

BLAST CRUMBLES FRANKFURT APARTMENT HOUSE

Council Calls for Election Jan. 16 On 2 Annexations

Annexation elections in two areas adjacent to Medford will be held Monday, Jan. 16, 1956. The elections were called by the Medford city council last night after Medford residents appeared at a public hearing to express an opinion on the proposed annexation.

The areas include an "island" of three and a half blocks just north of Verde Hills subdivision in Siskiyou Heights extension, and about 1,200 acres southeast of the present city limits. The "island" was created recently when individual properties were annexed by petition from landowners.

Larger Area
The larger area generally extends from the southwest corner of Hillcrest rd. and Foothill rd. south, east to the west side of Murphy rd., then south to Barnett rd. The proposed boundary continues in a southerly direction to include Barneburg hill, where a subdivision is planned, then following property lines to the east side of Ellendale dr. to just south of Barnett rd. It goes east to Bear creek and follows the creek north to the present city limits. (See map on page 5.)

The election was set for Jan. 16 to give unregistered voters ample time to register and provide time for legal publications. City Attorney Frank Farrell said.

Registered Voters
Residents living in the proposed areas must be registered at least 30 days prior to the election, he pointed out. All registered voters in the areas are

Hearing On PT&T Expansion Slated

A public hearing on a proposed expansion of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company facilities in Rogue Valley will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20. Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel announced today.

The hearing will be held in the county court room here. The company recently announced plans for expansion of toll-free dialing in Jackson county. The proposed expansion affects service in Medford, Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Gold Hill, Central Point and Jacksonville.

Included in the proposal is consolidation of the Phoenix and Talent exchanges with direct dialing to Medford, Ashland and Jacksonville.

J. H. Creager, manager, said the tentative effective date for new service is February, 1957. The company will be required to appear at the hearing and show that proposals as outlined are in the public interest.

M. M. Huggins To Be Honored at Dinner

M. M. Huggins, United Medford Crusade chairman this year, will be honored at a dinner Friday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m., in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel.

The gesture is a voluntary one on the parts of the campaign workers in appreciation of Huggins' "outstanding leadership in this year's crusade," those in charge pointed out. The workers will pay for the dinner and none of the campaign funds will be used, they explained.

They also expect that they can announce that the drive this year has "gone over the top." The goal is \$109,000 and at the present they have \$102,414 in contributions. Several divisions have not yet reported and some special gifts also are to be reported.

Road Conditions

Siskiyou—Chains not required; one inch new snow; highway sanded; 18 inches snow roadside.
Green Springs—Chains not required; one inch new snow; highway sanded; 7 inches snow roadside.
Prospect—Chains not required; spots of ice reported.
Highway 62, Crater Lake National Park—Chains or abrasive snow treads required.
Anne Springs to rim; chains advised on Highway 62; five inches new snow; present depth 70 inches; skiing fair.

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Weather

FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness tonight with rain late tonight. Partial clearing with showers Thursday. Low tonight 35-38. High Thursday 45-55.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 51
Lowest this Morning 33
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today .16

17 Bodies Removed From Debris; Others Believed Victims

Long Buried Bomb Suspected in Disaster

Frankfurt, Germany—(U.P.)—A newly built apartment house collapsed in a nightmarish pre-dawn explosion early today. Police feared the blast killed 25 to 28 persons—most of them refugees from Communism.

Seventeen bodies had been brought out of the wreckage eight hours after the blast and officials said there was little hope for those still trapped in the debris. Seven persons were hospitalized with injuries.

The thunderclap explosion that sent the building tumbling down in splintered ruins came while the occupants were asleep. Building Raised in Air

A total of 32 persons lived in the house, most of them refugees who had only recently moved in from a settlement in nearby Idstein. Three overnight visitors also were reported in the building.

The explosion came at 5:35 a.m. It lifted the building in the air, caused the walls to collapse and sent the roof and upper floors cascading to the bottom.

There was no fire. The collapse of the roof, walls and upper floors snuffed out whatever flames may have resulted from the explosion.

The house, completed three months ago, was inspected and approved by local housing authorities only yesterday.

Believe Old Bomb
Some rescue workers said they suspected a buried bomb left over from World War II might finally have gone off to cause the disaster.

The building stood in an area near the railway freight station, a prime target for Allied bombers during the war. More than 300 German police and emergency workers were joined by 50 U. S. Army Engineers in rescue efforts.

Five Defendants In Circuit Court

William Martin Mattson, 32, of 208 Beatty st., was sentenced in circuit court today to two years in Oregon State penitentiary on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling.

Four other men were given suspended sentences and the trial of another was continued pending psychiatric observation. Mattson was charged with the Nov. 28 burglary of the University club, 218 West Sixth st. One bottle of whiskey was stolen.

Three Years Suspended
Edward Clark, 34, of 629 Holly st., was given a three year suspended sentence on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Clark was charged with the falsification of an invoice for the sale of beer.

Ralph Donald Hyler, 36, Crater Hotel, was sentenced to two years, and Bob Orville Barton, 34, 132½ Almond st., was sentenced to three years on separate charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. Both sentences were suspended.

Lendell Carl Buttram, 18, Shady Cove, was given a two year suspended sentence on a charge of burglary. Buttram was charged with the burglary of O.K. Rubber Welders, 1760 North Riverside ave., Oct. 24. Sentencing of George Frederick Christman, 21, of 30 North Front st., who is charged with burglary, was continued pending psychiatric observation. Christman pleaded guilty Dec. 5.

Testimony by Wolf Read at Hearing

Portland—(U.P.)—Testimony given by confessed bomb-slayer Victor Lawrence Wolf at the McMinville trial of Marjorie Smith was read today in the second day of a hearing to determine the penalty Wolf will pay for the slaying.

Charles E. Raymond, Wolf's co-counsel, was in the witness chair reading Wolf's McMinville answers from the transcript which ran 275 typewritten pages. Reading of the testimony was expected to take most of the day.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones closing stock averages: 30 industrials 486.35 off 0.38; 20 railroads 164.94 off 1.44; 15 utilities 65.93 off 0.17, and 63 stocks 173.62 off 0.59.

Salem—(U.P.)—Albert W. Blankenship, 52, Salem, died last night, after he was struck by a car during a heavy rain here.

Howard Morgan Charges Illegal Use of Airplanes Flights To Medford Come Under Attack

Portland—(U.P.)—Charges by Oregon Democratic Chairman Howard Morgan that the office of the governor had made illegal use of Air National Guard planes drew heated denials today from Gov. Paul Patterson and State Senate President Elmo Smith of John Day.

Morgan yesterday dispatched a letter to Secretary of the Air Force Donald A. Quarles asking an investigation into the use of Air National Guard planes by the governor's office. He reported to the secretary that on Aug. 13, 1955, a National Guard plane landed at Medford with Smith as its only passenger and that Smith went directly from the Medford airport to a Jackson county Republican picnic to make a partisan speech. The plane later carried Smith to Portland, according to Morgan.

Letter Follows Reports
His letter followed reports that Quarles would stop unauthorized use of Guard planes by the Governor of Alabama.

Referring to the Medford flight, Smith said today, "If Morgan would get over his floundering investigationitis he would know that National Guard flight officers are required to put a certain amount of time in the air. I was advised by the state guard at the time that such a training flight was available."

Smith recounted that he had been called to Salem from John Day on state business and that otherwise he would have been able to meet his Medford commitment with his own transportation.

Used Twice by Governor
Federal regulations stipulate that Guard planes may be used by governors, lieutenant governors and adjutant generals only on Guard or federal business. Smith serves as governor in the absence from the state of Gov. Patterson.

In Salem, Gov. Patterson said he had used the Guard plane twice in the three years he has been in the governor's office. He said one of those occasions was to address an AFL convention in Medford and an American Legion convention in central Oregon the same day. The other time he used the plane was to attend a National Guard review in Boise.

Said Patterson, "If Mr. Morgan considers that excessive use of the National Guard plane, he is privileged to draw that conclusion."

Objections Listed On SP Speed Limit

Mayor Earl Miller last night requested that a letter be directed to Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel objecting to speed limits of trains through Medford.

Mayor Miller reported he has received a copy of the commissioner's train speed order. Speed limits fixed in Medford are 35 miles per hour at the Stewart ave., 11th st., Fourth st., Third st., Jackson st., Clark st., and McAndrews rd. crossings, a 10-mile-an-hour speed limit was set for the Main and Sixth st. crossings.

Mayor Miller said he thought the 35-mile-an-hour limit at 11th st. was excessive because the crossing is dangerous at present. The speed limits were set by commissioner after hearings were held recently. Medford was not represented at the hearing, although Mayor Miller said he had favored representation.

Monument Dedicated to Pearl Harbor Dead Erected on Anniversary of Sneak Attack

Honolulu—(U.P.)—The first monument to all the Navy men who died during the Pearl Harbor attack was dedicated here today on the 14th anniversary of the Dec. 7th sneak assault.

This ceremony and a 15 minute memorial observation conducted by Navy personnel aboard the sunken battleship, Arizona, in the placid waters of Pearl Harbor were the only events to mark the day in 1941 which gave the United States its

battle cry of "Remember Pearl Harbor" in World War II.

The Navy club unveiled the memorial—a simple bronze plaque mounted on a two-ton lava rock on Ford island within a stone's throw of "Battleship Row" where Japanese planes concentrated their heaviest attack and killed more than 2000 Navy men.

The plaque weighs about 200 pounds and depicts a woman symbolizing peace holding a

ship and a palm leaf above this inscription:

"In reverent recognition of divine guidance and to eternal memory of those who gave last full measure of devotion to their country this monument is dedicated humbly to their sacrifice in defense of our freedoms."

The Navy club bought the plaque with voluntary contributions from its members throughout the United States and territories. Club National Commandant Charles R. Topp, Davenport, Ia., headed a delegation of about a dozen members here for the dedication.

The dedication ceremony was held one hour after a brief Navy memorial service on the superstructure of the Arizona where 1102 crewmen have been entombed since the attack. For the past several years, the Arizona memorial service traditionally has been the only Pearl Harbor anniversary observance in Honolulu.

Yanks Held in Berlin



HEADING TOWARD WHITE HOUSE, big South Dakota Christmas tree is inspected in Chicago by Henry K. Moench (left), Burlington Railroad and George Kelly, U.S. Forest Service. Tall evergreen will be set up on White House grounds in Washington. (International)

E. German Police Say Two Caused Disturbance

Berlin—(U.P.)—The East German Radio said two American soldiers were arrested by Communist police today in East Berlin.

The broadcast, quoting East German police, said the soldiers were drunk and knocked out an East German cabaret actor. But it came at a time of new tension in the divided city where the West fears a new Communist blockade of Berlin.

Would Shove Allies Aside
Announcement of the arrest came as West German Mayor Otto Suhr said a British agreement to let East German Communists issue permits for barge traffic to West Berlin would "shove the Allies to the sidelines."

Suhr said the British action would aid the Soviets in their campaign to transfer authority to the East one Communist government for carrying out four-power agreements on Berlin.

The East German Communists already had seized upon the British foreign office statement as "proof" the Reds control all the lifelines to isolated Berlin. The Allies contend control is vested in the United States, Britain, France and Russia.

Nixon Presents Aviation Trophies

Washington—(U.P.)—Vice-President Richard M. Nixon today presented the Harmon International Trophies, among the top awards in aviation, to a Marine reservist and a Navy pilot for outstanding accomplishments in flight during the past year.

The "Aviator" Trophy was presented to Marine Lt. Col. James F. (Skeets) Coleman, an engineering test pilot for Convair Division of General Dynamics Corp. Coleman received the award for piloting the vertical rising and landing "Pogo Stick" airplane, Convair's Navy VFY1, in the world's first vertical take-off and landing flight in November, 1954.

The "Aeronaut" or lighter-than-air trophy went to Navy Capt. Marion H. Eppes, an airship pilot. Eppes commanded the Navy airship ZPG2 in a record eight-day 3000 mile simulated anti-submarine patrol in May, 1954.

Portland—(U.P.)—Starting next Monday left and right turns at 18 downtown Portland intersections will be banned during the day to speed flow of Christmas traffic.

15 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

Help Fight TB
Buy Christmas Seals

Ike Finds Economy in Good Shape

Gettysburg, Pa.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower examined the national economy today and found it in good shape.

The President spent almost two hours going over the latest economic indicators and prospects with his top economic advisers.

School Bonds Sold To U. S. National
School bonds totaling \$45,000 were sold last night by the Griffin Creek school district to the Medford branch of the United States National bank.

The bonds, which are to be retired at the rate of \$3,000 per year over a 15-year period, were sold to provide funds for the construction of three new classrooms. The bank's bid of 2.8148 per cent interest rate was low.

New class rooms, which will accommodate 90 additional students, will be constructed at a right angle at the south end of a wing added to the school in 1952. The new rooms will raise the total student capacity to 275. There are now 272 students attending the school.

'Racing Front' in Multnomah Charged
Portland—(U.P.)—Indignant residents of the community known as Wood Village met face to face with Multnomah county commissioners last night and accused them of making the proposed new county fairgrounds a "racing front."

The eastern Multnomah county town of 1200 persons has filed a petition in Circuit court seeking to restrain the commissioners from building a fairgrounds in their midst. Wood Village claims that a dog racing plant would be deleterious to the town's growth.

Commissioner M. James Gleason told the villagers that the county could take the 170 acres of property optioned as a fair site by eminent domain but he said it preferred not to operate that way.

Other county officials said there would be objections no matter where the county proposed to build its fairgrounds. Under present plans, space would be rented to Multnomah Kennel club for its annual dog racing meets similar to those formerly held for years at Multnomah stadium on Portland's west side.

"Yes, sure."
Mr. Eisenhower is working on a series of messages he will send to Congress in January.

He called from Washington his top economic advisers, Arthur F. Burns and Gabriel

Boy's Torture Story Declared To Be Hoax
Cleveland, O.—(U.P.)—A high school junior's story that he was kidnapped, chained to a tree and set afire by three teen-agers was branded a "hoax" today by police.

The youth, Earl R. Fryman Jr., was in poor condition with burns over 85 per cent of his body.

Last night, he stumbled into Fairview Park hospital asking help. He was naked, and dragged a 12-foot tree branch. A chain that held it to his body was padlocked.

Police found the key to the lock this morning at the Metropolitan Park "torture scene" a mile from the hospital. They said the discovery proved Fryman's story was a hoax.

Corvallis—(U.P.)—The Johnsons have taken away from the Smiths the title of the most common name at Oregon State college. A fall term name count showed 59 Johnsons and 57 Smiths.

Attlee Announces Resignation as Head Of British Labor Party After 20 Years

London—(U.P.)—Clement Attlee, the "giant-killer" of British politics, has announced his resignation today as leader of the British Labor Party.

Attlee, who whipped Winston Churchill in the 1945 elections, followed Churchill into retirement by only eight months. He had served 20 years as party leader, six of them as postwar prime minister.

Attlee announced his retirement dryly and without drama at the opening of a meeting of Labor members of Parliament. Then he sought the privacy of his office in the house.

Attlee's resignation signaled the jumpoff of a crucial three-way fight for his job as Labor Party leader, a post that makes its holder prime minister when the Laborites win an election.

Hugh Gaitskell, the staunchly pro-American economist who is a leader of the party's right wing, was favored today to win the party leadership in balloting expected within a week.

His chief opposition lay in Aneurin Bevan, the left-wing firebrand and "America hater" and in right wing veteran Herbert Morrison. But Gaitskell was the heavy favorite.

Medford Stores Will Remain Open for Shopping Until 9 o'clock Tonight