

Acquisitions of School Sites To Complete Long-Range Plan

"Acquisition of two more junior high school sites and possibly one or two grade school sites is all that remains before long-term expansion plans of the Medford school system are complete," Superintendent Leonard B. Mayfield said Monday.

The long-range program, he explained, calls for plans to accommodate twice the number of children now in the system. "Of course," he said, "building additions at several of the existing schools, plus

schools at the new sites, would be necessary if we were to actually double our enrollment."

School Population
Mayfield discussed school population trends, building and financing plans, and curriculum, at the regular Monday Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable luncheon.

"Since 1939, with the exception of some war years, the Medford school system has experienced a healthy

gain in student enrollment," he reported. During the past 12 years, he said, the gain has averaged from 3 to 6 per cent; a gain which public services can easily keep up with if well planned.

Medford has what Mayfield termed a continuing census. Under this system the education department normally knows within a week when new children of school age move into the district. "It is very seldom that figures are off so that additional teachers must be employed," the administrator said.

Walk to School
The elementary schools are situated so that the vast majority of students can safely walk to school, he said, and they are planned to serve between 400 and 500 children each. The two junior high schools house between 900 and 1,000 students each.

As part of the long-range plan the board also has acquired a new high school site, and all buildings and sites are so situated that if outlying areas were consolidated, the existing pattern would not be disrupted, he said.

Financing is "one of the problems the system faces," Mayfield reported, although "we do not face a building problem now."

Property Tax
"All local tax for schools comes from property tax," Mayfield noted. In Oregon, local taxpayers pay all the capital outlay for schools, whereas in California and Washington the state offers considerable assistance.

Out of the total state property tax over the past three years, 68 to 70 per cent has gone to schools, he reported. In contrast, he said, in Medford, the average over the past several years has been 59 to 61 per cent.

Mayfield stressed the point that the opportunity is here for boys and girls who wish to learn. "This year," he said, "members of the graduating class were granted scholarships worth more than \$40,000. According to our reports this is more money per student than was given in any other district in the state."

Problem Children
Eight to 10 per cent of the students in Medford are problem children, however, he said. This does not mean that they are necessarily bad. This amounts to more than 200 students here, the educator said, and because of it "we almost have to have a plan of social promotion. You can't just drop that many persons between 14 and 18 years old on the streets of Medford. If we didn't take care of them, who would?"

The Medford system has been a pioneer in the plan of "grouping," which gives gifted children an opportunity to advance. For years, Mayfield said, grouping was criticized, but in recent years educators throughout the country have come to recognize it as the best available plan.

In the Medford system, beginning in the grade schools, children are placed in one or three groups depending upon their potential.

Another Problem
Another program offered by the system, Mayfield pointed out, is a refresher course offered shortly before the opening of school in the fall to students who plan to enter college each year. Students gain reassurance from this course just before they take their college entrance examinations.

A survey recently completed, Mayfield said, shows that in nearly every area tested, Medford students are well above the national average in knowledge and ability.

"Where students fall below the national average," he stated, "we are taking the necessary steps to improve their training."

Four People Hurt In Car Accidents, Said In Fair Shape

Four persons were hospitalized in Jackson county over the week end following three one-car accidents. State police records show. All the accident victims are reported in good condition.

Injuries received when a car rolled over on the Old Stage rd. Saturday evening, just east of the Stage Road grocery, sent two area teenagers to Sacred Heart hospital. Operator of the car, Miss Lois LeDean Young, 18, of 745 Head rd., Central Point, was admitted with a fractured clavicle.

Miss Mary Margaret Huber, 16, of Rt. 2, Box 350, Gold Hill, a passenger in the vehicle, suffered a fractured left elbow and a possible fractured pelvis.

Officers report the automobile was a total loss. Miss Young was cited for having no operator's license. Medford ambulance took the victims to the hospital.

Ernest Swartout, 24, of 368 Bridge st., Ashland, suffered face cuts when the car in which he was riding slid sideways across Highway 99 near Bear Creek Orchards and hit a pole. Swartout, now in Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, hit the windshield.

The driver of the vehicle, Richard L. Gray, 27, of 1206 3rd, Clarkston, Wash., was uninjured.

The third accident, at 7 p. m. Sunday, on Crowson rd., 500 feet west of highway 66, sent Marvin Eugene Jesca, 30, of 4720 Highway 66, Ashland, to the Ashland General hospital with minor contusions and bruises, and a cut tendon in his elbow. Dr. Christian P. Hald operated on the elbow Sunday evening and reported that the patient should make a good recovery.

Treated for minor cuts resulting from the same accident was Charley Fox Spruill, 26, of 300 Normal ave., Ashland. Police report that Jesca was driving east on Crowson rd., when the vehicle slid off the south side of the road and turned over, landing on the wheels. Extensive damage to the body of the car was reported.

11 Bodies Found In Train Accident
Maltrata, Mexico—(UPI)—Salvage workers have recovered the bodies of 11 persons killed when a runaway train demolished the railroad station here Sunday, it was reported today.

The search was continuing for possible additional victims. Officials supervising the search said it is unlikely that anyone will ever know exactly how many persons died when a passenger train plunged out of control down the precipitous slopes of Maltrata Peak and slammed into the crowded station.

Thirty-nine persons were injured in the accident.

Klamath Indian Stand Reaffirmed

Portland—(UPI)—C. H. Mack, chairman of the Public Lands Committee of the Association of Oregon Counties, said Monday the committee has reaffirmed its position calling for a postponement of the federal termination act as applies to the Klamath Indian tribe.

The group is asking Congress for a stop-gap amendment to maintain the status quo of Klamath Indians for two more years.

The committee met in regular mid-year session here.

QUARANTINE NOTE
Boston—(UPI)—Massachusetts now requires quarantine for only three diseases—Asiatic cholera, smallpox and bubonic plague. The state has not had a case of smallpox since 1832, has not had a case of Asiatic cholera since 1832, and there is no record of any case of the plague in Massachusetts during its 338-year history.

Missile Production Halted by Strikers

Detroit—(UPI)—A few hundred angry union workers Monday halted 75 per cent of production at the Chrysler-operated Redstone-Jupiter missile plant.

Both Chrysler and United Auto Workers termed the strike unauthorized. But the striking members of UAW

local 1245 refused to leave their picket lines at plant entrances.

Local 1245 President Milan (Mike) Matich said the strike occurred because Chrysler has tried to "discriminate" against union members in many ways and is "deliberately" trying to eliminate the union from the plant.

MULTIPLE FATALITIES

El Salo, Cuba—(UP)—Authorities said today that 12 persons were killed and four injured Monday when an overloaded sedan returning from the beach at Santa Lucia hit a culvert on the highway near here. The dead included six members of one family—the parents and four children.

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TRYING TO REDUCE?—The American Gym Association has turned to the briny deep to illustrate the advantages of supervised exercise. Supervised or not, this captive whale in Marineland at Palos Verde, Calif., has no problem handling a pair of barbells offered by AGA director George Bruce, as model Joan Kennedy looks on. "Bubbles," a female, continues as a main attraction at Marineland's Oceanarium, despite (or because of?) her more than ample girth.

Stalinism Revival Brings Defiance by Yugoslavia, Poland

By United Press International

Soviet Russia's revival of Stalinism brought new defiance Monday from Yugoslavia and Poland.

World-wide demonstrations continued against the new hard line demonstrated by the execution of Hungarian "freedom fighter" Imre Nagy, and there were steady indications the East-West split was deepening.

Hungarian refugees in New York demonstrated before headquarters of the Soviet U. N. delegation Sunday. Seven policemen and several demonstrators were injured when violence flared.

Executions Denounced
Student protests were reported in Manchester, England and in Buenos Aires. Opposition political parties in

India denounced the executions as murder. Attendance dropped at the Hungarian pavilion of the Brussels World's Fair. Communist labor leader Arthur Horner said in London he was shocked and horrified at Nagy's death.

Authoritative reports reaching London said Polish Communist leader Wladyslaw Gomulka has sent a letter to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev "disassociating" himself and the Polish Communist Party from the Nagy execution.

The reports said Gomulka was expected to carry out a "bloodless purge" of the Polish party to remove the hard core of Stalinists.

There were other reports that Gomulka himself might be ousted but these were apparently dispensed during the week end.

Tito Drafting Note
Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia was reported drafting a note to Hungary protesting the executions as a double cross. Yugoslavia had granted Nagy asylum in its embassy in Budapest.

The official Yugoslav press defiantly reminded the Communists they failed in 1948 when they read Tito out of the Cominform, called the latest charges against Tito revisionism an attempt to create dissension and said Nagy's execution was a "terrible warning to those who resist the present resurrection of Stalinist policy."

Diplomatic reports in Paris and London blamed the rise of Stalinism on a power struggle within the Kremlin.

2 Million Forecast For State in 1966

Portland—(UPI)—Oregon's population may top the two million mark about 1966, the State Board of Health said today.

The board said if its statistics prove accurate, the state will have added half a million people in the 16 years since the 1950 census.

The statistics, prepared under the direction of Deane L. Huxtable, state registrar, indicate Oregon's population will be 2,014,687 in 1966 if 1950-57 factors "remain constant."

Oregon's 1958 estimated population is 1,779,334, the board said.

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