

Ford Asked To Up Skilled Worker Pay

JULY 15 ELECTION DATE ON REHABILITATION JOB

Contract to Repay U.S. for Irrigation Project is Asked \$1,712,000 Proposal Needs Local Approval

Elections for approval of a \$1,712,000 water system rehabilitation project in the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts will be held July 15, it was announced this morning.

The question to be passed on is whether or not the districts shall enter into a contract with the United States government for the work, and for repayment to the government of the interest-free money made available for the project.

The rehabilitation project is designed to increase water supplies to the two districts through elimination of wastage, and will lower operating and maintenance costs.

Savings Cited
Officials of the district believe that the savings will be great enough to permit the repayments to be made without increasing water assessments. Repayment is calculated on a 40-year basis.

Those who are eligible to vote in the elections are those 21 years old or more who own two or more acres within the district, provided the deed has been recorded six or more months, or who have a recorded contract of sale.

Of the total cost of \$1,712,000, the Medford district will be responsible for repayment of the major portion, because it has a larger share in the works shared jointly in the upper part of the system, and because its canal system is larger. Here is how the division breaks down:

Breakdown Given
Medford district: Total, \$1,475,468; share of joint works, \$334,886; work on its own system, \$1,140,582.

Rogue River Valley district: Total, \$236,534; share of joint works, \$164,934; work on its own system, \$71,600.
The work on the jointly-owned system (which starts above Bradshaw drop on the main canal, and extends up to Fish and Fourmile lakes, the reservoirs shared by the districts) will cost a total of \$499,800, and includes reconstruction of spillway construction of parapet wall and at Fourmile lake; completion of spillway at Fish lake; and replacement of flumes and siphons, lining of the canal with concrete, and other work on the main canal.

A contract for repayment of these costs has been worked out, and has received the preliminary approval of the boards of directors of the two districts and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Project Gains Support
The money for the work still has to be appropriated by congress, but recent advices from Washington indicate that the project is gaining support and is expected to go through without difficulty.

The question on which voters of the two districts will be asked to pass is:

"Shall the board of directors of the Medford (or Rogue River Valley) Irrigation District, Jackson County, Oregon, be authorized to negotiate and enter into a repayment contract with the United States of America, in conformity with the proposals specified in the notice of this election, under the provisions of the Federal Reclamation Laws and the laws of the State of Oregon, authorizing the District to enter into such contracts?"
Polls will be open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

Polling places in the Medford district will be at Hillcrest orchard; Phoenix grade school gymnasium, and Oak Grove school. In the Rogue River district it will be at the office of the district on the old Central Point highway past the junction with Table Rock rd.

Baseball

NATIONAL	(10 innings)
Milwaukee	4 7 1
New York	5 14 3
Burdette, Johnson (7), Jolly (9), Vargas (9), Crone (10) and Crandall; Gomez, Grissom (8), McCall (9) and Katt.	
AMERICAN	
Baltimore	3 4 0
Chicago	2 8 2
Byrd, Johnson (3) and Smith, Harshman and Lollar.	

Officials Declare Orchard Tax Order Is Impossible Job

County officials declared here yesterday that it is virtually impossible for the county assessor to obtain a true cash value on orchard trees within the 11-day deadline set by the state tax commission.

The statement was made at a meeting of the board of equalization, representatives of the Fruit Growers league, and County Assessor R. G. Fowler. **Commission Issues Order**

The meeting was called after the board received an order from the state tax commission directing it to "assess the value of orchard trees at the same percentage of true cash value as other real property and include same in the assessment of real property upon which said trees are located."

The order, dated May 31, was received Monday, June 6, by registered mail.

It further ordered that the board of equalization "remain in session from day to day until there has been substantial compliance with this order, but in no event later than June 16, 1955."

Deadline Troubles
It was this latter phase of the order around which most of the discussion centered at Tuesday's meeting.

In answer to questions by County Judge Rodney Keating, a member of the board of equal-

A. C. Fries Named Ashland Bank Head

Ashland — Archie C. Fries, Jr., assistant manager of the U. S. National bank in Medford since 1946 and a member of the city budget committee has been appointed manager of the new Ashland branch of the bank, according to E. C. Sammons, president of the bank in Portland.

The branch bank will open in temporary quarters in the Knox building, 45 East Main st., on June 13.

Sammons said a new building would be erected by the bank on a lot between Second and Third sts. Construction will begin within 60 days.

In Medford Fries has been a member of the Medford Realty board, past president of the Medford Lions, Jackson county treasurer for the Oregon Society of Crippled Children, and vice-president of the Southern Oregon Bankers association. He plans to take up residence in Ashland as soon as possible.

Record Temperature Expected for Today

Medford, with a 97-degree temperature yesterday, missed a record high for June 7 by one degree. The mercury was expected to rise easily to a record maximum today.

The Medford station of the weather bureau anticipated a near 100-degree temperature today. A 93-degree reading in 1918 was the previous high for June 8.

The 97 yesterday was second highest in the state. Grants Pass recorded 98.

Weather is expected to be "cooler" on Thursday with a 96 maximum forecast.

Power-Making Policy Said Surrendered by McKay

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Earl Chudoff (D-Pa.), said today that Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay and his aides appear to have surrendered their power-making policy to a private West Coast utility.

Chudoff, chairman of a government operation subcommittee, said in a formal statement the "shocking and sordid situation" was uncovered in his group's investigation of power policies.

Evidence to date, he said, indicates that McKay, undersecretary Clarence Davis and former undersecretary Ralph Tudor

Union Requests Extra Five Cents To Quell Unrest

Guaranteed Wage Plan Signed After Delay

Detroit — (U.P.) — Local leaders of the CIO United Auto Workers asked Ford Motor Company today for an extra five-cent hourly pay hike for some skilled workers to calm down a rebellion by some workers over the new union contract with Ford.

The new demand, by leaders of the big Ford Local 600 at the giant Rouge plant in suburban Dearborn, threatened for a while to snag final signing of the new three-year contract giving workers a guaranteed wage plan.

New Agreement Signed
But after a delay of nearly four hours, in which some contract language had to be reworded also, the new agreement was signed by Union President Walter Reuther and Ford Vice President John Bugas.

Reuther said the demand for the extra five-cent increase had been thrown back as "a local matter."

The agreement of skilled workers at the Rouge plant to return to their jobs "this afternoon or tomorrow" apparently cleared the way for Ford Motor Company operations to get back to normal finally after the strike Monday in which more than 80,000 workers left their jobs.

12 Plants Shut Down
Meanwhile, General Motors workers, apparently impatient at the delay in GM and the union in reaching a new contract agreement, shut down operations in 12 plants. The number of General Motors workers who were idled totaled 38,894.

It was reported that Carl Stellato, president of the big Local 600 which means the Rouge plant, had asked Ford for an extra five-cent hourly pay boost for the skilled workers who rebelled at the new contract.

The skilled workers, who rarely face the layoffs which other workers in the automobile industry do, had rebelled at the guaranteed pay contract, claiming it did them little good. They needed 30-cents hourly to keep abreast with scales for similar work in other industry.

Employees Impatient
The "impatience" strikes of General Motors workers kept growing despite the scolding which John Livingston, UAW vice-president and head of the General Motors' department, gave local delegates at a meeting of the General Motors' Council yesterday.

He told them that the only reason for extending the General Motors' contract until Sunday was to give General Motors a chance to study the Ford pay plan. He said he had "every hope" a peaceful settlement would be reached before the Sunday midnight deadline, and the walkouts were proving an "embarrassing hindrance" to negotiators.

Fire District Sets New Vote on Budget

Central Point — (U.P.) — Directors of the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district last night called for a second election on a proposal to exceed the 6 per cent levy limitation in the 1955-1956 budget by \$8,629.

The election is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, at the rural station. Action by the directors followed a Monday meeting of the district budget committee.

Residents of the district rejected the tax measure at an election on May 31 by a vote of 84 to 37. Directors have indicated the feeling that the proposal was not fully understood and that the vote was not representative of the district. The \$8,629 would be part of a \$30,370 budget planned for the new fiscal year.

Mt. Shasta Forest Fire Under Control

Ashland, Ore. — (U.P.) — Two 100-man crews of firefighters worked through the night last night and succeeded in bringing a 500-acre forest fire on the slopes of Mt. Shasta under control early today.

Foresters said the fire could probably be extinguished provided high winds did not fan it out of control again this afternoon.

The fire spread through the Shasta-Trinity National Forest some 10 miles northeast of Weed in Northern California's Siskiyou county.

Forest service crews and men from the Long-Bell Lumber Co. at Weed fought the blaze through the night.

Salem — (U.P.) — Steven Custer, 19, who escaped from a city jail work gang last September, gave himself up at the city police station here because he wanted to get square with the world, Salem police said.

Weather
FORECAST: Continued hot and dry. Chance of thunderstorms over Siskiyou Thursday afternoon. Low tonight about 58. High Thursday 96. Temp. Highest Yesterday 87. Lowest This Morning 59.

Western Welcomes Kremlin Bid for Relations

Diplomatic Ties Would Be Established

Bonn, Germany — (U.P.) — The West German government today "welcomed" the Kremlin's note calling for normal diplomatic relations with Russia and said it hoped the Soviet move will lead to a conference between West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Soviet statesmen.

The first official reaction of the West German government was made public in a three paragraph statement. It said: "The federal government welcomes the proposals to establish diplomatic, trade and cultural relations between the Soviet Union and the Federal Republic made by the USSR in its note of June 7, 1955."

"The note took up different questions which make a preliminary examination necessary. Hope for Meeting
It is to be hoped that this (examination of the note) leads to the results that a conference between the federal Chancellor and the statesmen of the Soviet Union is necessary."

Meanwhile, the three biggest parties in West Germany hailed the unexpected and bold Soviet diplomatic move.

Party statements approving the Russian move to restore normal diplomatic relations were issued following a three-hour Cabinet session.

The unexpected Soviet maneuver cast some doubts on the plans for a July 18 meeting at Geneva of the Western Big Three heads of government with Russia's top-most representative.

French authorities said the Kremlin's new strategy would force France and the other Big Three Western powers to revise their planned strategy for the top level Geneva conference.

In Washington, political observers said the Soviet maneuver raised "some doubts" about the Geneva meeting.

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HOT WEATHER BUSINESSMEN — The weather today, and hot weather is the time for young entrepreneurs to go in to the lemonade business. Several such enterprises have sprung up around town since the temperature broke 90 a few days ago. One of the stands is shown above with its youthful operators, Eric Ewaldsen, 11, and his brother, Hans, 8, of 20 Ross court. Hans appears to be well on the way to drinking up the profits, and Eric shows temptation. — (Brainerd photo.)

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Carpenters Picket Construction Jobs In Portland Area

Portland — (U.P.) — Striking AFL carpenters today placed picket lines around all Portland area construction jobs where contractors have not signed with the union.

Cliff Harris, secretary of the carpenters' union district council, blamed "stalling" on part of management negotiators for the pickets. "We've got to bring this thing to a head and see if we can't hurry them up a little," he said.

He charged management has refused to negotiate before Friday morning when a meeting under auspices of the Federal Mediation Service has been scheduled.

A management spokesman branded the "stalling" charges as "absolutely untrue."

The carpenters are on strike against the Portland Home Builders and two divisions of Associated General Contractors. They seek a 10-cent hourly pay boost.

Talent Irrigation Limitations Listed

Talent — Irrigation limitations went into effect in Talent today to conserve water, which is in critically short supply this year.

Irrigation of lawns and gardens west of the Southern Pacific tracks will be permitted only between 5 and 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and east of the railroad tracks between the same hours Wednesdays and Fridays.

Violators of the watering hours will be subject to fine on conviction, Mrs. Nona McAbee, Talent city recorder, said.

Limited hours were necessary because the city well, southwest of Talent, does not refill enough during night hours to permit unlimited use of water during the day.

Salem — (U.P.) — This is the way a Salem city policeman summed up the reason for a minor accident between a woman driver and a truck here yesterday. "She backed cautiously from the curb into a truck; she did not know where it came from."

and getting acquainted with American youth problems, medical research, (especially polio and cancer treatments), and drama.

During his two-day stay in Medford, Baecker will stay at the Jackson hotel. Anyone who may have had contact with him while he was a POW, or who is interested in seeing him may contact Mark Goldy, head of the World Affairs Council of Southern Oregon.

The German visitor will leave for Portland on the 7:08 p.m. train Saturday to continue his tour.