

Benson in Belated Confession Farm Program is Bust, Sen. Morse Says

Medford Officials Outline Manager Plan at Ashland

Ashland — Medford's experiences with the city manager form of government, which was adopted in January of this year, were outlined here this week by three Medford officials.

Speaking at a meeting of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce were Mayor Earl Miller, City Manager Robert Duff, and D. L. Flynn, president of the League of Oregon Cities and former Medford mayor.

"We still have headaches in Medford," Duff told the meeting, "but at least the city council members have been relieved of some of their since the inauguration of the new form of city government."

Duff declared that city government today is a "complex business demanding business methods. He noted that under the manager plan, the council is responsible for making policy decisions, and the manager is the coordinator responsible for making policy decisions, and the manager is the coordinator responsible for making policy decisions."

Mayor Miller stated that, in Medford, the manager plan is still in the experimental stage. Under the manager setup, the overlapping jobs of treasurer and recorder were abolished, and will eventually be combined in a financial department, Miller said.

Flynn warned that "A city manager is not a cure all." "The elected representatives of the community must still be held responsible," the LOC president declared. Flynn expressed confidence in the mayor-council city manager plan, and declared that results in the state have been "most successful."

CPA Firm Opens Medford Offices

A Medford office of Rodolph, Zamsky and company, certified public accountants, has been opened at 210 Levee building, L. C. Watrud, formerly with the state tax commission's Medford office, will be in charge of the local office.

The firm also has offices in Klamath Falls. The three partners in the business, Rollin P. Rodolph, Adolph Zamsky and Anthony Molatore Jr., all certified public accountants, will operate out of both the Medford and Klamath Falls offices.



RETIRING FROM ARMY, Col. Percy Thompson, 56, maternal grandfather of Dwight Eisenhower II, is aided in preliminary bookwork by daughter, Mary (left) and Mrs. Thompson after he enrolls at University of Florida. (International)

Oregon Tourist Trade Shows Small Increase Over Previous Year

Salem — Results of the 1955 tourist survey, recently completed by the highway department's traffic engineering and travel information divisions, indicates that there was a slight increase in the travel business for the past year.

The survey shows that 1,031,125 foreign licensed cars, carrying an average of three people per car, spent over \$127,000,000 in Oregon during the year. This is an increase of 1 1/2 per cent over the 1954 travel business figure, when visitors spent an estimated \$125,000,000.

Most From California As in past year, California supplied Oregon with the largest number of visitors, followed by Washington, Canada, Idaho, Texas and Illinois, in that order.

Although the time spent in Oregon decreased from 6.8 days in 1954 to 6.2 days during the past year, the business total was kept high due to the fact that there was a 5-plus per cent increase in the total tourist traffic. Also the daily expenditure per person increased from \$5.54 to \$5.68 in 1955.

The number of miles driven by each car was 601 this year as compared to 644 last year. This coincides with the decrease in "days spent" factor and also to reports by other states. With very few exceptions, the surveys of other states showed a tendency on the part of travelers to

see as many major attractions as possible while on their trips. This shortened the length of stay and number of miles driven in one particular state or area.

More Campers The survey shows a slight increase in the number of campers and a slight increase in the number of people traveling in each car.

This year's tourist survey was completed during the first three weeks of August at 17 points of departure from the state's tourist areas and took into consideration only those persons spending three or more days in the state.

Rain, Hail Storms Sweep Over Oregon

Portland — (U.P.) — Rain, hail and lightning storms swept over Oregon yesterday and last night to herald the start of the fall rainy season.

One power substation and three high tension lines were struck by lightning in Portland, causing power interruptions in several parts of the city.

Strong winds accompanying the storm forced loggers in the Cannon Beach area to clear out of the woods because of the danger of falling limbs. Power in the area was out for some time too.

Oregon Democrat Leads Indication Of Campaign Issue

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse said today that Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson has made "a belated confession that the administration farm program is a bust."

The Oregon Democrat made the comment on Benson's promise yesterday to recommend something "very specific" to Congress to prop up falling farm prices. Benson did not indicate what he would propose.

Morse's dig at Benson came as Democrats showed signs of making the drop in farm income a major 1956 campaign issue and Republicans admitted it was one of their most vulnerable points.

Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.) charged that Republicans were "trying to rewrite history" to beg votes next year by "denying" President Eisenhower in 1952 pledged to support farm prices at 90 or 100 per cent of parity. GOP National Chairman Leonard W. Hall said Douglas was talking "bunk."

Parallel To Twenties In another development Chairman Harold E. Cooley (D-N.C.) of the House Agriculture Committee warned at East Lansing, Mich., that falling farm prices in the midst of prosperity elsewhere present an "exact parallel" to the situation in the late 1920s which led to the depression.

Benson acknowledged that he is not satisfied with present farm prices, but he stuck by the administration's flexible price support program. He said it did not cause the present farm crises.

Morse said Benson's promise to come up with specific recommendations on farm income "is belated confession that the administration's farm program is a bust. Many farmers know it is busting them."

Government Payments

Although he did not disclose the proposals he will submit to Congress in an effort to end the farm price-cost squeeze, Benson did say his department is studying a plan for government payments to farmers for taking land out of production.

He also said the government is considering a pork buying plan to help hard-hit hog farmers.

Morse told newsmen he is "convinced that American farmers are not going to be fooled again in 1956 by politically motivated pronouncements from the reactionary Republicans who control the Eisenhower farm policies as they were fooled in '52."

Congressman Warns On Colorado Measure

Long Beach — (U.P.) — Rep. Craig Hosmer, (R-Calif.), says Utah will "grab the lion's share of Upper Colorado loot," if congress passes the Upper Colorado River water project bill.

Hosmer, in a speech before the Rotary club yesterday, charged Utah had "invigorated her sister states of Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico to join her in a monumental treasury-raiding scheme which they will forever regret if it succeeds."

He said the project's "direct and hidden cost would mire the U.S. Treasury in untold billions of new debt and trample California's water rights."

SUGGESTION PAYS OFF

Grand Island, Mich. — (U.P.) — The head of an inspection shift at the Cornhusker Ordnance plant here suggested a tool for use in work at the plant that is saving the government some \$69,590 per year. Orville Lessor, the shift head, got \$295 as an award for his suggestion. The tool strengthens the lips of damaged rocket motors.

Court Records

POLICE COURT Charles D. McBeth, Robert E. Norcross, Naomi Lucille Heizer, and Ray Melvin Huson, violation of basic rule, \$10 each. Barbara Ann Fogal, no operator's license, \$5. William Marvin Grubbs, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT Reuben Jay Arnold, failure to operate on right side of highway, \$6. Sidney H. Sanders, operating logging equipment without first having obtained a permit, \$55.

Al Gilhouse, violation of basic rule, \$15. Marvin H. Ball, overload, \$141. Bernard William Jungwirth, overload, \$125.

Marie Louise Nork, no motor vehicle license, \$5. William Edward Short, no operator's license, \$5.

Robert Mattes, operating motor vehicle while driver's license suspended, \$50.

CIRCUIT COURT Ethel Bernice Mauritsen vs. Lynn Carl Mauritsen, divorce complaint.

Ethel D. Eggers vs. Rolfe Virgil Eggers, divorce complaint. Donald E. Warner vs. Alma Warner, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS Frank Kittredge Moore, post office box 67, Camp White, and Ann N. Murrah, 45, of Tacoma, Wash.

Rollin Benjamin Dexter, 46, of 1021 West Ninth st., Medford, and Ileana June Freeman, 28, of 1021 West Ninth st., Medford.

Grants Pass Man Hurt In Gold Hill Accident

L. J. Fritch, 36, Grants Pass, was in fair condition at Community hospital today after being injured in an industrial accident at Gold Hill, according to hospital attendants. He was taken to the hospital by Medford Ambulance service.

Fritch was injured at about 1:15 p.m. yesterday. Ambulance attendants said he was working at Jeddell Brothers plant in Gold Hill. The man received an electrical shock, they said, and fell 20 feet from a ladder to a cement floor.

Fritch is being treated for hip injuries, according to hospital attendants.

Five More Greenlease Bills Discovered

Chicago — (U.P.) — The bill-by-bill check of incoming money at the Federal Reserve bank here has turned up five more \$20 bills from the missing \$300,000 of the Greenlease ransom payment.

The new bills, found yesterday, bring to 21 the number discovered in the Federal Reserve Bank here and to 31 the total number of bills found throughout the country.

FBI Agent Donald S. Hostetter, in charge of the Chicago office, said investigators are not yet ready to identify the areas from which the bills came to the reserve bank.

Missing is half of the \$600,000 Robert C. Greenlease of Kansas City paid two years ago for the ransom of his son, Bobby, only to discover that his kidnapers, Carl Austin Hall and Mrs. Bonnie Heady, had previously slain the child. Hall and Mrs. Heady were executed.

Three Hospitalized After Car Mishaps In Jackson County

Three people were hospitalized yesterday following Jackson county automobile accidents, according to state police.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Nicewood, 1015 East Fourth st., were taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance service following an accident on Jacksonville-Phoenix highway at about 1:30 p.m.

Nicewood, 70, was the driver of a car involved in a collision with a vehicle operated by Herbert Neil Merriman, 28, of route 1, box 364G, Medford. Merriman was cited for following too close.

Treated for Shock Both Mr. and Mrs. Nicewood were treated at the hospital for shock.

In another accident, Mitchell Erving Jones, 44, San Antonio, Tex., received rib injuries when his car went out of control and rolled on Highway 99 near the Josephine county line. He was taken to Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass by Hull ambulance.

Jones told officers he was forced to swing his car onto the shoulder of the highway to avoid an oncoming car in his lane of traffic. Jones' car went out of control on the soft shoulder, crossed the highway and then rolled over, he said.

Cars Collide In a third accident, cars driven by Betty Jean Robertson, 27, of route 1, box 391, Central Point, and George B. Little, 71, Central Point, were involved in a collision at the intersection of

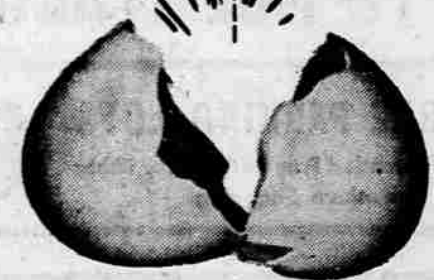
Mason Ehrman rd. and Highway 99, north of Medford, at about 7:10 p.m. yesterday. Damage to the cars was minor and no injuries were reported. Little was cited for failure to yield right of way.

FLOWERING TOUR Providence, R.I. — (U.P.) — The Rhode Island Development council has mapped a 50-mile mountain laurel and rhododendron tour. The tour includes almost the entire southern Rhode Island coast.



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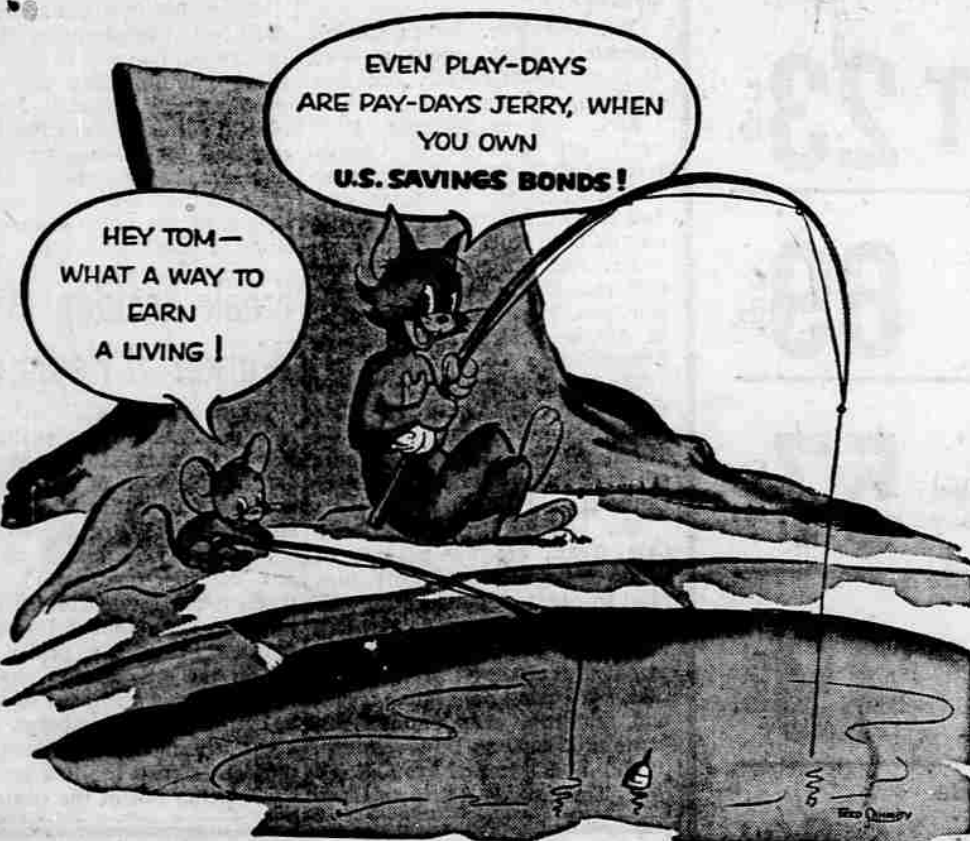
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