

Ike Planning Announcement by End of Month Offer Through-Street Plan

Proposed 10-Year Program Will Cost About \$1,656,100

Alternate Plan From Recent Traffic Survey

A plan for a 10-year through-street program in Medford was presented to the city council last night.

It calls for a less extensive and less expensive system than that proposed earlier. The council voted to forward copies to the Medford planning commission, but withheld action pending a state highway commission decision on location of a proposed freeway in the Medford vicinity.

Expenditures Stated

The proposal calls for expenditures totaling \$1,656,100 over 10 years, with some 10 per cent of the project being completed each year once started.

The plan is an alternate to the state highway commission's 25-project program costing an estimated \$10,870,000, of which the city would have to pay \$4,130,000. The plan was submitted by the highway commission in September, 1954.

City Manager Robert Duff said the basic highway commission plan was used in preparing the alternate plan, which was prepared to reduce the overall cost to a feasible plan for the city.

Among the major changes is elimination of a long railroad underpass and 66-foot pavement at 10th st. between Grape st. and Central ave. Duff estimated savings of about \$768,200 on constructing a grade crossing with 44-foot pavement.

Other Modifications

Duff said other streets have been modified to save right of way costs and moving of buildings. Several street widths have been reduced from 66 feet to 52 feet with parking prohibited during peak traffic hours.

Duff noted that there are advantages to an underpass over a grade crossing at the 10th st. location, but added "the advantages do not seem to justify the greater expenditures for an underpassing at least for a number of years."

One of the major items on the alternate plan is a Main st.-Eighth st. couplet instead of a Main st.-Sixth st. couplet. Duff noted the new proposal costs about \$59,330 more than the original highway commission plan, but he said there are several advantages of the Main st.-Eighth st. couplet.

Advantages Listed

This couplet would go from Riverside ave. to the west city limits, with an additional railroad crossing and east-west street, create less damage to property on West Main st., eliminate several left turn movements on and off West Main st., and cause less damage to the city park, Duff said.

It would extend across Riverside ave. and Bear creek to connect with Main st. near Hawthorne st.

Duff noted that the same general priority as first recommended is followed in the modified plan, and variations from the original priority have been based on the estimated 1970 traffic volumes.

The new plan was prepared by Vernon Thorpe, Medford traffic engineer.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 471.23, off 5.33; 20 railroads 156.51, off 1.76; 15 utilities 65.26, off 0.33; and 65 stocks 167.75, off 1.72. Sales today were about 2,170,000 shares compared with 2,060,000 yesterday.

Fulfillment of Blood Quota Seen In Appointment List

A total of 361 persons had made appointments up to mid-morning today to give blood this afternoon during the visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile.

Delighted Red Cross workers were hoping to obtain 300 pints from the donors—figuring the usual number of rejects and "no-shows"—or 50 more than the quota. If this hope is fulfilled, it will be the first time in many months Medford will have met the quota.

Shady Cove Success

In Shady Cove yesterday, 213 persons appeared and 179 pints were obtained. No quota had been set, but state blood bank officials said it would be a "good showing" if 100 pints were collected.

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Flood Survey Bills Slated in Congress, Meeting is Told

First Major Step Seen in Action

Grants Pass—Bills will be introduced into the house and the senate this week to authorize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete surveys of water use in the Rogue basin, Victor Boehl, Grants Pass, announced yesterday.

Boehl made the announcement at a meeting of representatives of organizations interested in flood control.

President Eisenhower has authorized the allocation of an additional half-million dollars for disaster area relief in Oregon, Congressman Harris Ellsworth advised the Mail Tribune this morning. The money is in addition to the sums already allocated for flood relief and rehabilitation in areas stricken by the late-December floods.

Congressman Ellsworth said Gov. Elmo Smith has been advised of the additional allocation.

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Important Step

Boehl said the bills, to be introduced by Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) and Congressman Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.) represent the first important step toward flood control.

Representatives of 45 organizations in Jackson and Josephine counties which have endorsed a resolution asking for a corps of engineers survey leading to flood control met at Grants Pass to formulate plans for a permanent flood control organization.

The group adopted the name "Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association" and selected a nominating committee of seven men to choose 24 nominees from which a board of directors consisting of 16 men will be elected at the next meeting.

Committee Named

Those on the nominating committee are Ralph Moore and Donald Cameron, both of Grants Pass; Miles Williams, Shady Cove; Harold Gebhard, Central Point; Fay I. Bristol, Rogue River; Larry Cushing, Illinois Valley; and Dr. Edward Chance, Rogue River.

A motion was adopted providing anyone could suggest nominees to the nominating committee by writing to any of the members before the election to be held next Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Redwoods hotel.

It was suggested that the board of directors include about an equal number of men from both counties, with representatives from the county courts, city governments, Granges, soil conservation districts, sportsmen and businessmen.

Bulletin

Philadelphia—(U.P.)—Connie Mack, baseball's grandest old man and for generations the greatest name in the game, died today. He was 93.

Salem—(U.P.)—Warden Clarence T. Gladden has accepted the resignation of Al Richardson as food manager at Oregon state prison.

Councilmen 'Too Busy'; Return Television Set

Because Medford has a busy city council, councilmen last night decided to return a television set which had been donated by KBES-TV so the council could watch a popular program Tuesday nights.

Mayor pro-tem John Snider pointed out that "because the council is busy, it does not have an opportunity to use it for the purpose for which it was intended." For that reason, Snider suggested the set be returned, "with thanks."

The council obtained the set after it passed a resolution asking the sponsor of the Sergeant Bilko program to change the time of the program for the convenience of the council. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to the sponsor.



RECORD SNOW PARALYZES SOUTHWEST—Two unidentified youths stroll past unused parking meters in Amarillo, Tex., where a record five-day blizzard left up to 29 inches of snow on level ground and drifts several feet deep. At least 30 persons have died in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico from the storm.

County Officials Tell Worry Over Dangerous Rodenticide Poisons

County officials have voiced their alarm concerning the unrestricted use of a powerful rodenticide, 10-80, which has resulted in the deaths of a number of dogs in this area recently.

County Sanitarian Robert Hart said today that a pest control firm is using 10-80 in local stores and on dumps and other property throughout the area, to control rodents. State and city police also are investigating reports of inadvisable use of the poison.

Such practices are against recommendations of the state and county health departments, Hart said, and present a serious public health hazard.

The poison has no known antidote, and under present practices it is entirely possible that a youngster or unknowing adult could suffer serious effects from the substance. A nerve gas developed during the war, it requires only a small amount to be fatal.

Although a state law prevents sale of 10-80 in Oregon, purchase of the poison has been made from outside the state and at the present time there are no legal restrictions on its use.

Precautions Taken

Precautions have been taken by the company which makes it unlikely that persons might come into direct contact with 10-80 in the stores, Hart stated, as it is placed in small containers which only the rodents can enter.

Dogs either get the bait directly through another source, or chew an affected rodent. Although 10-80 has not been proved dangerous on contact alone, it is deadly if it enters the bloodstream, according to Hart.

He explained that other poisons, not so dangerous to other animals, can be used for rodent eradication. Warfarin, a common rat poison, provides little danger of injuring other animals, he said.

It is expected that a statement requesting legislation banning use of the rodenticide in Oregon will be presented at the March 1 hearing in Medford of the legislative interim committee.

Al Sarena Hearings Ended by Committee

Washington—The long-drawn-out Al Sarena hearings are over unless Sec. of Interior McKay requests a congressional investigating committee to hear him in the case.

The joint house-senate committee probing the issuance by the interior department to Al Sarena Mining company of mining patents on claims in the Rogue River National forest, voted today.

To permit McKay to testify if he expresses a desire to do so. An aide told the committee he would do so upon his return from the funeral of Gov. Paul Patterson.

To keep the record open for 10 days for the inclusion by any committeeman of documents or other material relating to the case.

To terminate the hearings and proceed to work on a report of findings of the hearings, which began in Portland last November and have spluttered along intermittently since.

Washington—(U.P.)—Assistant Air Force Secretary Travor Gardner has submitted his resignation in protest against administration research policies.

City Bus Lines Plan To Eliminate Non-Rush Traffic

Declining Revenues Given as Reason

Evergreen Bus lines last night notified the Medford city council the company proposes to restrict city operation to "rush" hours only starting Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Ralph B. Matthews, manager of the line, said the restricted service "will be feasible only if a sufficient number of passengers in addition to students, continue to use the service." He said buses will operate between 7:15 and 9:15 a.m., and between 2:15 and 6:15 p.m. daily under the new schedule.

Maintain Routes

Present bus routes will be maintained during those hours, he said. The new schedule eliminates all Saturday service, he said.

Evergreen operates bus service on two routes in Medford. One serves the east side extending to the country club, and the other operates southwest of the downtown area.

Matthews said a survey of passengers using the service showed an average of 14.9 persons during each hour of operation in October last year. During November, there was an average of 14.2 persons; in December it was 15, and last month 11.6.

"This is exclusive of school children riding on reduced rate school tickets," he said. The average revenue per passenger during the four months ending Jan. 31, this year, was "slightly in excess of 14 cents," he said.

24 Needed Total

"If operation of bus service on the present routes and schedules is to continue," Matthews said, "revenue equivalent to 24 full fare (not school) passengers per hour of operation will be necessary." He noted that the figure is more than twice the number of passengers using the bus during January, and a 60 per cent increase over the December number of persons.

On a monthly basis, Matthews stated, "the difference between actual revenue and that required amounted to approximately \$360 per month for December, the best month, and \$430 per month during January, the poorest."

"Evergreen Bus lines cannot afford to continue operation of the city service on the present basis," he added, "unless some means for obtaining the additional revenue can be worked out in the very near future, restriction of service to 'rush hours' appears to be the most promising course."

Matthews pointed out that the problem of public transportation within cities is not peculiar to Medford. "Declining revenues and increasing cost of public transportation have forced many transit companies to seek some means which would either increase revenue or reduce expense of operation," he said.

Matthews noted that increased fares in many cities provide additional revenue, but said increases do not appear probable here because of additional loss of passengers. He noted that fares here have increased once since the company started service 10 years ago.

Fares here have increased from 10 cents a ride or three tokens for 25 cents to 15 cents a ride or 10 tickets for \$1.25. School fares have increased from 10 rides for 60 cents to 10 rides for \$1, he said.

Matthews noted that increased fare would be "highly desirable from the standpoint of the community as well as that of the bus company." He said use of the private automobile, and increased facilities by private firms for parking have contributed to the decrease in patronage.

Train Abandonment Hearings Scheduled

Salem—(U.P.)—Public hearings on the Southern Pacific's abandonment of passenger service to Ashland last August will be held March 13 and 15, the public service commission has announced.

The March 13 hearing is scheduled to be held in Roseburg and Medford will be the site of the second day's proceedings.

At the hearings Commissioner Charles Heltzel will determine if the railroad company is providing reasonably adequate service to the area.

Decision Will Be Determined by Health Condition

Statement Planned At News Conference

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower told a news conference today that he thought he would be able to announce his decision on a second term by the end of this month.

Mr. Eisenhower made it clear that, in coming to a decision, he will be guided by whether or not he feels he would be sufficiently healthy to carry on the burdens of the presidency. In any case, he said, he will never go out barnstorming.

Affection for Reporters

He also said his present inclination is to make his announcement at a news conference because he has come to develop a deep affection for his meetings with reporters. But he said that if a lengthy explanation might be necessary, that might be another matter.

Mr. Eisenhower was asked how he feels after a month of fairly full scale presidential activity. He replied that at times he feels more tired than before his illness. But he added with a grin that maybe is just a sign of advancing years. He is 65. The doctors, he went on, say that his clinical record is splendid.

Asked About Warren

Mr. Eisenhower was asked a series of questions about the possible availability of Chief Justice Earl Warren as a Republican presidential candidate. He said there were many ways Mr. Warren could be a candidate and the Chief Justice would encounter no opposition from Mr. Eisenhower.

Mr. Eisenhower said, however, that he did not think it would be appropriate for him in case he decides not to run again, to ask any other Republican to make the race.

Deplores Negro Riots

To do so, the President said, would imply that he could win the election for another man.

Other news highlights at Mr. Eisenhower's meeting with reporters:

1. The recent riots involving a Negro student at the University of Alabama are deplorable.

2. He conceded that Russia might be ahead of this country in some aspects of the development of guided missiles, but he thought the United States is ahead in other areas. He said he thought this country's guided missile program represents the best possible effort of American scientists.

3. He has not yet completed his reply to the latest letter from Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin. He wants to continue the exchange of correspondence with the Russian leader on the theory that this country should never take the position of blocking any available avenue to peace, no matter how tiny.

Asked About Plans

4. He will do everything within his constitutional powers to prevent an outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East.

5. As far as he knows, his brother, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, president of Pennsylvania State University, has no political ambitions.

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Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Thursday with valley fog tonight and Thursday morning. Low tonight 27. High Thursday 55.

Highest Yesterday 46
Lowest this Morning 24

January Unemployment Up; Improvement Is Predicted

Unemployment in Jackson county last month increased 26 per cent over December, and was up 12 per cent over a year ago January, according to John J. Patton, manager of the Medford employment office.

Patton noted, however, that 138 persons were placed in employment last month, indicating "the generally optimistic spirit of most employers in this area and the resulting effort on their part to keep things going."

Work Shut Down
He said heavy rains throughout the month forced shut downs in several logging operations and log shortages reduced or stopped work in other mills. "The total amount of unemployment resulting from this was less than had been expected," Patton said.

THORNTON, SMITH SPEAK AT DINNER

The 1956 political struggle between Democrats and Republicans will be a battle of beliefs between "socialism and Americanism," Dan Thornton, former governor of Colorado and advisor to President Eisenhower, said last night.

Thornton and Gov. Elmo Smith spoke at a county Republican Lincoln day dinner in the Jackson hotel.

Thornton repeated a statement made Monday in Klamath Falls that he was sure President Eisenhower would win re-election.

Gov. Elmo Smith indicated to reporters at a press conference yesterday afternoon that he is strongly considering entering the race for the governorship this fall. When asked if he would be a candidate he replied, "I don't know. I haven't made up my mind yet." But under repeated questioning he said, "Certainly I'm not to be counted out of the picture."

When asked when he would decide, he replied, "I'm well aware of the filing date."

however would run for re-election. He said his belief is based on the fact that the president's health continues to improve and that Eisenhower was not a man to step out of a "job half done."

Press Conference

In a press conference before Thornton's speech he told reporters he believes it would be better for Eisenhower's health if he continued in the presidency. He suggested that the let-down

Norblad To Seek Governor's Post; Newby Eyes Seat

Salem—(U.P.)—Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) today announced he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor as political fires, ignited yesterday, continued to burn brightly.

The Oregon representative is the first Republican to seek the office now held by Gov. Elmo Smith.

Yesterday, Portland attorney Lamar Toozee revealed he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator. Toozee had said before the death of Gov. Paul Patterson that he would run if Patterson didn't. If nominated, he would face Democratic Sen. Wayne Morse.

Might Challenge Morse

Also involving Morse was the report that Circuit Judge Donald E. Long of Portland might challenge him for the Democratic nomination for senator.

Multnomah county sheriff Terry Schruck raised some sparks when he said he was very much interested in running for governor on the Democratic ticket in competition with state Sen. Robert D. Holmes, choice of many Democratic leaders.

Newby Considering

Norblad's announcement was followed by a statement from Secretary of State Earl T. Newby that he is "seriously considering" running for the Congressional seat Norblad would vacate.

Newby must retire from the Secretary of State's post since he has held it as long as statute allows for consecutive terms. He has said he would remain active in public affairs. Although a registered voter in Ashland, where he has business interests, Newby has resided in Salem for the past eight years. He is 55 years old.

Land Available for Detention Home

Medford city attorney Frank Farrell last night was instructed to prepare a deed for about two acres of land near the county shops to go to the county for a juvenile detention home.

The city council received a request from the county court last night for the land, which is located between property owned by Dr. Charles W. Lemery and the county shops just south of Barnett rd.

The court said it had considered several properties in the valley, but only the city property was considered accessible.

County Judge J. Rodney Keating this morning expressed the court's "sincere appreciation for the council's action." He said he hoped the move would enable the county to begin preparing the site for sewer and water facilities soon and complete surveying. Plans and construction could then be considered, he said.

Funds for construction of a detention home were voted by the county in 1954.

Medford Gets \$71,288 In Highway Revenues

Salem—(U.P.)—State highway funds totalling \$2,883,475 for the six-month period ending Dec. 31 were apportioned today to cities in Oregon.

Bulk of the money went to Portland which received \$932,114. Apportionment is on the basis of 10 per cent of highway revenues from registrations, gasoline taxes, fees and fines.

Other cities included: Klamath Falls \$59,406, Medford \$71,288.

following completion of a strenuous job is often more detrimental than continuing.

Thornton gave blanket endorsement to Republican foreign policy. "I thank God we have a president and a secretary of state," he said, "who have pulled us back from the brink of war three times. . . I can think of at least three presidents who did not pull us back from the brink of war—in 1916, 1941 and 1950. I, for one, hope we continue to have a president and a secretary of state who will pull us back from the brink."

Governor Smith, in a speech immediately preceding Thornton's expressed regret over the death of the late Gov. Paul Patterson. He said he considered it a tremendous honor to be governor and that he would try to live up to the standards set by Governor Patterson.

Smith said he was a strong believer in local government at city, county and state levels. "Only by having good government at the local level can we have good government at the top," he said.

Smith, a short, heavy-set man who spoke slowly and carefully, said that the best tribute Republicans could pay Governor Patterson would be to dedicate themselves to the task he had begun.

Thornton spoke bitterly about what he called socialistic encroachment into the Democratic party. He referred to Democratic "brainwashing" and socialistic indoctrination of school children and college students.

Democratic Candidate

The Democratic candidate for the presidency, he said, will not come from the south but from the "socialistic leadership" as represented by Averill Harriman and Adlai Stevenson, and would have the endorsement of the labor bosses.

Thornton declared that the failure of socialism might clearly be seen in Great Britain and in the fact that the only two areas in the United States where there is a power shortage are in the Northwest and the Tennessee valley, areas where the federal government has developed extensive electrical power projects.

"It is time we stopped apologizing for being a capitalist in this great capitalistic nation," Thornton said. He stated that capitalism has made this country the greatest on earth and that the Eisenhower administration has proven that it continues to be the best way of life.

A crowd of about 265 people began the Lincoln club meeting by singing a verse of America. The Rev. Raymond W. Hurn gave the invocation. David Frohmayer, Medford High school speech student, recited Lincoln's Gettysburg address, in keeping with the theme of the meeting. Officers and guests were introduced by Lincoln Club President Donald B. Whalin who acted as chairman.