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Bright Future Seen by Mayor

Economy Sound, Potential Excellent, Study Reveals

Construction and development projects now under way or contemplated in the near future in southern Oregon have a total value in excess of $70 million, Mayor Snider declared today.

The mayor and city council have, in recent weeks, felt concern over an apparent general belief that "things don't look too good" for this area.

But this simply is not true, Mayor Snider declared after making a two-week study of factors which have a bearing on the over all economic well-being of the area. His study was made for the benefit of the city council, and he made its results public today.

Many Factors

Not only in general construction and development, but in other factors, the present is sound and the future outlook is good, he said, mentioning as examples such items as the fact that postal receipts at the Medford post office were up 14 per cent during the past four-week period over the comparable period last year; that carloadings are only slightly down in the Medford area, compared to a decline of about 8 per cent in Oregon generally; that steps are being taken to make the area more self-sufficient in agricultural needs, and that the potential of developing new industries is getting better all the time.

Unemployment in Jackson county as of July 31 was estimated at 800 persons by the local office of the state employment service. This compares to about 450 at the same time last year. But Manager John Patton said the 800 this year is smaller than the number of unemployed at the end of July in four of the past 10 years. In 1949, 1950, 1953 and 1954, unemployment totals were higher, he said.

Short Supply

Actually, Patton reported, fruit harvest workers are in short supply this year, and the labor office has been unable to fill all the orders it has received for help.

Population trends, which in the next 15 years will make California the most populous state in the nation, will also guarantee continued increase in population in southern Oregon, he pointed out.

Here are some high points from the mayor's report:

Talent project—More than $2 million in construction under way; $6,125,000 available for use this fiscal year; in excess of $10 million due in the ensuing four years. The importance of the project, however, lies less in the original outlay, than in its stabilization of the agricultural industry by virtue of an adequate water supply to the irrigation districts, and water for some 2,800 acres of now unirrigated land.

This will permit small-plot acreages to enable workers in seasonal industries to produce part of their needs.

Irrigation Districts—save $100,000 in rehabilitation work scheduled.

U.S. 99 Freeway—This new section of four-lane, limited access highway between Ashland and the new highway north of Central Point will cost nearly $19 million, and will be constructed probably in two years.

New Highway Route

Medford-Lake of the Woods-Klamath Falls highway — Construction should begin in the near future on development of the present forest road into a high-standard, all-weather, level-route highway, which will permit far faster and more economical transportation between the two major southern Oregon markets, linking them even more closely than at present. No construction cost estimates now available.

Crater Lake Highway improvement—One section due for construction at cost of some $550,000; further developments to follow.

Other road and highway construction, including $170,000 work on Old Stage rd.

Rogue Valley Manor—Construction on $5½ million retirement home in southeast Medford tentatively scheduled for early next year.

Rogue Valley Memorial hospital—New $2½ million building due for completion next spring.

Work at College

Southern Oregon college—$2 million worth of new buildings authorized, some now under construction.

Shopping center—About $1½ million development, including new Sears, Roebuck store.

Church construction—At least eight churches in the area plan to put up new buildings at a cost estimated in excess of $1 million.

Other major new buildings are slated, including those by the Eagles lodge, Oregon-Nevada-California truck line, Medford school system, and others, including medical office buildings and automobile company sales and service buildings.

Utility development—California Oregon Power company now at work on new Medford-Klamath Falls transmission line at estimated $865,000, mostly for labor costs; Eagle Point power plant and transmission line, about $500,000; new Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company microwave relay system linking Medford and Klamath Falls, $1,300,000; other major improvements slated in telephone company equipment; expansion plans by California Pacific Utilities company, including the possibility of natural gas to the Medford area if major new pipeline extended south to Bay area.

New Industry

Industrial development—New plywood plant planned at White City, with company capitalized at $100,000; strong possibility of other wood-utilization and electronic firms locating here.

Crater Lake — More than $400,000 scheduled for "Mission 66" improvement and development this year; some work now under way; total cost of physical development over 10-year period, $5,721,200.

Southeast Medford — Development of homes valued at more than $1 million scheduled for next two years.

City of Medford construction — Arterial streets, more than $593,000 including state participation; $144,500 for storm sewers; $270,000 for Grandview-Kenwood water system; $110,000 fore Berrydale sewer system; $270,000 for other subdivision improvements; $65,000 for airport work; $240,000 for other water department construction; grand total of more than $1,500,000.

In Klamath Area

Klamath Falls area work — Of less immediate impact, but of great importance to this area, are projects in the Klamath basin, including $12,500,000 for Copco's Big Bend power plant on the Klamath river; the $12,000,000 Johns-Manville hardboard plant now under construction; $5,000,000 for Air Force housing at expanded air base, plus $500,000 for base improvement.

Miscellaneous data — Mayor Snider pointed out that the rate of payment to the city for street and sewer work shows fewer delinquencies this year than last; the federal government is actively considering construction of a new federal office building here; some lines of business are definitely up, although many are slightly down from last year, which itself was a near-record year.

The mayor also said that discussion with business in the county had brought out additional fact breaing on the economy. He said these included:

That price fluctuations affect profits more than they do payrolls, and that payrolls are basic to the overall health of the economy, and continue as long as production is at a normal level, as is generally the case here.

That local markets, tied directly to the population, are the key to prosperity, and that during a period of population, increase, small diversified industries, both manufacturing and service, are bound to enter the area, followed by larger concerns.

That as transportation facilities improve, Medford will continue to grow as a center for additional service industries and small manufactories.

Lumber Prospects

That timber cutting is now approximately at a sustained yield level; that new uses of lumber are developing and will bring new job opportunities; that a major outlet for wood waste is planning to locate suiciently near Jackson county that it will provide an economical market or substantial volumes of material.

That the tourist potential is "almost unscratched," and that facilities are needed at the right locations to provide recreation other than scenery.

That studies are well along for maximum utilization of water resources, and that plans are being developed for flood control, protection and expansion of the Rogue fishery, great new additions to the irrigation potential, more than doubling it, but that unified support will be necessary before such a plan can be placed in effect.

The mayor concluded by stating that these facts add up to the inescapable conclusion that the future is bright, despite the present slump which has affected a portion of the local economy.

Portland — (AP) — State Rep. Norman Howard, Portland Democrat, has announced that he is a candidate for speaker of the 1959 Oregon house of representatives.

Defected Russian Agent Shapes Up As Key Witness

Potential Witness Named Co-Conspirator

New York—(AP)—A fellow Russion espionage agent who defected to the West shaped up today as the key witness against Soviet intelligence Col. Rudolf Ivanovich Abel, indicted Wednesday as the most important Red spy ever seized in the United States.

Ironically, the potential witness, Reino Hayhanen, was named as a co-conspirator in the indictment against Abel who posed in this country as a down-and-out artist and photographer for nine years while heading a Soviet spy ring. Hayhanen, who spent six years in the United States as a trained spy, was flown here earlier this week and testified Wednesday before the Brooklyn grand jury that indicted Abel on three counts of espionage.

Abel, a mild-mannered, non-descript-appearing man of 55, was pictured in the indictment as the mastermind of a spy network that transmitted American defense secrets to Moscow by radio and courier. Specifically, Abel, a Russian national, was charged with conspiring to transmit to Russia documents, maps, photographs and other information "relating to the national defense" of the United States.

Could Be Executed

If convicted, he could be executed under the so-called Rosenberg law, which sent Julius and Ethel Rosenberg to the electric chair in 1953 for spying for Russia.

Neighbors were stunned at Abel's arrest on espionage charges. They described him as a quiet, meek, "seedy-looking," arty person.

Two Firemen Hired By City Department

Leonard Dusenbury, 33, of 514 Beatty st., and Elmer Tompkins, 29, of 368 Stewart ave., have been employed as firemen by the Medford Fire department, Chief Gordon Barker announced today.

Two additional firemen were provided for in the new city budget. This raises to 39 the number of department personnel, Barker said.

Both men have had a year's experience as volunteer firemen and will work with hoses and ladders while on duty as full-time employees.

Dusenbury is married and has one child. Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins have two children.

S.P. Target of Complaints

Reunification of Germany Vetoed By Khrushchev

Declares War Would Devastate America

Berlin — (AP) — Soviet Communist party leader Nikita S. policy speech today closed the door on German reunification and said war would bring atomic devastation to the United States.

Khrushchev had only warnings and reproaches for the West in a two-hour speech to the East German Parliament.

He boasted that the U.S. is within range of "present" nuclear rockets and cautioned the London Disarmament Conference to remember this before rejecting Soviet proposals.

He compared West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer to Hitler.

He accused the West of blocking disarmament and plotting to convert all of Germany into an aggressive NATO base.

He offered again to pull all Soviet troops out of Eastern Europe if the U.S. withdraws its troops to America. But he said the U.S. would not dare accept this.

He flatly rejected "so-called free elections" for German reunification, and endorsed instead the East German plan calling for East-West German talks and a loose confederation of the two German states.

This plan has been rejected by the West many times but Khrushchev said it was the "only solution."

His speech was considered the harshest since the Kremlin shakeup at the end of June.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia	6	12	0
Pittsburgh	3	10	1

Simmons, Miller (9) and Lopata; Law, King (6), O'Brien (7) and Foiles.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston	1	6	1
Baltimore	3	5	1

Fornieles, Delock (8) and White, Daley (8); Odell, Zuverink (8), Lehman (8) and Triandos.

Washington	6	10	0
New York	1	7	3

Kemmerer and Courtney; Ditmar, Cicotte (4) and Berra, Howard (7).

NEW WATER MILESTONE—Medford Mayor John Snider (shown above) assists in laying a silver-colored water main which brought to 100 miles the total length of distribution system mains of the city water department. Shown at ceremonies Wednesday on Crater Lake ave. commemorating the milestone are (left to right) LeRoy McCartney and Thurl Moore, city employees; Robert Lee, water department superintendent; Mayor Snider; Paul B. Rynning, chairman of the city water commission and Jackson county engineer (at pipe); Robert Duff, city manager; and Harry C. Skyrman, water commissioner.

Three Appearances Made in Circuit Court Yesterday

Three persons appeared in circuit court yesterday. One was resentenced to the penitentiary, another was arraigned and the case against the third was continued.

Robert Merrill was resentenced to 12 years and 125 days to the penitentiary on charges of assault with intent to rob.

Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly gave Merrill credit for the 12 years he has already served plus any time off for good behavior to which he may be entitled. The latter is decided by the warden.

Merrill was returned to Jackson county for resentencing.

Originally Sentenced

Merrill was originally sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary in 1945. The old statute under which he was originally sentenced has since proved to be unconstitutional, the district attorney's office said. Merrill could legally only be sentenced to a maximum term of 15 years under the old statute, it was explained.

Robert Gale Corbett, 18, Medford, was arraigned on charges of grand larceny. O. H. Bengtson was appointed his attorney. He and a group of juveniles were arrested in connection with taking $176 from the safe in the Medford Bowling lanes July 29.

Two of the youths, one 17 and the other 16 years old, are scheduled to appear in juvenile court in the near future and are being held in county jail. Two other minors have been placed on probation, released to their parents and are under supervision of the county juvenile officer. A fifth youth has been questioned by the juvenile officer and released.

Merchants to Stay Open Monday Nights

Downtown retail stores in Medford will remain open until 9 p.m. Mondays beginning Aug. 12, following plans made by the Retail Merchants association.

The night opening is expected to be a year-round practice, an association spokesman said.

Firms joining in the Monday service, he said, will include Montgomery Ward and company, which has remained open Wednesday nights for the past 12 years, and Robinson Brothers, which has opened Wednesday nights for the past four years.

J. J. Materie, Wards manager, said his firm had decided to make the change from Wednesday to Monday night "in order to cooperate with all other merchants."

Bulletin

Hilo, Hawaii—(AP)—A Military Air Transport service plans with 67 persons aboard landed here safely today at 1:26 p.m. (p.s.t.) after struggling more than 1,000 miles at low altitudes with two of its engines dead.

14th Annual Round-Up To Start Tomorrow

First show in the 14th annual Rogue River Round-up will begin at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the posse grounds on Sage rd.

The round-up will last through Saturday, sponsored by the Jackson County Sheriff's Mounted posse. The Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce is in charge of the program.

Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. Queen Glenda Forman and her court will ride in the round-up parade in downtown Medford. Princesses this year are Tessie Fisher, Barbara Lickess, Jean Estremado, and Shirley Oswald.

Final show will be held at the posse grounds at 8 p.m. Saturday.

In Charge of Program

Captain Glen D. (Red) Martin is in charge of the round-up. "Buck" Lambert, Prineville, will announce the shows, Gary Gustaffson will manage the grandstand and ticket sales, and Harry Firch will handle parking.

Stock has been contracted through Don Miller, French Gulch. Miller contracts for only three or four shows a year, and his stock, rounded up by airplane, is "plenty wild," according to Martin.

Total purse of $600 will be ready for contest winners, plus entry fees in the various events. The program includes five major events, a wild horse race, two saddle races, kids' calf riding, and two drills. Events are open, and anyone may ride who has entry fee.

Both the sheriff's posse and the Trail Riders organization will present drills on horseback during the round-up. Trail Riders will do a square dance on horses.

Concern Expressed Over Appointments

Red Cross officials expressed concern today over a lack of appointments to donate blood at the regular visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile in Medford Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Only 20 persons had telephoned headquarters since workers began taking appointments Tuesday, they reported.

A total of 350 prospective donors are needed to fill the Medford quota of 280 pints. The Bloodmobile will be at the Elks temple from 1 to 6 p.m. next Tuesday.

The much-needed appointments may be made by calling headquarters, SPring 3-3813. Donors need only to take a few minutes from their afternoon to make the contribution, officials stressed.

Attendance Declines At Crater Lake Park

Attendance at Crater Lake National park during July showed a 7.91 per cent decrease from the number of people visiting the park in July last year, according to the national park office here.

A total of 162,327 persons visited the park last month, compared to 176,279 in July last year, officials said.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight, clearing early Friday, becoming partly cloudy by mid-morning. Low tonight 52, high tomorrow 82.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	83
Lowest this Morning	54

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	5:11 a.m.
Sunset	7:23 p.m.
Moonrise	6:06 p.m.
Moonset Friday	4:32 a.m.

PROMINENT STARS

Arcturus, in the west	9:42 p.m.
Antares, low in southwest	10:53 p.m.
Altair, high in south	10:49 p.m.
Deneb, high overhead	11:40 p.m.

Inadequacy of Service Charged By State Shippers

Hearings Scheduled At Roseburg, Eugene

Salem — Complaints charging inadequacy of service provided by the Southern Pacific Railroad have been filed with the State Public Utility Commissioner by shippers in the Eugene and Roseburg areas, and a general investigation now in progress will lead to public hearings in the two cities next month.

Howard Morgan, PUC Commissioner, announced today that the Eugene hearings have been scheduled in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on Sept. 9 and 10 at 10 a.m. The Roseburg hearings will be held in the Douglas county court house, room 216, on Sept. 11 and 12 at 10 a.m.

Two Main Charges

The complaints center about two main charges which allege that the railroad has reduced its switching limits along the line to the point that some shippers now are excluded from service although previously their properties had been within the switching limits, and second, that the railroad has ceased the practice of cleaning freight car equipment prior to delivery to certain shippers.

Both the Eugene and Roseburg areas are located on the railroad's Portland division lines and are wholly within state boundaries, thus giving Oregon PUC complete jurisdiction in ordering the general investigation and the public hearings.

Cement Workers Approve Contract

Gold Hill — A contract between the Ideal Cement company and Local 136, United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers International union was signed this week. It affect 100 to 115 employees at the company's Gold Hill plant.

Local 136 held a special meeting in Gold Hill to approve the contract.

The union local also voted on a basic agreement which covers 13 of the 14 plants owned by the Ideal Cement company. Results of the Gold Hill vote will be sent to the union's office in Chicago where they will be added to those of the other 13 plants. The remaining Ideal plant is represented by a different union.

The basic agreement includes an employees pension plan in addition to social security, working hours, overtime pay and seniority provisions.

Wage increases included in the agreement average 16.48 cents per hour at all the company's plants. Gold Hill workers will get about .7 of a cent per hour more than the average, officials reported.

Salem — (AP) — New administrator of Oregon's outdoor advertising law will be Harry L. Baker, Salem.

Ray Reter Named Apple Group Head

Raymond Reter, prominent Medford orchardist and fruit packer, this week was elected president of the International Apple association at its annual convention in Cincinnati.

The organization is composed of members from 42 states, Canada, South America, Europe, Africa and the Far East. It furnishes promotion, representation, and other services for all fruits and many vegetables for growers, shippers, wholesale and retail distributors and allied industries.

Reter heads the Reter Fruit company, is past president of the Northwest Horticulture council, a founder of the Oregon-Washington-California Pear bureau and a member of the Jackson County Fruitgrowers league.

Washington — (AP) — Four Federal Reserve banks today took a major step to head off inflationary tendencies in the economy and raised the discount rates they charge on loans to commercial banks from 3 to 3½ per cent.

EXAMINES PEARS — Harold Holmes, manager of Rogue River orchards, examines a box of Bartlett pears on Suncrest orchard. The valley pear harvest, started late last week, is now in full swing with prospects for a pack-out of 2,875,000 boxes, according to industry sources. Standing with Holmes is Mrs. Joe Canton, Medford, in charge of the crew. Between the two is Velois Grant, Central Point, one of the pickers.

Jackson County Approved For In-Residence Training

Jackson county is one of the four Oregon counties approved for a two-year in-residence training program for physicians planning to enter public health.

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician, said today he has received a letter from the council on medical education and hospitals of the American Medical association of the county's selection for the field training program.

To qualify, a trainee must have had a year of post graduate work in public health at one of the recognized schools. The University of California is the only such school offering the course on the west coast. Others are University of Minnesota, Pittsburgh University, Johns Hopkins University, Harvard, Yale and the University of North Carolina.

Trainees will work directly under Dr. Merkel, he explained.

Other counties in Oregon approved are Multnomah, Lane and Clackamas.

"Tie 'em With the Usual Red-White-and-Blue Ribbons"