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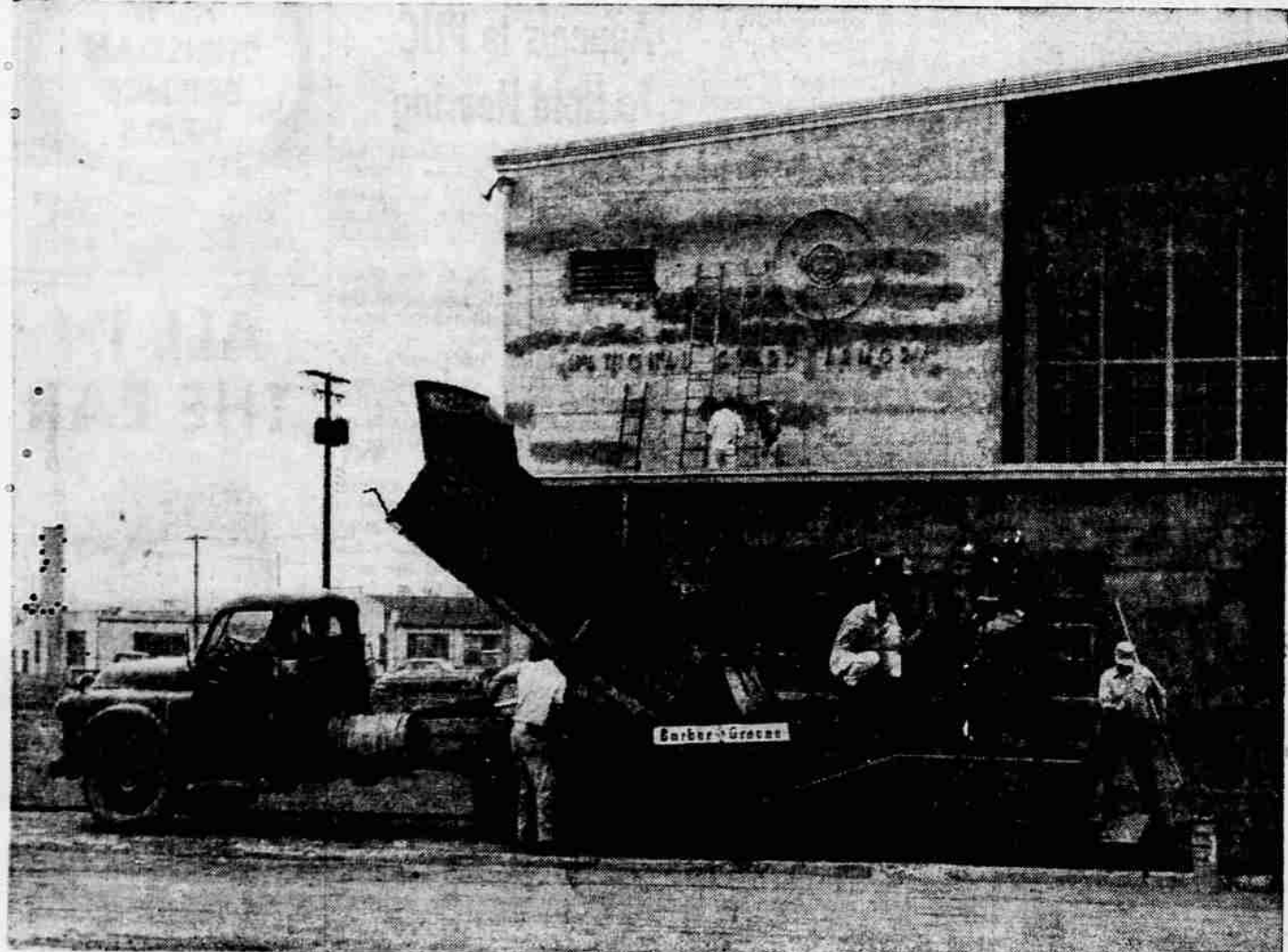
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FINISHING TOUCHES—The final preparations for the dedication of the new Medford Memorial Armory are being made this week. Shown above are workmen in the process of paying the parking area around the big new building at the fairgrounds south of Medford. The dedication will be next Saturday, May 25, when Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general of the Oregon military department, and Gov. Robert Holmes will be here for the ceremonies. A public open house will start at 7 p.m., and will include displays and demonstra-

tions of military equipment, including two Army helicopters. The ceremonies will be at 8 p.m., and will be followed by a free public dance, with music provided by the 234th Oregon National Guard band. The armory will house the two Medford Guard units, Headquarters company and Company A, a rifle unit, both part of the 1st Battalion, 186th Infantry regiment, 41st Division, the Oregon-Washington Guard division. (Kenn Knackstedt photo.)

Benny Hooper Suffering Pneumonia, Doctor Says

Joint Proposal for McAllister Road Is Approved by State
Highway Will Be on State Forest System

The state highway commission Friday accepted a joint proposal by the Jackson and Klamath county courts to place the McAllister Springs rd. on the forest highway system.

The commission's approval was given in Portland at a 15-minute meeting attended by Jackson County Judge Rodney Keating, County Engineer Paul Rynning, M. M. Huggins, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce president, Glenn Jackson, chamber member, Don McNeill, chamber manager, and the Klamath county court and engineer.

The McAllister Springs rd. extends from Eagle Point to Klamath Falls by way of Lake of the Woods.

Federal Funds

Action at Friday's meeting opens the way for the road to be constructed with federal funds under supervision of the bureau of public roads. After construction is completed, the state will maintain the road. It would be an all-weather, easy-grade road, eventually of a higher standard than the Green Springs route.

Before federal construction funds are appropriated, the road will be placed on the state secondary highway system. There has as yet been no indication when actual construction can get under way, although engineering surveys are expected to start late this summer.

Confirmation of the agreement will be sent to members of both Jackson and Klamath county courts for signature.

Commend Klamath Court
Local delegates to the meeting commended members of the Klamath county court for concessions they made to expedite the agreement. Among "stumbling blocks" to the project has been a disagreement concerning a 21-mile stretch of road from the McAllister Springs rd. junction to Ft. Klamath.

The Klamath county court, original owners of the stretch, have been promoting state maintenance of this road section. However, they agreed on Friday to withdraw this proposal and resume management of the road in order to reach agreement on the larger McAllister Springs rd. project.

Proposed County Budget Not Signed
One signature is still missing from the proposed 1957-58 Jackson county budget, it was reported Saturday.

Signing of the \$2,990,446.72 proposed budget for next year was scheduled for last Thursday. However, one member of the budget committee could not be reached that afternoon and still had not been contacted Saturday.

Committee members said they were hopeful the final signature would be on the budget Monday. Public hearing on the budget has been set for Monday, June 17.

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Election on Budget For County's Rural Schools is Monday

Residents of rural school districts in the county will vote Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. on the proposed 1957-58 county rural school budget of \$1,844,777.55.

The districts include Jacksonville, Griffin Creek, Ruch, Lone Pine, Talent, Rogue River, Applegate, Elk-Trail Prospect, Evans Valley, Shady Cove, Butte Falls, Pinehurst and Howard schools.

The total budget includes estimated operational costs of \$1,523,366.55; rural operating and emergency fund of \$47,961; and non-high tuition and transportation operating and emergency fund of \$273,450.

Estimated receipts for the year total \$544,359.54. Amount to be collected by taxation is \$1,300,418.01.

Within Limitation
Tax base within the 6 per cent limitation is \$213,603.37, which represents 16.4 per cent of the total amount to be levied and is the full amount the rural board can levy without voter approval.

School officials pointed out the first obligation on this levy within the 6 per cent limitation is the rural board operating and emergency fund of 2.52 mills. This leaves only 13.9 mills that can be levied within the 6 per cent limitation on the district budgets. In the event the rural levy should fail, the amount in excess would have to be raised by a special vote in each district.

Total estimated increase in mills is from 54.7 for the current year to 68.4 mills for the 1957-58 year. Of this total, loss of assessed valuation from withdrawal of area in the rural district causes a millage increase from 54.7 to 61.1.

The non-high budget accounts for 4.5 mills of this increase, it was explained. The current budget for the non-high is increased in the proposed budget by \$23,000. Officials said this budget increase is due to an anticipated enrollment increase of 14.1 per cent in 1957-58.

Salary Increases
Salary increases for the 1957-58 year amount to approximately 2.1 mills, covering the 208 teachers in the rural district. Some of the larger increases in the total levy were on the increased non-high budget, newly adopted textbooks, library and school bus operation. Costs have also gone up in many items such as school furniture, light power and fuel, it was noted.

School officials said, "On the whole, rural school boards have in the current year followed the policy of postponing items of maintenance, repair and equipment with the possibility in mind that legislation now pending would make some improvements in the school support structure. Bus purchases have been spread over two and three years on lease-purchase agreements. New textbook adoptions would cost approximately \$12 per pupil. Approximately \$7 per child was allowed in the current budgets and the balance deferred for the next budget."

Body of Unidentified Man Found at Vancouver
Vancouver, Wash.—The body of an unidentified man was found in a hobo jungle here Saturday and police said he had been beaten to death.

The man had been bound hand and foot, police said and he was naked except for a torn shirt.

New Meter Times Go Into Effect
A change in "working hours" for all parking meters in Medford will go into effect tomorrow.

Motorists will start depositing coins in the meters at 8 a.m. instead of 9 a.m., and will be required to make deposits until 6 p.m. instead of 5 p.m.

Time limits of about 50 parking meters in the city have also been readjusted from 12 minutes to 30 minutes. Rates on the former 12-minute meters are now changed to 5 cents for 30 minutes and 10 cents for an hour.

The changes are the result of a new parking meter ordinance recently adopted by the city council. City crews began readjustment of time limits on the 12-minute meters last week.

Weather
FORECAST: Partly cloudy and slightly warmer today and Monday. Scattered showers this afternoon and evening. High today 68-70, low tonight 46, high Monday 74.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 4:47 a.m.
Moonset Monday 12:04 a.m.
VENUS, the brightest planet, now sets shortly after sunset. For the next three weeks Venus will sink below the horizon a little later and a little further north each evening.

Boy Rescued from Well After Being Buried 24 Hours
Spot Found on Lung After Examination

Manorville, N.Y.—Seven-year-old Benny Hooper, who survived 24 hours of being buried alive in a backyard well, was found to be suffering from pneumonia late Saturday.

Dr. Joseph Kris said, after X-raying the boy, Benny had a spot of pneumonia on his right lung.

The boy was rushed to a hospital Friday night after he was rescued and was immediately placed in the oxygen tent in an effort to ward off pneumonia. He also was given shots of penicillin.

A tube which pumped life-preserving oxygen into the child, dark shaft throughout Benny's entrapment—and which despite sitting sand miraculously hovered less than an inch from his mouth—was believed by doctors to have kept the boy alive in what even the most optimistic feared had become a sandy grave.

Jacket Also Helped
Another fortune of chance—the billowing of Benny's jacket as he became wedged in the darkened well shaft—also helped save the life of the sandy-haired second-grader, doctors said. Miraculously, the jacket—worn because of an unseasonable chill—had created an air pocket, catching the potentially death-dealing sandblasts that occurred sporadically during 23 hours of frantic rescue operations.

The rescue was climaxed at 7:31 Friday night when a 38-year-old Negro construction worker, Samuel Woodson, braved a cave-in 25 feet below the surface and freed the half-conscious boy from his trap.

From the pit of the emergency crater, came the cry of Dr. J. H. Kris, the Hooper family's physician.

"The boy's alive. He's alive." Spectators fell on their knees, many with their heads skyward, in silent prayer. Some screamed deliriously. Others applauded.

Mother Embraces Son
As two workmen gently lifted Benny from the crater, his mother, tears streaming down her face, ran from the house where she had been under a physician's care for shock since learning of the tragedy while at work as a telephone operator.

Beaming with joy, she embraced the blanket-warped form of the son she had all but given up for dead. Then, as the boy was placed in an ambulance, Mrs. Hooper, sobbing aloud, embraced her weeping husband.

Both then climbed into the ambulance along with Dr. Kris, to accompany the faintly smiling boy to the hospital.

An ambulance attendant held an oxygen mask over the boy's face during the 15-mile trip to the hospital. At the hospital, he was placed in an oxygen tent. Placed on a strict liquid diet, young Benny was given tea and, later ginger ale, but no solids.

"It's Time To Get Into My Roomier-Than-Ever Car And Get The Kids At The More-Crowded-Than-Ever School"



Unidentified Man Struck by Car at Fifth, Riverside

An unidentified man between 60 and 70 years old was struck at the intersection of Fifth st. and Riverside ave. about 8:15 p.m. yesterday, according to Medford police.

He was undergoing surgery for head and compound leg injuries at Rogue Valley hospital at press time.

Police said driver of the car was Miss Marcia Lee Presgrave, 18, of 409 South Peach st., Medford. She was traveling north on Riverside ave. at the time of the accident, they said.

Police said the man, who carried no identification, weighed about 150 pounds, was bald and had not shaved in about two days.

The investigation was continuing late last night.

Crime Conference Scheduled in Medford

The 1958 Western States Crime conference, for law enforcement agencies from federal to local levels, will be held in Medford.

Selection of Medford as the site for next year's conference was reported by Chief Deputy Sheriff Joe Walsh and Medford Police Lt. Lyle Perkins. They returned Friday night from a three-day Western States Crime conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The 1958 conference will be sponsored by the Medford police department and sheriff's offices of Jackson and Josephine counties. Expected to attend the session are 175 to 200 officers from about 13 western states.

At the annual conferences, officers exchange information on interstate activities of known criminals.

Thousands Flee Homes In Southwest Storms

BY UNITED PRESS
Thousands of persons fled their homes Saturday in the flood-ravaged southwest, and volunteers worked to evacuate citizens from the danger areas.

The Cimarron and Arkansas rivers were at their highest levels in history. The city of Tulsa braced for a heavy flow of water, perhaps reaching a record depth of 25 to 26 feet.

Sports Bulletin

St. Mary's of Medford was third with 28 points last night in the Oregon high school B track meet at Springfield. Jim Darland took a first for the Couesaters in the high hurdles and the St. Mary's half-mile relay team was victor. Walling won the meet with 32 points and Monroe was second with 23. Cove was fourth with 19 points, all by Jim Puckett.

Berrydale Residents May Vote Wednesday

Registered voters in the Berrydale district may go to a poll between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at Howard school to vote on a proposal to annex to the city of Medford.

Election officers will be Lorraine E. Dusenberry, chairman; Elene Ottoman, judge; Enid Friend, clerk; Martilla Berteau, clerk; and Blanche Doty, clerk. They were appointed by Neva Samuels, city recorder.

Sample ballots for the special election are available at the police station in the city hall and at the receptionists desk on the city hall's second floor.

Seven Arrested On Liquor Charges

Sheriff's deputies Friday night arrested a group of seven people, including five teenagers, and lodged them in the county jail on charges involving liquor.

Lyle Marvin Mitchell, 23, Wilderville, Ore., was charged with furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors. Marvin James Varja, 18, Wonder, Ore., was charged with being drunk on a public highway.

Charged with illegal possession of alcoholic beverages were James Howard Day, 20, of 417 King st., Medford, a 17-year-old Medford boy, a 17-year-old Medford girl, and two 16-year-old girls, one from Central Point and the other from Medford.

Deputies said they stopped the youths, who were riding in a car, at the intersection of Oakdale ave. and Eighth st. They reported finding 19 bottles and three cans of beer in the car as well as a large number of empty beer containers.

According to the officers, Mitchell admitted to them that he had purchased the beer and furnished it to the minors. The beer was confiscated by the officers as evidence in the case.

Bill Authorizes New Circuit Judges

Salem—Three new Circuit Court judges for Oregon were approved by the House Friday in Senate bill 245 which now goes to the governor.

Rep. George Laymen, Newberg Republican, said the judges would be placed in the three most over-burdened districts in the state.

One judge would go to the first district of Josephine and Jackson counties; one to the second district of Coos, Curry, Douglas and Lane counties; and one to the 21st district in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties.

Population of the district proposed for annexation is estimated at about 1,250.

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Governor Gets Bill Exempting Orchard Trees from Taxes

Salem—A bill exempting orchard trees and other deciduous shrubs and crops from ad valorem taxes squeaked by the House 32-25 Friday and went to the governor for signature.

Rep. Fayette Bristol, Grants Pass Republican, said that for 95 years growing crops had been considered exempt from such taxation and that farmers should not be required to pay ad valorem taxes on growing crops.

Bristol said the tax problem arose in Jackson and Hood River counties where the value of pear and apple trees was added to the regular property taxes by assessors.

Opposes Exemption
Rep. George Annala, Hood River Democrat, opposed the exemption on grounds it would reduce the assessed valuation of his county by five per cent by taking the trees off the tax rolls. He said six counties assess orchard crops.

Rep. Vernon Cook, Gresham Democrat, also opposed the bill. He said the State Tax commission does not assess trees separately from property but that an orchard is considered like a house or barn or other improvements in determining true cash value of property.

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1,000 Music Students Will Participate in Festival

Approximately 1,000 music students from fifth through 12th grades in all of Medford's public schools will participate in the Spring Music Festival Thursday, May 23, at the Medford High school stadium.

Featured in the program will be the combined elementary orchestra, combined elementary chorus, Hedrick Junior High school, McLoughlin Junior High school, senior high school a cappella choir, massed chorus and brass ensemble.

Dances will be presented by students of Roosevelt school, Jefferson school, Lincoln school, Washington school and a group from Miss Pat's Studio.

Patriotic, religious, traditional and general songs will be presented, including songs of the northeast, south, central plains and west. Dances will carry out

themes of the various program sections.

Instrumental portion of the program will include marches, waltzes, novelty, patriotic and general numbers.

Featured in the finale will be the massed chorus and brass ensemble in "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

In charge of the program are J. L. Dyrud, vocal supervisor and program coordinator; I. A. Mirick, instrumental supervisor; and Lee Ragsdale, director of physical education.

Accompanist will be Mrs. Marian Montgomery. Assisting with the orchestra performances will be John Drysdale, Elmer Ayres and Mrs. Audrey Bartlett. In charge of band performances will be Albert Huntemann, Ronald Bartlett and Mrs. Virginia Westerfield.