, which would share expenses, would modernize the ordinances, and compare them with model ordinances in other cities throughout the country with other municipal organizations.

The league shares expenses because the ordinances could be used as models for other municipalities.

Some \$1,200 added for employees life insurance plan is the city's share for term life insurance for municipal employees, who pay half the cost of insurance.

May Building Permit Valuation Increases

Value of construction for which permits were issued in Medford during May exceed the totals for both April this year and May a year ago, according to information from the city building inspector's office.

Fifty-three permits for construction valued at \$224,210 were written last month, compared to 45 permits for building amounting to \$158,800 in April. In May of 1954 permits numbered 55 for projects totaling \$201,230.

Construction of new single

family dwellings led the May, 1955, list with 11 projects valued at \$108,800. Fourteen single family house renovation and repair projects were listed at \$22,585. Two new duplex houses were started at a cost of \$28,000. Remodeling and repairing of three businesses totalled \$50,200. Construction began on two new businesses at a \$7,500 cost.

Other projects and values were one garage \$300, three garage remodeling and repairing projects \$290, one duplex renovation \$800, three minor buildings \$435 and 10 signs \$5,300. Three buildings were moved.

The building department collected \$941.65 in fees and made 787 inspections.

Lowry To Discuss Legislative Session

State Sen. Philip B. Lowry of Medford will discuss "The 1955 Session of the Oregon State Legislature And How It Affects You" in the first of a series of meetings in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The summer series are sponsored by the Jackson County Young Republican club. The purpose of the meetings will be to acquaint the public with problems confronting state government. Discussion sessions will follow talks by Senator Lowry.



CATFISH DERBY QUEEN, PRINCESSES— The attractive junior high school misses above will rule over the annual Catfish Derby to be held at TouVelle state park June 19. The all-day event is sponsored by the Medford 20-30 club. The queen, standing at right, is Miss Betty Miller, and her attendants, left to right, are the Misses Linda Durkee, Myrna Calloway and Pat Eckel. —(Landis-Shangle photo)

Catfish Derby Scheduled Here June 19; Queen, Court Chosen

Betty Miller will reign as queen of the 19th Annual National Catfish derby, it was announced here Saturday. Her attendants will be Princesses Myrna Calloway, Linda Durkee, and Pat Eckel, all Medford Junior High school students.

The Catfish derby, sponsored each year by the Medford 20-30 club, is scheduled for Sunday, June 19, at TouVelle State park. Members of the sponsoring organization emphasized that the derby is not in conflict with a new law prohibiting fishing derbies. The Catfish derby, they pointed out, will not make any inroads on the number of bullhead catfish in this area.

Rules Given

The rules for the derby provide that: 1. The derby is open to all male and female persons, single or married, between the ages of 6 months and 150 years, who are residents of the United States.

2. Catfish entered in the derby may be caught in any stream, lake, dam, creek or other body of water situated within the continental limits of the United States.

3. Closing time for entries will be 3 p.m. June 19. Entries will be registered at the north end of the stage between the hours of 1:30 and 3 p.m. on June 19.

4. Catfish entered for judging may be caught any time prior to

the closing hour for registration, providing the fish are in good condition. Judges may disqualify fish not in a good state of preservation.

Must Comply With Laws

5. Contestants must comply with all federal and state game and fish laws, and must have a 1955 license on their persons and must exhibit their license when required.

6. Contestants must actually catch the fish which they enter in the derby. Acceptance of fish from other persons is prohibited and will disqualify all persons engaging in same.

7. All entries will remain the property of the contestants submitting them.

8. Judges will have authority

to adopt and enforce such contest rules and regulations as they shall determine and in the event of disputes or conflicts, their decision shall be binding and final.

9. Prizes will be awarded as follows: (A) Biggest catfish determined by weight. (B) Largest number of catfish caught by any one contestant. (C) The youngest contestant entering one or more catfish. (D) Grand sweepstakes trophy will be awarded on the basis of over-all fishing ability.

10. Scoring will be based on: (A) Number of catfish. (B) average length. (C) average weight. (D) general condition and appearance of fish. (E) originality of costume of contestant.

Fruit Men Will Study Expanded Advertising Program for Produce

Portland — A decision to explore the possibility of expanding the scope of their advertising-merchandising program next year was made at the 24th annual meeting of the Oregon-Washington-California Pear Bureau held here last week.

J. E. Klahre, manager of the Apple Growers association, Hood River, was appointed chairman of the joint advertising-merchandising committee which recommended the enlarged program to meet increasing competition from other fruit and produce programs, and to expand distribution and consumption of anjou, bosc and comice winter pear varieties from the three coast states.

Some 70 Attend

The two day session attracted over 70 members and interested persons to hear reports by Shelby Roberts, Gilbert Sindelar and Donald Stokes, of the USDA, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Harold Schomar, USDA, Wenatchee, Wash. Dr. Elmer Hansen and Prof. Henry Hartman, of Oregon State college, also addressed the group. The major topics were ripening, shipping, containers, polyethylene, price and marketing.

Milton A. Foland, vice-president of Pacific National Advertising Agency, Portland, reported on present trends in food and fruit advertising and merchandising, and pointed out the need

for increasing the promotional tempo if winter pears are to keep up with competition.

The past year's home economics and publicity program for the Pear Bureau was reviewed by Mrs. Emma States, director of Pacific Kitchen, Seattle, who pointed out such outstanding ties as the nation-wide commercial for Kraft cheese using anjou pears.

Meetings To Rotate

Among other actions taken was the decision to hold future annual Pear Bureau meetings in the Wenatchee, Yakima, Hood River, Medford and Placerville growing districts each year on a rotating basis.

E. R. Pooley, Hood River, was reelected president and H. B. Murphy, Medford; J. A. Hodapp, Placerville; G. C. Crossland, Wenatchee; and John Bloxom, Yakima, were elected vice-presidents from their districts. Nicholas J. Trebin, Hood River, was appointed chairman of the research committee.

'Perrydale Flier' Now Has New Home, Owner In Southern California

The little steam locomotive which many years ago used to chuff between Medford and Jacksonville has found a new home and new owners.

It is now located on a short length of unused track in Pasadena, Calif., and is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Chad O'Connor. She gave it to him for a birthday present.

The locomotive, "One-Spot," a wood-burner, once was dubbed the "Perrydale Flier" in the days of the Rogue River Valley Railroad, which transported freight and passengers from the county seat, Jacksonville, to the growing young village of Medford, before the turn of the century.

A writer for the Los Angeles Times, which last week described an illustrated feature story on the locomotive, describes it thus:

"It's a cute little Cuffen-Puff-er," with four wheels, a diamond stack, 350-gallon water tank, a small cab for engineer and fireman, and a quaint bustle in the rear for log chunks for its fire-box."

O'Connor and his wife first saw it on a trip through the Willamette valley, at the Lane Valley Logging company, at Cottage Grove, where it was used as a logging engine for some years after leaving the Rogue Valley.

Mrs. O'Connor wrote the company, and offered to buy it on monthly installments of \$10 each taken from her food budget. When the purchase was complete, O'Connor and a friend borrowed a truck and drove north to pick up his 10-ton present. The trip was not uneventful, and the Times quotes O'Connor this way:

"Loading it was a job, to start with. Then we had to unload it and put more pressure in the tires. Finally we got it back on the truck and started south. Near the Oregon border we were stopped by the police for violation of the state's height limit."

"We waited until dusk when the judge rode up in a Cadillac, heard our story and said '\$10 fine.' Then we had to chop the cab down before we could go on. To top that, we had a double flat which cost me \$105."

O'Connor and his friends journey out to the unused section of tracks every couple of weeks, get up steam, and go chugging back and forth for a few hours. They have put more than 1,000 hours of work refurbishing and rebuilding the engine, and the Times says that today it looks as new as the day it was delivered to Medford in 1891 by the H. K. Porter and Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The O'Connors want to move to a place in the country where they can fix up a length of track for their little locomotive. O'Connor says:

"She takes off like a scared rabbit, with a movement that puts these fancy automatic auto transmissions to shame. Stops easily, too, when I pull back on the big 5-foot brake lever. Isn't she a beauty?"

June 16 Timber Sale Set by BLM in City

Seven tracts of O&C timber, totaling an estimated 8,731,000 board feet, will be offered for sale through the Medford office of the bureau of land management June 16, it was announced Saturday.

Public domain timber to be offered for sale the same day will total 1,121,000 board feet on two tracts.

Throughout the state, June timber offerings will total 85,261,000 feet of O&C stumpage valued at \$1,646,828.85, and 5,349,000 of public domain stumpage valued at \$126,745.50, according to Virgil T. Heath, BLM supervisor for Oregon.

The series of sale will start June 7 in Salem, and will also be conducted in the offices of district foresters in Roseburg, Eugene, Coos Bay, Lakeview and Bend.

St. Helens Firms Plan To Reopen

St. Helens — (U.P.) — Officials of the Fir-Tex Insulating Board company and Western Insulating Products, Inc., announced Saturday that the plants would resume production Monday.

The two plants have been shut down since March 31 by a strike of some 425 workers. Notices of reopening were sent to union officials and workers earlier this week.

Management spokesmen said a "mutual understanding" had been reached with members of the union strike committee, but so far no formal agreement has been obtained.

The companies' statement said that if no agreement is reached by Monday production would resume without it.

Band Class Times Changed One Hour

I. A. Mirick, head of the summer school music program, announced Saturday that the band classes for grade school age youngsters will be held at 11 a.m. (instead of 10 a.m.), as the program gets under way Tuesday.

The change was made, Mirick said, to eliminate a conflict with the baseball school which was scheduled at the same time. Many youngsters wish to participate in both programs, he explained.

Some 250 students have now enrolled in the band and orchestra summer program. Sessions are held at the Medford High school.

Rotary Donation Aids Fire Building

Shady Cove — A donation of \$1,137.41 has been made by the Shady Cove Rotary club to help finance a building to house the Shady Cove-Trail fire truck. The amount was raised by the sale of several truckloads of timber purchased from the O & C.

Arrangements were handled by Jimmy Davis, president of the club. Non-members who assisted in falling, bucking and driving the trucks were Herb Mayfield, Bend, and Dick Dickenson, Dave Allen, Jerry Hicks and Harry Goode. Jack Schauble loaned his truck. Rotary members who helped with the falling and bucking were Dolf Larson, Jimmy Davis and Earl Warren. Mr. McCormick of the Herrin Logging company did the skidding and loading.

Construction of the fire truck building is planned to start early this summer.

Jacksonville Lions Elect Kirkland

Jacksonville — Gordon Kirkland was elected president of the Jacksonville Lions club at a meeting recently.

Other officers elected include Bruce Blew, secretary - treasurer; Dr. A. A. Griffin, first vice-president; Robert Minear, second vice-president; Fred Edens, third vice-president; Art Davies, Lion Tamer; and Joe Smith, Taitwister.

Officers elected to the board of directors include Ike Dunford and Clyde Sutherland. Installation ceremonies will be held at the IOOF hall here June 16, ladies night.

AT SESSION

John Dillard, who was associated with Columbia Utilities company at Camp White during World War II, was in charge of a plant forum session sponsored Friday at Salem by the Oregon Independent Telephone association. Dillard is president of the organization.

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