

Elections Among Most Significant Stories

Staff Members Not Unanimous; Marked Agreement Noted

What was the most significant news in Jackson county during 1958? What was the most interesting? The nine members of the Mail Tribune news staff, who wrote and covered the stories, are not unanimous in the choices this year. But the degree of agreement about the news and its interest and significance is marked.

The elections in the county, both primary and general, were picked by five news staffers as the most significant, and by seven as the most interesting.

Three others thought that the year-long, quiet progress in construction of the Talent irrigation and reclamation project was the most significant, and one believed that the ever-increasing tide of young people into the schools was the most significant.

For second choice in "significance," four picked the Talent project story, two picked the continuing developments in planning, both city and county, and the related disputes over subdivision ordinances and garbage disposal regulations, and one each picked the off-street parking fight, the Shakespearean Festival building fund drive, and the start of construction on the new shopping center off Jackson st.

Third choices in significance were the Shakespeare Fund drive (four votes), the off-street parking fight (two votes), and school reorganization progress, planning work, and shopping center (one vote each).

Second-choices for the "most interesting" news went to developments in the Oregon Centennial celebration, the off-street parking election, and the Jacksonville dump controversy (two votes each), and the elections, the Shakespeare fund drive and the district judgeship (one vote each).

Following is a day-by-day review of the news events of the year, taken from headlines in the Mail Tribune.

JANUARY

Two babies at Sacred Heart hospital are first in 1958. . . hearing on Medford-Phoenix school district boundary is slated. . . post office is to have automatic elevator. . . Medford Mayor John W. Snider extends all one-year committee appointments another year, makes new appointments and creates two new committees. . . Two Ashland women hurt in car crash on Highway 99. . . Don Stashon elected chairman of County Republican Central committee. . . O.K. Market safe robbed of \$1,500. . . Medford police expect to receive the first of six new patrol wagons this month. . . The Jacksonville Housing authority dwellings on West Jackson st. are to be liquidated this year. . . Mrs. Allen Gebhardt is named Democratic county treasurer. . . The Medford Central Labor council expects to expell Teamster Local 962. . . Pacific Tel and Tel plans installation of a new long distance operating unit. . . Gerald J. Scannell Jr., The Dalles, is named new Jackson county deputy district attorney. . . Rev. Raymond W. Hurn reads the New Testament aloud in 17 1/2 hours. . . new federal budget calls for \$9,500,000 for the Talent project. . . O'Gara street residents plant 17 flowering cherry trees. . . March of Dimes campaign in full swing. . . Medford police arrest "con" man Robert Meunier. . . city council authorizes city to sign agreement with Southern Pacific for Eighth st. railroad crossing. . . Mayor Snider names 16 to a parks and recreation advisory committee. . . gas ex-

ville Municipal Judge Bernard Kelly appear on television in "What's My Line?" . . . Mrs. Maxine Smith is named vice president of the Oregon Education association. . . state legislative interim committee hears testimony here on deer feeding and hunting problems. . . a homemade bomb concealed in a book explodes at Medford High school. . . vandals push over some 120 tombstones in Jacksonville cemetery. . . three Central Point youths are arrested in connection with a burglary, several thefts and the vandalism in Jacksonville cemetery. . . John Phillips, Medford ham operator, picks up signals from the Vanguard satellite. . . a Phoenix company plans a plant for making prefabricated buildings. . . aerial mapping of Medford is to begin. . . Robert Lee Ayres is ar-

plasion blows off lids of the new eighth st. storm sewer. . . Laborer's Union Local 1400 and the Contractor's Association of Southern Oregon enter negotiations here. . . Lyle Kinney is elected head of the Fruit Growers League of Jackson county. . . fire breaks out in the vicinity of Walker's Dreamland ballroom on East Main st. . . two are injured in a toboggan accident at Union creek. . . Donald S. Clark, local rancher, dies of a heart attack. . . The Footlighters stage repeat performance of "The Wooden Dish". . . Bereth Hopkins announces she will run for reelection as county clerk. . . Chamber of Commerce announces its support of V.A. plans to convert Camp White to a veterans hospital. . . work begins on the Main st.-Eighth st. couplet. . . heavy rains cause flooding in Rogue River and other areas. . . Medford High school students hold primary election as part of the 10th annual Student Government day.

FEBRUARY

Medford policemen learn to ride new Cushman "Jeep" cycles for parking meter patrol. . . Greyhound bus drivers go on strike. . . A subcommittee to study means to prevent juvenile delinquency is authorized by the advisory council of the Jackson County Juvenile court. . . Frank Albert, senior at Medford high, will serve as Medford mayor during student government day. . . David Frohnmayer of Medford High and Linda Warren of Crater High are winners in the Elks Lodge Youth Leadership contest. . . Army Engineers' report on the Rogue River study is expected to be presented to the public by late June. . . Phone company employee killed in a Highway 99 crash involving three trucks and a car. . . Bids are called by Medford school district for construction of Wilson school. . . Student Government Day activities get under way. . . Legal proceedings are begun to validate Swede Wernmark's candidacy for county judge. . . Students participating in Student Government Day hold mock city council meeting. . . Arguments before the state supreme court on Swede Wernmark's candidacy prepared. . . Billy Junior Nunn is re-sentenced to die by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna. . . Hugh D'Autremont pleads guilty to second degree murder. . . Storm winds here reach 69 miles per hour. . . Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna issues an order restraining Guy Holmes from commuting or attempting to commute Billy Junior Nunn's death sentence. . . Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson are sentenced to 2 1/2 years each for unlawfully obtaining public deputy district attorney. . . Rev. Raymond W. Hurn reads the New Testament aloud in 17 1/2 hours. . . new federal budget calls for \$9,500,000 for the Talent project. . . O'Gara street residents plant 17 flowering cherry trees. . . March of Dimes campaign in full swing. . . Medford police arrest "con" man Robert Meunier. . . city council authorizes city to sign agreement with Southern Pacific for Eighth st. railroad crossing. . . Mayor Snider names 16 to a parks and recreation advisory committee. . . gas ex-

MARCH

Three plywood mills close in Jackson county because of a poor market. . . District attorney Thomas J. Reeder criticizes the county judge and clerk for seeking outside legal aid in the case involving the judge's term of office. . . Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelley, Medford, Municipal Judge Noreen Kelly and Jackson-

APRIL

Clyde Pangborn, famed flyer who used Medford airport for many years, dies. . . Three juveniles responsible for damage do repairs in Jacksonville Pioneer cemetery. . . The Jacksonville rural school district calls an election to exceed the 6 per cent limitation. . . R. Craig Phillips awarded Fulbright scholarship in Philosophy to study in Edinburgh. . . CAA suggests "express" status for airport here. . . Mrs. Rosemary Slaten indicted by grand jury. . . hearing held on construction of a road into Howland Prairie recreational site. . . City franchise sought for TV antenna plant. . . more scholarships awarded students by Elk Lumber Co. . . work moving ahead for two new schools in Medford district. . . restraining order is placed on pinball directive as machines held not devices for gambling. . . county assessor explains property assessment. . . last minute preparations rushed for Pear Blossom Festival. . . Bakers' local awaits NLRB hearing and election is planned soon. . . Charles Porter says Rogue study late for action. . . hot spring sun aids Pear parade. . . Mail Tribune Women's Editor is named winner of three prizes. . . over 250 present at VFW ceremonies for national head. . . final arguments presented on SP rail service case. . . Job classification survey submitted to county officials. . . Charles

MAY

Hugh D'Autremont pleads guilty to assault charge. . . Ceremonies mark "Law Day" in area. . . "Remarkably smooth" move is made to new valley hospital. . . Planning budget given approval by county council. . . Ervin L. Peterson boosts individual initiative idea before 1,000 members of Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce. . . Eagle Point and Shady Cove joint school districts. . . Call for bids made on Emigrant Dam enlargement project. . . Talent project workers' strike halts work on project. . . Gandt reelected head of Pioneer Sites foundation. . . Evacuation exercises are held in simulated alert. . . Medford police complete construction of range. . . Porter proposes new federal building here. . . An irregularity in handling of city parking meter money is found. . . Robert Kyle, president of loan association, dies. . . Housing authority residents protest order to vacate. . . Medford city planners suggest zone to include mobile homes. . . Portland Chamber of Commerce expresses interest in potentialities of Howard Prairie project. . . David L. Mack, Crater student, receives scholarship of \$500. . . Primary election voter turnout "average". . . Construction of television service in city planned. . . Work resumes on Talent project after strike. . . \$30,000 in frost damage reported in Del Rio orchard in Gold Hill. . . Lumber rate cut is allowed railroad. . . Slater to replace Mrs. Jensen as school board clerk July 1. . . 150 register for local crime conference. . . Cable TV system and color TV are announced by local station. . . Sno-Cat Co. receives one of Navy's highest honors. . . Official canvass shows tax base proposal lost by 126 votes. . . Rogue River men selected to participate in Brussels Fair. . . Ashland school district voters approve budget. . . Hall causes some damage to pears. . . Cordy receives superior service award. . . disagreement seen on county salary schedule. . . manager of Western Union office here to retire June 1.

JUNE

Charles H. Lorton, 100, dies in a local hospital. . . county elected officials plan to ask a 10 per cent pay boost. . . Mrs. Richard Travis sweepstakes winner for exhibition roses in the Medford Rose society show. . . Medford's school district voters pass the new budget by a 5-1 margin. . . 259 Medford High school seniors to receive diplomas. . . Gladys Beddoe and Sandra Buxton named top graduating

seniors. . . two exploded homemade bombs are discovered in the city reservoir. . . county budget committee agrees to levy no property tax, thus automatically eliminating the tax base. . . auditions begin for the 18th annual Oregon Shakespeare festival. . . James A. Redden Jr. elected to succeed himself as chairman of the County Democratic central committee. . . 195 Disabled American Veterans in town for convention. . . DeWayne Miller drowns in the Applegate river. . . Leonard Mayfield, Medford superintendent of schools, to receive doctorate in education at the University of Oregon. . . a new attendance record of 984 in one day set at Hawthorne Park pool. . . William Frohmayer appointed to the state real estate board.

City Sanitary Service launches dumping operations near Jacksonville. . . Mark Goldy, chairman of the Jackson County Housing authority, says requirement that dwelling units removed from housing area be used for other than residential purposes not "ironclad." . . Medford Kiwanis club dedicates Maple Park rest area to the city and county. . . Theft of \$400 from the Jackson County Farm Home safe under investigation. . . County planning commission approves interim zoning ordinance to prevent garbage dumping near Jacksonville and forwards its recommendation to the county council. . . The Main st.-Eighth st. couplet in Medford opens on schedule. . . Shutdown of long-distance trucking goes into effect here. . . Two safe burglaries, one in Medford and one in Ashland, net a total of \$1,336. . . Army announces plans to acquire a Jackson County Housing Authority tract for erection of a Reserve Training Center. . . Bob Sorber inventories Centennial attractions in the Applegate area. . . Rogue Valley Roundup activities get under way. . . The Sputnik III rocket attracts local stargazers. . . Talent project workers return to jobs. . . Mrs. Max Hawks of Shady Cove is discovered by bloodhounds after her sojourn in the Huckleberry lake area. . . Spectacular electric storm causes several fires. . . Sen. Philip B. Lowry files findings of facts in connection with Southern Pacific railroad passenger service abandonment. . . Council approves "interim" zoning for Berrydale. . . Poor attendance at nominating convention foils hopes of naming "standby" candidate for district judgeship. . . The 4-H FFA livestock fair boasts the biggest sale ever. . . Pat Rushton named Miss Jackson County at the Kiwanis county

officers of the Jackson County Employees association approve "reluctantly" the proposed compensation plan. . . Stanley C. Jones resigns from the city council. . . plans announced for a Jackson County Centennial association. . . "Rusty" becomes the 1958 rooster crowing champion with 68 exclamations in a half hour period. . . C. E. Hedberg, local manager and vice president of the First National bank, appointed to administrative position in the Portland head office. . . John Bowman wins Catfish Derby for second time. . . UMC officials set \$131,020 goal. . . city council authorizes the Kenwood-Grandview sanitary sewer. . . Robert L. Baccus appointed to succeed Stanley C. Jones on council.

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tardation and emotional disturbance learns the local picture. . . Ken Bailey, 14, of Rogue River, receives a "service under fire" award from Keep Oregon Green association for preventing spread of forest fire. . . Evans valley school district voters turn down proposed budget for the third time. . . Jack A. Edson appointed to Medford planning commission. . . Medford realtor objects to residential use of buildings bought from the Jackson County Housing authority under an agreement they are to be used for other than residential purposes. . . The Shakespeare Festival in Ashland opens its 18th season with "Much Ado About Nothing." . . Two Medford boys, 9 years old, open carnival and make 24-cent profit.

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Mayor Snider . . . lost for senator . . . reelected mayor . . . appointed to Centennial commission . . . reelected to board of directors of League of Oregon Cities . . . appointed chairman of the League's highway committee . . . named a member of the highway committee of the American Municipal association . . . sparks Make Medford Beautiful campaign . . .

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American Municipal association . . . Duncan picked for House speakership . . . U. S. check raises hopes for new swimming pool on Jackson street . . . OSC professor says Beckman Ave. tree may be Hedge Maple . . . Shakespeare fund drive reaches third of \$275,000 goal . . . Protest about Phoenix highway bypass sent to state . . . Property taxes in county show 8.6 per cent increase . . . Local pears face stiffer competition and lowering of prices . . . Hundreds attend holiday opening of local stores . . . Joel B. Reeder named Medford's new city attorney. . .



Water and fire district voters elect directors . . . Redden resigns as local chairman of Democratic party . . . five organizations pledged to city beauty program . . . Sweet gum trees will be planted in city . . . Brian B. Mullen named deputy district attorney . . . Medford City Council recommends amendment approval . . . Christmas trees are cut illegally in region . . . Unemployment in county well below last year . . . state employee dies after car falls into Cascade gorge . . . Copco will construct office building . . . Mrs. Maxine Smith named head of educators . . . Copco wins suit brought by state . . . third floor of Ashland Junior High condemned . . . off-street parking amendment is defeated in city election . . . bill planned for accurate labeling of shoe material . . . Construction work in Shakespeare theatre starts . . . Mrs. Buffington chosen chairman of Heart Drive . . . City police discover pinball payoff on Front street . . . Study planned on air pollution here . . . Million dollar construction work is set at SOC . . . Mildred A. Gail gets fellowship to study Russian . . . National Guard alert termed big success . . . helicopter service planned in area . . . Bids on Army reserve center may be called in January . . . Recreation and sports area planned south of Medford . . . prisoner smuggles \$590 into county jail despite search . . . Prentice named secretary of Tree Farm group . . . Action to curb U. S. Supreme court urged at meeting . . . Air pol-

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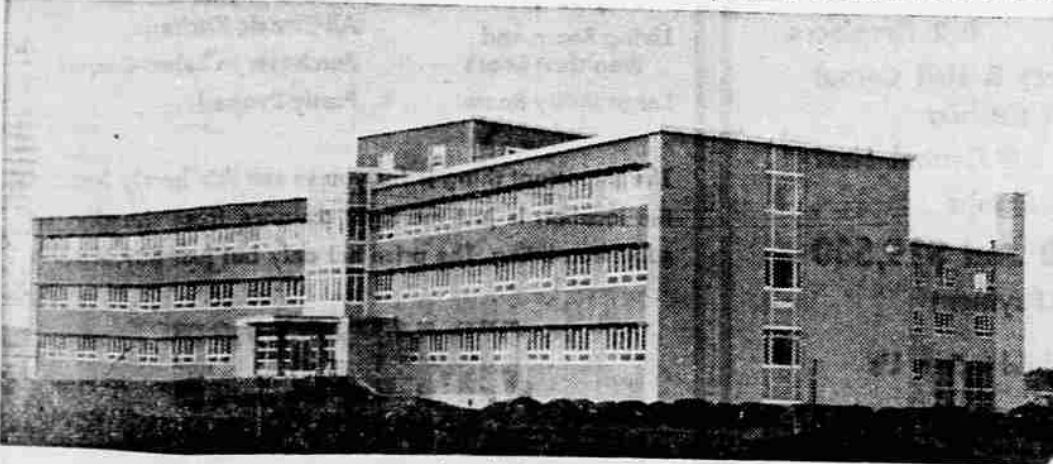
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