

Shopping Area, Lumber Make Top News

Injury of Passenger On Incoming Plane Is Top 'Spot' News

Development of a new shopping center at the corner of Jackson st. and Biddle rd., the slump in the lumber market and the Talent reclamation project shared the voting by Mail Tribune news department staff members for the "most significant" news story of 1957.

Three staff members picked the shopping center development and three chose the lumber conditions as their choice for the most significant. Two staff members voted the Talent project as the most significant, and another considered the county water resources committee study and survey of the Rogue river basin as the most significant.

The story of a 17-year-old Central Point youth shooting an incoming passenger plane at the Medford municipal airport, injuring a passenger, early in October was rated the best "spot" news story of the year. Seven staff members voted it the best, and two voted Alfred S. V. Carpenter's \$1.5 million donation to Harvard university as the top news story.

Stories which staff members believed had the best "human interest" basis included three members of the Edward Kelly family being appointed judges in the county, another about a Medford policeman who was bitten by a dog, and one about a youth stealing a plane in Medford and taking his first "solo" flight to California. The stories ranked in that order in voting.

The "most significant" story is judged on its long-range effect in the county, while a "spot" news story is one which makes news only one or two days.

Other stories which received votes as being significant included the Medford and county subdivision ordinances; the Salk anti-polio shots administered in the county; and the Berrydale annexation to Medford.

Among stories during 1957 which received votes as being some of the best "spot" news stories were the success and expansion of the Shakespearean Festival in Ashland; new buildings in Medford, including the Red Cross building and the Girls Community club; the trial of Donald Ambuehl on a narcotics charge; the seizure and sale of more than \$1,250,000 worth of property owned by Walter Leverette; the estate of the late John Tomlin, most of which went to charities; and the attempt to hold up the Medford branch of the First National bank late in the fall.

Following is a summary of major news happenings in Jackson county during 1957:

JANUARY

Mayor John Snider and four new councilmen take office... Lewis T. Robinson killed in car crash near Rogue River... Noreen Kelly appointed municipal judge... Donald LaVerne Ambuehl jury selection begins... March of Dimes campaign opens... city council amends building permit fees... Mayor Snider cited for speeding... Medford area to get biggest telephone rate increase... Building permits show increase over 1955... Medford district will need another school in 1958... three new county officials take oath of office... unemployment for December estimated at 1,860... 3,600 people move to Medford area during 1956... December sets record for number of heavy fog days... Iranian lumber official visits county saw mills... new army planned on housing project site... free Salk vaccine station schedule set... three weather records set at Crater Lake in 1956... bids called on Talent project plant gen-

FEBRUARY

Hearing due on O&C land restrictions... bronze plaques presented Chamber of Commerce past presidents... bill proposed to remove school bond complications... bus driver suffers heart attack... bank debits in area show 5 per cent increase... woman dies of burns suffered in attempt to light gas oven... 50,000 Shakespearean festival folders put into mail... Mrs. Elizabeth Myrtle Beck dies of heart attack on airplane following Hawaiian vacation... three Jackson county tavern owners arrested for displaying games of chance... Medford school board plans \$1,200,000 bond issue... 2,665 unemployed during January... women killed in highway crash near Medford... Lone Pine residents plan meeting to fight annexation... Patricia Leek, Richard James win Youth Leadership awards... tavern owners fined for operating games of chance... National Guard to control



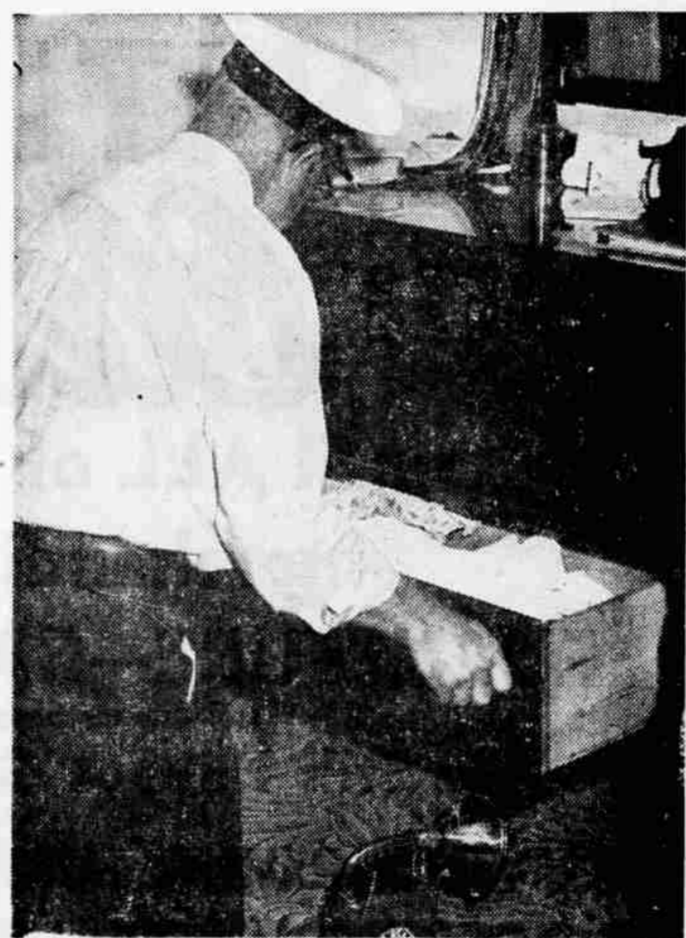
... Ground Leveling Starts for Shopping Center

armory administration... Lone Pine millage rate increases to 93.2 because of annexation... streamflow forecast revised downward due to low January precipitation... Lone Pine school observes 100th year... second round of polio shots to start... sheriff's office reports more than four million dollars collected in taxes... Ashland woman dies attempting to start fire with kerosene... Medford planning commission to request \$9,700 to back city's participation in Federal aid program for municipal improvements... Pear Festival date set in April... county clerk to authorize 20 precinct boundary changes... school district 6C bond elections scheduled... six firms submit bids on county detention home... 23 youths arrested in connection with thefts... area students to take over city, county positions for day... Carl McMillan found guilty of driving while under influence of liquor... combined tax levy in Medford among lowest of nation... Ashland store owners charged with OLCG violations... two bond issues defeated in school dis-

trict 6C... public hearing called on rezoning southwest Medford... high school students favor commission for off-street parking... council passes tree planting ordinance... construction of Medford section of Highway 99 may start in fall... planning commission recommends annexation election for Berrydale... Medford High wins Valley Forge award... Camp White celebrates eighth birthday... architect releases drawing of proposed \$5,000,000 Rogue Manor... licensees admit contributions to GOP fall campaign... McMillan sentenced to six months, \$500... Prospect school to discuss special tax... 14 Medford students to attend model United Nations...

MARCH

County planning commission makes recommendations for improvements in crop production... 19 recommendations for removal of fire hazards issued for Jackson county court house... Chamber of Commerce endorses two bills to give PUC more power... council restores street tree planting... Medford irriga-



... Jackson Hotel Bomb Scare

tion district snow cover said below average... 10 arrested when police raid card game... 21 tavern owners have licenses suspended for seven days... Andrew Jackson Hanby, 89, dies at Jackson county farm home... Congressman Charles Porter to introduce Rogue River project bill... eight men fined \$30 each for playing an illegal game... negotiations may lower total cost of detention home... district attorney orders scrap dealers to check for stolen equipment... council calls hearings for improvement districts... petitions submitted for Kenwood-Grandview sewers... Prospect school officials drop special tax proposal... mayor names committee to negotiate with state on freeway... above average water flow forecast for southern Oregon rivers... Mrs. Marjorie M. Butler, Medford High dean of girls, dies in local hospital... possible deletions in county detention home discussed... reforestation of O&C lands for 1956-57 completed... government seizes Leverette property for back taxes... 2,675 unemployed in county as of Feb. 28... planning commission delays action on southwest Medford zone change request... county detention home contract let by county court... Medford population listed at 21,979... Governor Holmes to officiate at Pear Festival in April... possibility of new federal building in Medford being discussed... Medford proceeds in plans for Eighth st. crossing... two new buildings authorized for Southern Oregon college... Charles G. Howe's body found in Rogue river... highway department to prepare sketches for freeway in Medford... hearing on sewer construction continued by city council... 29 foreign students visit Medford... Jacksonville girl wounded in gun accident... rain storm sets record for March precipitation in Medford... supply of Salk vaccine in area said low... visiting officials inspect new National Guard armory... Congressman Charles Porter to act as master of ceremonies at seventh annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner...

APRIL

Local Philharmonic group presents annual spring concert... O&C marketing restrictions abolished following hearing... airport grant to be used for lighting... Medford population listed at 22,232... main switchboard planned for courthouse... April 16 hearing set for Barnett rd. zone change... Gordon Williams new youth director of YMCA... council approves additional study for Kenwood-Grandview sewer... Jaycees plan building program at Lake of the Woods... telephone system to Crater Lake nearing completion... bar association protests closing Medford marshal office... county board approves \$1,272,560 budget for rural schools... employment makes first seasonal gains... James Main named district judge... Siskiyou plane crash kills two... fruit growers heat orchards in 30-degree weather... construction starts on detention home... Ashland jail said inadequate... school district 6C calls budget election... fire prevention code ordinance passed by Medford council... Berrydale annexation vote called May 22... council changes meeting night to Thursdays... bids called on water, sewer systems for Crater Lake... three Medford youths admit making bombs... committee presents city general budget of \$721,965... Rep.



... Governors Holmes, G. Mennon Williams

E. A. Littrell injured in accident near Myrtle Creek... Jack Wood, Rogue River forest supervisor, receives promotion... Dr. William W. P. Holt named doctor of the year... delivery of new phone directory begins... Governor Robert Holmes to make first 1957 visit to area... David Frohmyer selected as participant in American Field service program... Red Cross building ground breaking held during June... Berrydale annexed... Diamond lake jammed with fishermen on opening day... 3,000 hear governor dedicate new National Guard armory... Medford planning commission recommends rezoning of Sears property... Jerry Gastineau elected chairman of polio chapter for county... two men injured in gas explosion in rear of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph building... grandstand dedicated at Camp White.

MAY

Man killed when he walks into train at Main st... Tucker Sno-Cats give good service in Antarctica... new Jaycee officers installed... C. E. Brown named forest supervisor to succeed Jack Wood... study of school budget starts... construction of access road at airport approved by city... council rezones five acres near new hospital area... man escapes from Medford jail for 20 minutes... smaller pear yield indicated for 1957... voters notified of precinct boundary changes... \$150,000 mill destroyed in Jacksonville fire... Jackson hotel searched after bomb scare... woman killed when train strikes car at Stewart ave. crossing... Kings highway water district votes more land... \$345,177 increases seen in county budget... bids opened on Green Springs power plant... fire department offers home inspection service... school district 6C approves \$808,843 budget... public hearing for city residents on Berrydale annexation held... water department presents budget for \$486,967... council invites Berrydale district residents to annex... water department to use postcard bills... annual safety patrol banquet held... hearings called for church property rezonings... cigarette starts Crater hotel fire... action starts on rezoning area for Sears development... Francis I. Cheney nominated for school board membership... parking meter time limits being readjusted... city to ask PUC hearing on speed of trains... city decides to not to assume indebtedness of water districts... hearing called for rezoning of Sears area... plans authorized for sanitary sewer for Grandview-Kenwood areas... state highway department to place McAllister Springs rd. on forest highway system... six high school girls injured in car accident... Roger Rath, county budget

committeeman, refuses to sign proposed county budget... Crater Lake park observes 55th anniversary... rural school district residents approve budget... Raymond Reter successful bidder on Leverette property... bids called for construction of Crater Lake park buildings... two die when car plunges into Evans creek... Lions clubs to hold convention in Medford during June... Berrydale annexed... Diamond lake jammed with fishermen on opening day... 3,000 hear governor dedicate new National Guard armory... Medford planning commission recommends rezoning of Sears property... Jerry Gastineau elected chairman of polio chapter for county... two men injured in gas explosion in rear of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph building... grandstand dedicated at Camp White.

JUNE

St. Mary's High school plans new building, additions... Medford area orchards heated five times during season... county treasurer predicts \$1,000,000 surplus for year... police arrest five on liquor charges... Medford school district budget wins by big margin... 34 Phoenix High graduates receive diplomas... 284 Medford High seniors graduate... local couple charged with welfare fraud... preliminary plans for Berrydale sanitary sewer start... several lookouts manned because of dry weather... Hawthorne Park pool opens... employment gain continues in county... firm to develop nickel deposits in Illinois valley area... fruit growers approve county pur-

chase of land for agricultural research station... Eugene firm low bidder on Crater Lake park buildings... Herb Partridge named new director of Medford YMCA... bids called for Kings highway water district project... new post office building due for Talent... local National Guardsmen leave for camp... 52 scouts plan to attend national event... Edward Kelly named new circuit court judge... George E. Gates dies in local hospital... Evergreen bus lines seek schedule changes... Shakespearean Festival plays complete casting... county employee salary increases discussed at public hearing... Ashland boy wins catfish derby... local corporation formed for electronic research... job of state water resources board defined at meeting... shots fired during arrest of Lowell A. Bish for assault... Otto Ewaldsen reelected to Medford school district post... Lions state convention starts in Medford... Washington youth killed on Highway 99... final county budget has \$57,269 increase... city school children rank above national averages, according to tests... Lions International president speaks at convention... Columbia Utilities company purchases Crater Lake telephone system... Grants Pass man arraigned on narcotics charge... Eagles arrive for state convention... Southern Pacific announces no opposition to Eighth st. crossing... rim road at Crater Lake opens... council annexes land in fairground area... Jim McDonald elected president of National Student Education association... National Guards-

AUGUST

Plywood plant planned for White City area... Ashland youth killed in car accident here... hearing called for city subdivision ordinances... bids called for city storm sewer project... large crowd attends opening night for Shakespearean Festival... chairman named to subcommittee of county water use group... Alley Brothers mill purchased by Steve Wilson... Mrs. Henry E. Johnson fatally burned in bed... hearing on application for a labor injunction in a Jackson coun-

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... New Medford Mayor, Councilmen Take Office



... Three Judges in Family

men return from summer training... Edward Kelly sworn in as circuit court judge... Pendleton man elected president of Oregon Eagles at convention.

JULY

City officials defend proposed off-street parking program... state water board voices opposition to legislation affecting Rogue river... Richard V. Hogan appointed city purchasing agent... body of 5-year-old Grants Pass girl found in river... first non-military use of army will be for Town and Country show... pear harvest expected to start Aug. 5... shopping center plans announced... United Medford Crusade agencies present budget... Judge James M. Main named to interim group... 4,000 view July 4 fireworks display... girl accidentally shot in stomach... council defers action on rezoning Phipps property... 2-year-old boy drowns in ditch... Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association take out chamber membership... city planning commission denies annexation request for 47 acres... Mrs. Eve Nye named chairman of Medford school board... June unemployment remains high in area... measles cases in county reach 6-month high... no settlement signs reported in Austin King will strike... Air Force to build radar station on King mountain... county civil defense takes part in nationwide alert... council adopts budget for coming year... injuries fatal to man in logging accident... evacuate facilities in county held excellent by civil defense... hearing on train speeds postponed... county court names William Jess chairman to study water uses of Rogue river... new Copco transmission line under construction... Sears shopping center land rezoned... Rogue Manor completing property purchases... pickets stationed at three entrances to Medco mill area... mayor signs ordinances for Sears project... county planning commission approves subdivision bill... dress rehearsals start at Shakespearean festival... youth steals plane from Medford airport... Alley Brothers mill closure adds to slump in lumber market... improper storage said cause of Palm building fire... Medford police captain appointed guardian of 82-year-old woman... radio relay planned between Rogue valley, Klamath Falls... Medford family found after night in woods near Butte Falls... fire destroys buildings, home on Willow Springs rd... top prices on Portland livestock market brings local encouragement... complaint may be filed against striking union at Medco by National Labor Relations board... public lands committee opposes proposed duck stamp bill... \$66 million bill on Rogue river development to be introduced by Congressman Charles O. Porter... harvest of pears starts on small scale...