

Congress Indicates Generous Mood on Public Road Spending

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Washington — Congress gave its first indication this past week that it is in a generous mood on public works spending — a sign that augurs well for the multitude of Pacific Northwest projects listed in President Eisenhower's budget.

The signal came from the House of Representatives, traditionally the more frugal of the two houses when it comes to government expenditures. By an overwhelming majority the House beat down an attempt to cut back on flood control planning funds for a score of eastern projects.

Debate on the issue indicated that this year many eastern lawmakers will reverse their customary tendency to try to whittle down the amount of money that is annually appropriated for projects in the West. For this year they have a good many projects at stake themselves.

Urgent Projects
At issue was a request from President Eisenhower for funds for urgent projects in the Northeast, particularly the areas hard hit by last summer's floods — New England, New York and Pennsylvania. The House Appropriations Committee, in sending the bill to the floor, had recommended that it be trimmed down by some \$3,000,000.

Rising to oppose this committee action was one easterner after another, Republican and Democrat alike, each extolling the virtues of river control. Capping the chorus of voices that called for the full amount was Rep. Joseph W. Martin, the Republican leader from Massachusetts.

"President Eisenhower believes not only in assistance for New England, but also for the people of California and other sections of the country that have been grievously hit by storm and flood," declared Martin.

"I am surprised that there should be any opposition to this bill which is tagged in its title as an urgent bill and which is here at the request of the president of the United States," added Martin.

Supporters Outnumbered
The few who supported the committee were so badly outnumbered that they didn't even call for a show of hands, much less a roll call vote on the question.

While this was a relatively minor appropriation bill compared with the major public works bill that will come up later this spring, it drew bipartisan support from every section of the country.

And while it was of greatest importance to Northeastern congressmen who are frequently the

leaders in economy moves aimed at western public works development, these same lawmakers will have much at stake in the big civil functions appropriation bill which contains funds for their projects as well as those for the Pacific Northwest.

The indication, then, is that Congress will quite likely go along with most or all of the administration's budget requests for new resource development projects.

Of principal concern to the Medford area are the budget requests concerning funds for construction of the Talent division of the Rogue River irrigation project and rehabilitation of existing forks. The president asked \$2,400,000 to start work on Talent and \$585,000 for improvements.

Spring Festival Set In Josephine County
Grants Pass—The second annual Spring Festival, to be held at the Josephine county fairgrounds May 5 and 6, will be open to entries from Jackson county residents, it was announced recently.

The festival will include commercial booths, with the accent on do-it-yourself displays, flower show, hobby show and an art show.

The hobby show will have sections for metalcraft, rug-making, leatherwork, ceramics and a miscellaneous division.

The Spring Festival this year will be held in conjunction with the sixth annual Rabbit Show, sponsored by the Southern Oregon Rabbit Breeders' association.

The festival is sponsored by the staff of radio station KUIN, Grants Pass. Personnel of the radio station decided last year there was a definite need for a spring show in Josephine county and decided to go ahead with plans to stage and sponsor it, according to General Chairman Lee Boner, KUIN farm director and Josephine county fair manager.

Singler Elected Head Of Gasoline Dealers
Bill Singler was elected president of the Rogue Valley Gasoline Dealers association at a meeting at the Medford hotel Wednesday. John Russell was elected secretary-treasurer.

Members of the board of directors, who represent various gasoline and oil firms, include Cecil Martin, Gene Roethler, Dick Kaye, Sandy Sanderson, Jim Hopkins, Doug Ashman, Earl Read, Kenneth Wald and Ward Samuelson.

Meetings of the organization are held the fourth Wednesday each month.

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Observer Corps Observes Second Anniversary Here

The Medford Ground Observer post celebrated its second anniversary recently, and was commended for its activity in the Western Air Defense force.

Walter G. Andes, air force captain and state coordinator for GOC, said in a letter to the post: "The Medford observation post is without a doubt one of the top ones within the Western Air Defense force."

During the anniversary open house, Sgt. C. C. Poulson and Mrs. Lucile Brock, chief of the post, explained the purpose and activity of the post.

Watch Expands
The GOC post here started two years ago under the direction of the Moose lodge. Since then, the watch has expanded to 24 hours a day, and is manned by about 200 volunteers. The Medford post is the only 24-hour post in the southwestern Oregon area.

An average of about 2,000 reports are turned in each month by local watchers.

Personnel manning the post is made up of members of the Moose lodge, Seventh Day Adventist church, the First National Bank of Portland, Medford branch, about 40 junior and senior high school students, office workers, clerks, sawmill workers, contractors, county shop workers, orchardists, housewives, mothers, grandmothers, and various professional people from the valley.

The post is located at the corner of McAndrews rd. and West Jackson st.

Civil Service Exams Announced Recently
Several civil service examinations have been announced to fill vacancies or to establish registers to fill future vacancies.

The commission announced an urgent need for chemists, mathematicians, metallurgists, physicists and electronic scientists in the Washington, D.C., area. Vacancies are in various federal agencies.

Examinations also were announced for position classifier in various agencies in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington, and for accounting clerk for agencies in the Washington, D.C., area.

Examination for career-conditional appointment of fourth class apprentice have been announced. Positions to be filled are in the Puget Sound area with the Navy. The commission pointed out that the examinations will establish a register to fill future vacancies.

Additional information concerning various examinations is available from Chester W. Silliman at the Medford post office building.

Ten O&C Tracts Sold In Oregon Last Month

Portland — Ten tracts of O and C and one tract of public domain timber were sold in Oregon during January, according to Virgil T. Heath, bureau of land management supervisor for Oregon.

A total of 15,859,000 board feet of O and C stumpage in BLM forest districts sold for \$611,724.14 at oral bids in Lane, Douglas, Jackson, Linn, Polk and Benton counties. One public domain tract with 203,000 board feet in Baker county sold for \$8,288 at oral bid.

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Included in 13 tracts of O and C timber to be sold in February are three which will be sold from the Medford office Feb. 16. The sale includes 1,674,000 board feet. There also is one tract of public domain stumpage with 120,000 board feet for sale Feb. 16 at Medford.

Army Engineers' Film Available To Groups

Portland—An Army corps of engineers 29-minute film showing progressive construction of Detroit dam on the North Santiam river in Oregon is available for clubs, schools, and other interested groups, the Portland district office has announced.

The film includes Big Cliff reregulating dam, part of the Detroit project, about 49 miles east of Salem. The pictures illustrate how Army engineers handle an engineering problem involving major construction in a confined area.

The film is available from the division engineer, North Pacific division, 210 Custom house, Portland 9, Ore.

Sweepstakes Winner Theme Is Pirates

Ashland—The theme of the grand sweepstakes winner of the window displays in Jackson county for Boy Scout Week was Pirates and Pirate Waters, which was displayed in the Parkview Department store here. The winner was Pack 114 of the Ashland Belview Walker Parent-Teacher association.

O. L. Wright is cubmaster for the group, and the seven den mothers include Mrs. G. W. Ward, Mrs. Orus McGee, Mrs. Paul Retter, Mrs. J. B. Reedy, Mrs. Ralph Sikes, Mrs. Ed Holgrave, and Mrs. V. L. Goodrich.

Columbia River Dam Bids To Be Opened

Ephrata, Wash. — (U.P.) — Bids for construction of the Priest Rapids dam on the Columbia river will be opened March 12, Glenn Smothers, manager of the Grant County Public Utility District, said Saturday.

Smothers said low bidders will have 1,900 days to complete the job after July 1. An estimated 38 contractors have had preliminary plans and contract information in their hands for several weeks.

The dam will have eight generators of 75,000 kilowatts capacity each. The overall length will be 8,835 feet and its maximum height will be 175 feet. The project will include fish passages and navigation provisions.

Study Junior College Possibility In State

Salem — (U.P.) — A committee of 12 Oregon educators appointed jointly by the State Board of Education and the State Board of Higher Education to study establishment of junior colleges in Oregon held its first meeting here Friday and named Clyde H. Beard, principal of The Dalles high school, chairman.

Dr. Cliff Robinson of Salem, director of secondary education for the State Department of Education, was chosen secretary.

Findings of specific projects assigned at yesterday's meeting will be reported to the committee at its next meeting, March 23, in the Portland state office building.

Portland — (U.P.) — Some local pilots said Friday that recent fog on the Columbia river was the worst in their memory.

Nine vessels were held up at various points between Portland and Astoria Thursday because of the fog. Several others delayed sailing. The fog has both-ered ships all week.

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Plan Formation of Medford Barracks

An organizational meeting for a Medford barracks of Veterans of World War I will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

All World War I veterans and their wives are invited, according to Grants Pass Barrack Commander Lee S. Turner, who is in charge of the meeting.

Others assisting Turner are Harry Tannehill, Charles Kretschmer and Elmer E. Curry, all Grants Pass barracks members.

Turner described the main objective of the group as seeking pensions for veterans over 60 years of age. The organization has 550 barracks throughout the United States. Camp White barracks No. 14, is the only one in Jackson county at present. There are 32 others in the state.

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Central Point Grange
The third and fourth degrees were given at the last meeting of Central Point Grange Feb. 3. Helen Johnson and Don Johnson were the candidates from Central Point, and Phoenix Grange brought two candidates.

Honored guests introduced were Herb Carlton, Pomona master; Mel Lattie, master of Phoenix Grange; Pomona HEC Chairman Mrs. Olin Poe, and several other members of Phoenix Grange.

A grand march mixer preceded the refreshments. The tables were decorated in the valentine motif.

The next regular meeting is to be held at 8 p.m. Feb. 17. The lecturer, Delmar Smith, has arranged to have the new county home demonstration agent, Joanne Weatherford, give the program. Miss Weatherford's subject is to be "Home Beautification." Demonstration slides will be shown.

A good attendance is expected as many have not met the new agent, and this will be a good opportunity to become acquainted.

The serving committee will be Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kunzman, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn.

Phoenix Grange
The next meeting of Phoenix Grange will be Tuesday, Feb. 14. The program will be at 8 p.m. Mrs. Frank Perl will show pictures taken during her recent trip.

The regular Grange meeting will follow.

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