

Parks Commission Considers Two New Projects for Medford

From Sacramento: Evidence that state departments have spent millions of dollars unnecessarily in annual race to exhaust their budget appropriations ahead of a June 30 deadline has touched off a statewide investigation.

WHAT does it mean?

It means that if all the money appropriated to a department to finance its activities isn't spent by the end of the fiscal year for which it was appropriated the surplus will go back into the general fund — where it COULD be used either to pay off debt or to reduce the amount of tax money needed to finance the state's activities during the NEXT fiscal year. In either event, the taxpayers would benefit.

To prevent that, the departments rush in and SPEND IT before the year ends. It should be added that this practice is quite common in our federal government. It exists in the governments of all our big states and our big, sprawling, overgrown cities.

LET'S do a little supposing.

Suppose you are a stockholder in a relatively small private corporation. Suppose it operates on the budget system. Suppose one of its departments rushes in and SPENDS its surplus instead of turning it back to the treasurer to be added to the net profit out of which dividends are paid.

What would you do? You'd go on a rampage and demand that whoever was responsible for that particular piece of recklessness with your money be FIRED.

WHY your rampage?

Well, in the case of the small corporation of which you are a stockholder the wasted money would have come out of YOUR pocket. If it hadn't been wasted, there would have been more left for YOU to spend.

In the case of government, we fall into the bad habit of thinking of government money as manna from heaven. It ISN'T manna from heaven. Government money comes out of the pockets of the taxpayers. The more money government takes out of the taxpayer's pocket, the less there is left for the taxpayer to spend FOR HIMSELF.

HOW can government extravagance be checked?

Here is one way: Study the records of your elective officials. When comes election day, VOTE AGAINST

Medford's parks and recreation commission is considering two new park projects.

The commission Wednesday night appointed a committee to explore the possibilities of joint city-county cooperation in development of park facilities on Roxy Ann butte.

It appointed another committee to prepare preliminary plans for a neighborhood park on six lots owned by the city on six lots owned by the city on school.

Mrs. Edith Eden asked the other commission members to consider retaining a landscape architect to assure proper park planning.

City Manager Robert A. Duff told the commission that Dr. Lynn Rodney of the University of Oregon will come to Medford with a swimming pool expert to inspect the proposed park-swimming pool site on the Jackson County Housing Authority property on West Jackson st. The commission agreed to ask Chester Corey, Ashland park director, to attend.

Eugene Garner, representing the Medford Welcome Wagon club, discussed the history of planning for the development of Roxy Ann. He pointed out that this development has been a project of long standing.

Duff said plans were drawn up at one time by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Miss Colleen Hope, a commission member, said she thought any development undertaken now should be coordinated with the existing plans.

Duff said that vandalism has been a major problem in maintaining facilities there in the past. "The principal problem now is rehabilitation," he commented.

He said city and county officials agreed after inspecting the site last year that a custodian should be retained on the premises.

Mrs. Edith Eden suggested that since Roxy Ann includes city property situated in the county beyond the city limits, any official participation in the development should be a joint city-county enterprise.

She and Veri G. Walker

were appointed to study possibilities for such participation.

Garner invited the commission to attend meetings of the Welcome Wagon club and other interested civic groups to be held as steps toward a coordinated effort.

To Prepare Plans

Dr. Ernest Duce and Mrs. Eden were appointed to prepare a plan for the Union ave. park site. Duff reported that the city will supply water for it. He added that California Oregon Power company has donated some old power poles, which could be used to designate the proposed park's boundaries.

Dr. Rodney, chairman of the University of Oregon's recreation and outdoor education curriculum, told the commission at its December meeting that he could bring a landscape architect and a swimming pool expert to Medford to inspect the West Jackson st. park site.

Duff said that Dr. Rodney told him recently all University landscape architects have full schedules until next summer.

Suggestion Made

"Apparently we won't get any free landscape service from the University," Duff said. He added that Dr. Rodney suggested the city enlist the services of a local landscape architect.

Mrs. Eden said that in view of several park projects coming up this year, the commission should consider such services. She listed a two-acre park in Mark Goldy's new subdivision on Buckshot rd. and one in the Earhart Park subdivision as well as the Union ave. and West Jackson st. sites. She said local landscape architects are "a little loathe" to offer "their efforts free of charge."

Duff reported that Dr. Rodney has set a tentative date of Feb. 17 for a visit by himself and Don Van Rossen, University of Oregon swimming coach, to the West Jackson st. site.

Corey Invited

The commission invited Chester Corey to visit the park site with commission members. They agreed that Corey's participation should be on a tentative basis and not commit the commission to employing him.

Mrs. Eden said she thought some money from existing park and recreation funds should go into planning the project. Duff said some of the \$75,000 from the housing au-

thority ear-marked for the pool could finance detailed construction plans, but he questioned whether the authority would sanction its use for preliminary planning.

He suggested that the commission ask the city council for use of part of the \$5,000 allotted in the 1958-59 budget for recreational purposes to finance planning. The \$75,000 has not yet been turned over to the city by the housing authority.

Oregon-California Power Link Debated

Washington — UPI — Sen. Clair Engle said today he is "alarmed" over reports that Pacific Gas & Electric Co. may build hydro-electric power transmission lines connecting the Pacific Northwest with California.

The California Democrat said he has been told that the Bonneville Power Administration has begun "exclusive discussions" with PG&E on the proposed project.

"The senator said the PG&E line reportedly under discussion is 'believed to be a relatively small capacity line which will not make much of a contribution to power exchange' between the two areas."

New Republican Declaration Urged

Washington — UPI — Rep. Richard M. Simpson (R-Pa.), is back with his demand that the Republican Party draft a new declaration of principles to tell where the GOP stands.

As chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee he has been pressing for such action since shortly after the 1958 elections in which the GOP suffered widespread defeats.

In a Lincoln day speech at St. Paul, Minn., Thursday night Simpson said the party cannot wait for the 1960 platform to be drafted at its national convention next year.

SCIENTIST DIES

Washington — UPI — Dr. Jesse P. Greenstein, 56, internationally known cancer research scientist, died Thursday of a stroke.

Back Stairs: Topic For Conversation

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UPI White House Reporter
Washington — UPI — Back stairs at the White House: The officers and men at Moody Air Force Base outside Valdosta, Ga., are still talking about the landing made there Feb. 4 by the Columbine III, the military air transport set aside for President Eisenhower.

With the chief executive on board, the Columbine flew south last week for the annual Eisenhower quail shooting expedition on the Georgia estate of former Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey.

The Columbine in these trips usually lands at Spence Air Base, a training center for air cadets outside Moultrie, Ga. Spence, however, was closed in by miserable weather and Col. William G. Draper, the Columbine pilot and Air Force aide to the President, decided to try Moody.

Thunderstorms and heavy rains were sweeping the area. The press plane, a commercial liner chartered from Eastern Airlines, landed at Moody about an hour before the President.

Conditions Bad

When Draper got over the field, conditions were too bad for landing, even with the fine instrumentation aboard the Columbine and the navigational aids offered by the big air base. Draper circled the area for about 40 minutes, then let down through the soupy, wet weather.

The ceiling was around 400 feet when reporters and Air Force personnel saw the Columbine break through the menacingly dark weather and walls of rain. An Air Force colonel asked, "Does he always come in so high with the Columbine?"

Instead of landing at the forward end of the runway, the Columbine seemed to come down at an unusually high angle and touch down about midway the length of the landing strip. This necessitated using virtually the full strip to brake the ship on the water-slick runway and turn her toward the flight control

AH-CHOO!

Montgomery, Ala. — UPI — State Rep. La Mont Glass wants to substitute the camelina for goldenrod as Alabama's state flower. He said goldenrod is a weed which originally grew only in the north. Besides it causes hay fever.

building where the landing ramp was waiting.

After the presidential party motored away from the field personnel at Moody understood why the Columbine seemed to have landed "high."

On one side of the ship, particularly around the starboard side landing gear, there was a lot of mud and grass.

Then the story was pieced together. When the Columbine lowered through the touchdown, her first point of impact put the landing wheels on one side of the ship into the grass and dirt, instead of

hitting the concrete runway. Draper quickly threw the power to his engine and the Columbine lifted up momentarily. Then Draper brought her back down in the center of the runway, giving the on-lookers hundreds of yards away the impression that the ship had come in high.

For experienced transport pilots this is a somewhat routine flying problem when the weather is bad. But it is a problem that seems, at least, to become much more pressing when the passenger on board is President of the United States.

CONFLICTS WITH TV

Stoke, England — UPI — The Rt. Rev. Anthony Otter, bishop of Grantham, has changed the time of his Lenten services on Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Too many parishioners want to watch a TV show on British family life called "The Archers" which is on at the earlier hour.

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