

Heavy Construction Negotiators To Meet

Portland — Union and employer negotiators were to meet today with a federal mediator to try to reach an agreement to end a strike which has crippled the heavy construction industry since May 5. Laborers struck over demands for a 30-cent package pay boost.

Chrome Producers to Meet in Cave Junction

Cave Junction—California Oregon Chrome Producers association will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the American Legion hall in Cave Junction.

All producers and interested people have been urged to attend the meeting.

Optometric Society Schedules Speaker

Dr. Edmund F. Richardson, of Hollywood, Calif., director of study groups for the Optometric Extension program, is scheduled to lecture later this month in Medford, according to Dr. Robert Harland, president of the Southern Oregon Optometric Society.

The topics Dr. Richardson will discuss are "How to Pre-

scribe Multiple Rx's Professionally" and "The What and How of Ocular Pathology."

Dr. Richardson's lectures will be given at a luncheon meeting to be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 25, at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Optometrists from southern Oregon and northern California and their wives and office assistants have been invited to attend the meeting.

Council on Aging To Meet Thursday

The bi-monthly meeting of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging will be held Thursday, May 15, at 3 p.m. in the Red Cross auditorium. Frank Glonning, chairman, and the members of the steering committee will present a set of bylaws to the group for consideration.

Interested men and women in the county are invited to attend the meetings held the first and third Thursday afternoons from 3 until 5 p.m.

Recently the council sent a statement of the organization's purpose to all clubs and churches and individuals in the county inviting new members to cooperate with the council in planning activities for both able-bodied and sick retired men and women.

The council mentioned that both men and women are needed to donate a half day a week as friendly visitors in nursing homes or to take entertainment to the homes. It was also mentioned that persons were needed to take older persons for rides around the valley.

Committees of the council include planning a housing project for low income elderly couples, health committee, employment and education problems, and the establishing of recreation clubs.

Redmond Tot Killed By Backing Automobile

Redmond, Ore.—David Nolan Reimer, 16 months, was injured fatally Tuesday when he walked into the path of a backing car at a housing project west of here, police reported.

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Caracas, Venezuela—Vice President Richard Nixon, on mob attacks on his party:

"The incident reflected on Venezuela, not on the United States. If what we saw today goes unchecked, there will come to the Americas a dictatorship much more terrible than that of (former Venezuelan Dictator) Marcos Perez Jimenez."

Paris—New French Premier Pierre Pflimlin, on becoming the sixth man to try to form a French government in 28 days:

"I do not have the illusion that the government that presents itself today can escape from the precariousness of those that preceded it."

Washington—Chairman Wilbur D. Mills (D-Ark.) of the House Ways and Means Committee, on the reciprocal trade bill:

"It will be a liberal trade bill. The committee won't approve a protectionist bill."

UMC Directors, Agency Personnel Schedule Meeting

A joint meeting of United Methodist Crusade directors and representatives of participating agencies will be held Thursday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Cross chapter house, 60 Hawthorne ave., Medford.

Agency presidents, executives and members of agency publicity committees are invited. The agenda will be chiefly concerned with an immediate introduction of a new public relations program, and a preview of the fall publicity program, promoting the UMC campaign.

Larry Horton, a California Oregon Power company, electrical engineer, recently was named UMC public relations chairman. Horton served as publicity chairman for the last year's UMC campaign. The public relations committee will function on a year-around basis in cooperation with agency representatives in the future.

Name Assistants

Horton has appointed Herbert Partridge, Richard Simonsen, Curt Butterfield, Stephen Nye, Garry Shuler, Neil Arant, Miss Martha Spatz, and S. S. Stevens for various departments of the publicity work.

At the Thursday meeting a slide lecture on agency work will be presented.

Richard Travis, UMC campaign chairman, will show the slides and also a picture of the national poster which will appear on billboards throughout the country in connection with united fund and community chest campaigns during the fall months.

Horton plans a wide use of the UMC slide film lecture in connection with talks to civic clubs, employee groups, and at UMC solicitor's briefing sessions prior to the campaign kick-off which is planned for mid-September.

Pendleton Man Plans 48-Unit 'Motor Hotel'

Pendleton — Morris Temple, owner of the Pendleton-Temple hotel, announced today the proposed construction of a \$240,000 "motor hotel" of 48 units at the west end of Pendleton on Highway 30 and the airport road.

Survey of 1954 Graduates Made

Salem — A statewide follow-up survey of 1954 Oregon high school graduates showed that 37 per cent of them went on to institutions of higher learning.

The study was conducted by the state division of vocational education.

A total of 11,116 graduates of 84 per cent of the state graduating class, was followed by the study.

Another 12 per cent of the graduates went on to non-degree granting institutions such as business schools and vocational-technical schools.

About 42 per cent of the boys have completed or are completing their active military service, the survey showed. Sixty-six per cent of the girls and 35 per cent of the boys are married and have one to four children.

More than half the students who listed present jobs were employed in the county in which they graduated and about 22 per cent of them had clerical jobs.

Portland Youth Gets Five Years

Baker — Jack Norman Gibb, 18, Portland, has been sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary for his part in a flight from the Anacortes, Wash., jail during which an Oregon state patrol car was stolen by him and Wesley Earl Davis, 30, also of Portland.

Circuit Judge M. A. Biggs of Malheur county pronounced the five-year sentence on recommendation of Baker County District Attorney Jeff Himmelsbach. Also at the district attorney's recommendation, an indictment charging Gibb with armed robbery in connection with the theft of the state police car near Arlington, Ore., was withdrawn.

Davis, who had a record, earlier was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Gibb was sentenced on a charge involving theft near Baker of the car of Ed Coles of Prineville, secretary of the Oregon Cattlemen's association.

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A Personal Letter To The People of Jackson County

FROM
BERETH P. HOPKINS



Dear Friends:

Your County Clerk has been too busy getting every thing organized so that you will be able to vote for the Candidates of your choice on May 16th to do anything about campaigning for reelection on her own behalf.

As you know, the whole responsibility for handling the primary and general elections was turned over to the County Clerk's office at the last session of the legislature. In addition to making required precinct boundary changes, and notifying some 7500 voters of those changes, we have accomplished most of the following in the past thirty days:

Processed approximately 4000 deadline voters registrations; i.e. registered, checked signatures, addresses and precinct locations; made addressograph plates for them, proof read and filed the plates in alphabetical order by precinct and the registration cards in alphabetical order in the master file!

Selected and notified all election board officials for 106 precincts.

Located polling places for every precinct. I have personally checked every one of them to be sure they were well lighted, comfortable and accessible. I have arranged for proper rooms for all counting boards and arranged to have a proper number of poll booths, chairs and tables delivered to each precinct and set up for the boards.

We have prepared the ballots for the printers, determined the number of absentee and official ballots required for each precinct and arranged for rotation of all candidates names on the ballots so each will receive an equal opportunity for consideration.

We have addressed over 33,000 voters pamphlets, prepared numerous lists of voters for candidates, run the poll books on the addressograph and assembled them, made precinct maps, and assembled all other necessary election supplies; packed pouches for each board and arranged for delivery to the chairmen of the Boards.

We have conducted eighteen schools of instruction for election boards throughout the county and answered hundreds of telephone calls.

In addition we have had to check initiative petitions which contained over 3600 names. All in a thirty day period!

Please consider the following a personal report to each of you.

I have been your County Clerk since August 1953. Since that time the population of Jackson County has increased by approximately 12,000 people. Every increase in the population or change in the economy is reflected in the County Clerks office in one way or another. Each year new services are demanded of our office either thru court order or by legislative action. There are now two Circuit Courts for which we furnish clerical service and handle all records. \$58,091 was budgeted to operate the Clerk's office for the fiscal year 1953-54 or approximately 95c per capita. We are operating during this present fiscal year (based on the increased population) on 91c per capita, the budget amounting to \$66,038.80. We have added only one deputy during the five years I have served, despite the tremendous increase in our work load.

This has been accomplished thru a planned reorganization of the operation of the several departments, a fair redistribution of the work load, and relocation of desks, files and equipment to eliminate unnecessary steps and motions.

New methods have been adopted and modern equipment and machines have been installed wherever a careful survey and study of a given operation has indicated a better job could be accomplished in shorter time by such an installation. Upon my recommendation in 1956, we equipped the accounting department with a National Cash Register Bookkeeping machine which has resulted in a saving of many man hours.

A \$400.00 Verifax copying machine purchased in 1954 accomplishes the work required of one deputy to produce the same results on a typewriter, a net saving to the county since 1954 of approximately \$12,000, in saved clerical time.

My recommendation and the subsequent adoption of a modern system for handling the receipts, reports, and indexing the cases handled in the District Court has resulted in a more efficient service to the Court as well as a considerable saving in man hours in that department.

A demonstrable saving has been made in the handling of registration records and in the cost of preparing poll books and other voter lists for elections. Approximately \$1000.00 per election has been saved since the installation of the addressograph has eliminated the typing of poll books.

Many records which were being typed when I took office are now being microfilmed; adoptions, juvenile records, assumed names, marriage records, and many others. By microfilming the commissioners journal the cost of typing and proof reading has been eliminated and has resulted in a saving of approximately \$1000.00 per year in clerical time. We have saved about \$4000.00 in the past 4 years on that one item alone, based on man hours required under the old typing system.

A monthly inventory of all supplies and an alert knowledge of prices and quality, quantity purchasing and careful shopping has insured against waste or over supply.

As an employer, I have endeavored to maintain proper working conditions with careful consideration for the comfort and well being of all employees; furnished good tools and equipment to work with and I have consistently recommended that salaries be adjusted to fairly compensate all employees.

I have recommended to the 1958-59 Budget Committee the purchase of a Remittance Control Machine to make it possible for all cash received to be processed through a central cashier thus placing the responsibility for the handling of all moneys in the hands of one individual.

This machine would eliminate the typing of the fee book and would assure a saving of many man hours.

I hope to see this accomplished during the next fiscal year. I am volunteering to serve Jackson County another four years because I feel responsible for a continuation of sound administration in the County Clerk's office. I solicit the support of all Republican voters. Thank you,

Sincerely your County Clerk Bereth P. Hopkins

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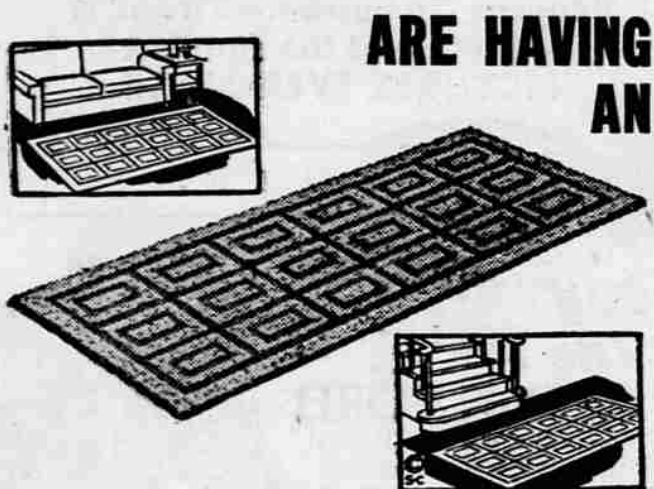
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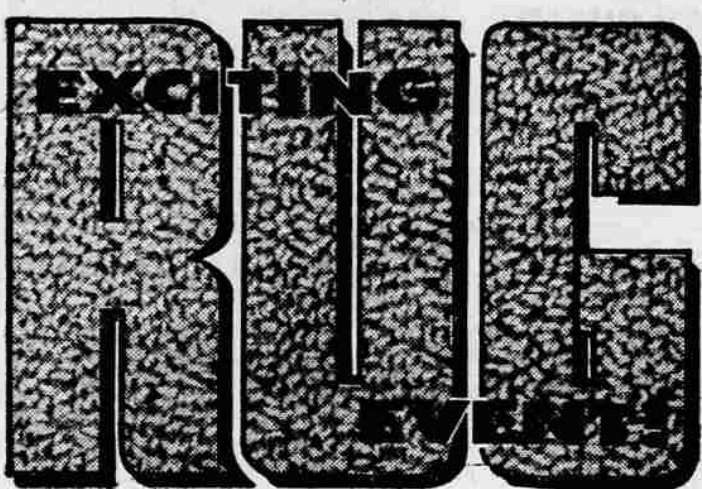
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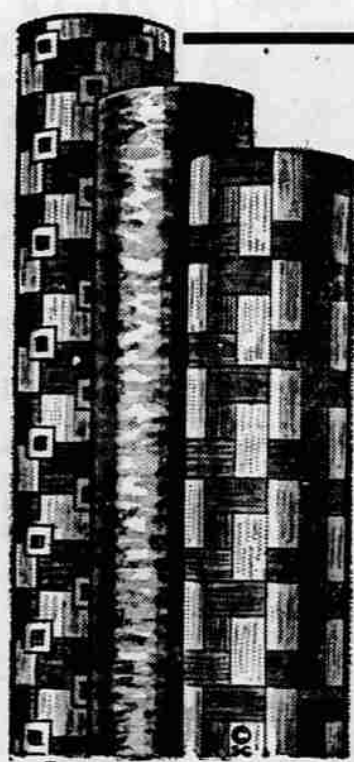
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