

Governor Calls Special Session on Taxes

Assessor Shows Tax Levy Mills

Total tax levy on most real property in Medford for the 1957-58 fiscal year has been set at 69.3 mills, according to County Assessor Ray Schumacher. The levy is 6.5 mills more than 1956-57.

Schumacher reported that there is no levy for county government this year. The small continuing levies for Jackson County Historical Society and the county juvenile detention home have been absorbed by funds on hand.

For the taxpayer, a tax levy in mills means the number of dollars he will be taxed per \$1,000 assessed value of his property. This can also be referred to as a "millage rate." A "mill" is one-tenth of a cent.

The 69.3 mill figure combines city government and school district levies. Levy for city government services alone is 25 mills, and taxes paid at this rate, plus revenues received from other than property tax sources, will support the estimated city expenditures of \$810,912 during the fiscal year.

Medford school district 549 has a total levy of 44.3, an increase of 6 mills over 1956-57. Money collected at this rate supports the school district budget of \$1,530,818.76.

Highest combined levy of any city in the county is 102.9 mills for Jacksonville, an increase of 17.3 mills over 1956-57. Other city levies are: Talent, 98 mills; Phoenix, 82.2 mills; Eagle Point, 73.5 mills; Gold Hill, 72.1 mills; Rogue River, 70.9 mills; Butte Falls, 70.9 mills; Ashland, 62.5 mills; and Central Point, 61.7 mills.

Levies have been set for school districts within the county. A school district levy can be any one or a combination of rural school levy, special school levy, or school bond levy.

School district levies for 1957-58 are: Jacksonville, district 1, 73.1 mills; Griffin Creek, district 2, 74.7 mills; Ruch, district 3, 64.7 mills; Phoenix, district 4, 54.5 mills; Ashland, district 5, 47.9 mills; Central Point original, district 6, 46.9 mills; Central Point consolidated, district 6, 46 mills; Eagle Point original, district 9, 52.8 mills; Eagle Point consolidated, district 9, 51 mills; Lone Pine, district 10, 69.7 mills; Talent, district 22, 77.1 mills; Rogue River, district 35, 61.6 mills; Applegate, district 40, 61.6 mills; Trail, district 45, 62.9 mills; Prospect, district 59, 79.6 mills; Wimer, district 62, 61.6 mills; Shady Cove, district 89, 80.3 mills; Butte Falls, district 91, 61.6 mills; Pinehurst, district 94, 61.6 mills; Howard, district 100, 67.7 mills.

Schumacher said that 80.5 per cent of all monies collected by taxing in the county will be used to support schools this fiscal year.

Levies have been computed for all taxing "code areas" outside cities. Code areas are sections of land within any special taxing unit (such as a city, or school or fire district) or a combination of districts. Residents living within special taxing districts must pay the tax levies of those districts.

Special taxing districts also include those such as water, sanitary, and other districts. Levies for code areas may be for a combination of rural school, special school, school bond, water districts, sanitary districts, or rural fire protection districts, as well as the county and city.

A list of tax levies in mills for all taxing districts (code areas) in the county outside of incorporated cities appears on Page 12.

Rackets Committee Stops Questioning Teamster Official

Washington — The Senate Rackets committee abruptly broke off its questioning of Teamsters Vice President James R. Hoffa today on grounds that further questioning was "useless."

It did so after accusing Hoffa of buying miniature wire recorders to spy on union, political and grand jury proceedings and hearing him plead, "I can't recall."

Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) said putting more questions to Hoffa would be a "waste of time."

The hearing, he said, "has proceeded to the point where the witness has no memory." McClellan would not announce when Hoffa would be recalled.

In dismissing Hoffa from the witness stand, the committee made public a 48-count list of "conflicts of interest and questionable actions" by the teamsters' vice president.

Hoffa admitted he bought about four miniature wire recorders — but could not recall if they were ever used.

Earlier Hoffa promised to clean up New York's racket-ridden phony locals if he is elected president of the Teamsters Union.

Hoffa, now teamsters vice-president and front running candidate for the top post, told the Senate Rackets committee that retiring President Dave Beck made the decision to charter the bogus, membership union locals in New York.

Conspired With Dio The committee has charged that Hoffa conspired with racketeer Johnny Dio to set up the locals in a move to give Hoffa control of all teamsters in the big city. Hoffa was then and still is czar of teamsters in the Midwest.

Committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy shouted at Hoffa early in today's session, "You were the one" who recommended that the phony locals be chartered. But Hoffa insisted "the decision was made by President Beck."

Hoffa, almost certain choice to succeed Beck next month at the union's convention, then told Senate investigators that he would "absolutely" run a good union if he is elected.

Questioned about his dealings with Dio and others with long criminal records, Hoffa asserted that as president he would "deal with individuals who will not bring any harm to the labor movement."

City Planners Meet, Announce A Hearing The city planning commission met briefly last night to call a hearing Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 5 p.m. in the council chambers.

At that time a petition will be discussed on permitting construction of a filling station in Rogue Valley heights.

Democratic Sens. Warren G. Magnuson (Wash.), Henry M. Jackson (Wash.), Frank Church (Idaho), Mike Mansfield (Mont.), James E. Murray (Mont.) and Richard L. Neuberger (Ore.) joined in the proposal, the latest move in the public vs. private power controversy.

The senators all are strong advocates of a "high" federal Hells Canyon dam which was tugged down recently by the House Interior committee.

The senators introduced a bill which would amend the federal power act to provide a "new yardstick" to direct the FPC in licensing dams.

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Syrian President Says Statement by Ike 'Regrettable'

Kuwaty in Egypt For Talks on Future

By WALTER LOGAN United Press Correspondent

President Shukri El Kuwaty of Syria said today President Eisenhower's statement on Syria was "regrettable" and that the West, particularly the United States "should leave us alone."

Kuwaty made the statement in an interview in the independent Cairo newspaper, Al-Ahram as he prepared to join Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser in talks today in Alexandria, Egypt, on Syria's future.

Kuwaty joined acting Syrian Defense Minister Khalid El Azm in denying that Syria was Communist-dominated and renewed charges of an "American plot" to overthrow the Syrian government.

Kuwaty's statement blasting Eisenhower's contention that the Soviet Union's ultimate aim was to control Syria highlighted a series of Middle East developments in cluding:

—A meeting in Istanbul today of King Hussein of Jordan with King Feisal of Iraq and Turkish Premier Adnan Menderes. Hussein flew in Istanbul Thursday for the conference on Syria.

—A charge today by Moscow radio that the United States used "Machiavellian methods" in Syria in an effort to overthrow the government and that Syria's only fault was rejecting the Eisenhower Doctrine.

—A new flareup in border fighting between Israel and Jordan. A Jordan military spokesman said three Israelis were killed in a day-long skirmish Thursday when an Israeli patrol penetrated Jordanian territory.

—Report in the London Daily Express from Damascus that "Russian volunteers are now coming into Syria by sea and air in the thousands" and disappearing into military training camp and secret jet air bases.

Wheat Men Told Of Bank Program

Wheat farmers in Jackson county were notified this week of the acreage reserve program of the soil bank program for the 1958 crop year, according to Harry E. Martin of the Medford office of the commodity stabilization service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

County wheat growers planning to take advantage of the program should fill out the crop information requested in the application sent from the local office.

The application will be accepted at the local office between Aug. 26 and October 4.

New to the soil bank program this year is the "base." This is the average of the amount of land from which soil bank base crops were harvested on the farm in the two years 1956 and 1957. The base for a farm will be established by the county ASC committee.

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U. S., Russia Test Devices

Reds Resume Tests On Rejecting New Suspension Offer

Detonation Was of 'Substantial Size'

Washington — Russia resumed testing of big nuclear weapons at its Siberian proving ground Thursday just as Moscow Radio was rejecting a compromise western offer to suspend the tests for two years.

A brief bulletin this morning from the Atomic Energy commission hinted that Russia is testing H-Bombs or megaton-size weapons. It said the explosion was "of substantial size."

Rejects Offer A Moscow Radio broadcast Thursday night rejected the new western offer to suspend the tests for two years, as Russia has insisted. Moscow's official voice repeated Russia's demand that the suspension of tests not be linked to over-all disarmament terms.

Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the AEC said in the announcement: "The Soviet Union has resumed testing of nuclear weapons at its Siberian proving ground. A detonation of substantial size took place Aug. 22."

A spokesman for the commission said he could give no further details.

It was the 24th in a series of U.S. government announcements on the detection of Soviet test explosions. President Truman made the first on Sept. 3, 1949.

The latest was made by Strauss last April 16, reporting what proved to be the final of a series of five detected explosions in the spring testing schedule at Russia's mid-Siberian proving grounds.

The tests are understood to be conducted in a desolate area north of Pakistan and Afghanistan and west of China.

The western powers have made clear that they also intend to continue tests in their development of nuclear weapons until an international agreement is reached — and put into effect — to ban testing as part of a broader first step disarmament pact.

The speed with which the U.S. detected and reported the new Soviet explosion makes it clear that the test device was radioactively "dirty."

A "clean" H-bomb would not have shot enough radioactive debris into the high atmosphere to make detection as speedy and certain as it appears to have been.

Police Launch Check On Unconscious Man

Police are investigating possible in jury of Murlie F. Brown, 46, who was found unconscious in the alley behind the Owl club this morning.

Medford Ambulance service was called and he was taken to the Rogue Valley hospital where his condition is described as fair. According to hospital reports he had recovered consciousness by noon but still had "lapse of memory spells." He suffered minor head lacerations, police said.

Brown lives at 1027 North Central ave.

Defense Witness on Stand in Libel Trial

Hollywood — Confidential magazine's defense counsel called a surprise witness to court today to attempt to pin down the date that the magazine contends Irish-born Maureen O'Hara romanced a "Latin lover" in a Hollywood theater.

Michael Patrick Casey, 28, former assistant manager of the theater, came to court under subpoena and told reporters he recalled that Miss O'Hara "or her identical twin" was in the theater with a boy friend sometime between Feb. 8 and April 14, 1954.

Previous testimony by defense witness James Craig, a former usher, had put the red-haired actress in the arms of a Latin in a back row seat some time in November, 1953.

Testimony promptly was challenged out of court by Miss O'Hara who produced her passport to prove she was in Europe making a move until January, 1954.

Casey told reporters "I don't remember the exact date, but it was some time between those two dates during which I was employed at the theater."

Casey now is a Hollywood director of television commercials and Craig is a free lance TV producer in London.

The first witness to take the stand in the criminal libel trial of Confidential this morning was novelist William Bradford Huie, author of "The Revolt of Mamie Stover." He was called by the defense in an attempt to pin down what is and is not obscene.

Besides criminal libel, Confidential and its sister publication, Whisper, and their agents are charged with conspiracy to print obscenity.

Fatality Driver Appears In Court

Mrs. Eunice Fisher, 73, of Stockton, Calif., appeared in district court Thursday afternoon on a charge of negligent homicide. Attorney H. B. Collins was appointed by the court to represent her and bail was set at \$1,500.

Mrs. Fisher, driver of a car that struck and fatally injured James Alfred McKittrick, 84, of 819 North Central ave., apartment 3, was released on her own recognizance and was scheduled to be arraigned in district court today at 1:30 p.m.

McKittrick was killed about 8:50 a.m. Thursday while walking east on Main st. across the south intersection of Fir st.

Mrs. Fisher has been staying at the home of Edward Zander, Central Point.

Teen-Agers Own-Up To Break-In Series

Two Butte Falls boys, ages 13 and 15, admitted to sheriff's deputies Thursday a series of break-ins during the last month.

The admitted break-ins including several reported at Medford Corporation property in Butte Falls, and Scotties cafe, also admitted were the theft of a bicycle from Medford High school grounds, the breaking of windows in cabins, damaging of spark plugs in a tractor, cutting of two small fruit trees and the knocking of fruit from several trees all at Bear Creek orchards, taking a speaker from Starlite Drive-in theatre, and the theft of gasoline from various Butte Falls businesses during the past year.

The youths were released to their parents pending investigation by juvenile department.

Heroism Evidence Seen at Crash Site

Bend — Search parties reaching here Thursday from the Cascades where wreckage of a plane that crashed in 1956 was found Sunday reported grim evidence of heroism at the site of the crash which cost the lives of two Oregon men.

A skeleton identified as that of Dr. Ralph Johnston of Lebanon was found not far from the spot where his light plane lay crumpled among fir trees.

'Doppler' Fired 1,500 Feet Above Ground in Nevada

AEC Says Shot Will Have Little Fallout

Angel's Peak, Nev. — Scientists won their battle against the weather and unexpected mechanical problems today by firing the 13th nuclear device of the 1957 test series from a plastic balloon 1,500 feet above the Nevada Proving Grounds.

The device, given the code name "Doppler," was set off by a mechanical timer at 5:30 a.m. (p.m.t.). It unleashed a loud "boom" and power equal to about 10,000 tons of TNT.

Thunderstorms and a leaky balloon had forced postponement of the shot since Monday. But perfect weather conditions prevailed during the last 24 hours and the Atomic Energy commission ordered the launching in the pre-dawn hours of its now "leak proof" balloon designed to carry "Doppler."

Eight experiments were recorded on the sequence time. About 30 military planes took part in support missions minutes after the familiar mushroom cloud resulting from the earth-quaking blast zoomed skyward.

An orange glow appeared for nearly 40 seconds following the blast. The mushroom cloud rose to 20,000 feet but its long fingered stem didn't reach the ground.

Some 500 troops witnessed the blast from trenches 3,500 yards from ground zero. The test was closed for observation by the press at Newsboon.

No fires were started from the explosion. The flash was seen in Los Angeles and appeared as "bright white" in Salt Lake City. Early risers in Las Vegas and Reno also got a good glimpse of the flash.

The AEC predicted that there would be "little or no" fallout from the shot. The drifting mushroom cloud seemed to partly disappear in a cloud formation.

Scientists breathed a sigh of relief with the detonation of the device. Two days ago the balloon developed a leak and its entire supply of helium escaped. The AEC fixed the leak but had to wait another 24 hours for another shipment of helium.

An AEC spokesman said he believed there would be no fallout because the fireball didn't touch the ground. The atomically caused cloud was 10 miles east of ground zero 15 minutes after the detonation.

Scientists feared earlier in the week that the weather would give them trouble with shot No. 13. More than two inches of rain fell over the test site in two days.

BLM Reports Major Range Fires Out

Portland — The bureau of land management office here today reported all major range and forest fires in the state under control. But it warned that fire hazards remained at critically high levels.

John Hunt, fire control officer for the BLM, said lack of rainfall and dangerously low humidity readings combined to create an explosive condition in nearly all the state's forest lands and the dusty rangelands of eastern Oregon.

The hot spell spread also to the normally cool Oregon coast where currents of warm water made surf bathing ideal and fishermen were making tuna catches close to shore. Water temperatures along the entire west coast were reported the warmest in years.

Automobile Accident Injures Local Youth

A 17-year-old youth was injured during a one-car accident last night on the Foothills rd. when a car rolled over, state police reported.

John Harvey, 17, 1917 Oregon ave. was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital where he was reported in good condition this morning.

The driver, Dale Cawley, 18, 517 Bessie st., was reported uninjured. State police cited him for violation of the basic rule. The car was reported damaged beyond repair.

Edwards Bound Over, Waives Pre-Hearing

James W. Edwards, Portland, was bound over to the grand jury and bail was set at \$1,500 in district court Thursday on charges of obtaining money by false pretenses. Edwards waived preliminary hearing and was lodged in county jail.

L. R. Phillips, 355 Charlotte Anne rd., Medford, also appeared in district court Thursday before Judge James M. Main. Phillips, who pleaded innocent of obtaining property by false pretenses, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury. Bail was set at \$1,500.

Jacksonville Citizen Hurt In Woods Area

Hester Knutzen, 50, Jacksonville, was injured in a logging accident in the Beaver Creek area this morning. It was reported.

Medford Ambulance Service took him to Sacred Heart hospital in Medford where he was reported suffering from a leg injury.

Knutzen is employed by Ober Logging Company.

Portland Fire Trucks Called to Large Hotel

Portland — All available downtown fire equipment sped to the Multnomah hotel at 8 a.m. today after guests reported they smelled smoke on the seventh floor.

No fire was found. Firemen said the smoke apparently drifted in open windows from somewhere outside.

Legislature Will Consider Relief Because of Surplus

Estimate \$70 Million Left Next June

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes will call a special session of the Legislature Oct. 28 to provide 17 million dollars of property tax and income relief during 1957 and 1958, and 22 million dollars per biennium of tax relief thereafter.

The governor said he was basing his call for a special session on an estimate of the State

Corvallis — State Rep. Wayne Giesy (R-Moore) charged today that Gov. Robert Holmes' proposed tax cut plan for the special session of the Legislature was "another premeditated political maneuver."

Giesy, a members of the Legislative Tax Interim committee and House Tax committee, blamed the governor for "unrealistic" tax surplus estimate that was presented to the Legislature while it was in session this spring.

He alleged that the Governor "compelled" the State Tax commission to issue a low estimate as part of the so-called political maneuver.

Tax commission that Oregon will have a 70 million dollar surplus by June 30, 1958. Last previous estimate of state surplus was 48.6 million dollars at the end of the biennium.

"It is now apparent that such a surplus will be much bigger than heretofore has been anticipated," the governor said. He said his information was based on a detailed study by the Tax commission and the department of finance.

First Since 1935 The last special session of the Legislature was in 1935. Two special sessions were held in 1933 to deal with prohibition and the economic problems of the depression.

There have been a total of nine special sessions, the first in 1885. The governor said he had talked with various state leaders before making his special session call.

The governor said the leaders had agreed the state could safely provide five million dollars annual property tax relief through an increase in basic school support by \$10 per census child and that six million dollars annual income tax relief also could be provided.

The governor said that inaccurate estimates by the previous Tax commission were responsible for the income tax rates adopted by the last Legislature. "False Estimate" Cited

"On the basis of this false estimate on the economy, the Legislature prepared its tax program," the governor said. "Upon adjournment in May, the Legislature concluded that an estimated 37 million dollar surplus would meet a budget of 272 million dollars and leave a surplus on June 30, 1959, of some nine million dollars," the governor continued.

Gov. Holmes said he asked the reorganized Tax commission under Chairman S. W. John Horn, and Director of Finance John Richardson to find the "true" picture.

"Apparently, the new analysis of Oregon's economy indicates no lessening of the surplus by the end of the biennium. Such a situation indicates that substantial relief to Oregon property and income taxpayers should be provided immediately," the governor stated.

Plans for the special meeting were apparently okayed here Thursday by Senate President Boyd Overhulse, House Speaker Pat Dooley, Ways and Means Chairman Alfred Corbett, former representative Robert Steward, House Tax Committee Chairman Clarence Barton, Senate Tax Committee Chairman Horn of the Tax commission, and Walter Pearson, Chairman S. W. Finance Department Director Richardson.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Saturday and Sunday except for possibility of afternoon thunderstorms over higher mountains. Low tonight 52. High Saturday 54. High Sunday near 90.

TEMPERATURE Highest Yesterday 85 Lowest this Morning 56

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:27 a.m. Sunset 7:01 p.m. The moon rising Saturday, 1:33 a.m., travels on an orbit around the Earth at an average distance of 238,857 miles. At New Moon (Aug. 25) it will be on that part of its path that lies between the Earth and the Sun.