

Fire Station, Half-Acre of Land, Offered C.P. Rural Fire District If Budget OKd

Central Point—The White City Realty company has offered a complete fire station and almost a half acre of land if voters in Central Point Rural Fire Protection district approve an \$8,629 tax levy over the 6 per cent limitation at a special election June 23.

A White City fire station, designed like the station south of Central Point, will be complete with alarm system and two-way radio facilities at no expense to the district.

Service Not Restricted
The district would be obligated to furnish the fire station with proper equipment and a personnel to operate the station permanently as a class 7 station. The station would be located to best serve residents and service will not be restricted to the White City area.

The special election June 23 was called after a meeting of district board of directors and citizens' budget committee. The \$8,629 tax levy was defeated in an election May 31, but directors and committee members believe the proposal was not fully understood and that the vote was not representative of the district.

The budget totals \$30,370 for fiscal year 1955-56, an increase of \$1,762.62 over the present budget. Of the total, \$8,629 is over the 6 per cent limitation.

Expenses Listed
Expenses for operating a new station in the White City area are estimated at \$8,629. The building and property for such a station would cost about \$21,000. Two new firetrucks would cost about \$25,000, but the purchase of the trucks can be arranged on a deferred payment plan.

In a joint statement by the district directors and members of the budget committee, it was indicated that if voters approve the budget at the June 23 election, the directors will consider this evidence that the people of the district "want to continue to provide proper fire protection facilities for the whole district on an equal basis."

The directors pointed out that the 70-square-mile district cannot be adequately served by one station, from which trucks are dispatched to fires more than 10 miles away and taking as much as 15 minutes to reach the scene.

Need Cited
A reasonable running distance for adequate protection is about 4 1/2 miles, a run which can be made with modern equipment in about five minutes. "In a district as large as this," the directors said, "one fire station cannot properly serve the whole area."

The present station and equipment provides adequate protection for those who live near it, the directors said, but "does a

relatively poor job for the people who live farther than 4 1/2 miles away, and there are many who do."

If the levy over the 6 per cent limitation is not approved, a station to serve the east and north areas of the district will not be established, the directors said. Without a station in the White City area, insurance rates may rise from a class 8 residential rate to class 9 for those who live more than 4 1/2 miles from the present station. However, if a station is built in the

White City area, it would assure lower fire insurance rates.

About One Mill
The budget committee pointed out that the amount of the budget over the 6 per cent limitation, \$8,629, represents slightly more than one mill on the tax bill. The fire station offered the district at no cost represents a saving amounting to almost three mills on each tax bill.

The process of building and equipping one station at a time while holding millage rates to about a four mill average, the

Backers of High Dam In Hells Canyon See End of 'Golden Rule'

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Washington (Special)—Senate supporters of the high Hells Canyon dam bill are currently in a mood to repeal the Golden Rule, for they have about concluded that by extending it to some of their doubtful brethren they have been "had" politically and the chances of enacting the Hells Canyon bill seriously endangered.

This is the result of a chain of events of the last few months in the Senate which went like this:

1. Western Democrats lined up for the big drive to enact a Hells Canyon bill, while western Republicans from the Rocky Mountain states lined up their backing for the upper Colorado storage project.

2. After some early strategy sessions designed to promote a "package" bill which some thought would give both of these two federal developments broader support in Congress, both sides decided best to go it alone with their individual projects.

3. The Democratic-controlled Senate Interior committee decided to extend the Golden Rule to the GOP and approve the Administration-backed Colorado project first, hoping its Republican supporters would follow through and do unto them in a similar fashion when Hells Canyon came up. With Democratic votes helping to offset some GOP opposition to the Colorado bill, it was whisked through committee and later passed by the Senate and sent to the House.

4. When the committee turned to Hells Canyon, with all eyes on two key Republicans, Sens. Arthur V. Watkins, Utah, and Eugene D. Millikin, Colorado, who had piloted the Colorado storage bill through but remained uncommitted on Hells Canyon.

5. After extensive hearings in the Pacific Northwest and here, the reclamation subcommittee called for a vote, only to have Watkins ask for more time to study the record. A second call for a vote came, and again Watkins requested more time. The third time around, last Wednesday, Watkins again said he was still studying the record but didn't think he was justified in

asking more time, so he voted against the record because he said what he had learned made him fearful the water rights of southern Idaho farmers might not be protected against the need for Snake river water required to fill the high dam reservoir. Millikin spoke unfavorably of the bill during the secret committee discussions which preceded the vote, then withheld his vote.

This action shattered the surface harmony among westerners who have been supporting further reclamation development. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) scored the positions taken by Watkins and Millikin, "who are promoting a \$1,659,000,000 power and reclamation project in that (Rocky Mountain) region, (and) have seen fit to oppose a \$356,000,000 undertaking in the Pacific Northwest."

"The western states can progress together only as a unit," Neuberger said in a prepared statement apparently reflecting chagrin at the way in which Democratic strategy backfired.

"Secretary of Interior McKay and now leading senators from Colorado and Utah have taken the position that the federal treasury contains funds for development in the Rocky Mountains but not in the Pacific Northwest. We Democrats must try to save the West from such a Jekyll-and-Hyde policy."

Having let the GOP-backed Colorado bill slip beyond their grasp in the Senate, Hells Canyon backers expected to salvage what they can in the way of tit-for-tat log-rolling in the House where the Colorado bill faces tough sledding which even itsardent supporters concede may be fatal.

In a word, House Democrats may threaten to kill off the Colorado bill just as Watkins and Millikin now have threatened the Hells Canyon bill with virtually insurmountable GOP opposition in the Senate.

The Golden Rule may be scrapped in favor of an eye-for-an-eye.

Washington (U.P.)—The Veterans Administration said Saturday that 93 per cent of the 150,000 World War II veterans treated for mental disorders have made outstanding readjustments to civilian life.

directors said, seems to be a fair method of providing equal protection facilities throughout the district.

Pointing out that the Central Point Rural Fire district is a rapidly expanding area, directors and committee members feel that a progressive fire department is needed. "In three short years," the group said, "the assessed valuation of the district has gone from less than \$5,000,000 to over \$7,000,000. This represents an appraised value of over \$20,000,000.

Increased Need
Because of increased need for adequate protection throughout the district, the directors and committee members are re-submitting to the voters the district's budget which will allow establishing and operating a second fire station.

Polls will be open at the Central Point Rural fire station between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Thursday, June 23. Eligible voters must have resided in the district 90 days or more and must be registered to vote. Miss Lillian Anderson, Mrs. C. W. Ankorn and Mrs. Warren Patterson are members of the election board.

Catfish Derby Due Week From Today; Queen Will Reign

Betty Miller will reign as queen over festivities at the Medford 20-30 club's 19th annual National Catfish Derby at Touville State park on Table Rock rd., a week from today. Princesses include Myrna Calloway, Linda Durkee and Pat Eckel.

Contests, both fishing and non-fishing, are open to the public, according to Buck Krause and Dick Frost co-chairmen in charge of the event.

Prizes Offered
Prizes for five fishing contests and at least six non-fishing events will be donated by Medford merchants.

Contestants in the fishing contest, Krause and Frost said, must comply with federal and state fishing laws and must have 1955 licenses to be exhibited when asked.

Fish must be caught by the contestant, and Derby entries may be caught in any stream, lake, dam, creek or other body of water within the United States.

Catfish must be caught before 3 p.m. next Sunday, closing time for all entries. Judges may disqualify fish which are not in a good state of preservation. Fish will remain the property of contestant.

Various Contests
Prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish, determined by weight; largest number caught by individual; youngest contestant entering one or more fish; the oldest contestant entering one or more; and the grand sweepstakes trophy, which will be determined by the number caught, average length, average weight, general condition and appearance of catfish; and originality of costume of contestant.

In addition to fishing contest prizes, prizes also will be awarded for contests of pie-eating, bubble gum blowing, baldest man, fattest lady, the most newly married couple and the longest married couple present.

Ike Selects Gray For Defense Aide

Washington (U.P.)—President Eisenhower has chosen Gordon Gray, president of the University of North Carolina and former Army secretary, to be assistant defense secretary.

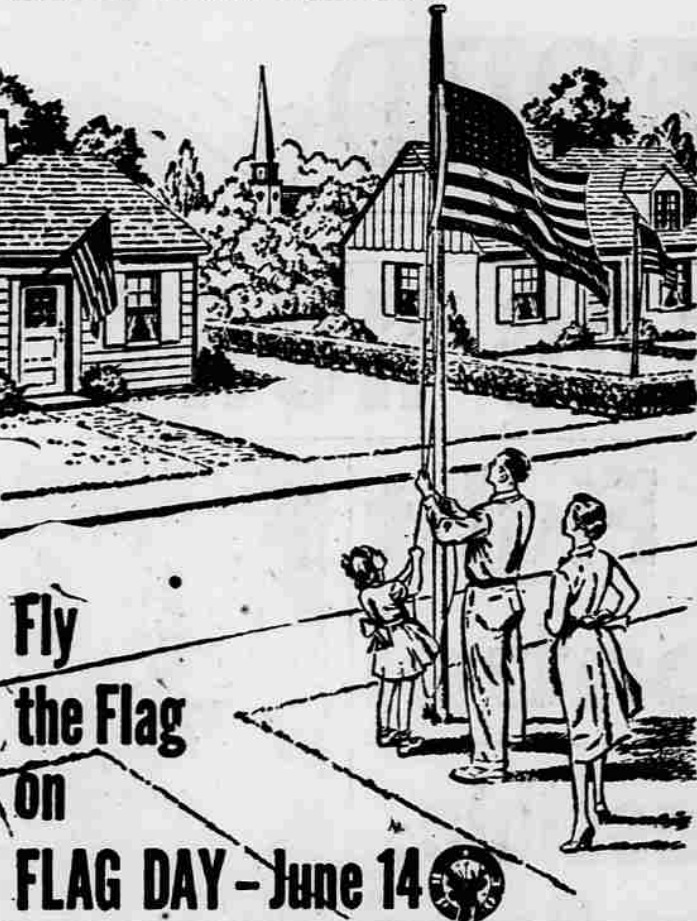
The White House said Mr. Eisenhower will send Gray's nomination to the Senate next week. Gray was named to succeed H. Struve Hensel, who has resigned June 30.

Gray, 46, is a Democrat. He served for five months in 1951 as director of the Psychological Strategy Board. Born in Baltimore, Mr. Gray is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and the Yale Law school. He was associated with a New York law firm until 1937 when he became publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal and the Twin City Sentinel.

Water Restrictions Scheduled at Nyssa

Nyssa, Ore. (U.P.)—Water restrictions will go into effect here Monday morning and will continue until the city's new water system is completed in July. The new water system was made necessary last year when gasoline seeped into a city well which had to be abandoned. The system will guarantee a minimum of \$3,000,000 gallons of water a day.

SHOW YOUR COLORS



Fly the Flag on FLAG DAY—June 14

Elks Lodge Urge Displaying Of Old Glory on Flag Day

Tuesday, June 14, marks the 178th anniversary of the adoption by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the flag of the United States.

The Medford Elks Lodge has called attention to Flag Day as a time when "every good American can demonstrate that he is glad to be a citizen of this country, proud of the principles of liberty and justice for which it stands, by the act of publicly displaying our flag."

"In recent years, this simple act of love and respect for the symbol of our freedom has been neglected. On national holidays when the flag of our country should have been displayed proudly everywhere in the community, it was all too often not in evidence," an Elks statement said.

"To remind us that it is a privilege to live under the flag of the United States, and to strengthen our determination ever to defend it, Exalted Ruler C. Aubrey Sander of the local Elks Lodge, makes an appeal to all patriotic citizens of this community to display the American flag on Flag Day this year. This is a national program of the Elks, to have a flag displayed at every home in America. He states further that the American flag is a symbol of liberty.

"Show your colors! Fly the flag on Tuesday, June 14," the statement concluded.

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PAPER SEIZED
Berlin (U.P.)—Soviet Zone authorities have seized the June 5 issue of "Der Sonntag," Protestant church newspaper in the Dresden area. The paper is the third church publication to be confiscated by the Communists in recent weeks. No reason was given for the seizure.

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