



CHECK PRESENTED—Weldon Kline, president of the Medford Rotary club, presents Eugene Thorndike, member of the board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce...

Chamber Directors Schedule Special Meeting Thursday

A special meeting of the board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will be held at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, to discuss taking a stand on location of a new freeway for Highway 99 in this area.

The board at its regular meeting this morning voted to hold the special session after Paul Rynning, chairman of the chamber's highway committee, gave details of the four proposed routes, and suggested that the board should have some time to study them before taking any position.

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Implications of Annexation Are Discussed At Special Meeting

About 75 residents of the Berrydale district, which has been proposed for annexation to Medford, last night discussed with city officials and council members questions concerning legal and financial implications of annexation at a special meeting in the city hall.

The Medford city council called the annexation election earlier this month after petitions with more than 330 names were submitted to the council asking annexation. Residents of the district will vote Nov. 6 on the annexation proposal.

City officials called the special meeting after William Doernbach, 143 Mace rd., who said he was representing some property owners in the Berrydale district, told the council at a previous meeting many residents in the area signed the petition requesting annexation believing the petition was for a new sewer system, not for annexation.

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Duff said the method of assessment used for a sewer system in the southeast Medford district, and which possibly could be used in Berrydale, would be on an acreage basis for the sewer lateral at the expense of abutting property. Duff added that "a master plan" for the Berrydale district would be premature at this time.

Bashaw said the planning commission is considering an agricultural zone for the district, but that it is still in the formative stage. In regards to zoning, Bashaw said that no new zoning regulation could have any effect on existing conditions in the district, but are intended only for future use. It would be unconstitutional, he said, to have a zoning regulation which would require a person to sell his cows or change his property.

Two accidents were reported to state police yesterday afternoon and last night. Vehicles operated by Fred Alloysius Heideman, 20, of 805 Cherry st., Medford, and Paul Herbert Phillips, 45, of Fourth and Rose sts., Medford, were involved in an accident at the intersection of Hilton rd. and Highway 62 about 7:30 p.m. yesterday, police said.

Phillips was accompanied by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Thomas Grigsby of Eagle Point. Police said they all suffered minor injuries. Police said the accident occurred when the Heideman vehicle which was traveling south slowed to make a right turn onto Hilton rd. They said the Phillips vehicle struck it in the rear. Phillips was cited for violation of basic rule, police said.

A car operated by John Eugene Cox, 37, of Chico, Calif., and a Trailways bus operated by Mancel C. Smith, 54, of Sacramento, Calif., were involved in a minor accident on Highway 99 at Stewart ave. intersection about 3:30 p.m. yesterday. Police said the bus skidded on wet pavement when it attempted to stop at a red light. The Cox vehicle was stopped in front of the bus.

The Kiwanis club's annual United Medford Crusade project of selling programs at the Medford-Klamath Falls football game will be held Friday night. Proceeds from selling the programs goes to the UMC.

The programs include a history of both Klamath Falls and Medford High schools, information concerning coaches of each team, and information about players for the teams. Included in the programs are pictures of players and diagrams of some basic football plays as well as explanations of referee's signals.

This is the third year that programs have been sold by the Kiwanis club as a United Medford Crusade project. The club alternates between Klamath Falls and Grants Pass games with Medford in the project.

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Salinas, Calif. — U.P. — A jury Wednesday night found John P. Kruse of St. Paul, Minn., guilty of first degree murder in the slaying of Anne Shay, a Connecticut coed.

The jury of seven men and five women recommended leniency. That means the 21-year-old Army cook will be sentenced to life imprisonment. The jury also returned a verdict of guilty on a rape charge. Kruse will be sentenced on Oct. 25.

Kruse was accused of raping and assaulting the 20-year-old coed while on a date in Monterey, Calif., last July 28.

Wilmington, Calif. — U.P. — A merchant seaman recently accused of beating longshore chief Harry Bridges in the San Francisco Bay Area, escaped death today when five bullets were fired at him, police reported.

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SIGN LANGUAGE is used by members of Jack Heustis family, Lakewood, Cal. Anna Mae (left), 4, speaks only Korean. Joann (right), speaks only Japanese. They were adopted by Heustis while he was stationed in Japan with U. S. Navy. "We just love one another in sign language," said Mrs. Heustis.

Scripps-Howard Endorses Ike-Nixon

New York — U.P. — The editors of all Scripps-Howard newspapers have endorsed the Eisenhower ticket.

An editorial in the New York World-Telegram & Sun today said that the editors had been polled and that the decision to support the Republican ticket for the reelection of President Eisenhower and Vice President Richard M. Nixon was unanimous.

The editorial said that Mr. Eisenhower's first four years in office have been better than it expected. "We don't pretend that Ike is any Don Larsen who has pitched a perfect game," the editorial said.

Stevenson Pleased By Alaskan Results. Portland — U.P. — Adlai E. Stevenson expressed delight yesterday over the outcome of the election in Alaska.

When he arrived here by plane from Seattle, the Democratic presidential candidate told an airport crowd of several hundred persons that he was happy to learn that the Democrats carried Alaska, "two to one."

Grange Notes. Eagle Point Grange. A special historical program, and a talk by State Grange Master Elmer McClure will feature the Booster night program at the Eagle Point Grange Saturday, Oct. 13, at 8 p.m. All farmers, Grangers, their friends and the interested public are welcome.

Increased Aid Due For Drought Relief

Washington — U.P. — President Eisenhower today announced a program of increased aid, including allocation of \$5 million more in relief funds for farmers in drought-stricken areas.

The program also provides an increase from \$1 to \$1.50 per hundred pounds in the federal subsidy on feed grains sold by the government from surplus stocks to drought-stricken ranchers.

Mr. Eisenhower also said that western railroads have been asked to consider ways and means of helping farmers and ranchers in drought areas. This presumably would be through lower rates for shipment of hay and livestock from dry pastures to other areas for temporary feeding.

Oil Progress Week to Be Observed Next Week. Oil Progress week will be observed the week of Oct. 14 through 20, according to representatives of the Medford Oil Industry information committee.

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Democrats Leading In Most Races, Early Alaska Returns Show

Juneau, Alaska — U.P. — Returns in Alaska's general election trickled in slowly today with Democrats leading most major races in the territory's "barometer" balloting.

Alaskans went to the polls Tuesday to vote in 271 precincts scattered over the territory's 586,000 square miles. Main pre-election interest centered on the token election of two U. S. senators and one representative under an Alaska-Tennessee plan which would send the winners to Washington to slump for statehood.

Democrats held firm leads in two of those races but a Republican had edged out in front in the third by the slim margin of 181 votes with 130 of the territory's 271 precincts reporting. Republican John Butrovich of Fairbanks held a 9,503 to 9,322 edge over former Governor Ernest Gruening for one unofficial "Senate" seat.

Democrats were looking on the outlying "goose egg" districts which often take as long as three or four days to report to pull Gruening through. Those districts are normally Democrat strongholds.

Gruening was under heavy campaign fire by Republicans as a "part time Alaskan."

Even if he should win, he still faces a court suit filed by Republicans which claims his residence is in Washington, D.C., and not in Juneau, Alaska's capital.

In the other "senatorial" contest, William A. Egan, Valdez Democrat, held a firm 10,603 to 8,100 lead over his GOP opponent, Robert Atwood, Anchorage newspaper publisher.

For the unofficial seat in the House of Representatives Ralph Rivers, Fairbanks Democrat, was winning with a 10,330 to 7,947 margin over Republican Charles Burdick of Juneau.

Strongest Candidate. E. L. Bartlett, Democratic incumbent of the territory's non-voting delegate-to-Congress post, was showing the strongest pulling power among Democratic candidates.

Bartlett led Byron Gillam, an Anchorage Republican, by the substantial margin of 12,568 to 6,673.

Gillam had campaigned heavily in all parts of Alaska and climaxed his campaign through the territory with a series of debates with Bartlett. Gillam played heavily on an "excessive tax" issue while Bartlett emphasized that the Democrats were the "party of statehood."

and to get the accumulated stockpiles off farmers' backs." He said progress has been made along those lines in spite of opposition.

Wants Sound Preference. "I wish I could personally ask every farmer across the length and breadth of this great land whether he would prefer now to go back to the weary, worn-out bankrupt farm programs to which political opponents are trying to go back," Benson said, "and whether he wants the tighter and tighter controls they try to hide behind their backs but which are an unavoidable part of their program."

"Or, instead, would he choose to go forward with the sound and constructive efforts of this administration?"

Shah and Empress Not About To Split. Rome — U.P. — An official spokesman said today that rumors of an impending breakup between Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi and Empress Soraya of Iran were "spread by the enemies of our country."

"The Shah and Empress are very happy and very much in love," said Mahusine Ghatagzoulu, court chamberlain. He was particularly irritated by rumors that the Shah would have to repudiate his empress because she has not given him an heir. Empress Soraya is vacationing here.

Cool Air Moves Into East, West

By UNITED PRESS. Cool air dominated the weather over both the East and West coasts early today while the nation's mid-section warmed up.

A cool air mass covered the Eastern Seaboard from the New England states southward to the low freezing in many parts of the Mid-Atlantic coast states.

Cool Pacific air, meanwhile, invaded the Pacific Northwest, the northern Rockies and parts of northern and central California. Light rain accompanied the chilly air mass.

Southerly winds pushed warmer temperatures over the northern and middle Mississippi Valley. A few widely scattered showers and thunderstorms were noted in the warmer air through eastern Iowa and northeast Minnesota.

It still remained very cool in the Great Lakes region, particularly in the northern sector where readings were in the 30s. Grand Marais, Mich., however, reported a 21-degree reading early today.

Precipitation was expected today over the upper Mississippi valley, parts of the northern plains, the southern states and west of the Rockies. Elsewhere it was to be generally fair, with considerable cloudiness in the south.

State Forestry Man Walks Out To Safety. Coos Bay — U.P. — Elroy Carlisle, a State Forestry Department employee lost in the Elliott state forest park overnight walked out to safety yesterday afternoon after a large search party, aided by bloodhounds, had launched an intensive search of the heavily timbered area.

Cake To Be Served By GOP Here Saturday

In observance of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's birthday, a piece of birthday cake will be served to everyone stopping at the Republican mobile office on Saturday, Oct. 13, between 1 and 3 p.m. The day has been designated as "Ike Day" by the national Ike Day committee since his birthday, Oct. 14, is Sunday.

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Benson Urges Farmers To 'Vote for Sound' Administration Plan

Higginsville, Mo. — U.P. — Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson told farmers Wednesday they could vote either for the "sound and constructive" administration farm plan or go back over "that booby-trapped road" of rigid price supports.

Benson said rigid price supports don't give the farmer enough, in the long-range viewpoint. He said they fail to guard against "sharply declining prices and result in great surpluses, acreage controls and drive consumers away from price supported commodities.

Wants Sound Agriculture. "It seems incredible," he said, "that our political opponents would be so callous of farmers' welfare as to want to go back over that booby-trapped road again."

The agriculture secretary said the administration's chief objective for farm people is developing a "sound, expanding, prosperous and free agriculture."

He said net farm income will be up this year and "for the first time in over five years, the prices of farm products are looking up, with the prospect of getting better."

"We pull no magic rabbits from the hat," Benson told farmers here. "For three and a half years, we have been cleaning up the mess that was left behind, working to check the surpluses

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