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Large Turn-Outs Expected at Budget Hearing Tomorrow

A large turn-out is expected at the public hearing on Jackson county's proposed budget for 1957-58 tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the courthouse auditorium.

The proposed budget of \$2,990,446.72 represents an increase of \$345,177.65 compared to the 1956-57 budget, which totaled \$2,645,269.07.

Budget increases are proposed for nearly all county departments. At least two major items are expected to come up for discussion at tomorrow's meeting.

Mrs. Hopkins and other county officials submitted the survey to county commissioners at a meeting Friday afternoon.

The other item is a \$104,000 sinking fund for purchase of a new agricultural experiment station at the Hanley ranch near Jacksonville.

Various Phases

The land would be used for various phases of agricultural and horticultural research and would replace the present agronomic research station near Phoenix.

Although about 25 local fruit-growers voiced support of the land purchase at a meeting last week, Roger Rath, a member of the budget committee, refused to sign the proposed budget because of this item.

Following the hearing, the budget committee is expected to go into an executive session and complete whatever changes are to be included in the budget.

Highway Accident Fatal to Five

Bend, Ore.—A highway collision two miles east of Bend Friday night killed five persons and injured two others critically.

The driver of the other car was Jeffrey Stoddard, 16, Bend. He was taken to St. Charles Memorial hospital in Bend with critical injuries.

Police said the collision occurred at the intersection of U.S. Highway 20 with a county road.

Alriets, Algeria—French paratroops and Foreign Legionnaires clashed with a heavily-armed rebel unit near the Tunisian border Saturday.

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REV. RAYMOND BALCOMB Moves To Corvallis

Medford Ministers Transferred to Other Conferences

Several transfers of local Methodist ministers were announced in Corvallis Friday at the close of the four-day session of the Oregon Conference of the Methodist church.

Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb, pastor of First Methodist church Medford, for the past three years will leave later this month to assume duties as pastor of the First Methodist church in Corvallis.

He will preach June 23 at the local church for his last sermon here as pastor. He will replace the Rev. Daniel D. Walker who will leave for the Methodist church in Oakland, Calif.

Arriving this month as new pastor will be Dr. George Roseberry, superintendent of the Salem district of the Methodist church for the past six years.

Other appointments announced by Bishop A. Raymond Grant included the assignment of the Rev. William O. Walker to the Methodist church of Winston-Dillard.

Mr. Walker, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Walker, Medford, was graduated last month from the Boston University School of Theology in Boston, Mass.

The appointment of the Rev. G. Wesley Turner of Lebanon, Ore., to the Methodist church at Grants Pass, also is announced.

The Rev. Ross Knotts of Ashland and the Rev. Mrs. Alice May Woolley of Talent will continue as pastors in their present churches.

Calfish Derby Set Today at TouVelle

The 21st annual National Calfish Derby will get under way at 1:30 p.m. today at TouVelle State park on Table Rock rd. north of Medford.

The all-afternoon event will include various types of entertainment, including a talent contest open to everyone.

Nancy Picard will reign over the event with Vickie Palmer, Sharon Blikenstaff, Carol Lefler and Sylvia Baker serving as princesses.

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Witness in Girard Case Beats Soldier With Club in Brawl

Incident Has Nothing To Do With Girard

Maebashi, Japan—Japan's main witness in its manslaughter case against Army Specialist 3/c William S. Girard got drunk and beat another American soldier with a club in a brawl last Saturday night, it was disclosed yesterday.

Japanese and American officials agreed that the incident apparently had nothing to do with Girard. But Japanese legal experts said the actions of Hidetsugu Onozeki, a 29-year-old farmer, may have injured his credibility as a witness should Girard be brought to trial in a Japanese court.

Onozeki attacked Pfc Wilbur R. Smith, 23, of a 1st cavalry division tank detachment, with a heavy two-foot length of wood and pummeled him to the ground with it. Officials said Smith's injuries were not serious.

Smith's two companions turned on Onozeki and beat him. Police said they all apparently had been drinking.

Onozeki, not badly hurt, fled and was arrested the next day. He was permitted to go home while police investigated.

The incident occurred outside a U. S. Army camp near Maebashi, 60 miles north of Tokyo.

No Effect on Demands The brawl had no effect on Japanese demands that Girard be turned over to Japan for trial on charges that he killed Mrs. Naka Sakai with an empty cartridge casing fired from a rifle grenade launcher Jan. 30 while Mrs. Sakai was scavenging scrap metal from the Camp Weir firing range near Maebashi.

Onozeki said he was with Mrs. Sakai. He has stated that Girard, of Ottawa, Ill., tried to lure the woman close to him. Girard has denied this.

In Tokyo, the opposition Socialist party staged a rally to demand that the "criminal Girard" be immediately surrendered by U. S. military authorities.

After the meeting, some 200 demonstrators tried to break into the Japanese defense department building in government row. They scuffled briefly with police and then dispersed.

U.S. May Refuse To Compromise

Washington—American officials said Saturday the United States will refuse to compromise on its demand that any suspension of atomic bomb tests be part of an over-all "first step" disarmament package including a halt in production of nuclear explosives.

The administration officials were commenting on the Soviet proposal, presented at the London disarmament talks Friday, for a two to three year ban on atomic weapons tests enforced by international inspection.

They called the Soviet offer a "milestone" of progress toward relieving the threat of atomic war.

But they warned against expecting an early agreement on halting the tests unless Russia is willing to accept at least one other feature of the American plan—the diversion of atomic materials production to peaceful uses.

Flash Floods Strike Area, Force 4,000 from Homes

District 549C to Vote for Director In Election Monday

Ewaldsen, Cheney are Candidates in Medford

Voters in Medford school district 549C may vote tomorrow for a director to the board of education. Candidates are Otto A. Ewaldsen and Francis I. Cheney.

A poll will be in the girls gym of Medford High school between 2 and 8 p.m. Ewaldsen, 37, of 20 Ross Court, is finishing a five-year term on the board and has been board chairman the past year.

Cheney, 33, attending McLoughlin Junior high; Hans, 10, and Karen, 7, both in Jackson school.

Ewaldsen first came to Medford while in the Army in 1942, and has lived here since. During his term on the school board, the district built Hedrick Junior high and Jefferson schools, and put additions on several other schools.

The Jackson County Junior Chamber of Commerce picked Ewaldsen as Medford's citizen of the year in 1954. He has been a board member of the county chamber of commerce for about eight years, and was chamber president last year.

Ewaldsen is a member of the board of the Jackson County Housing authority and the board of the county chapter of American Red Cross. He is past president of the Toastmasters club and past chairman of the Medford Merchants association.

Cheney is 47, and lives at route 2, box 413, Medford. Mr. and Mrs. Cheney have two children, Bonnie, 13, and Mary, 10, both attending West Side school.

Cheney has lived in the Medford area since 1942. He and members of his family started the Cheney lumber interests, which have mills in Oregon, Washington and California. One is located in Central Point.

A native of Washington, Cheney graduated from the law school at the University of Oregon and is a member of the Oregon State bar.

The candidate was formerly treasurer of the Southern Oregon Child Guidance clinic association, and was active in its founding. He also has been in Red Cross work, and is appeal agent for Jackson County Selective Service Board 17. He is a member of the Rogue Valley Country club.

Elections for board members for all county school districts and the two non-high and two rural boards are being held tomorrow. Polling places and candidates are listed on page 6 of today's Mail Tribune.



A. M. WESTLING Planning Consultant



J. W. BARNEY President of League



HERMAN KEHRLI Executive Secretary

League Officials to Discuss Legislation at Meeting Here

Officials from the League of Oregon Cities will report to city officials from Jackson and Josephine counties on legislation affecting municipal government in the last session of the state legislature here Monday.

A no-host dinner will begin the meeting at the Jackson hotel at 6:30 p.m. The gathering is one of 19 being conducted throughout the state, and is sponsored jointly by the league and the city of Medford.

In addition to an open forum discussion, the meeting will feature short reports on budget and finance problems, annexation and city service to fringe areas, cities and the federal highway program, and the federal planning assistance program.

Evergreen Seeks Schedule Changes

Evergreen Bus Lines officials have filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission for several schedule changes in this area effective June 27.

If the application is approved, minor schedule changes will be in effect on runs between Medford and Ashland; Medford and Central Point; Medford and Jacksonville; Medford and Camp White; and Camp White and Central Point.

Only change between Medford and Ashland would be an alteration in departure time from Medford on one run. The time would be changed from 6:10 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. daily.

The Medford-Central Point runs would be reduced from five to four daily. Departure times from Medford would be 8:25 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Departure times from Central Point would be 8:40 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 2:45 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Medford-Jacksonville runs would be reduced from six to four daily. Departure times from Medford would be 8:20 a.m., 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Departure times from Jacksonville would be 8:40 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 3:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The Sunday schedule for the Medford to Camp White run would have one change. A 9:45 a.m. bus from Medford would be substituted for the present 10 p.m. bus. An 8:15 a.m. bus from Camp White to Central Point would be added to the Monday through Saturday schedule.

There would be no changes in the Eagle Point bus schedule. No rate changes are being requested, company officials said.

Light Drizzle Aids Alaska Fire Fighters

Anchorage, Alaska—A light drizzle aided the fight against forest fires in the McGrath, Alaska, area Friday but at the same time new blazes were reported breaking out near Fairbanks, about 250 miles north of here.

A bureau of land management official here said the drizzle did not actually put the fires out but prevented their spreading over even larger areas. At last reports, the McGrath fires were burning over more than 100,000 acres.

At least six new fires were reported near Fairbanks and large thunderclouds moving into the Big Delta area caused officials to fear an even larger outbreak. It is believed that most of the fires now burning were caused by lightning.

Rooster Owned by Boy Of Five Wins Contest

Rogue River—A loud voiced rooster and a serious-faced little boy took home 250 silver dollars here Saturday afternoon in the fourth annual National Rooster-Crowing contest.

"Goldie" was the rooster and five-year-old David Dick, Rogue River, the boy. "Goldie" crowed 66 times in the allotted half hour to take first place in a record field of 274 birds.

David calmly accepted his prize on the announcing stand in the city park, a sack of coin he couldn't quite lift. His mother said he would get a new bicycle out of the money, but the rest would go into savings for his college education.

The Dicks have entered roosters in every crow since the contest started. Mrs. Dick said, "David had faith in 'Goldie,' the rooster, and he wasn't flustered."

Other prizes in the Rogue River Roosters sponsored affair were: "Big Mike," Jim Bottorff, Rogue River; fifth, "Stool Pigeon," Mrs. Ed Burkett, Rogue River; sixth, "Jim," Norma Brooks, Gold Hill; seventh, "Silent Joe," Joe Ralzat, Rogue River; eighth, "Louie," Kathy Simer, Foothills; ninth, "Mr. Briggs," Mrs. and Mrs. Grant Clyde, Grants Pass; and tenth, "Mickey," Fred Warner, Williams.

First prize for best decorated cage went to "Jailbird" owned by Dennis, Beverly and Jean Allison, Rogue River. Shirley Brooks, Gold Hill, won second prize money of \$10 for baby buggy cages of "Tim and Jim."

Storm Threatens Thick clouds threatened a storm but left only a sprinkle of rain during the afternoon. Roosters, cages, and people completely filled the park contest area.

The national contest began with a 10 a.m. parade. Colors carried by members of the armed services led, followed by an official car carrying Rogue River Mayor Phil Engle, Central Point Mayor Donald E. Faber, and Medford Mayor John Snider.

The crow itself started at noon. A horse show was scheduled to follow the contest at the Rogue River High school athletic field.

West Coast Airlines Cited for Record

West Coast Airlines, which serves Medford, has been cited by the National Safety Council along with 35 other scheduled airlines "in recognition of their contribution to safe air transportation in 1956."

The 1956 passenger death rate of .62 deaths per 100 million passenger-miles for domestic operations marked the fifth consecutive year that the rate has been below 1.

West Coast, with headquarters in Seattle, has 10 years of safe operation and ranks with two other firms to head a list of 10 of the local service carriers which have had perfect records since their operation began.

Newspaper Editor Is Killed in Colombia

Bague, Colombia—The assassination of a prominent newspaper editor here Friday night touched off a general strike and wild street demonstrations Saturday.

Liberal party supporter Hector Echeverry Cardenas, director of the newspaper "Tribuna" was shot Friday night just outside the office of his newspaper.

Louis from Homes

At Least 20 Dead In Wake of Storm System in Mid-West

Record-Breaking Rains Swell Streams

St. Louis, Mo.—New flash floods hit St. Louis area towns last night in a major disaster that swept motorists to their deaths and forced more than 4,000 persons to flee their homes.

Rampaging creek waters, powered by record-breaking rains, killed at least 17 persons, seven of them members of a farm family whose car was caught by a 15-foot wall of water near Beaufort, Mo. At least four persons were missing.

The two-day storm system also sent tornadoes and wild storms across Illinois late Friday killing at least three persons and raising the United Press 24-hour death count to 20.

Two persons were dead in St. Louis county, a motorist whose car was carried off a road and a man who died trying to unstop a sewer.

Across River Across the Mississippi river in Illinois, a man was found drowned in his flooded basement at Albers and the St. Clair county sheriff's office reported five deaths.

In addition, four persons were reported missing and feared dead at Smithton, Ill., near Belleville.

The floods, triggered by up to 13.75-inch rainfalls in Illinois and Missouri, came smashing through dry creek beds late Friday night and early yesterday.

National guardsmen, Coast guardsmen, Red Cross workers and police and volunteers appeared to be winning their battle to get residents of about a dozen towns and cities to safety in time.

New Flood Crest Then, a new flood crest came rolling down the Merramec river in St. Louis county, 13 feet above flood stage and aimed at the St. Louis suburbs of Valley Park and Times Beach.

Coast guardsmen set out in boats and rescued at least 75 persons from flooded homes at Valley Park.

Most residents, however, refused to leave their homes last night despite pleas from the Coast guardsmen. Many of their homes were built on stilts for just such emergencies and they believed they would remain safe.

Driven From Homes At least 1,000 persons in the south and west sections of St. Louis had been driven from their homes following the worst 12-hour rainfall in city history.

About 500 persons were evacuated at Belleville and half the town was under water. For a time it was completely isolated and persons could not get from one side of the city to the other without crossing a railroad trestle over a creek.

All 400 residents of Hillview, Ill., were evacuated. About 700 fled Caseyville, Ill., homes when a wall of water poured through a private dam on a lake. Additional evacuations in Illinois include 400 from a Collinsville, Ill., suburb; 200 from Alton, Ill.; 175 from Woodruff; and 100 from an east St. Louis suburb which was being guarded by men from the Scott Air Force base.

'Ready' Reservists Are Freed from Draft by Ike

Washington—President Eisenhower by executive order Saturday formally freed from the draft young men who participate in the military's "ready reserve" program.

Such reserve service has, in practice, long been regarded as an alternative to the draft. Technically, however, those without two year's active duty under the draft were still subject to call even though they participate in the reserve.

Yesterday's order made the regulations conform to the practice. The defense department had no immediate estimate of how many men now in the reserve would be affected.

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Hiss assailants fired six bullets into his head from behind and then fled in a Jeep.

Within 20 minutes after the murder, residents in this city of 120,000 began streaming into the streets to demonstrate before the governor's palace.

Seattle—The Seattle Rainiers notched their fourth straight Pacific Coast league victory last night by holding on in the late innings to defeat Portland, 4-3.

San Francisco Seals rapped out three home runs last night to defeat the Sacramento Solons 7-3 and take a 4-1 lead in their Pacific Coast league series.

Invitation To The Dance



Weather FORECAST: Fair and warmer to day and tonight, increasing cloudiness Monday. Expected high today 82. TEMPERATURE Highest yesterday 74. Lowest yesterday 54. Our Skies Tonight Sunrise 4:21 a.m. Sunset 7:31 p.m. Moonrise 10:31 p.m. Last quarter June 29. PROMINENT CONSTELLATION Scorpion in the south at moonset. VISIBLE PLANETS Saturn, low in southeast at sunset. Jupiter, high in southwest at sunset. Venus, sets 4:37 p.m. Mars, sets 9:25 p.m.