



ROYAL PAIR—Linda Estramado, 3, and Harold Ellis, 6, were chosen king and queen of the 1957 Pear Blossom Festival yesterday. The coronation ceremony was broadcast over television station KBES-TV about 5:30 p.m. after judges made their selection. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Estramado of Gold Hill and Harold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ellis, 1924 Stratford ave., Medford. The youngsters will ride the royal float in the Pear Blossom Festival parade April 27.

District 6C Calls Election on Budget

Patrons of school district 6C will vote May 8 on a proposed budget totaling \$808,843. Polling places will be open between 2 and 8 p.m. at the Central Point Junior High school gymnasium, the Gold Hill school gymnasium, and the Sams Valley school. The proposed budget shows an estimated \$732,988 in the general fund and \$75,855 in the bond interest and sinking fund for the fiscal year July 1, 1957, through June 30, 1958. The general budget shows an increase of \$60,625 more than the \$672,363 budget allowance for the current fiscal year. **Total Estimated Levy** The total estimated tax levy is \$480,543 of which \$81,855 for bond interest and sinking fund is not affected by the 6 per cent limitation. Of the \$398,688 estimated tax levy for the general fund, \$101,237.62 is within the 6 per cent limitation and \$297,450.38 outside the limitation, according to budget committee members. The committee estimated the total mill levy would be 56.5, an increase of 6.5 mills more than the current levy. Of the millage increase, 3.5 mills are in the item for bond redemption and interest, the committee said. Excess Federal O and C funds previously allotted by the county to the district paid the item in the 1955-56 budget, and about one-half the amount in the present budget, the committee noted. The funds are not available for next year, it added. **Increased Costs** Items accounting for the other 3 mills in the increase are increased instruction costs, bus purchases, higher prices on materials and equipment, additional equipment and supplies because of increased enrollment, the committee said. Three additional teachers are provided at the intermediate level in the elementary schools, caused by advancement of a large primary grade enrollment, the committee said. The regular salaries of teachers show an increase from \$373,664 in the current fiscal year to an estimated \$406,042 next year. The increase, the committee said, is necessary to compete with other districts for teachers. An item of \$15,000 is provided for purchasing two buses. The district operates 17 buses at present, and several of them are more than eight years old, the committee noted. New buses will replace older buses, it added. **Buildings Valued** School district buildings are valued at \$2,136,000 and custodial care, insurance and maintenance and repair is a large item, the committee noted. A total of \$22,225 has been proposed for maintenance and repairs and \$69,010 for operation of plant. Members of the budget committee serving with the school board in preparing the budget were A. M. Setness and W. C. Higginbotham of Central Point, Frank Straus and J. W. Fitzgerald of Sams Valley, and Don Morrow of Gold Hill.

Four Bids Opened On Rehabilitation Work Along Canal

Four firms submitted bids for rehabilitation work along the main canal of the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts. Bids were opened this morning at the bureau of reclamation office at Camp White. The projects are construction of Osborne Wash siphon and three bench flumes near Brownsboro. Apparent low bidder was Ausland Construction company, Grants Pass, which submitted a total bid of \$113,461.50. The firm bid \$76,990 on the Osborne Wash job, and \$36,471.50 on the flumes. **Other Bidders** Other bidders included Harbor Construction company, Seattle, Osborne Wash, \$106,954, flumes, \$52,83, total, \$159,837; Chert Brothers and Sandkay Construction company, Ephrata, Wash., Osborne Wash, \$102,000, flumes, \$34,342, total \$136,342; and Engineering Limited Pipeline company, El Centro, Calif., Osborne Wash \$109,289, flumes \$71,349, total \$180,638. Engineer's estimates for the projects were \$81,000 for the Osborne Wash siphon and \$35,343 for the flumes, or a total of \$116,343. Bids will be forwarded to the Denver, Colo., of the bureau of reclamation for considering and contract awarding. The Osborne Wash siphon will be about 1,073 feet long and will eliminate a flume and about 11,500 of canal which at present has considerable seepage irrigation district officials said.

Weather

FORECAST: Showers over the mountains this evening with a chance of thunder storms. Variable cloudiness tonight and Wednesday with scattered light showers Wednesday. Low tonight 38, high Wednesday 60. **Temp.** Highest Yesterday 69 Lowest this Morning 36 **Our Skies Tonight** Sunrise 5:29 a.m. Sunset 6:54 p.m. Moonrise 9:38 p.m. Last Quarter April 21 **PROMINENT STAR** Regulus, high in south 8:36 p.m. **VISIBLE PLANETS** Mercury, low in west after sunset. Jupiter, high in south-east 8:04 p.m. Mars, sets 10:46 p.m. Saturn, low in south-east 12:13 a.m.

Schrunk Surrenders to New Indictment Charging Illegally Obtaining Tapes

Portland—(U.P.)—Mayor Terry D. Schrunk surrendered Monday to an indictment charging him with illegally obtaining tape recordings. One of Six Indictments The indictment was one of six returned Monday by the vice-probing Multnomah county grand jury. There were four arrests on the six indictments. Schrunk already faces indictments charging him with bribery and perjury. Also indicted were Clyde C. Crosby, Oregon Teamster na-

tional representative, Frank P. Malloy, business agent for local 223 of the Teamsters and Lew Cornelius, secretary-treasurer of local 162 and president of the Teamsters Building association. They were indicted on perjury charges and were freed on bail. The indictment against Mayor Schrunk stated that on May 17, 1956, when he was the sheriff of Multnomah county, he willfully and wrongfully obtained tele-communications of which he was not a participant. Schrunk was released on

\$1000 bail which a Circuit Court judge reduced from \$12,000. Schrunk previously had been charged with accepting a bribe from a former Portland bootlegger and with giving perjured testimony before the grand jury in connection with the alleged bribe. **Bribery Charge Denied** Schrunk, who was a recent witness before a Senate Rackets committee, has steadfastly denied the bribe charge. The bribery and perjury cases are pending in Circuit Court.

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Open Discussion On Tax Program Held by Committee

Giesy, Bristol Favor Sales Tax Revenue

Salem—(U.P.)—First open discussion of a tax program for the next two years was held by the House Taxation Committee here today with Chairman Clarence Barton asking Republican members of the committee for their ideas. Both Reps. Wayne Giesy, Monroe Republican, and Fayette Bristol, Grants Pass Republican, said their first choice as a revenue producer was the sales tax. **Would Broaden Tax Base** Giesy said a sales tax to raise some \$15 to \$20 million combined with lowering of exemptions on the personal income tax to raise another \$10 million would help make up for the \$30 million surplus that will be spent during the next biennium. Whether a sales or an increased income tax becomes the cornerstone of the tax program, Giesy said the tax base would have to be broadened. He said he couldn't favor a program that would eliminate any taxpayers. "Low income groups will have to help pay for overall state services," he said. **Property Tax Relief Wanted** Both Republican representatives said they wanted some property tax relief on the local level. Bristol said one of his main concerns was getting industry to the state and that industrial leaders he had talked to favored the sales tax. Giesy agreed with Barton that a sales tax, if it were introduced, would likely be increased in the future to raise more money. Democrats on the committee have favored increasing income taxes rather than applying a sales tax which they believe to be unpopular with the people.

Postal Money Voted

Senate Quickly Approves House Appropriation

Figure \$6 Million Short of Request

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate quickly approved by voice vote today a House passed \$41 million emergency appropriation to restore normal postal service. The action came a scant 10 minutes after the Senate met at noon and unanimously agreed to suspend its rules and take up the measure immediately. **Returned To House** The bill, carrying a total of \$49,861,000 for the Post Office and several other agencies, was returned to the House for concurrence in minor Senate amendments. The postal figure was \$41 million, \$6 million short of what Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield requested. Committee Chairman Carl Hayden (D-Ariz.), asked and got unanimous consent to suspend Senate rules and take up the emergency appropriation immediately. **Wants Ike's Signature** Summerfield, who cut back postal services drastically last Saturday, said he can not restore full service until the emergency bill is signed by the President. Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California and House GOP Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts told Eisenhower at a White House legislative conference that the appropriation might clear the Senate this afternoon and reach the White House tonight. **Faces Rough Session** Summerfield faces a possible rough session today when he appears before a public session of the House Post Office committee to plead for an increase in postal rates—a penny boost in three-cent stamps and six-cent air mail stamps and hikes in other mail costs. Although committee members said the squabble over his postal cutbacks would have little effect on his case for stamp price hikes, members were likely to question him closely on reasons for the postal curbs.

30 Per Cent Ratio Set for Assessments The Jackson county board of equalization this morning adopted a 30 per cent ratio for determining personal and real property assessments in the county. The ratio is the same for the current year. Under this ratio, assessed value of property will be 30 per cent of the true cash value. True cash value in the state of Oregon has been set at 70 per cent of the appraised value for both personal and real property. The board will meet on May 13 to consider requests from property owners for reviews of current assessments.

City Council to Consider Election The Medford city council today will consider calling an annexation election May 17 in the Berrydale area. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall. The council has indicated a public hearing would be held to give Medford residents an opportunity to voice an opinion on the proposed annexation. The council can either call a public hearing or an election within the city to determine opinion of Medford residents on such a proposal. Other council business today will include four public hearings. One is on a proposal to rezone an area in the vicinity of Black Oak drive and Barnett rd. from single family (class 1A) to limited commercial (class 3A). Other hearings are on rezoning property in the vicinity of Ellendale drive and Barnett rd. from single family to limited commercial. On a proposal to establish off-street parking requirements for limited commercial districts and on installation of a sanitary sewer on South Grape st. from Melrose to Stewart aves.

Jail Facilities Said 'Inadequate' Physical facilities of the Ashland city jail have been described as "inadequate" by the Jackson county grand jury. In a report filed last week, the grand jury said, "In our opinion the physical facilities of the Ashland jail are inadequate in that there is not sufficient room to house any inmates. This is particularly true of the cell for temporary detention of juveniles." The jurors stated, however, that conditions and operation of the Ashland jail appeared excellent. The grand jury, whose term extended from Jan. 21 to April 12, also inspected conditions at the county farm home, the county jail and the Medford city jail. The inspection tour was conducted March 6. Members of the jury said the farm home was found to be in excellent shape and the home appeared to be handled in a satisfactory manner. Conditions and operation of both the county jail and the Medford city jail were described as excellent. Selection of a new grand jury to serve for the next three months, was completed yesterday. Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—The Atomic Energy commission Monday rescheduled for 9 p.m. (P. S. T.) tonight its highly classified weapons test which was postponed several times last week.

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Ground Breaking Ceremony Construction of the Jackson county juvenile detention home got under way officially yesterday after ground breaking ceremony at the site near the new armory. Above, County Judge Rodney Keating moves the first shovel of dirt as County Commissioners Chester Wendt and Ralph James look on. The ceremony was attended by about 50 persons.

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