

# Sales Tax Bill Passes Hurdle

## Tax Committee Recommends Pearson Plan

### Would Go To Voters In November, 1960

Salem—(UPI)—S. Sen. Walter Pearson's proposed three per cent sales tax bill had passed its first big hurdle today. The Senate Tax Committee voted 5-2 Thursday afternoon to recommend passage of the measure.

The bill would increase state school support to \$140 per census child and would lighten the property tax load by about 40 per cent.

**Would Go To Voters**  
 Voting "do pass" on the bill were Sens. Ward Cook (D-Portland); Ben Musa (D-The Dalles); Harry Boivin (D-Klamath Falls); Boyd Overhulse (D-Madras) and Donald Husband (R-Eugene). Opposing it were Sens. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) and Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario).

The measure, if passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor, would go before Oregon voters in November of 1960. If it should be approved then it would be up to the 1961 Legislature to put it into effect.

The Legislature could increase income tax exemptions for single persons from \$600 to \$1500 and for married couples from \$1200 to \$3000 to provide income tax relief.

**Welfare Appropriation**  
 The Senate unanimously approved a deficiency appropriation of \$1,200,000 for the Welfare Commission to cover costs through June. The measure now goes to the governor.

The Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee agreed to take another look at a bill which would call for a vote of the people in 1960 on the issue of daylight saving time. The Committee tabled the measure last week after it had passed the House.

## Rogue River Man Pleads Innocent

Shade Combs, 62, owner of the Homestead Tavern on Rogue River, and Paul Sherod Bailey, tavern bartender, also Rogue River, appeared in district court Thursday morning on charges of possessing, displaying and operating a game of chance.

Bailey pleaded guilty to the charge before Judge Roy Bashaw and was fined \$120 plus \$5 court costs. His attorney was Walter D. Nunley.

Combs pleaded innocent to the charge and trial was set for June 3 at 9:30 a.m. in district court. He was released on his own recognizance.

The two men were arrested April 3 by sheriff's deputies and a pinball machine was confiscated by the sheriff's office.

## Gasoline Tax Increase Voted By Oregon House

### Hike Needed To Match Federal Funds

Salem—(UPI)—A bill increasing Oregon's gasoline tax from 6 to 7 cents a gallon for the next five years passed the House today and was sent to the Senate.

Vote on the bill was 44-12. Rep. Carl Fisher (R-Eugene) carried the bill on the House floor, stating that the increase was recommended by both the Interim Highway Committee and the House Highway Committee.

Fisher said the increase was needed to match federal funds for the interstate highway program.

**Would Fall Short**  
 The state, Fisher said, needs \$14 million annually to match federal money but will have only \$10 million in 1960 unless the gas tax is passed.

Without the new revenue, Oregon would fall behind a total of \$18 million a year in the federal program, Fisher said.

This would result in the 1961 Legislature having to raise the gas tax one cent plus another one cent for two years to catch up, he said.

**To Raise \$6 Million**  
 The gas tax would raise about \$6 million a year with 10 per cent of the money going to cities and 14 per cent to counties. A remainder of \$4 million would be enough to provide matching funds.

Rep. Vernon Cook (D-Troutdale) opposed the bill on grounds an increase in the gas tax would make it less likely that taxes could be raised to cover other important areas such as welfare, education and improvement of state institutions.

## Rogue Water Bill Signed by Governor

Salem—Gov. Mark Hatfield has signed a bill to permit withdrawal of water from the Rogue river for fish, wildlife and recreational purposes.

The main purpose of the bill originally was to allow industrial use of the Rogue's water but that was stricken after many protests from interested persons.

Augusta, Ga. — (UPI) — President Eisenhower today recommended that the Republican National Committee select Sen. Thurston Morton of Kentucky as the new GOP national chairman.

## BASEBALL

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Spahn and Crandall; Friend, Gross (8), Porterfield (8) and Foiles. HR: Mathews, Milwaukee.		

## 'Black Dog Bandits' Captured in Woods

The "Black Dog Bandits," which was staged at a Centennial observance square dance, caused some concern with law enforcement agencies in the county although the "bandits" and the mock holdup were designed and carried out in a spirit of good humor.

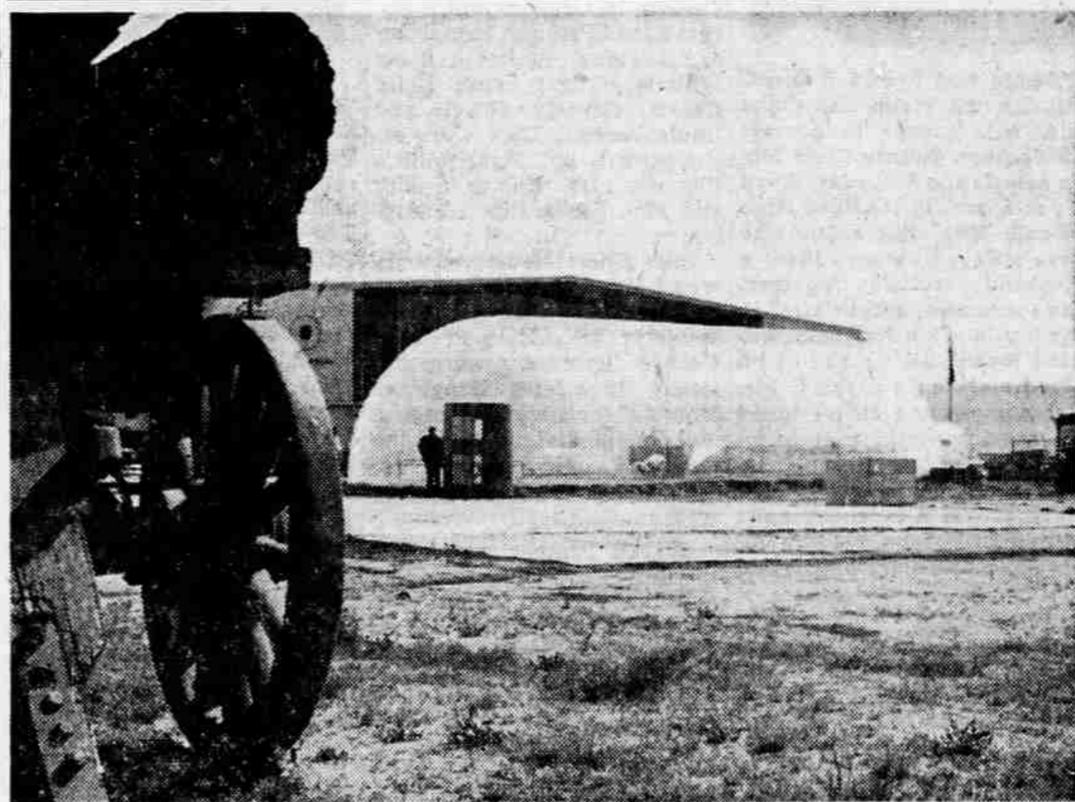
The event was staged to help publicize Jackson county during the Oregon Centennial, association pointed out.

According to reports, the "bandits" will be marched through downtown Medford in the annual Pear Blossom parade tomorrow under "guard," it was reported.

Rumors have been heard about a possible "escape."



**CAPTURED**—A group of vigilantes Thursday captured the "Black Dog Bandits" after their hideout in the woods in northern Jackson county. The "bandits" two weeks ago staged a "raid and holdup" in Butte Falls.



**OLD AND NEW**—The second annual southern Oregon Sportsfair, which begins at the Medford Army today, will feature the latest in outdoor and sporting equipment, but a touch of the old days will be found here and there to help point up Oregon's Centennial. The picture above shows the huge plastic bubble where swimming and skin diving demonstrations will be given in a 23-foot circular pool. Also located under the bubble will be a trout fishing pool and an ice cream concession. In contrast, part of an early-day logging wagon is shown in the foreground.

## Committee Will Consider Name of Reserve Armory

A committee of reserve officers is studying suggestions for the name of the new Army Reserve armory, to be constructed in Medford this year.

The committee is soliciting suggested names from members of the public. They may be submitted to Brig. Gen. William Prentice, Army Reserve Training Center, Federal building, 33 North Riverside ave., Medford.

The committee, in following Army policy and regulations regarding naming such installations, is seeking the name of some local serviceman who distinguished himself in service.

**Act of Heroism**  
 Army regulations suggest, specifically, that the individual so honored should have been one who performed an act of heroism, or who held a position of high responsibility and whose death was a result of battle wounds. If no such individual is suggested, the building may be named for one who did not die as a result of wounds.

No living individual will be considered for the honor of having the Armory named after him, the committee pointed out.

Anyone knowing of anyone who earned such honors during Army service is requested to suggest the name to the committee.

May 1 is the deadline for receiving such suggestions, the committee said.

## Potucek Arrested on Court Warrant

George Potucek, business manager of Carpenters Union Local 2067, was arrested yesterday on a district court warrant charging illegal possession of gambling equipment, Medford police reported.

Potucek was released on his own recognizance, pending an appearance Monday.

## Red Cross May Conduct Drives to Reach Quota

Local Red Cross officials may turn to an antique fair or "chain" luncheons to help meet this year's country-wide quota.

The possibilities were discussed when the Jackson county chapter's board of directors held its regular monthly meeting yesterday at the chapter house, 80 Hawthorne ave.

The antique fair would raise funds through selling display space to dealers and charging admission. It has reportedly proved a successful approach in other communities.

**Chain Luncheon**  
 The chain luncheon works this way: a woman invites seven of her friends to a noon-time meal and round of bridge. Each guest brings a dollar for the Red Cross. Then, each of the guests in turn becomes a hostess and in-

## Consolidation to Become Effective Next Thursday

### District Seeks Use of Number 1

Effective consolidation date for the six school districts which voted to merge last Monday will be April 16, next Thursday.

It is hoped the big new school district can be renumbered No. 1.

These announcements were made following yesterday afternoon's meeting of the county boundary board, which canvassed the Monday election vote, and set the April 16 effective date.

The Medford school board, which will administer the new district, will ask the state legislature to pass a resolution which would allow it to use No. 1 as its official designation, it was reported.

### Seeks New Number

The board is seeking the use of No. 1 for several reasons, they said. The number is that of the Jacksonville school district, oldest in the county, which will be part of the new district. The board said it feels it appropriate to preserve the historic number, as a tribute both to Jacksonville and to the pioneers who established schools in Jackson county.

This is doubly true in Oregon's Centennial year, they said.

Under present state law the newly consolidated district could use Medford district's old number, 49, but not No. 1, it was explained.

Results of the official canvass of votes showed only minor errors in the unofficial vote count.

## Freeway Approval Being Withheld

The federal bureau of public roads is still withholding approval of the Highway 99 freeway through Medford, pending agreement on designs for interchanges, according to W. C. Williams, state highway engineer.

"There is no disagreement over the route through Medford," Williams said in a letter to the Mail Tribune this week.

"The bureau of public roads," he said, "is withholding approval of the section from Table Rock rd. to Barnett rd. until a satisfactory agreement has been reached between the public agencies concerned as to the design of the various traffic interchange facilities."

He said detailed designs for the interchange at Crater Lake highway are "still under study at this time."

"As yet we have not reached an agreement with the bureau of public roads as to the specific design we will construct at this location." Approval of the Medford section should follow an agreement on the design of this interchange, he stated.

The BPR's approval is required since the freeway is part of the federal interstate highway program, and the federal government is paying for 90 per cent of the project. Construction of the stretch through Medford is scheduled to begin next year and be completed in 1962 or 1963.

## Condemnation Suit Opens Before Jury

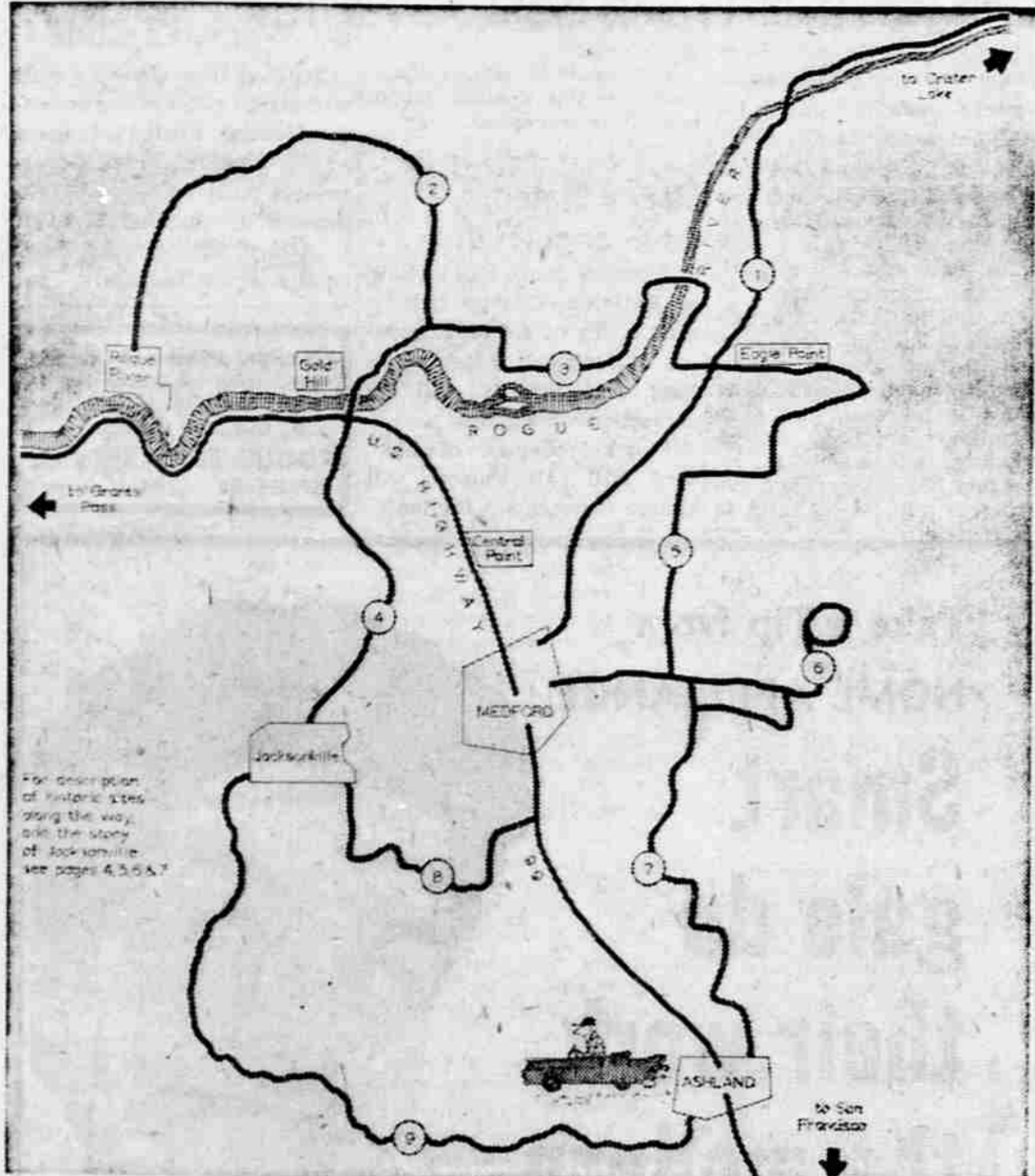
Jury trial proceedings in another of a series of condemnation suits got under way this morning with the testimony of three witnesses.

The condemnation suit involves the state highway commission and Henry Corbin of Rogue River. Tracts of his property will be used for location of a viaduct for the Grants Pass-Rock Point section of the new Highway 99 freeway.

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 Sunnyside Farm land. Corbin is asking \$18,500.

Testifying this morning were the defendant, Henry Corbin, Mark Goldy, Medford, an appraiser of the property, and B. M. Allen, an appraiser. Attorneys in the proceedings said they expect the case to take all of today.

Washington — (UPI) — The Agriculture Department predicted a winter wheat crop of 966,236,000 bushels will be harvested this year.



**JACKSON COUNTY**  
**SCENIC DRIVE**  
 WINTER PEAR CAPITOL of the WORLD

## Routes Marked for Festival Motorists

Valley residents who wish to view pear orchards now in bloom may travel several routes, Pear Blossom Festival officials announce.

The accompanying map, prepared for a Centennial Guidebook to the Wonders of the Rogue River Valley to be distributed this year, shows three routes where the orchards may be seen. They are routes 4, 5, and 7.

The routes, except 2 and 9, have been marked with the "scenic drive" marker shown above. The markers show the outline of a pear and proclaim the area as the winter pear capital of the world.

The guidebook that will be printed in time for the opening of the stockade on Siskiyou Summit includes names of the various drives that tourists and residents may take.

The route include:  
 (1) Greenwood Passage, Highway 62 to Crater Lake.  
 (2) Woodland Route of the Pioneers, from Rogue River through Sams valley, Ramsey canyon and Evans valley.

(3) Last Stand of the Savage Rogue Indians, from Nick Young rd. at Eagle Point junction on Agate rd., Highway 234, Modoc rd. through Modoc orchards, Table Rocks, Sams valley and to Gold Hill.

(4) Stagecoach Rim Road, from Jacksonville to Dardanelles on Old Stage rd.

(5) Foothills Vista, from Hillcrest rd. to Brownsboro and Eagle Point on Foothill rd.

(6) Panoramic Pinnacle, Roxy Ann.

(7) Countryside Aisle, from Ashland north on Valley View rd.

(8) Land of the Dark Hol-

**WEATHER**  
 FORECAST: Variable high cloudiness tonight and Saturday. Cooler. Low tonight 35. High Saturday 70.  
 Temp.  
 Highest yesterday 79  
 Lowest this morning 37  
**Our Skies Tonight**  
 Sunset today 6:47 p.m.  
 Sunrise tomorrow 5:29 a.m.  
 The Moon sets 9:25 p.m. tonight and is in Apogee.  
 First Quarter April 15  
 Last November Mars outshone every star and planet in the sky. Now as it moves into the constellation Gemini, Mars only appears as one fairly bright star among many others.

## Klamath Falls Man Sentenced to Six-Year Term

Thomas Leroy Sowell, 42, Klamath Falls, who attempted to escape from the Jackson county jail recently, was sentenced to six years in the state penitentiary this week.

He had pleaded guilty to charges of uttering and publishing a false check in Judge James M. Main's court. Sowell, alias Richard Leon Barnes, also was sentenced to 9 months and 22 days in the county jail for making a false statement in writing to obtain benefit. He had pleaded guilty to the charge Jan. 30.

He also pleaded guilty in district court to charges of attempting to escape from the county jail. He was sentenced to one year in the county jail to be served concurrently with the other district court sentence.

In other court action, Lester Lee Lewis, 66, of route 2, box 671, Central Point, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary by Judge Edward C. Kelly. He pleaded guilty to procuring a female to engage in prostitution.

Jose Manrubia-Martinez, 26, of 722 West Fourth st. and Gibbon rd., was arraigned before Judge Main on a charge of grand larceny. Miss Noreen Kelly was appointed his attorney.

Also pleading guilty before Judge Kelly were Robert Bruce Coker, 29, of 5134 Table Rock rd., and Jim Seth Cunningham, 24, of 1297 Stevens rd., to charges of obtaining money by false pretenses. They were arraigned on district attorney's information and the judge ordered presentencing reports.

Arraigned before Judge Main were Jean Noel Wright, 19, of 244 North Grape st.; Roger Dale Bennett, 18, of 4095 Highway 99 south; and Calvin Summers, 18, of 303½ North Holly st. They are charged with burglary not in a dwelling and attorneys were appointed for each.

The men are charged with the burglary of Tom Thumb market last month. Attorneys appointed were Bernard Kelly for Wright; Warren Lesseg for Bennett; and J. V. McGoodwin for Summers.

There was no opposition.

## "Prospects For A Summit Meeting Appear Brighter . . ."

