

Election Set May 20 On Proposed Budget For Ashland Schools

Ashland—The Ashland school board citizen's committee earlier this week approved a proposed 1957-58 school budget calling for an expenditure of about \$100,000 more than the budget for the current year.

The proposed budget totals \$913,801 for 1957-58, compared to an overall budget approved last year of \$814,050.

Reason for the higher budget proposal is due to increase teachers' salaries and planned administration building projects and site acquisitions, according to Dr. Howard Balderstone, superintendent of Ashland schools.

Election Scheduled
Ashland voters will consider the proposed budget at an election May 20.

Including essential expenses but excluding interest and principal on bonds, the budget seeks revenue to cover \$816,801 in expenses, Balderstone said.

This compares with \$710,624

in the 1956-57 fiscal year. Adding the bond interest and principal, comparable figures are \$814,050 in 1956-57 and \$913,801 in 1957-58, the superintendent said.

Increase Personnel

Balderstone said \$62,661 of the increased figure is reflected in the increased cost of personnel, including the addition of six full-time teachers and pay allocation for one half-time position.

An additional \$30,000 was asked in the budget for construction of administrative building facilities near the high school, and another \$10,000 for acquisition of building sites in that area.

Balderstone said that current offices on Main st. are unsatisfactory because of their remoteness from school facilities and because of the heavy incidence of street travel.

Legislative Briefs

Salem—(U.P.)—The Senate has voted to remove House bill 650, providing for suspension of public officials under indictment, from the Multnomah county delegation where it had been tabled.

The vote was strictly along party lines, with the 15 Republicans voting to take the bill from the delegation and the 14 present Democrats voting against it. Sen. Andrew J. Naterlin, Newport Democrat, had been excused to attend a funeral.

Sen. G. D. Gleason, Portland Democrat, charged the Republicans with a breach of faith. He said there had been an understanding by both parties that such a controversial issue would not be brought up when a member of either party was excused. Had Sen. Naterlin been present, and had he voted with his Democratic colleagues, the vote would have been 15-15 and the bill would have remained on the table of the Multnomah county delegation.

Salem—(U.P.)—The House passed two of three bills increasing rates and benefits under the workmen's compensation law a total of 19.9 per cent.

Vote on the chief bill was 41-18, over objections that the rate increase was too steep. A move by Republican Rep. Winton J. Hunt, Woodburn, to refer the bills to the Committee on Labor and Industries for further study failed.

Salem—(U.P.)—The joint Ways and Means Committee approved unanimously a budget calling for \$44,200,000 for higher education.

The budget calls for faculty salary hikes and increased student fees. State students will pay

an additional \$6 per quarter or \$18 for a full school year. Out-of-state students will pay \$11 more per quarter, or \$33 per school year.

Seven Area Students Apply for Institute

Application forms of the second annual Oregon State college junior engineers' and scientists' summer institute are now available at Medford High school for 10th and 11th grade students, according to school officials.

Sophomores and juniors from Oregon and southwest Washington high schools are eligible to apply for admission to the institute. The two-week session will be held June 9-22.

Seven science students at Medford High school have applied for enrollment in the summer institute and will receive notification of acceptance early in May if their applications are approved, school officials said.

Total per capita cost for the science-engineering orientation course is \$90. The fee includes board, lodging, tuition, field trips, supplies and other costs. Financial assistance is available to students who qualify.

Scientists of Tomorrow, a non-profit organization, is sponsoring the two-week summer institute.

BACK TO WORK

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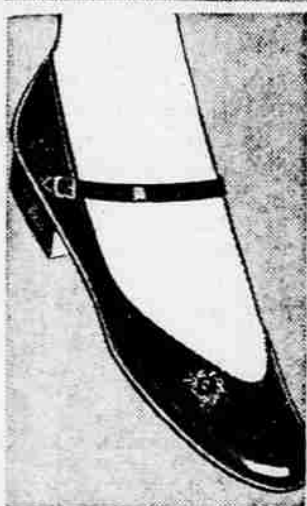


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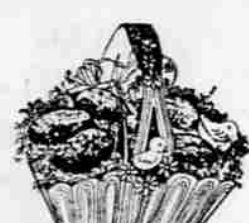
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