



VOTERS TURN OUT—Voters in line above at Jacksonville school were among the 1,794 who turned out in six Jackson county school districts Monday to vote on consoli-

datation into one large administrative school unit. A total of 1,246 voted for the merger while 548 were opposed. (Knackstedt photo)

# Consolidation of 6 Districts Approved

Voters in six Jackson county school districts yesterday voted 1,246 to 548 to consolidate into one large administrative school unit.

Meksvold said the boundary board also will consider a request from Medford school officials that the district's number be assigned. A recent amendment to the state law provides that consolidated districts may request restoration of a district's previous number.

The number of the new district may be 49, the number of the Medford district prior to consolidation with Grandview, Kenwood, Oak Grove and West Side districts. Or it could be given a different number.

Consolidation probably will become effective as soon as the vote is canvassed, he said. Meksvold pointed out that school officials have indicated they want consolidation to become effective as soon as possible for budgetary reasons.

Complete but unofficial returns by districts are: Jacksonville, 258 yes, 125 no; Howard, 133 yes, 57 no; Ruch 56 yes, 49 no; Griffin Creek, 190 yes, 16 no; Lone Pine, 161 yes, 26 no; and Medford, Hedrick Junior High school poll, 229 yes, 106 no; at McLoughlin Junior High 229 yes, 169 no, for a total of 458 yes and 275 no.

## Orchard Heating Starts About 1:30

Orchard heating occurred throughout the Rogue valley starting at 1:30 a.m. as the temperature dipped to about 26 degrees, according to Clifford B. Cordy, county horticultural agent.

This, he said, is the coldest temperature so far this season, and the heaviest lighting of orchard heaters.

## President Eisenhower Arrives at Augusta

Augusta, Ga.—UPI—President Eisenhower landed at this Georgia golf capital today in bright, sunny weather and went immediately to Augusta National Golf Club for an afternoon round on the links.

## Water Supply Forecasts Revised by Weathermen

Reports from representative U.S. weather bureau precipitation reporting stations for March showed precipitation generally below the 15-year average over southwestern and south-central Oregon.

an assessed valuation estimated at \$43,875,450.39, based on the assessed valuation of the six districts for the present year. There are 10,576 census children within it.

## Stricter Traffic Control Sought

Phoenix—A group of Phoenix citizens appeared before the Phoenix city council last night with petitions urging stricter control of traffic northbound on the South Pacific highway through Phoenix.

M. E. (Red) Norton, acting as spokesman for the group, presented petitions containing the signatures of 258 Phoenix citizens. Following considerable discussion the council agreed to allow Norton to ride with Phoenix Police Chief Clay Johns to make a survey of traffic conditions and report back to the council.

The police chief will be relieved of any odd construction jobs for the city to concentrate on enforcing traffic regulations on the highway, the council voted.

## Unemployment Figures Decline

Washington—UPI—Unemployment in March fell off 387,000 to 4,362,000, the government reported today. Employment shot up by more than a million to nearly 64 million jobs during the same period.

## Condemnation Suit Settled; More Are Scheduled

A condemnation suit brought by the state highway commission against Phil B. and Lois Buck, Rogue River, has been settled out of court for \$9,000, according to Attorney Stanley C. Jones Jr. today.

The Bucks were asking \$9,500 for 54 of an acre of land condemned by the state for the Grants Pass-Rock Point section of the new Pacific highway. The state had offered about \$7,000, it was reported.

Next in a series of condemnation suits to be tried in court is that involving Richard H. and Genora Long, Rogue River, set for April 13. Their property is located at the confluence of Evans creek and Rogue river, includes 3.8 acres and 700 feet of river frontage. Jones is also representing the Longs.

Highest offer from the state is \$25,000. Main bone of contention seems to be whether the Longs' property should be valued from the standpoint of river front homesites. The Longs are seeking \$30,000. Lowest appraisal made by agents of the Longs is approximately \$34,000.

Another condemnation suit possibly to be tried this week involves Henry Corbin of Rogue River, and tracts of his property which will be used for location of a highway viaduct. The state has offered \$14,000 for two tracts, one containing 16.1 acres and one for 4 of an acre, to be removed from Corbin's Sunny-side Farm land. Corbin is asking \$16,500. Lowest appraisal made by Corbin's agents is \$16,920. Jones is also the attorney for Corbin.

The property to be used by the highway commission includes homesites and all of Corbin's yard trees. The condemnation would leave 70 acres into which a road must be constructed.

## Huge Welfare Budget Expected To Be Presented

Big Fight Seen In Oregon Senate

Salem—UPI—A huge welfare budget for the 1959-61 biennium totaling \$86,455,370 is expected to be reported out of a subcommittee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee next week. Of the total, \$35,576,850 would be derived from the general fund.

A deficiency appropriation of \$1,200,000 to cover welfare costs during April, May and June has been passed by the House and is due for a vote in the Senate Wednesday or Thursday of this week. Said Not Enough

Welfare officials contend that this is not enough to carry on present activities for the three-month period. Members of the Ways and Means Committee say if officials will tighten regulations and transfer more recipients to federal-paid categories the sum will carry the program along until the end of the present fiscal year.

Members of the subcommittee have been studying segments of the big budget and expect to get together late this week to formulate the complete recommended budget for presentation to the general committee April 17.

Judging from the temper of the Ways and Means Committee members, a good guess is that the requested and recommended budget of \$86 million plus will be trimmed somewhat. A large portion of this sum comes in grants from the federal government. In addition to the state contribution, the 36 counties also are called upon to bear a portion of welfare costs.

Senate Fight Seen One of the biggest Senate fights of the session is expected when the deficiency appropriations comes up for a vote there.

Welfare officials and their higher requests have supporters led by Sen. Robert Straub (D-Springfield) while members of the Ways and Means Committee have convincing speakers who will insist the Welfare Commission can function on present standards if regulations are tightened.

## Car Reported Taken Found at Grocery

Medford Police Officer Gerald Butler confronted an embarrassed Hamilton st. housewife with her reportedly stolen automobile this morning less than 10 minutes after she reported the theft to the station.

Police said the frantic woman called officers at 9:15 a.m. to give details of how she had parked her red and white coupe in front of her house and discovered it missing shortly after.

Officer Butler discovered the missing car in front of Cooley's grocery, 328 Hamilton st., while he was en route from the station to the home. The blushing owner apparently forgot she had parked it in front of the grocery, a block down the street, and failed to notice it as she carried her groceries to her house.

## Plowing Contest



# Reports of Dulles' Resignation Denied

## Public Hearing On Rural School Budget Tomorrow

\$146,624 Proposed By Rural Board

A public hearing will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow on the Jackson county rural school board's total proposed expenditures of \$146,624.37 for the 1959-60 school year, according to the county school superintendent's office.

"This figure does not constitute the proposed levy," a spokesman said, "since the total expenditures will be offset by reimbursement and tuition receipts for the special education program and federal funds from the National Defense act—\$26,850 and \$31,000, respectively."

The National Defense Act provides for assistance for strengthening science, mathematics and foreign language instruction, it was explained. Largest Item

Largest item in the budget is the visual aids and supplies and equipment for the curriculum center, a total of \$49,017.95. This item includes \$31,000 budgeted to match federal funds under the National Defense Act.

Estimates on the amount required on the local level for the expenditure is \$31,000. The act provides that 50 per cent of this will be matched by federal funds. However, such federal funds will not be available until after the school year closes so the entire amount of \$31,000 has to be budgeted for the first year, officials said.

An estimated \$9,116.50 will be used to provide films for school year classes in language arts, health and social studies. Other items under the curriculum materials center allocation include \$2,070.50 for a film catalog publication and \$6,689 for various technical items including film racks, inspection and cleaning of equipment and several types of projectors.

A total of \$571 is estimated for costs of a county testing program. The second largest item in the budget is \$29,565.78 for special education or for classes for the mentally retarded. It is estimated it will take from 8 to 10 classes in Jackson county to adequately take care of the children in this special type of instruction. A total of \$14,000 of this is reimbursed.

## Dalai Lama Said On Way To Bomdila

New Delhi—UPI—The Dalai Lama has left Towang and started for Bomdila to put more distance between himself and the Communist Chinese occupation army in Tibet, official sources reported today.

## Alternate Route For Sewer Studied

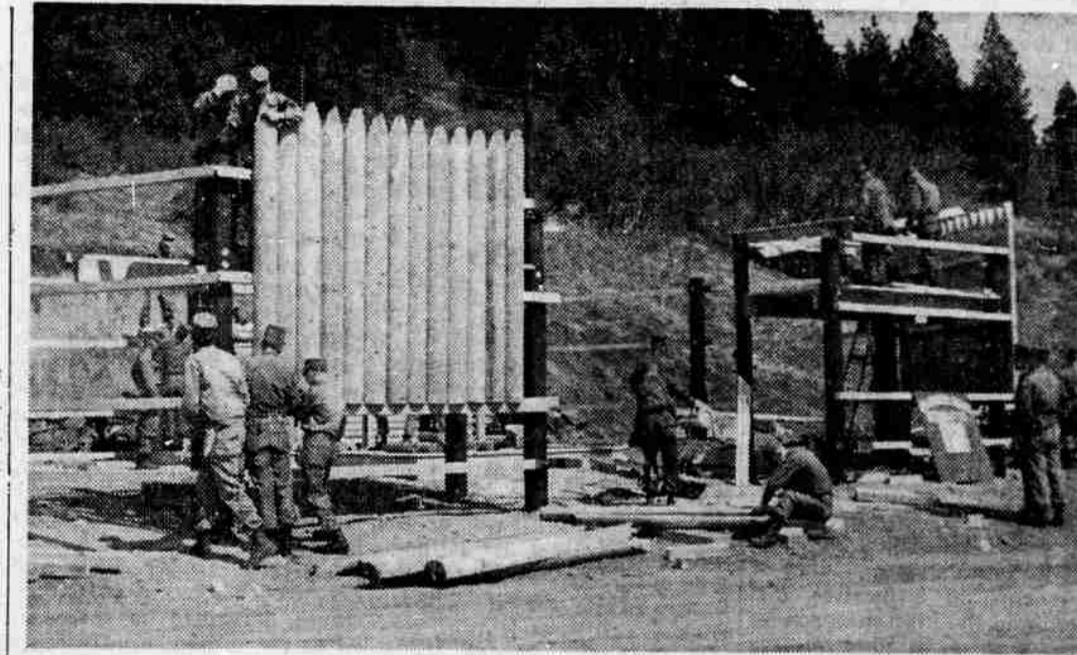
An alternate route for a sanitary sewer in Eastover Terrace is being studied by the city engineering department, following a meeting Monday night of Eastover residents and members of the city council.

Residents of the area recently expressed disapproval of two low bids made for installation of the line. The bids were in excess of engineer's estimates.

City officials said that the cost of laying the sewer in rock in the area accounted for discrepancies in engineer's estimates. Residents are hoping for a more economical route for the installation.

The engineering department's investigation of a possible new route will be discussed at the regular city council meeting April 16.

Salem—UPI—Public Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said today that proposed rate increases of Northwest Natural Gas Company have been suspended. They had been filed to become effective May 1.



STOCKADE UNDERWAY—Members of the 417th Engineer brigade, United States Army reserve unit stationed at Medford (above) worked Sunday on the Siskiyou Summit Stockade which will serve as a welcome booth for Oregon visitors during the Centennial year. Construction is expected to be completed after two more Sundays of work, April 12 and 19, according to Brig. Gen. W. H. Prentice. Funds for operation of the unique welcome booth will be derived from the sale of memberships in the Centennial 59ers which may be purchased at any bank in Jackson county or by sending \$1 to Centennial association, 1959 Oregon ave., Medford.

## Deputies Stop Prisoner's Try To Escape Jail

Sheriff's deputies yesterday foiled an attempted county jail escape by Thomas Leroy Sowell, 40, Klamath Falls.

Sowell was arrested by Medford police on a bad check charge and has been lodged in the county jail since Jan. 30.

Deputies were making a routine inspection of the jail when they discovered that a square light fixture had been removed from over the shower stall in the maximum security unit. Sowell had managed to crawl through the opening less than a foot square and into a room for plumbing and storage. There he had started to saw into roof vents with a hacksaw blade, deputies said.

Sowell apparently had placed the blade in the hard-leather back of his cowboy boots before being arrested, deputies said. A handle had been fashioned from a block of wood and part of a coat-hanger found in the storage room. Sowell also had gathered up some clothes stored there by prisoners sent to the state penitentiary.

Once through a roof vent, Sowell could have gained the roof and escaped down a fire escape or down a back stairway, deputies said.

Wide steel bands will be welded over the lighting fixture hole to prevent future attempts, deputies said. Sowell was to be formally charged with attempted jail break and could receive a year's additional sentence in the county jail, it was explained.

## Plumbers' Walkout Ends in Agreement

A plumbers' walkout in Jackson and Josephine counties ended this morning following agreement on a contract last night by union and employer representatives, according to George Beltz, business agent for Local 418 of the United Association of Plumbers and Fitters.

Terms agreed to are 15 cents an hour pay increase retroactive to April 1, an additional 10 cents an hour as of Oct. 1, another 10 cents an hour wage raise as of April 1, 1960, and 10 cents an hour more on Oct. 1, 1960, Beltz said.

The new total, including all fringe benefits, will be \$3.90 an hour, the union agent said. Without fringe benefits the new wage scale will be \$3.70 an hour, he said.

A health and welfare plan in which the employer would contribute 10 cents an hour is included. The previous contract has included another 10 cents an hour contribution from employers for a vacation with pay plan.

By the end of the two year period covered by the new agreement, plumbers of the two-county area would be receiving two cents an hour more than Portland area plumbers, Beltz said. Approximately 45 plumbers in the two counties are involved in the new agreement, the union agent added.

## Man Sighted at Market Not Hunt

A man sighted at Grandview market, 2330 Crater Lake ave., Friday and believed to be fugitive Richard Allen Hunt has been identified as a 19-year-old Medford youth, city police reported today.

Officers investigating in the Grandview area this morning said the youth who resembles Hunt, had stopped at the market to purchase a box of .22 caliber ammunition and a candy bar. He lives near the market.

Hunt, an ex-convict, is being sought in connection with the shooting of a police chief and kidnapping another in the Willamette valley.

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## Salem Radio Man Pleads Innocent

Salem—UPI—W. Gordon Allen, Salem radio station owner, Monday pleaded innocent to two indictments charging him with slandering H. G. Maison, superintendent of the state police. Trial date will be set later.

Circuit Judge Val Sloper set trial for July 7 on another indictment in which Allen and George Utley, Independence police chief, were accused of slandering Capt. R. G. Howard of the state police. The indictments were returned by a grand jury last week.

## Ambulance Takes To Ditch to Avoid Car

A Medford Ambulance Service ambulance received an estimated \$500 damages following an accident yesterday afternoon while responding to an emergency call, it was reported.

The ambulance was traveling behind another car on Ross lane when the driver ahead pulled to the right. The ambulance started to pass, then the driver of the other car suddenly pulled to the left to turn, and the ambulance drove into a roadside ditch to avoid hitting the car, the reports said. Lights and siren were operating at the time, it was reported. There were no injuries.

## Meteor Reported Seen at Widely-Scattered Points

Moffett Field, Calif.—UPI—A glowing object, believed to be a small meteor, flashed across the Northern California sky Monday night and apparently crashed into a mountain peak about 75 miles southeast of San Francisco.

Observers at the Naval air station here said they spotted the object at 8:45 p.m. (PST) and it appeared to break into three pieces. Two pieces apparently burned out, but the third plunged to the ground in the Pacheco Pass area between Gilroy and Los Banos.

A Navy spokesman said the meteor was also reported by two airline pilots and John Stevens, a gas station operator who said he saw the object hit the mountain. The meteor was seen from widely scattered parts of Oregon. Airport control tower personnel at Portland, Redmond and Klamath Falls reported it was seen from their areas. One resident said it appeared to carry a trail of smoke behind it.

## Hagerty Claims Report on Radio Lacking in Truth

CBS Report Said Based On European Sources

Washington—UPI—The White House asserted today that ailing Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has not submitted any resignation thus far.

The statement was prompted by a CBS radio report, based on what it called European sources "believed to be reliable," that Dulles has decided to give up his role as chief allied negotiator in the cold war.

"Irresponsible Reporting" Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters that CBS had broadcast that Dulles had submitted his resignation and, according to reliable sources abroad, that the President had accepted it.

"This is not true," he said. "This is about as irresponsible reporting... about as low a form of reporting as I know of."

However, the CBS actual report by Correspondent Dan Schorr did not say that Dulles actually had resigned. Schorr said Dulles had decided to resign and that the President was in agreement with the decision.

Correction Demanded Hagerty said he had called Theodore F. Kopp, CBS news director here, and "demanded that they (CBS) correct this statement on their network."

John Day, director of CBS news, said in New York, "We are very sure of our sources." He said the information came from "high official quarters abroad" and added "We are very sure we know what we're talking about."

Earlier, the CBS report had been "categorically" denied by the State department. To Decide by April 20

Reliable sources told United Press International that Dulles, now recuperating in Florida from massive radiation treatment for abdominal cancer, probably will decide by April 20 whether he feels able to resume his duties. The date is three weeks before the scheduled opening of the Geneva meeting of foreign ministers on the crisis over Berlin.

## Congress Resumes Following Recess

Washington—UPI—Congress started its legislative wheels rolling today after an 11-day Easter recess. Eight Senate committees and seven in the House scheduled meetings. But no serious floor work was planned for the rest of this week.

Washington—UPI—Chicago is now virtually assured of playing host to the 1960 Republican National Convention, according to informed GOP sources.