



ADDING FINAL DECORATIONS — Frank Kennedy adds final bunting to his booth before the opening of the annual Town and Country Show this evening. The show will open at a special ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m. today. The show will open at 5:30 p.m. Friday and at noon on Saturday and Sunday.

### No Opposition Heard On Proposed Rates

No opposition to gas rate increases requested by California-Pacific Utilities company was heard at a short hearing held before an examiner of the Public Utilities Commission here last evening.

In the past few years of "inflation," Graham stated, the rate of return has slipped to 4.4 per cent. If proposed rates are approved the company will add \$123,166 annually to operating revenue.

Arthur Wilson, hydraulic and gas engineer for the commission, was examiner. Three hearings were to be held in the state on a requested rate increase of about 10 per cent on low pressure main gas service to southern Oregon.

### Local Woman Recovers from Crash

Mrs. Gilbert Copenhaver, 906 South Peach st., Medford, is convalescing at the Portland Sanitarium and hospital, 932 Southeast 60th ave., from injuries received in a three-car accident in Portland Aug. 14.

### Baseball

Table with columns for National League and American League, listing teams and scores.

# Ike Overrules Defense Advisers in Test Plan

## Contract Accepted By Wood Workers And Strike Halted

### Pickets Still Set On King Trucking

The membership of Local union 6-221, Butte Falls, of International Wood Workers of America, voted last night to accept the Medford Corporation's contract proposal, it was reported this morning.

This will extend the present contract until June 1, 1958, and ends the strike called earlier. An exception to the contract is the local's demand for a study of the woods mechanics job rates.

"We still have an unfair labor practices charge pending before the National Labor Relations Board," B. L. (Bud) Nutting, general manager of Medco, said this morning.

### Temporary Settlement

A temporary settlement was reached Aug. 6 in the union's strike against Medco. The agreement came as a Federal court hearing was being conducted into charges that the union was engaging in a secondary boycott against the local company.

### Living Costs Rise To All-Time High, Bureau Reports

Washington — The cost of living rose to an all-time high in July, the bureau of labor statistics reported today.

This was the 11th consecutive monthly increase. The July advance was one-half of 1 per cent.

The bureau said substantial advances in food prices and in the "other goods and services" group were the principal causes of the rise.

### Work To Commence On Shopping Area

Work on a 28.3 acre shopping center, on Jackson st. between Biddle rd. and Hawthorne st., will begin about Sept. 1, it was reported today.

J. A. McClellan, chief developer of the shopping center, which will include a new Sears Roebuck and company store, a Safeway store, and others, said this morning one piece of heavy equipment has arrived, two more will arrive next week, and that it is expected ground will be broken about the first of the month.

The \$1 1/2 million center may be completed next year, although McClellan said a definite completion date cannot be set until a couple of more leases have been signed. But he added that the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

The center will be located on property formerly owned by Dr. I. D. Phipps. It recently was annexed to the city, and rezoned to "limited commercial" to permit construction of the center.

to break up the kind of storm that spawns tornadoes. These conclusions represent the present area of agreement between the U. S. Weather Bureau, which is frankly skeptical about rainmaking, and President Eisenhower's Advisory Committee on Weather Control, which is more enthusiastic about the possibilities.

Officials of both agencies emphasized in interviews that man's ability to tamper with the weather is still very limited. There is no scientific basis at present for believing it will ever be possible to produce major changes in climate over a large area through cloud-seeding.



## Differences Have Not Handicapped Solons, Neuberger Declares

Washington (Special) — Senator Richard L. Neuberger said Thursday that disagreements between himself and Senator Wayne Morse have not handicapped them in obtaining more "worthwhile projects for Oregon against administration opposition" than an "two senators in the entire history of our state."

Neuberger, in a public statement, confirmed that he and Morse had recent disagreement over such matters as "our personal attitude toward President Eisenhower and concerning various issues of foreign policy and civil rights."

Partisan Politicians "But," he said, "certain partisan politicians in Oregon (who) are shedding crocodile tears over the fact that Senator Morse and I have disagreed recently" need only review their record in congress to be assured that "we can disagree... and yet team in harmony for the benefit of Oregon."

An aide to the Senator indicated Neuberger was referring to Philip S. Hitchcock who recently cited reports of Morse-Neuberger disagreements as a cause for alarm for the welfare of Oregon. Morse has called such reports "nonsense" but neither senator has denied the facts of the reports that Morse had accused Neuberger of making a "snide attack on me" and Neuberger said he was "disillusioned" with Morse.

Neuberger cited the following achievements in which he and Morse were teamed and overcame administration opposition: Getting construction funds to start John Day, Cougar and Hills Creek dams; planning funds for Holley, Fall Creek and Green Peter dams; funds to deepen the entrance to the Columbia river for safer navigation; funds to construct the Charleston boat harbor at Coos Bay, the Tillamook Bay project and the Skipanon boat basin at Warrenton; 50 per cent increase in funds for Willamette river bank protection; plus authorization of two

new irrigation projects, Crooked River and Wapinitia. "We obtained most of these urgently-needed projects under the able and outstanding leadership of Senator Morse," stated Neuberger. "If various Oregon political opportunists will spend their time trying to win administration support for public works like these which Senator Morse and I have gained for our state, they will be better occupied than in hypocritical lamentations. The two Oregon senators are not carbon copies of each other. But when the welfare of Oregon is at stake the record speaks for itself as to our teamwork and mutual effectiveness."

### Senate Group Kills Billboard Control

Washington — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger's bill to control billboard advertising on the federal superhighway system was killed by a Senate committee yesterday.

In a 7 to 6 vote, the committee on public works decided to place no federal control at all on billboards along the 41,000 miles of freeways to be constructed over the next ten years, 90 per cent from federal funds.

Supporting the bill were conservationists, motorist organizations and outdoor groups, and fighting it were the outdoor advertising industry and many roadside businesses. The vote climaxed a long fight in the Senate over the proposal.

The bill which was killed, a watered-down version of the original, would have given the states a bonus in federal money for agreements to regulate billboards along the federal system.

### Attendance Record Set at Festival

Ashland — A new attendance record was established last night at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival here when 1,133 patrons received tickets from the box office, Bill Patton, general manager, said today.

The previous record, set Aug. 17, was 1,117 persons. There are 1,039 seats in the theater, Patton said. The play at which attendance record was established was "As You Like It."

## Offer Amounts to Calculated Gamble To Determine Hope

### Proposal Introduced In Talks Wednesday

London — President Eisenhower overruled defense advisers and the Western allies in offering Russia a two-year halt in nuclear tests, authoritative sources said today.

They said the conditional offer, made Wednesday at the London disarmament conference, amounts to a calculated American gamble to determine if there is any hope at all of a first step toward disarmament.

The stakes are high — two full years of the West's current nuclear advantage put up against the hope that Russia really means business in its discussions here.

Introduced Wednesday The American proposal was introduced in the London conference Wednesday immediately after Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian Zorin attacked the old western offer.

He particularly condemned the previously offered 10-month test suspension and the idea that test suspension should be linked to any other disarmament measures.

After the new offer was made, Zorin said it was "unfortunate" that the other disarmament conditions remain attached. But he said he was "gratified" that the West accepted the Soviet demand for a minimum of two years suspension and promised the offer would be carefully studied by the Soviet Union. He asked for it in writing.

Some observers interpreted Zorin's preceding speech as a sign the offer would be rejected. U. S. delegate Harold S. Stassen, however, was reported to consider that Zorin was merely repeating the party line.

In any case, no definite Russian reply was expected for several weeks. Zorin never moves without advance instructions from the Kremlin.

Eisenhower sided with disarmament delegate Harold Stassen against top defense department and Atomic Energy commission advisers in authorizing the drastic concession to Russia, the sources said.

Defense officials had publicly warned that even the old Western offer of a 10-month truce might disperse the U. S. nuclear weapons team. They told the President that continued testing might produce an almost totally "clean" hydrogen bomb—one with no dangerous radioactive fallout.

Authoritative sources said that Stassen and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles had to sell the proposal to Britain and France after Eisenhower decided to act at the end of a closely guarded two-month administration debate.

### Highway Department Gets Electronic Brain

Salem — Oregon's greatly expanded highway construction program got an assist from science today with dedication of a new electronic brain in the state highway department.

The brain, built by International Business Machines, will take over much of the complex mathematical figuring involved in building new highways and repairing old ones.

### Senators Say Foreign Aid May Get About \$3 Billion

Washington — Two key senators predicted today that the Senate would approve a foreign aid appropriation of about three billion dollars.

The two were Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland, who wants the \$2,500,000,000 approved by the House, and Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), who believes the House figure is high enough.

Both are members of the Senate Appropriations committee, which probably will not act on the House-approved bill until next Monday.

Knowland told reporters he expected the Senate to accept a total "in the neighborhood of

An eventual maximum enrollment of 1,600 students was set for Medford Senior High school at a special meeting of the Board of Education yesterday, according to Mrs. Steve M. Nye, chairman.

The figure was established after a three-week consideration of a survey of high school facilities and requirements made by the Bureau of Educational Research, University of Oregon.

The study, first in the state made by the newly organized university bureau, "confirmed and supplemented" previous studies made by the local board, Mrs. Nye said.

To increase utilization of available space, the board authorized school officials to begin organizing a seven-period academic day for use beginning 1958-59.

A six-period day is used now. Adding a seventh period would increase utilization of space by one-sixth.

The board also asked officials to study plans for providing space to meet needs in fields of science, commerce, homemaking, industrial arts, art and physical education.

A contract was authorized for Freeman, Hayslip and Hewitt, architects of Portland, to begin preliminary plans and recommendations for "altering and renovating" the existing high school building to meet needs of anticipated enrollment by 1958-59.

Other architects are already developing plans for added elementary school facilities. Jack A. Edson, Medford, is working on a planned grade school in southeast Medford on a site at the end of Siskiyou Blvd.

Wayne Struble, in charge of the Medford office, James L. Payne, architects, is developing plans for a future grade school at a Grand ave.-Corona ave. site.

The board will wait until enrollment figures for the 1957-58 school year are in this fall, then take immediate steps to

## Pedestrian Fatality Is Third Death in Medford This Year

James Alfred McKittrick, 84, of 819 North Riverside ave., apartment 3, was killed about 8:50 a.m. today in Medford's third traffic fatality of the year, and Jackson county's 19th.

McKittrick was struck by a car while walking east on Main st. across the south intersection of Fir st. Mrs. Eunice Fisher, 73, of Stockton, Calif., was driving the auto north on Fir st.

City police said Mrs. Fisher had purchased the 1951 model car from a private party about 5 or 10 minutes before the accident.

The victim was hit by the auto's right front fender. Witnesses estimated the speed of the car between 5 and 10 miles per hour.

McKittrick was dead upon arrival at a hospital. The body was taken to Conger-Morris Funeral home.

Mrs. Fisher was taken by police to the home of Edward Zander, Central Point city policeman, where she has been staying the past few days. A Medford physician was called to treat her for shock.

Further investigation is being made, officers said. Police said Mrs. Fisher was involved in a minor traffic accident in Central Point several days ago. She sold the car she was driving then, and had just purchased another this morning.

She had been visiting relatives in Portland and intended to return to Stockton soon, police reported.

Since her Central Point mishap, Mrs. Fisher has been staying at the Zander home.

"As enrollment approaches 1,800 and as a total enrollment of 2,000 or more becomes a definite reality, the district will probably find its most economical and efficient to operate two separate school plants."

Weather forecast section including 'Our Skies Tonight' and 'Prominent Stars'.