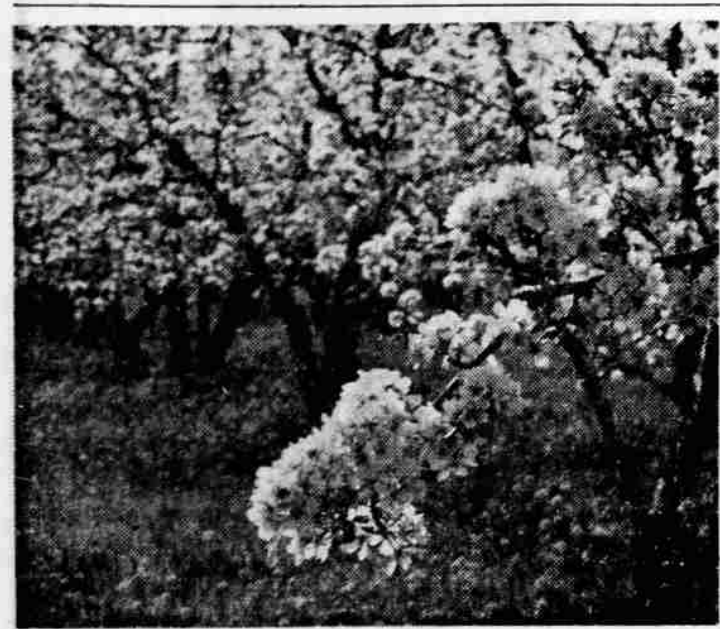


QUAKER GROUP BARRED FROM TEST GROUND

New School Budget Totals \$2,525,441 for New Year



LUXURIANT BLOOMS—Pear orchards in the Rogue River valley will be at their showiest for the annual Pear Blossom festival this weekend as the thousands of acres of fruit trees reach their peak of bloom. The heavy fragrance of the blossoms is everywhere and the occurrence marks the beginning of a new season—that of pampering the forming fruit to maturity through the warm summer months ahead. The picture above was taken in an orchard of Bartlett's near the junction of Roberts and Foothill roads. The theme of this year's Pear Blossom festival is "All Good Things Come in Pears," and the celebration will get underway with the parade through Medford streets at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Festival Events To Get Sunshine

Fair and mild weather, and possibly the warmest day this year is expected for Saturday events of the Pear Blossom festival. The weather bureau forecast a high temperature of 75 degrees for tomorrow.

Several "firsts" will be included in the blossom parade Saturday in conjunction with the two day Rogue Valley Pear Blossom festival Saturday and Sunday.

Power-drawn floats will be entered in the commercial division with the other floats limited to a size that may be drawn by children. In previous years no motorized floats were allowed.

The parade will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday. The morning event, previously held in

the afternoon, has been scheduled at this time so it will fit into the schedule of other events taking place the same day, according to Fred Beck, president of the Festival association.

The parade will travel east on Main st. to Hawthorne park where parade prizes will be awarded.

Theme of the festival is "all good things come in pears."

Other Festivities
Other week end festivities include the Crater Lions club Sportsfair to be held at the Medford armory from noon until 10 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Sunday. It will call attention to Southern Oregon's recreational assets.

At 1 p.m. the drill team exhibit of the Job's Daughters state convention will be held at Hedrick Junior High school gymnasium.

Sunday afternoon various events have been scheduled at Camp White. Included will be the Wheel Chair parade at 1 p.m.

Medford armory was a beehive of activity today as Crater Lions, exhibitors and carpenters set up booths and displays for the first annual Southern Oregon Sportsfair.

Crater Lions will open the doors to the show, which depicts this area's recreational assets, at noon on Saturday. The fair will continue through Sunday. Closing time both days is 10 p.m.

Primarily a boat show, the Sportsfair, nevertheless, will have exhibits and demonstrations of other outdoor activities and sports of the Rogue river valley and nearby areas. Fairgoers will view commercial and sports group displays and exhibitions in some 64 spaces in the armory and 10 outside.

Exhibits Listed
These include style showing, archery, rifle, pistol, mosquito trapping, boating, fishing, camping, swimming, skin-diving, water and snow skiing, golfing, bullet-making, leather-tooling, taxidermy and pony riding.

A nominal admission fee will be charged for adults with smaller fee for students. Children six years of age and under will be admitted free. Activities will be free except for food concessions and the fishing for live trout in a 30 by 10-foot pond four feet deep.

There will be numerous prizes offered. Among them are a week's fishing with cabin, boat and motor provided at Fish and Willow lakes. These are offered by Lloyd Morris, proprietor of the resorts. Others include cameras from Ander's Photo shop, a rod and reel from the Big Y shopping center, a tent from Dunham's and memberships from the YMCA.

Dr. Frank Wilson, chairman for the fair, praised the cooperation offered by groups and individuals to the Lions and declared that enthusiasm for the Sportsfair has been "terrific."

For route suggested for viewing the pear blossoms see map and story on Page 9.

Tax Levies Set For \$1,613,763 For Coming Year

Two New Schools Make Up Main Rise

A budget for the Medford school district totaling \$2,525,441.17 was approved last night by the district budget committee.

Anticipated revenues will total \$1,007,035.84, leaving to be raised \$1,518,405.33, which, adding \$95,358.21 as an amount estimated that will not be collected in taxes, leaves a total of \$1,613,763.54 to be levied as taxes during the coming year.

This total compares with \$1,528,168.08 for the current taxing year, an increase of \$85,595.46.

As a result, the millage tax rate will be increased an estimated 2.4 mills based on current assessed valuation—from 44.3 this year to 46.7 for the coming year.

However, School Board Chairman Frank Bash pointed out that an increase in the state basic school support fund (which cannot as yet be included in the budget), will bring in sufficient revenue to reduce the millage to approximately 44.7—or an increase of only .4 of a mill.

Actual Millage Uncertain

He explained that the actual millage is uncertain because of recent changes in state law, and because the assessed valuation of the district, now listed at \$34,555,728.22, may change somewhat for the coming year. But he said that the best estimates available indicate the only school tax increase in the district will be the .2 of a mill, plus the county school equalization fund, new this year, over which the district has no control.

The school budget committee includes regular members of the school board, plus five citizen-members appointed for budget review only. Board members are Bash, William Barker, Edward Branchfield, Otto Ewaldsen and Keith Hockersmith. Budget members are Dr. D. Kirkland West, chairman, Robert Cunningham, secretary, and Mrs. Sara Fay Puhl, Robert Taylor and Phil Humphreys.

The budget had been under preparation for several months, and the members last night went over the administration's proposals in detail. It will be published in full on April 18 and 25, and an election for approval of the budget will be held either June 3 or 4.

It is necessary to vote on the budget because of the fact that the district's school base, established many years ago, has for a long time been too small to permit collection of the necessary taxes without approval of the voters.

By far the largest portion of the budget is in the general fund, for operation, maintenance and capital outlay. The amount in the sinking fund and bond interest, paying for new construction in the district, totals \$162,923.44, compared to a general fund total of \$1,450,840.10.

In preparing the budget, School Superintendent Leonard Mayfield said, a number of items deemed desirable but not immediately pressing, were eliminated. These items totaled more than \$87,000, he said.

Salary Increases Included
Most of the increase is attributable to the fact that two new schools will be in operation during the coming school year. Part of the increase also is because of increased teacher salaries.

Mayfield said that one reason the increase was not greater was a sharp cut in capital outlay expenditures, from \$182,871 last year, to \$71,758 this year. The decrease was largely due to the fact that no school site acquisitions are planned this year, and no major additions to existing buildings are planned from this year's budget.

Largest single item, this year as in the past, is in the instructional budget, which this year totals \$1,652,507.91, up from \$1,440,245.23 last year.

Other divisions of the budget include general control, \$47,640.97; operation, \$207,316.01; maintenance and re-

Russia Agrees To Ambassadorial Meet Next Week

Terms Amount To Veto of Proposals

Moscow — Russia today accepted the West's proposal to start pre-summit ambassadorial talks this month, but on condition a summit conference be held regardless of how the preliminaries turn out.

Washington — Russia agreed today to an ambassadorial meeting next week to take the first step toward a summit conference. But the White House said Russia is still imposing terms that amount to rejection of the Western proposals.

The White House said the Soviet note, delivered to President Eisenhower this morning, proposes "diplomatic preparations which shall not deal at all with a summit meeting but only with the time, place and composition of a subsequent meeting of foreign ministers."

"The Soviet reply is manifestly not an acceptance of the Western proposal," the White House said.

The United States, Britain and France proposed in identical notes March 31 that Russia agree to ambassadorial-level talks in Moscow the second half of April to "determine whether a summit conference would serve a useful purpose."

The Soviet reply, informants said, agreed to an ambassadorial meeting and suggested that it begin April 17. At first glance this appeared to be a concession to Western views that careful preparatory work must precede any top level meeting to ease the cold war.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles took a rough translation of the note to President Eisenhower this morning. The President delayed his departure for a week end at Augusta, Ga., to discuss it with Dulles.

Planning Meeting Sets Coordination

City Manager Robert Duff and Medford Planning Technician Ned Langford met Thursday with the county court and planning commission concerning co-ordinated city and county planning.

Duff said the group discussed possibilities for urban planning which would avoid duplication and aid in development of maps and land use studies.

The work eventually would lead to location of streets, roads, parks and other projects. The proposed endeavor also could receive federal aid under certain conditions, Duff said.

Two Girls Escape From Hillcrest School

Salem — Sheets were used by two teen-aged girls to escape from Hillcrest school here Thursday night.

The escape was not noticed until this morning.

Missing are a 16-year-old Gresham girl and a 17-year-old from Portland.

pairs, \$147,961; auxiliary agencies (including transportation, lunch program, health services and supplies) \$58,827; fixed charges, (including insurance, rent, retirement and social security) \$120,393.40; capital outlays, \$71,758; and non-bonded debt service and emergency fund, \$15,700. Total bonded indebtedness of the district is now \$2,523,750. Schools operated include one high school, two junior high schools, and seven elementary schools, housing 5,529 students as of today.

Bakers' Local Now Awaiting NLRB Hearing and Election Planned Soon

Bakers' Union Local 404 is now waiting for the National Labor Relations board to conduct an election to reaffirm one held within the local, William P. Conner, Medford, local president, said this morning.

He said the local which covers Klamath Falls, Medford and Roseburg, voted to withdraw from the old Bakery and Confectionary Workers International Union of America. Local 404, which includes 78 members, voted to affiliate with the American Bakers and Confectionary Workers International Union AFL and CIO.

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Stompanato's Death Justified, Jury Verdict Says

Hearing Slated for Lana Turner's Child

Hollywood — A coroner's jury ruled today that the death of Lana Turner's lover, Johnny Stompanato, at the hands of her 14-year-old daughter, was "justifiable homicide."

The verdict of the 10 man, two woman jury came 28 minutes after they received the case. It followed the dramatic re-telling of the fateful Good Friday night in the Turner household by the dazzling star herself.

Neither the star, nor her daughter, Cheryl, were in the courtroom to hear the verdict, which is tantamount of clearing the slim, shy beauty of responsibility in the slaying.

Leaves Courtroom

Lana left the courtroom immediately after the case went to the coroner's jury at 11:45 a.m., shrouded by her attorney, Jerry Giesler, and his assistant Louis Blau. The jury returned at 12:13 p.m.

She was en route to her luxurious Beverly Hills mansion when the verdict was read.

Lana held center stage for more than 30 minutes this morning as she re-told the "horror" of the knifing of her Latin lover, small-time hoodlum, Stompanato.

Told of Threats

The glamorous movie star told the coroner's inquest that her daughter sprang at Stompanato with an eight-inch bladed butcher knife after he had threatened her violently and told her she would never get away from him.

The District Attorney's office said, after the verdict, that "at this time" they planned to go ahead with the juvenile hearing, the equivalent of a trial, in Santa Monica, April 24.

Muttnik Expected To Fall Saturday

By UNITED PRESS
Russia's little dead space dog is expected to come back to earth this week end in a blaze of glory.

The expected demise of Sputnik II "eye-witness" accounts of its fall from Louisiana and Australia's "out back" land. But whatever those witnesses saw, it wasn't the dying satellite.

But American astrophysicists figured its bright streak of death may provide a spectacle for New England.

Dr. Luigi Jacchia, of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Cambridge, Mass., calculated the satellite should enter the burning friction of the earth's atmosphere somewhere over New England about 9 p.m. Saturday.

It is already slightly past its originally calculated life of five months.

Salem — The new 4-H and FFA buildings at the Oregon State fairgrounds here should be ready for the fair's opening Aug. 28.

"When Do We Get Out Of This Depression?"



VFW Events Sunday Planned for 1,000

More than 1,000 persons are expected to attend installation ceremonies for Veterans of Foreign Wars post officers Sunday afternoon during the official visit here of Richard L. Roubush, Indianapolis, Ind., commander-in-chief of VFW.

Roubush will arrive in Medford at the airport at 11:53 a.m. Sunday. He will be met by city and veteran's organization officials. Accom-

panying the commander to Medford will be John L. Smith, director of public relations with the national VFW headquarters, Kansas City, Mo.

Post officers for District 5 and 7 and possibly districts 4 and 8 will be installed at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Hedrick junior high school gymnasium.

Department Auxiliary President Harriett Shoemaker, Portland, will install the auxiliary officers. Department Commander Harry Birch will preside over the installations. The public is invited to attend.

Also scheduled during Roubush's visit here is an inspection of the buildings at the Camp White Domiciliary. He will be inducted into the Order of the Cavenem of Grants Pass at 6 p.m. Sunday prior to a banquet in the junior high school at 6:30 p.m.

Main Rebel Body Isolated in Cuba

Havana — Loyal troops, striking back at insurgents who hit a n.a.u. attacks caused nearly 100 deaths this week, have isolated the "main rebel body" in the mountains of eastern Cuba, the army announced today.

A communique said "many" rebels have been taken prisoner by troops pursuing them into the Sierra Maestras where insurgent leader Fidel Castro has been hiding out for 16 months.

A government spokesman said the "all-out attack" threatened for this week by the rebels has fizzled out, making their eventual defeat certain. He said loyal troops probably will be able to wipe out the last vestiges of resistance within two months.

Neuberger Warns Izaak Walton League

Portland — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) warned the Izaak Walton League here today that the licensing authority of the Federal Power Commission would have to be restrained "or the great spawning realms of the Salmon, Clearwater and Imnaha rivers could be permanently blocked by high dams."

Washington — President Eisenhower was to leave Washington today for a brief week end at the Augusta, Ga., National Golf club.

TV Highlights

A change in Saturday morning's televised baseball game was announced early this afternoon by station KBES-TV. The game between Cleveland and the San Francisco Giants will start at 10:25 a.m. It replaces the Philadelphia-New York game, previously scheduled for 11 a.m.

Decision Expected To Alter Sentence For Billy Nunn

Thornton Upheld In Marion Court

Walter Nunley, Medford, attorney for John E. and Lillie M. Eacret of Klamath Falls, said today a Marion county Circuit Court decision upholding Gov. Robert D. Holmes' right to commute the death sentence of Billy Junior Nunn would be appealed to the State Supreme Court.

The Eacrets' 14-year-old son, Alvin, was slain two years ago.

Salem — Marion County Circuit Judge Val D. Sloper Thursday afternoon upheld a demurrer brought by the state of Oregon against a complaint filed by John E. and Lillie M. Eacret, Klamath Falls, who were seeking to prevent Gov. Robert D. Holmes from commuting the death sentence of Billy Junior Nunn.

The action made it virtually certain that Nunn, convicted of the murder of 14-year-old Alvin Eacret two years ago, would not die in the state prison gas chamber.

No Jurisdiction Contended
Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton filed the demurrer for the state contending that the court had no jurisdiction in the matter and that the complaint did not state sufficient facts.

"The Supreme Court has recognized the right of the governor to commute," Judge Sloper said in upholding Thornton.

Date Extended
"It is not the purpose to either approve or disapprove the manner in which the governor exercises his constitutional power of clemency, for in the final analysis this power of great responsibility and attendant pressure vested in him by the constitution can only be exercised by the lonely man in the governor's chair," Judge Sloper added.

The governor had extended the time of Nunn's execution to April 28 pending the outcome of the suit. He already has commuted two death sentences since taking office.

Gov. Holmes has not announced whether he plans to commute Nunn's sentence, although when in Medford recently, he said he has seen no reason why he should not follow his policy of commuting death sentences in the Nunn case.

Verdict Favors Insurance Men

A circuit court jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendants Gilbert S. and Earl S. Tummy late Thursday night following a four-day trial before Judge Edward Kelly.

The plaintiff, John B. Hamacher, doing business as Talent Sawmills, sought \$33,430.70 from Gilbert S. and Earl S. Tummy, doing business as the Tummy Insurance agency.

After approximately four hours, the jury returned a verdict that Hamacher was "entitled to no damages."

The suit resulted from an insurance disagreement following a fire which destroyed the Talent sawmill Jan. 6, 1956.

\$493,293 Received From License Fund

Jackson county received a total of \$493,293.15 from the state motor vehicle license fund for the fiscal year 1957-58, according to County Treasurer Karl Janouch.

A total of \$9,044.09 was received by the county from the alcoholic beverage tax.

Both amounts were higher than the previous year, Janouch said. The figures were reported following receipt for the final quarter of the year.

The license fund amount is based on the number of motor vehicle registrations in the county and the beverage tax on census figures.

Orders Apply To Any Unauthorized Citizens of U.S.

Action Unprecedented In History of Tests

Washington — The Atomic Energy Commission issued orders today barring from the vicinity of its Pacific Proving Grounds a small group of Quakers now en route to protest against the imminent nuclear tests.

The orders apply to any unauthorized persons who are U.S. citizens or subject to U.S. jurisdiction. But they were specifically designed, it was learned, to forestall a tiny group now on its way to the proving grounds via Honolulu aboard a 30-foot ketch named "The Golden Rule."

The AEC's announcement of the regulations, issued in an action unprecedented in the history of U.S. atomic weapons tests, was such as to indicate possibility that the United States wants to get the 1958 test series over with as quickly as possible.

The orders do not apply to any foreigners because the country cannot make regulations applicable on the high seas to citizens of other countries. If any foreign aircraft or ships should enter the 390,000 square mile danger zone they would, however, be warned of the potential hazard and told how to get out in the shortest possible time.

The Golden Rule is now somewhere in the Pacific between San Francisco and Honolulu, where they planned a brief stopover to replenish supplies.

Future Action Undecided
In Pasadena, Calif., the Committee for Non-Violent Action Against Nuclear Weapons said it had no immediate plans on what action it would take in regard to the ban against its protest "picket line" in the Proving Ground.

Members of the crew are Albert Bigelow, 51, Cos Cob, Conn.; William R. Huntington, 51, St. James, L.I., New York; George Willsoughby, 43, Blackwood Terrace, N.J.; and Orion Sherwood, 28-year-old science teacher at Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

March Employed Shows Rise Here

Employment during March showed a definite improvement over February, according to John J. Patton, manager of the Oregon state employment service in Medford.

He said in spite of bad weather which interfered with logging operations, there was an increase in employment. Little new hiring of men was noted but many firms called back regular employees who had been laid off.

General prospects for employment in summer are good, he noted, with agriculture and construction work appearing to look very good.

Unemployment compensation claimants filed for 11 per cent fewer weeks of insurance benefits than during February, he explained. The prolonged unemployment experience during the winter had caused a larger number of claimants to exhaust their available benefits.

The reduction of claims filed was due to the "back-to-work" movement which was noticed during the second half of March, he said. Unemployment in the county on March 13 was estimated at 2,880 or about a 9 per cent reduction from February. This figure is about 28 per cent more than last year, Patton said.

He said the Medford office is nearing completion of its annual program for aptitude testing in Jackson county high schools' senior classes. Employers are invited to contact Patton at the office for assistance in securing the students.

Ashland Over Top In Blood Drive

Ashland — A total of 234 pints of blood were contributed by volunteers at the Red Cross Bloodmobile in Ashland Wednesday, putting the city well over the top of its 150 quota.

The Red Cross collected 173 pints in Medford, 117 short of the 290 pint quota.

Much credit was given students and faculty at Southern Oregon college, who contributed 66 pints. The school was in a contest with students at Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls.