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Recommendations Get Little Opposition at Resources Meeting

Little opposition was voiced last night to recommendations for Rogue River basin water resources development, presented publicly by subcommittees of the county water resources committee.

About 100 persons attended the meeting at the courthouse auditorium, held to give the public information about the studies made by eight subcommittees for the overall committee.

Considerable discussion evolved around the report made by Francis Krouse, Applegate, the chairman of the flood control subcommittee. Some criticized the report for exaggerating the amount of flood damage caused by the Rogue river. One farmer pointed out it is difficult to set a value on the land washed away by flood waters.

"Should you place the dollars and cents on the land according to what has been raised on it or what future crops might have been raised on it?" the farmer asked.

Questions Figures

Col. Paul Weiland, Medford, questioned some of the figures obtained from the bureau of reclamation. However, Bill Jess, Eagle Point, water resources committee chairman, explained the flood stage gauge has been changed.

Another member of the audience pointed out that considerable valuable timber and agricultural land would have to be put under water if a large flood control dam were built. Jess pointed out that the committee's job was not to point out how flood control should be achieved; its job is just to point out the need.

Another member of the audience pointed out that a dam on Lewis creek would put approximately 150 dwelling units under water, plus some business establishments.

Outlines Report

Outlining his report on domestic and municipal use of water, Robert Lee, Medford water superintendent, and chairman of the subcommittee, recommended that laws be established guaranteeing to cities an adequate supply of water from the county water sheds according to future estimated population needs. By the year 2007 he said municipal water systems will serve about 122,400 people and net annual water requirement in acre feet will be 31,215.

The committee report also recommended statutes be changed to allow industrial use of Rogue river water thus taking the burden off municipal water supplies now serving industry.

In answer to a question from the audience, Lee said that it is estimated at least 50 per cent of the present underground domestic water supplies are unsatisfactory. This is due to lack of quantity, pollution from surface water or hard or saline water, he explained. Phoenix, he said, has the only adequate underground source.

In making his report, Frank DeVoss, chairman of the fish and wildlife water use subcommittee, estimated wildlife returns a value estimated at $95 per acre a year. The figure from the bureau of reclamation is based on the amount of money spent in pursuit of wildlife by the hunter and the value of the meat taken, he said.

The subcommittee report as made by DeVoss recommended that a minimum flow of 1,800 cubic feet per second be maintained on the Rogue river to safeguard fish and wildlife.

DeVoss also pointed out the esthetic values such as "the beauty of the country" around the Rogue river and the world-wide reputation of the Rogue river as a fishing stream.

Speaking for the subcommittee on industrial, mining and power use, Jerry Latham, Medford, stated that "the Rogue river and its tributaries represents the most important undeveloped resource in this area. It is the key to a planned and orderly economic development of the basin," Latham stated. "A continued freeze under present laws and regulations leaves the future to happenstance."

Frozen Water Use

The subcommittee recommendmended that present laws and regulations be kept in force, which means water use would be frozen at its present level. It would be changed when forced to change by population, he said.

The subcommittee also recommended that present laws and regulations be relaxed to allow use by certain resource-oriented industries such as pulp and paper manufacturing. However, Latham pointed out, certain safeguards would have to be established to protect the river and its tributaries from pollution.

Full development should start first with irrigation and reclamation of tillable land. This would stimulate population growth with the resulting development of diversified industry, it was pointed out in the report.

Speaking for the agriculture users subcommittee, Walter Hoffbuhr, said additional irrigation is needed for land not covered by present irrigation systems and the Talent irrigation project.

By bringing such land under water and either increasing or starting in production more money would be brought into the county, Hoffbuhr said. This would apply particularly to the county taxes. The tax base would be broadened since higher assessments are made on irrigated land, he noted.

Rochester, N.Y.—(AP)—Frank E. Gannett, who rose from a farm boy to a position of great prominence in the newspaper world, died at his home here today. He was 81.

Hammarskjold in Isreal To Confer On Jordan Clashes

Secretary-General Non-Committal

Jerusalem, Israel — (AP) — A smiling but non-committal Dag Hammarskjold entered Israel today for talks with this nation's leaders and ran into new charges that Jordan had turned areas around Mount Scopus into an "armed fortress."

At the same time a Jordan spokesman said in Amman that an Israeli civilian who penetrated some 200 yards into Jordan Sunday was believed wounded by rifle fire as he fled back across the border. This was the latest report in a recent series of border clashes which brought new Middle East tension.

Seeks To Prevent War

Hammarskjold came to the Middle East to try to prevent a series of Jordanian and Israeli clashes from flaring into war. A Jordanian blockade of the Israeli enclave on Mount Scopus in Jordanian territory appeared to be the major stumbling block.

The UN Secretary General talked for two days with King Hussein of Jordan, Premier Ibrahim Hashim and Foreign Minister Samir Rifai Sunday and Monday but a joint communique gave no indication of major progress in the latest Mid-East trouble.

Wants Cooperation

The communique said the Jordan government wished to maintain fullest cooperation with the UN Truce Supervision organization but it left unanswered the question whether Hammarskjold had bowed to a Jordan demand he oust truce supervisor Byron Leary, a U. S. Marine colonel, on charge he was "partial" to Israel.

The communique said the discussions also covered the difficulties recently arisen in respect to the Israeli convoy to Mount Scopus — but it added that with the Jordanian views clarified Hammarskjold will not undertake further steps intended to resolve the problem.

Results of ASC Election Announced

Results of the mail election of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation community committeemen last month have been announced by Harold Martin, manager of the local ASC office.

Elected chairmen or their alternates will meet Thursday, Dec. 12, to elect the county committee for 1958. This committee, Martin said, consists of a chairman, vice chairman, regular member and two alternates.

Committeemen elected include: Applegate, Lance Offenbacher, chairman, Fred West, vicechairman, Clarence Buck, regular mmeber Ashland, Joe Duggan, chairman, Don Nichols, vicechairman, Jewel Lowe, regular member Central Point, Ray Vogel, chairman, Edwin Gebhard, vicechairman, Lloyd Hammond, regular member; Eagle Point, Charles Stanley, chairman, Merton Bradshaw, vicechairman, John Ousterhout, regular member; JacksonvilleMedford, Archie Ferns, chairman, Ralph Swingle, vicechairman, Charles Hockersmith, regular member; Rogue River, Glenn Chase, chairman, Glenn Birdseye, vicechairman, Charles White, regular member and Sams Valley, Albert Straus, chairman, Earl Peffley, vicechairman, and Burle Burreson, regular member.

Lew Wallace Plans To Seek Demo Governor Nomination

Portland —(AP)— Veteran Democratic campaigner Lew Wallace said today he would seek his party's nomination for governor in the 1958 May primary.

Wallace, who was on the primary ballot in 1956 but threw his support to Gov. Robert D. Holmes, made known his plans in a telegram to Carl Gilson of La Grande, a long-time associate in election campaigns. Although he announced his withdrawal in 1956, Wallace polled a large number of votes and was a close second to Holmes in the primary.

Urged by Many

In his telegram to Gilson, Wallace said "many sound-minded Democrats have urged me to enter the coming primaries as a candidate for governor."

"The confidence expressed by so many has prompted my decision to become a candidate. My platform will be economy in government, reduction of taxes, backed by a strong program of sound administration and intelligent leadership."

Contributions Welcome

He said he had a "modest sum" to spend for campaign expenses. "Small contributions will be appreciated. I do not propose to buy the office of governor, but you realize a vigorius campaign is costly."

Wallace entered the 1956 primary but withdrew after he became ill. However his name appeared on the ballot and he carried 23 of 36 counties. Holmes polled a big lead in Multnomah county to overcome Wallace's upstate strength.

MORE DEFENSE, FOREIGN AID SPENDING PROPOSED

Ike, Advisers Lay Plans Before Congress Leaders

Nuclear Secret Exchanges Included

Washington — (AP) — President Eisenhower and his advisers laid before congressional leaders today proposals for higher defense and foreign aid spending and exchanging nuclear weapons secrets with U.S. allies.

The congressional leaders were told at a five-hour White House conference that the administration wants to boost defense spending next year by about $2 billion to about $40 billion and foreign aid spending by about a half billion to $31,940,000,000 to meet Russia's space-age military challenge.

President Eisenhower presided over the meeting for a total of about 2½ hours. Vice President Richad M. Nixon presided the rest of the time.

President Looks Well

Conferees agreed that the President looked well despite the mild stroke he suffered Nov. 25.

One conferee, Rep. James Van Zant (R-Pa.) said the congressional leaders were told the administration will ask for $4 billion defense budget next year. He said an accelerated missile and other programs would cost "two billion dollars plus" over this year's defense budget of $38 billion.

Chairman Harry S. Byrd (D-Va.) of the tax-writing Senate Finance committee, said there was no discussion of taxes and no firm discussion of possible increases in the $275 billion debt ceiling.

Chairman Richard B. Russell (D.Ga.) of the Senate Armed Services committee said Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy commission outlined three proposed changes in the atomic energy act to permit greater sharing of some technical secrets with western allies.

As for chances in Congress for the changes, Russell would not speculate "until I get more information than we got in there."

Military Pay Increase

Congressional leaders said after the meeting that these other proposals were put forward:

—An extension for five years of the reciprocal trade program which expires June 30.

—A military pay increase aimed chiefly at keeping men skilled in science and technology in the armed forces.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson pledged that the administration's 1958 program will be "promptly and seriously considered" by Congress. He said the administration's five-hour briefing was "very thorough and comprehensive."

Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland said there was a full and frank discussion of foreign policy, NATO, and other matters.

Adlai E. Stevenson sat in on the first 90 minutes of the conference which dealt, among other things, with plans the U.S. will put forward for strengthening the Atlantic alliance at the NATO Summit meeting in Paris Dec. 16-18.

The White House announced after the meeting that President Eisenhower had invited Stevenson to go to the Paris meeting as a member of the U.S. delegation. Stevenson said he was deferring his decision for a week to 10 days.

There still was no decision on whether the President himself will go to Paris.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS
HELP FIGHT TB
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SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
1957 CHRISTMAS
1957 GREETINGS

FORESTERS MEET — At a special meeting of forest service personnel in the Federal building today, plans were made to step up the sale of national forest timber in an effort to relieve local unemployment and to help get the industry on its feet. Additional funds appropriated to the Rogue River national forest recently will make it possible to sell the full allowable cut at reasonable prices. Discussing the problem with Rogue River National forest supervisor Carroll Brown (center) are, left to right, District Rangers Harold (Red) Thomas, Ashland; Vern Taylor, Applegate; Rex Ressler, Union Creek, and Ralph Wiese, Butte Falls. A total of about 16 forest service officials attended the meeting.

Benson To Stay; Plans To Continue Best Possible Job

Washington—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson reaffirmed today that he is not going to resign and that he will continue "to do the best possible job" for farmers.

Benson read a restatement of principles at a crowded news conference which had been billed in advance as "important."

"Let me say right here that what I am about to say is a statement—not of resignation—but of resolution," Benson said.

"You have heard. I have heard much speculation in recent weeks on whether the secretary of agriculture is a political asset or liability," Benson continued. "I have been told this: 'What you say may be true, but then you don't have to be elected.' I have heard it said that 'Benson is basically right on the farm facts, but dead wrong politically'."

Benson said his personal plans are to continue as secretary of agriculture.

"In September the President asked me to stay on," Benson said. "I agreed to do so. Nothing that I know of has come up to change this understanding."

Benson said his statement had not been cleared with President Eisenhower or Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams.

"I cleared this with no one—it is my statement," Benson said. "I did not discuss it with the White House."

Benson was asked if he told the Cabinet about the statement at a meeting Monday.

"I did not," he said.

Director Reelected In Water District

Donald L. Bryan, incumbent director, was reelected for a five-year term to the board of directors for Kings highway Water district yesterday.

Geraldean Graham, incumbent, was reelected to board of directors for the Maple Park Water district for a one-year term. Others elected in the Maple Park district were Donald Kasper, five-year term, and Dale Durbin, four-year term.

Results of elections in other water and fire districts was not immediately obtainable.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Valley fog through Wednesday, except partial clearing in afternoon. Above fog, variable high clouds, temperature in fog, low tonight 30, high Wednesday 40, above fog, low tonight 35, high Wednesday 50.

Highest Yesterday 34
Lowest this Morning 30
Prec. to 4 a.m. Today, Trace

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise ..... 7:23 a.m.
Sunset ..... 4:39 p.m.
The Moon sets Wednesday ..... 4:43 a.m.

At that time the constellation of Orion will be in the southwest with orange-red Betelgeuse high above the three stars of the Belt and bright white Rigel well below them.

Full Moon ..... Dec. 6.

Plans For Stepping Up Timber Program Discussed by Rangers

Plans for stepping up the timber sale program of the Rogue River National Forest are being discussed in a meeting today with the five district forest rangers, according to C. E. Brown, forest supervisor.

Additional funds to be used for getting more timber onto the market recently were appropriated to the Rogue National Forest for this fiscal year, he said. Brown added the additional funds will make it possible to sell the full allowable cut of green timber, plus additional salvage material in scattered dead timber areas.

Additional funds also will enable the local national forest to contribute a volume of raw material needed to supply the local timber industry and relieve some unemployment, Brown said. This will be the major objective of the selling program, he added.

Striving for More Timber

He said the forest service has been striving to get additional timber offered for sale at reasonable prices during the current period of unemployment to help the timber industry back on its feet.

The service has advertised slightly less than 100 million board feet of timber for sale since July 1 this year. About 84 million board of feet of this has been sold, he said. The rest, about 15 million board feet, is in a large tract on the Sturgis Fork Chance in the Applegate district.

No bids were received on the tract and it will be reappraised, reflecting the reduction in market price since the first advertising period, Brown said. Most of the sold timber was bid above appraised prices, he added.

On some of the winter logging chances, prices ran up to more than 50 per cent of the appraised and advertised price, he said. Brown added the objective is to appraise national forest timber being offered for sale at prices that are fair so a normally efficient operator can afford to pay under current operating conditions and then let competitive bidding decide who buys the tract.

High School Ticket Sales Called Fraud

Fraudulent season tickets to Medford high school basketball games are apparently being sold in the city, Lee Ragsdale, high school athletic director, warned today.

Ragsdale said reports have reached his office that persons have been approached to purchase the tickets, which have not been issued by the school.

He pointed out that season tickets may be purchased only at the high school office and are not being offered for sale through any other channels.

Holders of last season's reserved seats have until Dec. 20 to renew their seats, the athletic director said. This also may be done only at the high school office, he said.

Resident Landowners Must Have Deer Tags

Salem—(AP)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said today that resident landowners are required to have a deer tag and hunting license when hunting deer on their own land.

Thornton said the Legislature made no exception for resident landowners.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(AP)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 441.55, off 0.36; 20 railroads 101.65, off 0.580 15 utilities 67.52, up 0.06, and 65 stocks 148.2, off 0.20. Sales today were about 2,060,000 shares compared with 2,430,000 shares Monday.

Everything Said In Readiness for Historic Firing

Mechanical 'Bugs' Believed Eradicated

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (AP) — All is in readiness for the historic firing Wednesday of a slender rocket carrying America's hopes of duplicating Russia's leap into space, a Navy spokesman said today.

If there have been any last minute mechanical bugs in the Navy's Vanguard missile, they have been of a minor and inconsequential nature, a source close to the firing operation said.

Weather Could Interfere

Only the weather could interfere with the firing, now expected for 5 a.m. (pst) Wednesday.

A weather front is expected to roll across the missile launching site sometime in the afternoon but too late to interfere with the firing of it goes off at the morning hour.

The Navy source said everything in connection with the launching of the 72-foot, three-stage rocket that will attempt to orbit America's six-inch baby moon is proceeding according to plan.

Meeting Space Challenge

Several final checkouts were being repeated, however, to aim at perfection in the all-important satellite effort.

Another source said that if anything had been wrong with the Vanguard it must have been strictly of a minor nature and had been corrected because there was not change in the firing schedule.

It requires good visibility and only moderate winds for a really successful launching.

If successfully orbited, the U. S. satellite will send back a radio signal to let the world know the challenge of Russia's two whirling satellites has been met.

Flu Cases Show Decline in County

A total of 101 cases of influenza were reported to the Jackson county health department last week, a decrease of 104 cases from the previous week, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health physician, has announced.

The total number of cases was the lowest reported in more than a month. Early in November, influenza cases reached its peak when 516 cases were reported in one week. Week before last, 205 cases were reported, and the week before that there were 245 cases.

Of the 101 cases, 43 were in Medford, 24 in Phoenix, 16 in Ashland, 10 in Shady Cove and 8 in Rogue River.

Twenty-two other cases of communicable diseases were reported last week, Dr. Merkel said. They included seven pneumonia, two measles, six mumps, two strep throat, two pink eye, two German measles, and one infectious hepatitis.

KF Police Survey Agreed by Council

Klamath Falls — (AP) — The Klamath Falls city council Monday night agreed to have the city police department surveyed and evaluated under the direction of the Berkeley, Calif., police department.

Mayor Lawrence Slater, who is in Berkeley, wired the council that Berkeley Police Chief John Holstrom had agreed to provide a man for the survey. The Berkeley staff has evaluated more than 50 police departments across the nation, including those at Medford, Portland and Los Angeles.

The Klamath Falls department has been under fire by a grand jury.

Salem — (AP) — Fischer Lively, Wallowa, has been named to succeed Charles F. Litch, Enterprise, on the Wallowa county public welfare commission.

Roadblock Set Up Near Winchester For Young Suspect Nabs 'Dangerous' Ex-Con

Roseburg—(AP)—A "dangerous" ex-convict, wanted for questioning about the shotgun wounding of a deputy sheriff in Tacoma, was captured Monday night at a roadblock which had been set up for a teen-age auto theft suspect.

Police also captured the auto theft suspect, but only after he crashed through the roadblock.

Block Near Winchester

The road block was set up near Winchester about five miles north of here to snare David Wilson, 19, of Portland, who had eluded officers in Portland early Monday in a hail of bullets after police had gone to arrest him on an auto theft charge.

But caught first in the roadblock was Wesley LeRoy Ritchie, 29, of Tacoma.

Ritchie had been sought since late Sunday night after Deputy Sheriff Harold V. Knabel was wounded in the face by a shotgun blast when he started to get out of his patrol car to shake down a suspicious car near Tacoma. Safety glass on his car took the brunt of the blast and his injuries were minor.

Spotted in Eugene

Afterwards a car was stolen from the Fircrest district near Tacoma. The car was spotted in Eugene early Monday and police gave chase. The driver fled on foot after piling up the car.

Police said Ritchie was hitchhiking when apprehended at the roadblock shortly after 8 p.m.

Police said Ritchie took a sawed-off shotgun from under his coat and threw it out of the car in which he had hitched a ride after officers surrounded the vehicle. He had been asleep when the car was stopped.

A few minutes later, police said, a car crashed through the road block.

Police found the car 2½ hours later about four miles west of Roseburg. Wilson was inside asleep.

Wilson managed to get away from detectives in Portland early Monday when a bullet fired at his car ricocheted into the gasoline tank of the police car. Officers had gone to arrest him on a charge of stealing a car in Spokane and driving it across a state line.

Ritchie was booked here pending return to Tacoma. Both were lodged in the Douglas county jail.