

Gunman Sought by Posse Near Brownsville

School Consolidation

Decreased Millage Seen for Districts

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles in which general and statistical information will be presented on the proposal to consolidate six Jackson county school districts into one. Today's article deals with millage tax rates.)

Millage tax rates in all but the Medford district will decrease if a proposal to consolidate six districts into one is approved by voters in the districts April 6, according to figures compiled by school officials of the districts involved.

Millage rates in Jacksonville, Griffin Creek, Lone Pine, Howard and Ruck, the other five districts involved in the consolidation proposal, would decrease. Medford school district's millage rate would increase about 2 mills.

The net total millage in the Medford district is now 46.8. The net millage would be an estimated 49.5 in the consolidated district. From the latter figure would be subtracted the amount of the county and

state equalization which the district would be relieved of after consolidation, leaving an estimated net increase of about 2 mills, school officials said.

Net Total Millage
The net total millage includes: (1) the amount to be raised for the general fund; (2) county equalization; and (3) bond and interest charges—less the tax offset.

The tax offset is the amount the district's millage rate was reduced by the county assessor's office because of the \$10 increase in the basic school fund passed by the special legislature in the fall of 1957. The fund was increased from \$95 to \$105 per school child.

(Distribution of the increase was on the same basis as the regular basic school fund, that is, 80 per cent flat grant, and 20 per cent equalization. Because of the equalization percentage, some districts' millage rates were reduced more than others, since poorer districts receive more than the wealthier districts.)

In the Medford district this year, the amount being raised by taxes for the general fund is \$743,439.92, for which the millage is 20.8. The county equalization millage is 32.1, and the bond and interest millage is 4.6. The tax offset is 1.7 mills, which leaves a net total millage of 46.8.

Griffin Creek District
A total of 38.6 mills is levied in the Griffin Creek district for the general fund of \$49,269.34 this year. District patrons also pay 8.9 mills for financing transportation and tuition for high school students, 23.1 mills for county equalization; and 11.1 mills for bonds and interest. Net total millage, after 5.8 mills are deducted for tax offset, is 75.9.

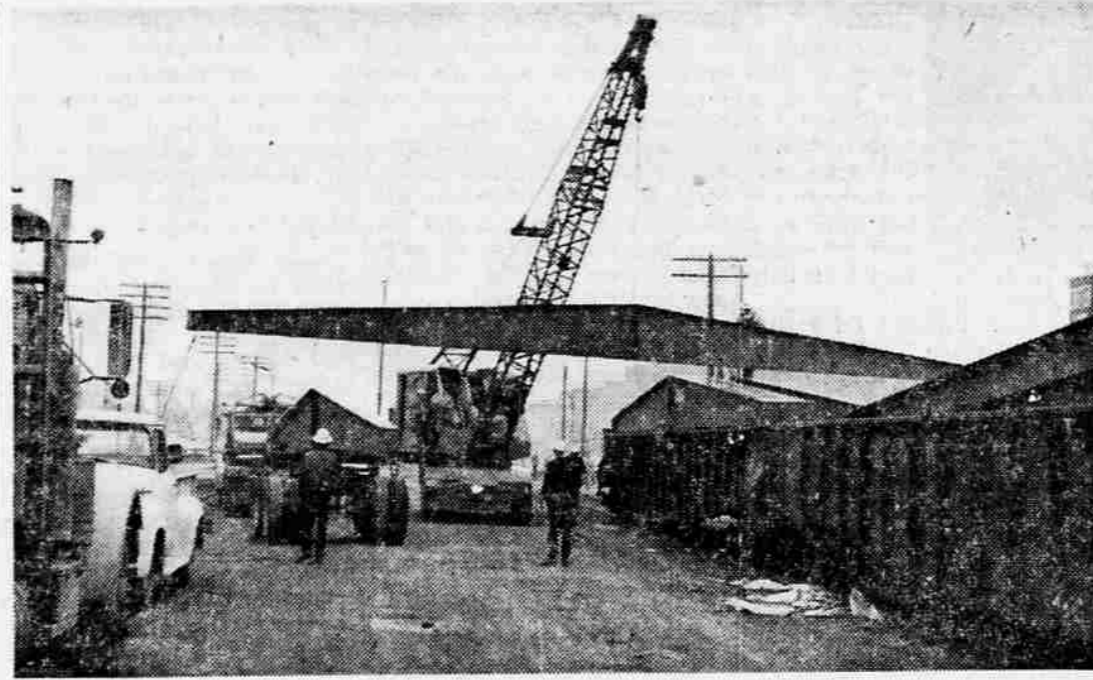
In the Lone Pine district, 21.3 mills are levied for the general fund of \$33,340.45. The non-high and county equalization levies amount to 32 mills (8.9 plus 23.1), and bond and interest accounts for 9.7 mills. Tax offset in Lone Pine is 2.9 mills, leaving 60.1 net total millage.

A levy of 30.5 mills in the Howard district raises \$90,077.96 for the general fund there, while another 30 mills is collected for county equalization and sending high school students to Medford (8.9 plus 23.1). The bond and interest millage is 5.3, and the tax offset is 1.5 mills, leaving a net total of 66.3 mills levied in the Howard district.

Jacksonville District
Jacksonville school district raises \$89,494.67 for the general fund from a 64 mill levy. The county equalization millage is 23.1, and bond and interest millage is 10.6. Tax offset millage is 12.5, leaving a net total of 85.2 mills.

In the Ruck district, \$20,748.16 raised by taxation results in a 22.4 mill levy. The county equalization and cost for high school students is 30 mills, the bond and interest millage is 5.8, and the tax offset is 2.1 mills. This leaves a net total millage of 58.1.

The total amount to be raised by tax for the general fund, if the districts this year were consolidated, would be \$1,026,370.50, which would be 23.4 mills. The county equalization millage would remain at 23.1 mills. Bond and interest millage on the combined total of outstanding bonds in all districts would result in a levy of 5.2 mills. The tax offset would be 2.2 mills, leaving a net total millage of 49.5 mills.



BEAMS ARRIVE—Thirty-six large steel beams for the roof of the new Sears Roebuck and company building, Medford, were unloaded from railroad cars this morning and were transported by means of logging trucks to the building site. The beams, fabricated by Pacific Iron and Steel company in Ogden, Utah, and Los Angeles, are 60 feet

long and weigh about two tons. Structural iron work on the building will begin immediately and is expected to be completed in about three weeks, according to Pacific Iron and Steel Company Superintendent H. F. Hubbard, who will be in charge of the installation.

Ike Not Committed To Summit Meeting

Special Meeting Is Planned on School Reorganization

A special meeting of the Jackson county school district reorganization committee will be held early in April to set dates for a series of public hearings on proposed school district re-groupings, it was announced last night at a meeting of the committee. A total of 113 persons from various school districts attended last night.

The April meeting will be held after the special bond election in Rogue River April 1, and the election on consolidation of Medford and five adjacent school districts April 6. Rogue River's bond issue of \$175,000 is for elementary school facilities.

Committee Chairman Keith Hockersmith last night emphasized that the special meeting is for committee work only and no further testimony

EP Teachers Are Named to Offices

Eagle Point—Three Eagle Point High school teachers were elected to state posts at the Oregon Education association conference in Portland last week.

Don McGovern was elected president of the Oregon Shop Teachers' association; Stewart Hopper was elected vice president of the Oregon Business Education association; and Nat Etzel was elected secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Vocational Agricultural Teachers' association.

Representing school district 9C, which includes Eagle Point, Shady Cove and Trail, besides McGovern and Hopper, were David Harbison, Mrs. Viola Pomeroy, Ralph Humphrey, and Mrs. Elsie Turner.

New officers for the district 9C teachers association will be installed April 3. New officers are Harbison, president; Bill Groucher, Shady Cove, vice president; Mrs. Dorothy Hume, Elk Trail, secretary; and Humphrey, treasurer.

Foreign Minister Conference Must Make Progress

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower today spiked any idea that he automatically is committed to attend a summer summit conference with Nikita Khrushchev.

He told his news conference that he still insists that progress must be made at a prior foreign ministers' meeting to justify his going to the summit.

Eisenhower acknowledged, however, that if any valid agreements with the Russians are to be obtained on the problems of Berlin, German unity and European security, western leaders will have to meet with Khrushchev because he is the only one who has real authority to make agreements.

During the President's week end meeting with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, British sources had spread the impression that Eisenhower had agreed to a summit conference, regardless of whether the foreign ministers meeting in Geneva in May achieved any results.

The President emphatically scotched this impression today.

As the President made his views known, Macmillan told Parliament that the West would not permit the Soviet Union to impose a formula for the existence of West Berlin. He said residents of the free western zone of the German city must be allowed "to live the life of their own choice."

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Asphalt High School Paper Receives Award

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Orchard Heating Meeting Set Tonight

An orchard heating meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium, William J. Rogers, weather bureau meteorologist, has announced.

Purpose of the meeting is to brief orchardists on orchard heating practices. All orchard foremen and the public are invited, Rogers said. Among discussion subjects will be lighting of new heaters and measuring temperatures.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy and showery tonight, becoming partly cloudy and cooler Thursday. A report low 37. High Thursday 55.

Highest Yesterday 58 **Temp.**
Lowest This Morning 38
Precip. to 10 a.m. today, trace.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:29 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:36 a.m.
The Moon rises 7:58 p.m. tonight and is in Perigee. The star seen near it is Spica.

Last Quarter—March 31
VISIBLE PLANETS
Venus, sets 8:43 p.m.
Mars, high in west 9:17 p.m.
Jupiter, low in southeast 12:53 a.m.
Saturn, rises 2:23 a.m.

Chief of Police Wounded by Gun; Another Kidnaped

FBI Says Fugitive May Take Hostage

Brownsville, Ore.—(UPI)—An armed fugitive who shot and wounded one police chief and kidnaped another may have escaped from a hilly, wooded area near here, and the FBI warned today he may take a hostage.

A massive search was under way for Richard A. Hunt, 26, an ex-convict from the Montana State Penitentiary described by the FBI as "armed, very dangerous and with suicidal tendencies."

The FBI broadcast a bulletin saying Hunt apparently returned to a trailer house near the farm where he had worked. His red checked shirt and cowboy boots were found in the trailer house, about 11 miles northwest of this Willamette Valley community.

The FBI said Hunt appeared to have returned to the trailer before it started to rain this morning. The broadcast said "he may take a hostage and probably a motor vehicle."

Robert Kemnow, police chief here, was reported in fair condition in a Lebanon hospital. He was wounded in the face, neck and shoulder by a bullet from a rifle carried by the fugitive.

Taken on Wild Ride
Ernest G. McPhee, 62, police chief at nearby Harrisburg, was kidnaped after he stopped Hunt for questioning. McPhee, who was participating in the manhunt today, was taken on a wild 80-mile an hour ride before he was released on a road about 100 miles from here. The shooting and kidnaping occurred Tuesday afternoon.

Airplanes were called in to help a large posse of armed authorities in the manhunt, as weather permitted. The fugitive was believed to be armed with a .30 caliber military rifle and possibly a .45 caliber automatic. He also had a pair of binoculars.

The Harrisburg police chief said he stopped Hunt to talk to him about his car. McPhee said he told Hunt he would have to see the judge because he had no operator's license. The chief said Hunt then pointed a .45 at him and took his gun. They got in the car and drove toward Brownsville.

Officer Wounded
"He drove 80 miles an hour with one hand on the wheel and one hand holding the gun at my neck," the chief said. Then the fugitive stopped and told McPhee to get out. "I expected him to shoot me then but he drove off," McPhee said.

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LAMBS GALORE—Jerry Moore, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Moore, Eagle Point, suddenly found himself in the sheep business in a big way this week when eight of his Suffolk ewes produced a total of 18 lambs for a 225 per cent average crop. Biggest contributor to the new flock was "Sugar," who came up with the set of quadruplets that Jerry is trying his best to hold

on to in the picture above. Sugar seems a little suspicious of the goings-on. The lamb crop also included one set of triplets, five sets of twins and one single. Jerry has been raising sheep on a small scale since he was four years old, but now, he says, he's really got his hands full. He is a member of the Reese Creek Extension 4-H club.

Mrs. Click Takes Stand as Witness In Her Own Behalf

A recounting of years of threats and accusations by her husband was given by Mrs. Maxine A. Click, 46, Ashland, when she appeared as a witness in her own behalf at her first-degree murder trial in circuit court today. She is accused of shooting her husband, Houston Click, Jan. 6, at the family home, 720 Indiana st., Ashland.

Mrs. Click's appearance followed the testimony of Leslie J. Shorey, draftsman in the county engineer's office, who had prepared a map of the Click residence in Ashland for use of the defense.

Called to Residence
Dr. William M. Sammons, Ashland physician, testified that he was called to the residence about 9 a.m. Jan. 6.

Remainder of yesterday's testimony centered on identification of pictures taken at the shooting scene and on two statements taken from Mrs. Click. State Police Sgt. Russell Brendle and Sheriff Joe Walsh testified concerning the statements, which were admitted into evidence over objections of Frohnmayer.

Besides the welfare case worker, prosecution witness today was Ashland Police Sgt. Roy Hansen, who identified the empty case from a .22 cartridge as that ejected from the rifle previously identified as the murder weapon.

Also appearing for the prosecution was Ralph W. Prouty, crime detection laboratory technician from the University of Oregon Medical school crime lab. He also identified exhibits.

Mrs. Clark is scheduled to appear as a defense witness Thursday morning when the trial enters its third day of testimony.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York—(UPI)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 606.47, off 0.26; 20 railroads 160.17, off 0.47; 15 utilities 94.00, off 0.09, and 65 stocks 209.12, off 0.22. Sales today were about 3,280,000 shares compared with 3,000,000 shares Tuesday.

Hatfield Seeks To Head Off Strike

Salem—(UPI)—A second meeting was scheduled by Gov. Mark Hatfield this afternoon to try to head off a strike which could cripple construction in Oregon and southwest Washington.

The governor met 14 hours with employers and officials representing the Carpenters Union Monday and early Tuesday. After the meeting officials of the Pile Drivers Union met in Portland and Leo Neal, negotiator, said pickets would be called out Tuesday.

The first picket appeared in Portland on a \$300,000 construction job near the west end of the Ross Island bridge and the strike appeared on. Later, a union official said a strike would be delayed at least 24 hours.

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Man's Death Due To Over-Exertion, Coroner Reports

The death of 81-year-old Andrew Kolstad last week end was attributed by County Coroner Carlos Morris to over-exertion and heart failure while apparently lost in the Pleasant Creek area.

Kolstad was found about 1 p.m. yesterday by Harold Austin, Elmer Baker and Delbert Lee, all of the Pleasant Creek area.

Apparently Kolstad had wandered into a draw or small ravine about 1 1/2 miles from his home and was unable to get out, Jackson county sheriff's deputies said.

Search parties and a team of bloodhounds from Lakeview had passed near the area, but not as close to the spot where the man was found, as thought at first.

A study of the ground showed that Kolstad had tried to get out of the draw and had pulled down some of the soil on the bank. When found, he had \$78 in currency on his person. He was lying on his back at the bottom of the ravine with his right hand in his overall bib. The county coroner estimated the death occurred Saturday night or early Sunday.

Sheriff Joe Walsh said his office was notified Saturday afternoon that the man was missing.

Kolstad was last seen at 10 a.m. that day after he told his daughter, with whom he lived, that he was going to the mail box.

Medford Man Fined For Firearm in City

Dan Mix, 2542 Walden place, pleaded guilty in municipal court this morning to charges of discharging a firearm in the city. He was fined \$35 by Judge Alan Holmes.

Mix was cited following a report Monday that a collied dog owned by Mrs. Thomas McFadden, 225 Black Oak dr., had been shot and killed Sunday.

Mix, according to police, stated that he shot the dog twice with a 12-gauge shotgun. He said the dog had killed one of his sheep three weeks ago by chasing it into a fence.

Appling Says People Should Take More Sustained, Active Part in Politics

Ashland—Howell Appling, Oregon secretary of state, told a near capacity audience at Southern Oregon college's Churchill hall this morning that citizens should take part in politics in a stronger, more active and more sustaining basis.

Appling's visit to southern Oregon is his first since he became secretary of state under Gov. Mark O. Hatfield in January.

He said "rather than elect a single knight in armor every four years and settle back to a comfortable state of apathy," citizens should take a more active part in politics.

weeding out incompetence and election of better men for public office.

He said people should be concerned with the treatment of public officials, pointing out it is not a good policy to ridicule and abuse them while in office. He admitted that he has had to reserve his thinking about a legislators' job.

In Oregon, he said, "ours is not a problem of corruption, but rather that of incompetence."

He deplored the "three-ring circus" type of campaign, and favored one on qualifications and issues.

Advised to Study Issues
Appling advised the public to "study, evaluate and compound issues so that they might make better decisions, and in so doing keep the government where it belongs—in the hand of the people."

one of several on his southern Oregon trip. He spoke at the Medford Rotary club yesterday noon, and at the Kiwanis club in Medford this noon.

Meets With GOP
He met with the Jackson county Republican Central committee at the Red Cross building in Medford last night. About 90 people attended the meeting.

He also was introduced and commended the American Legion for its work at a reception dinner for the national vice president for the western division for the American Legion auxiliary, Mrs. Arthur M. Cusick. The dinner was at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Appling attended a meeting of the governmental affairs committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce this morning in Medford.

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