



HANDING OUT SUPPLIES—Members of the 382nd Quartermaster battalion, of Medford, are shown checking supplies before they are distributed to members of the 304th Logistical command, also of Medford. Both units have completed two weeks of summer training at the Yakima Firing Center in Washington.

In the picture above, left to right, are Pfc. Jack Crumm, Cpl. Arthur Lindh, Sgt. Dick Miller, Sgt. Edward Jansen, Lt. Col. Jack M. Hartley, commanding officer of the 382nd; M/Sgt. John A. Strobel, non-commissioned officer in charge, and Sgt. Forrest Jackson.

Officers and Men Of Two Army Units Due Back in City

Some 50 or more officers and men of two Medford Army reserve units were to return home this week end, following two weeks of training at the Yakima Firing center, Yakima, Wash.

The units are the 304th Logistical command, of which Col. William Prentice is commanding officer, and the 382nd Quartermaster battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Jack M. Hartley.

Meet Regularly

The logistical command is set up to coordinate supply problems for a large unit, and the quartermaster unit is also a supply outfit. Both meet regularly in Medford during the year, but the principal training effort is during the two-week summer encampment. This year is the first that it has been held in Washington. In prior years it has been in California.

Most of the members of the two units were travelling in their own automobiles to and from the summer exercises.

The accompanying U.S. Army photographs show some of the Medford citizen-soldiers at work during the encampment.

Production, Costs Both Up for Milk Producers in Area

Members of the Jackson County Milk Producers league, holding their semi-annual meeting at Roxy Ann Grange hall last week, heard encouraging news on milk sales in the county over the past several months, but bad news on production costs.

Beginning last November, fluid milk sales showed a steady increase each month over the previous year, according to John Kesler, Phoenix, the organization's advertising chairman.

High month for the period was April, when sales totaled 108,584 pounds (approximately 50,000 quarts of fluid milk) above April, 1954. Kesler credited the advertising campaign begun in the county last October for the increase in sales.

Profits Down

Richard Westerberg, manager of the league, said that although sales were up, profits to dairymen were down, due to sharp rises in feed costs, labor, taxes, and other expenses. In 1953, Jackson county dairymen's cost per cow year averaged \$496.15, while this year costs per cow are averaging \$552, Westerberg said.

Westerberg said the average dairy cow in Jackson county produced 7,786 pounds of milk a year. Sales of milk in the county for the first six months this year totaled 8,777,927 pounds—or approximately 4,388,000 quarts. Of this, 6,508,840 pounds were sold for use in fluid form; the rest went into butter, cheese, ice cream and other dairy products.

C. C. Williams, Ashland, Milk Producers' league president, presided.

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OFFICERS TALK PLANS—Three Medford officers of the 304th Logistical command are shown above discussing plans during summer training camp at Yakima, Wash. Col. William H. Prentice points out locations on a situation map being used in the exercises as Maj. Robert A. Elliot (left), and Lt. Col. Raymond H. Rabowski look on.



PROMOTED—Donald E. Gray, Medford, was a Medford member of the 304th Logistical command who received a promotion shortly after arriving for summer training at Yakima. A first lieutenant, he was promoted to captain, and is signal supply officer for the 304th. Like most officers of the 304th and 382nd, he is a veteran of World War II, having served in the Aleutian Islands and in Europe. He lives at 832 Dakota ave., Medford.

Ashland Electricity Rates Are Modified

Ashland—An overall average increase of 20 per cent in electricity rates for Ashland commercial users will go into effect in the July billing.

In June, the Ashland city council established a new high rate which brought strong protest. A meeting was called last Wednesday to consider a revision, lowering rates from the June schedule. Thursday afternoon the council accepted the revision and directed City Superintendent Elmer Biegle to make July billings on the revised schedule and give rebates to those consumers whose June payment was above that designated in the revised schedule.

Superintendent Biegle pointed out that the 20 per cent average increase would still place Ashland rates considerably below those of California Oregon Power company.

350 People Attend 4-H Fair Thursday At Bellview Grange

About 350 people attended the Bellview-Valleyview Community fair at Bellview Grange Thursday, when showmanship and judging contests were held.

Donald Summers was first in advanced dairy showmanship for local entries, and Virginia Martin was first in the beginner division. Donnie Higday of Antelope was first in visitors advanced dairy showmanship.

First place in beef showmanship were won by Joan Drager in advanced division for local entries, and Joyce Kerr for beginners. Linda Malloroy of Antelope was first in advanced and Mike Elmore of Applegate first in beginners for visitors in beef showmanship.

Sheep Showmanship
In local sheep showmanship, Mel Dailey was first for advance entries, Joyce Kerr in intermediate and Nancy Lusk in beginners. Visitors placing first in the classification were Terry Gail of Gold Hill in advance and Mike Higday of Antelope in beginners.

Nancy Lusk was first in beginners local fitting contest, and Donna Mays was first for advanced entries. Nylia Cooper was first in local poultry showmanship.

Jim Martin won the livestock judging contest and Patty Childress won the home economics judging contest.

Blue ribbons in cooking were won by LaVonne Whitlock, Joan Drager, Betty Kerr and Joyce Hunter, and blue ribbon winners in clothing were Betty Kerr, Joyce Hunter, Faye Chapman, Kathy Zimmerlee, Tina Von Kuhlman, Donna Mays and Virginia Martin.

HEARING SCHEDULED
Portland — (UP) — The State Board of Bar Pilots announced Saturday a hearing into the grounding of the freighter Santa Adela July 7 at Astoria will be held early this week.

Medford Budget Filed With Assessor; \$66,512 Cut From Proposal to Result in Curtailed City Service

Medford city officials Friday filed in the Jackson county assessor's office a general fund budget totaling \$559,690, after making deductions of \$66,512 in expected expenditures for fiscal year 1955-56.

Deletions in the budget, which affected city employees as well as general operating expenses, were necessary when Medford residents defeated a proposed budget of \$626,202, which was \$66,510 over the 6 per cent limitation.

The budget as filed calls for a levy of \$223,764, including a library fund levy of \$16,400. The total levy is \$2 less than the levy permitted under the 6 per cent limitation.

Budgets of all Jackson county cities and tax districts except Phoenix for the fiscal year 1955-56 were "accounted for" Saturday morning, according to county assessor Robert G. Fowler.

Several budgets were in the Saturday mail and others were expected Monday. Arrangements had been made with the assessor's office to meet the Friday deadline.

Phoenix was granted an extension until July 22 to allow 20 days posting time.

Deletions suggested by City Manager Robert Duff, who prepared the budget, were accepted by the council with some reluctance.

The deletions included \$34,760 which was added to the original budget. The citizens' budget committee added the amount because members felt the added expenditures were necessary.

Other deletions included \$10,787 from the airport budget, \$10,000 of which was to be Medford's share for participation with federal agencies in developing runway clearance. Of the total, \$387 was deducted from the airport manager's salary, and \$400 from landscaping.

The airport manager's duties will be assumed by a city administrative aide, which will effect a saving of \$1,968.

City hall improvements totaling \$2,000 was deleted, leaving \$1,495 for minor repairs. The \$2,000 was for remodeling the jail as recommended after a survey of the department.

In the engineering department, a total of \$3,700 was deleted. Some \$2,000 was reduced from extra help which would have been used for a full-time employee for extra work now being done and planned for the 1955-56 fiscal year.

A total of \$1,000 was deleted from public works director and civil engineer. That amount will be charged to the airport paving fund. Other deletions in engineering included \$100 each for mileage for inspections and out-of-town travel, and \$500 for miscellaneous equipment.

The license collector will be placed on a part-time basis for the year, at a saving of \$2,145 in the finance department.

Deletions from the fire department totaled \$6,235, which included \$2,800 for an automatic recording switchboard, which would have given Medford's alarm system full credit on fire insurance ratings.

Other deletions in fire department included \$775 in salary adjustments, \$500 for volunteers, \$250 for supplies, \$440 for schools and conferences, \$320 for hose, \$400 for general repairs, \$550 for additions and betterments, and \$200 for nozzles.

Duff said the deletions in hose allotments leave only enough to replace hose lost in a recent downtown fire. Nozzles damaged in the fire will be sent to the factory for reconditioning instead of purchasing new nozzles.

Volunteers are paid \$2 per meeting and \$4 per fire when called for a general alarm such as the recent Medford Furniture company fire at Bartlett and Sixth sts.

Some \$11,435 was deleted from general administration, including a city manager's salary raise of \$1,600. Duff's city manager salary remains at \$5,200.

Other deletions in general administration include \$1,968 from administrative aide, \$2,727 from street lights, \$1,500 from mosquito control, \$1,200 from employee's life insurance, and \$2,440 from equipment.

The street light deduction will eliminate installation of high intensity lights in business district fringe areas, on East Jackson st. near the new Junior high school, and on South Riverside between Boyd and 12th sts. The deletion also eliminating replacing old

type lights with higher intensity lamps in residential areas.

The \$1,200 was Medford's share in paying half the cost of employees term life insurance, and the \$2,440 in equipment was principally for a duplicator which needs replacing.

From the library book fund, \$1,000 was deleted, and \$5,500 was deducted from the planning commission, which was to be used in cooperation with Jackson county in development of planning.

A police patrolman will be temporarily dismissed because of a reduction of \$3,390 in department salaries. Other deletions in police department include \$145 from prisoner meals, \$650 from gasoline, \$150 from hospital funds, \$100 from alarm system

repairs, \$1,200 from funds for sending an officer to federal bureau of investigation academy, \$25 from equipment, and \$600 from radar.

The hospital fund is for emergency treatment of injured and sick persons apprehended by police.

Some \$750 was deleted from the sewer department for general foreman, an amount which was added to the street department and which will be paid from street funds. Other sewer department deductions included \$2,000 for a flat bed truck, and \$1,000 for construction of a shed in which to store equipment.

Deletions in sewage treatment fund included \$1,000 from machinery repairs, \$400 from elec-

tricity, and \$850 from betterments, the latter including replacing sand in sludge beds.

From the traffic department, \$7,000 was deleted, eliminating installation of new traffic signals. Another \$200 was deducted from signal repair funds, \$150 from equipment, and \$800 from radar.

The \$800 from radar, along with \$600 from radar from the police department, eliminates the proposed purchase of radar equipment which would have been used in traffic counts and speed control by police.

Duff said, "The emergency year because some items are cut fund may be called on more this pretty thin." The emergency fund totals \$10,000.

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