

City Budget Provides Funds for Parking Facilities, Higher Wages

The general fund budget of \$810,912 for the city of Medford published in full Friday shows an increase of \$89,547 more than the preliminary budget.

A public hearing on the budget will be held starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday July 12, in the city hall.

Much of the increase in the budget is \$50,000 which will be transferred into an off street parking fund. Some of the rest represents salary increases totaling about \$30,000 for city employees, and increases in expenditures because of the recent Berrydale annexation.

Parking Meter Changes

City officials estimated that recent parking meter changes will net about \$15,000, and a revised business license schedule will provide another \$35,000 estimated revenue.

Parking meter times were

changed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and about 50 meters in the downtown area were changed from 12 minutes for one cent to 30 minutes for five cents.

City Manager Robert Duff said he expects the revised business license schedule to be ready some time in July. It would be retroactive to July 1 this year.

Funds derived from these sources will go into the general fund, and \$50,000 will be transferred from that fund to the off street parking fund.

May Be Started Soon

Duff expressed hope that off street parking facilities may be started in the near future. A bill passed by the last state legislature will help provide such facilities, he said.

The bill authorizes the sale of revenue bonds to finance off street parking facilities, and that bonds shall be repaid from rev-

enue from the facility. It also provides that if revenue is not sufficient to meet bond and interest requirements, benefiting property may be assessed.

Salary increases averaged about 5 per cent for all city employees. Most departments had increases of one range step on the salary scale, Duff said. The increase in the police department was two range steps, he said, and was felt necessary to compete with other law enforcement agencies in other cities.

Salaries of some key personnel were raised two range steps on the scale. Among them were the public works director, the administrative assistant, the city attorney and fire chief. The city manager's salary was increased \$800 per year to \$11,200 annually.

Engineering Department

The engineering department's budget was increased from \$87,308 in the preliminary budget to \$89,438, chiefly because of the anticipated increase in sanitary sewer work in the Berrydale area.

In addition to salary increases in the police department, one patrolman was added during budget committee meetings, bringing the total to five patrolmen more than in the present budget. City officials felt the added patrolmen are necessary because of the Grandview-Kenwood and Berrydale annexations.

The published budget shows a decrease in the amount being transferred from the general fund for operation of the sewer treatment plant. The preliminary budget showed \$35,899 for sewer treatment, and the revised budget shows that \$18,479 will be transferred from the general fund.

Duff said that was possible because \$20,000 from sewer revenue will be used for operation. Previously all revenue from the sewer service charge went to the bond fund. However, in the past few years a surplus in the bond fund has been built up, and interest and principal payments have become smaller.

Sewer Service Charge

Revenue from the sewer service charge still will provide enough funds to meet all bond and interest requirements, even with \$20,000 going into the operation fund, Duff said.

Estimated receipts have increased from \$394,969 to \$453,699. Annexations during the past year have increased the tax base, and state liquor and gas tax revenue will increase with the added population within the city limits.

Liquor revenues to cities were increased 100 per cent during the last legislature, from 5 to 10 per cent of state liquor revenues.

The tax base has increased an estimated \$12,514 in the Grandview-Kenwood area, and an estimated \$30,485 in the Berrydale district. Medford's tax base, excluding those two areas, is \$247,027. To those tax bases is added 6 per cent for the total allowable levy of \$304,848, the amount necessary to balance the budget.

GRANDVIEW-LONE PINE School Plans Centennial

By LILLIAN KNIGHT

Grandview-Lone Pine — An organizational meeting was held Wednesday evening at the school for the purpose of planning the centennial celebration of the Lone Pine school district to be held September 14.

At the time of its organization it was known as District 10 and still is, although its boundaries have been changed many times.

It has also been known as the Tolman district, the Dunn district, South Prairie, Red Top, and Lone Pine.

All former students interested in a centennial celebration and reunion are asked to contact Mrs. Donna Underwood at SP 3-3478, Mrs. Opal Stroup, SP 3-3837, Mrs. June Heidenreich, SP 2-7723, or Mrs. Lillian Knight, SP 2-5424.

Plans now call for a centennial program, which will re-enact the history of the district for the last 100 years. The next meeting will be held at the school Wednesday, June 26, at 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lowrey and family returned Wednesday from a week's vacation spent in eastern Oregon with relatives. They also met friends that they had not seen for 29 years. They reported they ran into snow and cold weather over the Ochoco pass and cool weather prevailed last week but warmed up during the latter part of their stay.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Fariss returned to their home in Ketchikan, Alaska, June 11 after spending a 10-day vacation with their son and daughter-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Fariss. They made the trip both ways by plane.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Archibald are new grandparents, a son hav-

ing been born to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Archibald on June 11. The baby will be called Glen Allison. The Archibalds now have three grandsons and three granddaughters.

Phyllis Archibald is home from business school to spend the summer months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Archibald.

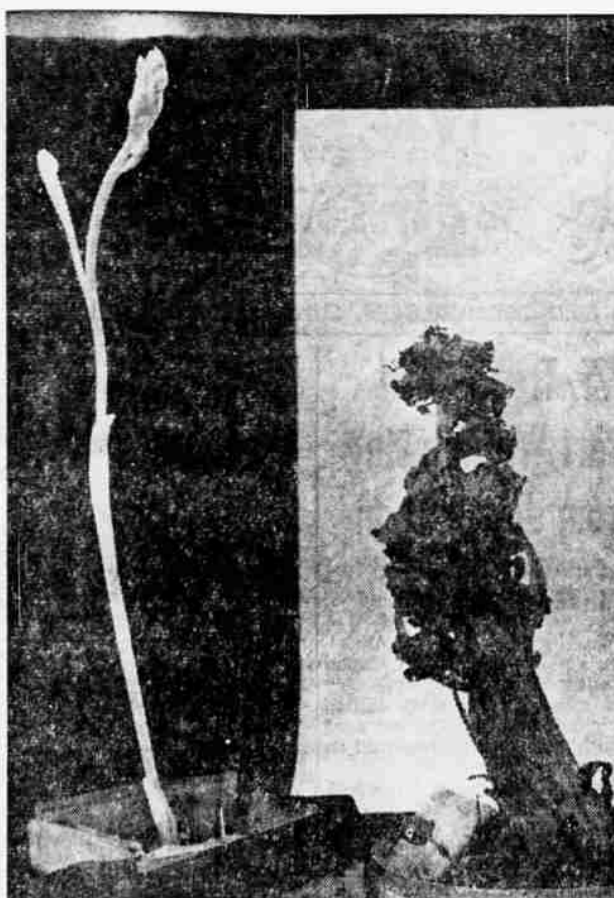
Justice Says Lawyers Champions of Rights

Salem — Chief Justice William C. Perry of the Oregon Supreme Court Friday described attorneys as the first champions of the rights of Americans as free citizens.

The Chief Justice, who was principal speaker at the fifth annual banquet of the Oregon District Attorney's Conference, declared that through the diligent work of attorneys the country had been saved from regimentation that would have led to eventual decay.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, who was toastmaster, introduced guests, including three other members of the high court, Associate Justices Hall Lusk, James Brand, and George Rossman. Thornton said attendance at the banquet was the largest in the history of the organization.

The conference ended Saturday following a forum on general problems faced by prosecutors. Earlier Peter S. Harman, assistant attorney general, described problems relating to habeas corpus proceedings.



RARE ORCHID—The fragile-looking plant on the left, above, is a phantom orchid, a species rarely found in this area. It was discovered growing in the middle of a mountain trail high in the Siskiyou last week by forest service employees Hal von Stein, of Eagle Point, and Jim James, of Phoenix. In contrast to the dainty phantom orchid is shown a sturdier mountain plant called the glacier flower, which is often found blooming along melting snow banks in the high mountains. The men carried the two plants, dirt and all, nine miles down a rough trail to their car. The phantom orchid, shown above in the bud stage, bloomed Friday. The stem and blooms of the plant are semi-transparent, like a bean sprout.

Stocks Drop for Four Sessions Last Week

By ELMER C. WALZER
United Press Financial Editor

New York — Stocks dropped for four straight sessions in the past week after the industrial average had set a new high since Aug. 17 on Monday.

The decline came at a time when the market was nearing its last lap toward the record high in industrials set at the close of April 6, 1956.

Market experts had warned that resistance would be in order as the market neared the peak. They were not surprised that it did come but many were surprised at the persistence of the selloff and its scope.

The loss in industrials was the widest since the week ending Jan. 18. Rails also declined and utilities were hard hit. Selling in that group reflected tight money and inflation. The utilities with their fixed incomes are considered poor risks in an inflationary period. Rate cuts in some sections of Florida also called attention to the utility group.

Copper Down

Coppers suffered from a further cut in copper prices that had been heralded by softening in the price of metal aboard. Tobaccos were firm for a time on a cigarette price raise.

The aircrafts got a chill for a time from an Air Force warning that eventually there would have to be cutbacks.

Reductions in auto production by Chrysler hurt that stock for a time late in the week. Other motors moved narrowly.

Oils were sold for profits after a long rise. Rails failed to get into action and finally fell back, further unsettling the market in general. Chemicals were depressed at times but drug issues enjoyed a good market. Steels were irregularly lower with some of the specialties managing to advance.

The market followed the Senate Finance Committee's monetary hearings with trepidation. Warnings about high taxes, mounting government spending and tight money may have contributed to the market unsettlement, Wall Street experts said.

Left Vulnerable

As the week closed the problem was when resistance to the decline would develop. The industrial decline, it was held, left the market vulnerable to further tests, although it was believed the list, if it did decline further, would soon get into buying territory for at least a temporary recovery.

The Dow-Jones industrial average closed the week at exactly 500, a level said to be a crucial one. If that figure is broken on volume, expect more selling, said the market men.

Standard and Poor's 500-stock index lost exactly one full point on the week which meant a loss in value of all listed issues of \$4,400,000,000.

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Deputy Talks Woman Out of High Leap

Yakima — A smooth-talking deputy sheriff and a young mother who threatened to leap 80 feet from the top of a water tower were the principal figures in a tense drama Friday night at a farm labor camp near here.

Engaging the distraught woman, Mrs. Irene Littlejohn, 24, in a conversation, Deputy Sheriff Glen Hensley edged himself up a ladder to her as she swayed precariously on the tower. Firemen, who had been holding a safety net below, raised a ladder and assisted the deputy in placing a safety belt on Mrs. Littlejohn and she was brought to the ground.

The woman was taken to a local hospital for observation. Hensley said Mrs. Littlejohn blamed her action on "family troubles."

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Naval Bases Are Alerted About Flu

Washington — Naval bases on both the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard have been alerted to watch for any sign of the highly contagious "Oriental flu," a Defense Department spokesman said Saturday.

Some 550 men at the Newport, R.I., Naval Base apparently have been stricken with the disease which first appeared on the China mainland and then swept across Asia.

U.S. Surgeon General Leroy Burney announced Friday night that all 48 state officers were notified in hurry-up telephone calls of the unexpected outbreak on the Eastern Seaboard.

Government health officers had been keeping a close watch at Pacific ports and have detected a few cases. The government now is checking Atlantic coast naval bases as well, possibly to detect the spread of the disease from Europe.

Transfers Made in Forestry Department

Salem — Promotion and transfer of a number of high-ranking officials in the state forestry department were announced Saturday by State Forester Dwight L. Phipps.

Edward Schroeder, assistant state forester, in charge of the 800,000 acres of state-owned lands, was promoted to the office of deputy state forester, a position vacant for some months.

Vance L. Morrison, assistant state forester, will take over Schroeder's work. Don Maus, personnel director, was promoted to assistant state forester in charge of the services division. William Hughes executive assistant in the division, will take over personnel direction.

All the appointments and transfers will be effective July 1.