

# House Approves Funds For Education Department

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\$116,700,000 For Two Years Put To Senate

Teachers To Get Salary Increases

Salem - (UP) - The House today passed and sent to the Senate a bill appropriating \$116,700,000 to carry on functions of the State Department of Education for the next two years.

It also passed and sent to the Senate a \$40,238,000 budget for the State Department of Higher Education despite a protest from Rep. George Annala (D-Hood River) that he had new figures bearing on the budget.

Annala's motion to postpone action on the bill until Friday failed. He said he thought the salary increases granted teachers in schools of higher education were too high.

Up Seven Per Cent Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) said teachers would be granted a seven per cent increase the first year and four per cent the second year. Some money also would be used to bring in exceptional teachers on a merit basis.

Rep. Leon S. Davis (R-Hillsboro) explained the Department of Education budget on the floor. The \$116 million figure includes \$106 million for basic school support at the current level of \$105 per census child.

Also included in the education department budget was some \$600,000 for a driver training program.

Some cuts made in the budget for Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls were approved by the House and Rep. John Kerbow (D-Klamath Falls) said that as long as cuts had to be made they were "made in just exactly the right places."

In discussing the higher education budget, Barton said that the merit increases for exceptional professors would pay for itself in "millions of dollars" brought into the state for research.

"It is conceivable that the cure for cancer could be found at the University of Oregon medical school if there are proper personnel and proper research," Barton said.

Most discussion of the two bills centered on salary increases in higher education. Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Eugene) said that the salary increases were not excessive and were designed only to keep Oregon competitive with other states. Skelton was excused from voting because he is a part-time teacher in the general extension division.

Vote on the Department of Education budget was 57-0. The Higher Education budget passed 47-11.

**Moonwatchers To Scan Skies for Discoverer**  
Portland - (UP) - Oregon's Moonwatch team today was alerted to watch for the death plunge of the United States satellite Discoverer II.

Portland - (UP) - Asian flu is back in Oregon. The State Board of Health said it isolated the Asian flu virus from a Portland woman.

## Mixing Center At Kansas City Plant Erupts

Steel Tank Blown Nearly Block Away

Kansas City, Kan. - (UP) - Three men were killed and five injured today when an explosion sent flames high into the air and destroyed the Thompson-Hayward Chemical Co. plant here.

Company President R. F. Thompson said the damage would approach \$1 million. About 10 chemical tanks, one large concrete block building with a metal roof, and several smaller buildings were involved in the blast.

In Mixing Center It apparently occurred in a mixing center where a weed killer, 2,4-D, is made.

One of the steel tanks was blown three-quarters of a block away. Firemen did not recover the bodies of the three victims until 2½ hours after the blast.

The victims were identified as James M. Lewis, 28, Kansas City, Kan.; Walter L. Evans, 25, Kansas City, Mo., and Otis J. Young, 24, Liberty, Mo.

Working on Balcony Lewis and Evans were working on the balcony of the main building where pressure vessels were kept. Young was last seen driving into the plant as he reported to work on a shift change. All three bodies were found in the heart of the blast.

The injured were not seriously hurt. The blast occurred about 6:45 a.m. and for two hours a thick column of boiling, grey-black smoke poured high in the air and created a dark haze between the two Kansas Cities.

Trace of Rain at Airport Reported Medford station of the U.S. weather bureau reported a trace of precipitation at its airport location yesterday evening. The trace was recorded about 9 p.m.

Humphrey Rushes Back to Washington Portland - (UP) - Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) interrupted a Far West political tour Wednesday night to fly back to Washington, D.C., to move for reconsideration of a Senate-approved "bill of rights" amendment to the labor reform bill.

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The Applegate valley Centennial festival, sponsored by the valley's two extension units, will feature displays by members of the units and of industries of the valley, according to Mrs. Curtis Gearhardt and Mrs. Harry Davis, chairmen of the event.

Included in displays are one planned by B. M. Clute of broom making, Indian relics, antiques, branding irons, early paintings and other items. Mrs. Flossy Myers Gardner plans a demonstration on leather tooling and Hub Freo plans a display of rocks and minerals.

Hats made in extension work 40 years ago will be shown by Mrs. Dora Krouse. A short program will include a skit by 4-H club members. Pioneer costumes will be in order, and refreshments are planned.

The Shady Cove event is being sponsored by the Rotary club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Shady Cove Parent Teacher association, Our Lady of Fatima club, St. Martin's Episcopal Guild, Prospect Community club, Prospect Lions club, Eagle Point Lions, VFW post 6412, Shady Cove Extension unit, VFW auxiliary 861, and the Shady Cove Lions.

Booths and exhibits are planned by several organizations in the Shady Cove-Trail-Prospect-Eagle Point area. Entertainment will include a square dance by the Medford Trail Riders, and a mounted drill by members of the Desert Pegasus 4-H Riding club.

The parade will start at 11:30 a.m. at the Shady Cove school grounds.

## Three Men Killed in Chemical Explosion

"Aren't You Big Enough To Have A Key Of Your Own?"



## Bianconi Elected President of State Service Officers

Jerry Bianconi, Jackson county veterans service officer, yesterday was elected president of the Oregon Association of County Veterans Service Officers, now holding its 23rd semi-annual conference in Medford.

The meeting opened yesterday at the Medford Hotel. County veterans' service officers from all parts of the state, as well as officials from the Oregon state department of veterans affairs, the U.S. Veterans Administration, and the California department of veterans affairs, are in attendance.

The meeting will conclude tomorrow. Sessions began yesterday morning, with greetings from County Judge Earl Miller, and brief talks by Edward E. Grant, Enterprise, retiring president of the association; Elmo M. Mills, assistant director of the Oregon department of veterans affairs; Raymond J. Novotny, manager of the regional office of the VA, Portland; and Henry C. Herzog, manager of the Camp White Veterans Administration domiciliary.

Yesterday's sessions were devoted to talks on subjects of interest to the service officers, and last evening the banquet, a no-host dinner, heard a talk by Samuel M. Rowe, Grants Pass, well-known attorney and former commander of the department of Oregon of the American Legion, a member of the advisory committee of the Oregon Veterans department, who spoke on the need for veterans to hold together to effectuate legislation necessary for the welfare of veterans' interests.

This morning's sessions were devoted to tours of Camp White, and group discussions with VA personnel. In the afternoon, tours of the area, a social hour, and a banquet were on the schedule. Dinner speaker will be J. Marvin Russell, chief of the loan division of the department of veterans affairs for California.

Friday morning, members of the staff of the Oregon veterans' department are to address the meeting, followed by a noon luncheon and a 2 p.m. business meeting of the service officers' organization. Site of the next semi-annual meeting will be selected at that time.

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## Kennedy Sees Many Lawsuits Over Amendment 'Bill of Rights' Receives Approval

Washington - (UP) - Surprise Senate approval of a "bill of rights" amended to its labor reform bill aroused union opposition today and brought a warning that final passage may be jeopardized.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), chief sponsor of the bill, said ultimate approval was made "more difficult" by the Senate's 47-46 acceptance Wednesday of the "rights" proposal of Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.).

Nixon Breaks Tie Vice President Richard M. Nixon sealed McClellan's victory by casting a tie-breaking vote against reconsidering the action.

McClellan was backed on his amendment by an almost solid lineup of Republicans and southern Democrats, plus three Democrats from other areas.

Similar support, give or take a few crucial votes, was expected on his other amendments, including bans on: —Secondary boycotts, by which unions apply indirect pressure on employers through others not involved in labor disputes.

Said Poorly Drafted —Picketing aimed at forcing employers to sign union contracts by strikes in which their own workers are not involved.

Kennedy, who suffered his first setback on the bill, said the "rights" amendment "was poorly drafted and adds little to the protections already available under state law."

The McClellan amendment would provide for fines of up to \$10,000, prison terms of up to two years, or both for labor leaders convicted of depriving union members of their rights.

Juvenile Budget Presented Group Juvenile Director Kay Crowell and Shelby Tuttle, member of the executive committee of the advisory council to the Jackson county juvenile court, represented the juvenile department Wednesday during hearings before the county budget committee.

Under consideration is a tentative budget asking approximately \$47,000 for administrative budget and nearly \$21,000 for operating budget, it was stated.

County Judge Earl Miller explained that the committee requested more information on several items regarding salaries and personnel and that the department's budget would also be considered during Friday's session.

Both Circuit Judge James M. Main and Edward C. Kelly have been requested by the committee to appear at the Friday session.

Miller complimented the juvenile department on its transmittal letter in presenting the department's requests adding that each budgetary item was listed with accompanying justification.

Salem - (UP) - A bill to transfer control of Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls to the State Board of Higher Education passed the Senate today. Presently the school is controlled by the State Board of Education.

The transfer would become effective July 1, 1959. The bill goes to the House. It provides for appointment of an Oregon Technical Institute advisory committee of 15 members to generally observe the operation of OTI and make recommendations to the Board of Higher Education.

Provision is made that if within five days after the effective date of the act, the city of Klamath Falls agrees to furnish a new site for the institution, OTI may be moved from its present site on a hill near the city to a site adjacent to the city of Klamath Falls.

## New Junior High School Building Favored 2 to 1

Ashland - Ashland school district voters yesterday approved by a vote of more than 2 to 1 a bond issue to build a new junior high school.

The bond issue will total \$1,250,000. The vote was 1,607 to 719.

The school, to replace the present 59-year-old building part of which was condemned by the fire marshal recently, will accommodate up to 800 students of the 7th, 8th and 9th grades, and is so planned that it can be expanded eventually to take care of 1,000 students.

The total voter turnout of 2,238 - out of 5,578 eligible voters - was unusually high for a school election. The campaign prior to the voting was one of the most heated in many years in Ashland.

It is planned to advertise the bonds for sale on July 1, and it is hoped that complete plans and specifications will be ready in about four months, Superintendent Stanley Jobe said. Construction is expected to begin by about Sept. 1.

The voting by polling places showed Briscoe school, 352 yes, 211 no, total 563; junior high school, 594 yes, 284 no, two void ballots, 880 total; and Walker school, 661 yes, 224 no, total 885.

\$147,500 Sought In Damage Suit Medford officials are being sued for damaged totaling \$147,500 in connection with the collision March involving a police patrol car and a 5-year-old girl on a bicycle, city officials reported today.

The girl, Jana Sue McCall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyl G. McCall, 523 Haven st., suffered a broken right leg, abrasions and internal injuries, according to officials at Sacred Heart hospital.

Patrolman Donald Pursell, who was driving the police vehicle, reported after the accident that she rode her bicycle into his path from behind a parked car and that he was unable to stop in time. No citations were issued.

The complaint, filed this week in circuit court, names Pursell, Medford Mayor John W. Snider, the eight members of the city council and Chief of Police Charles P. Champion.

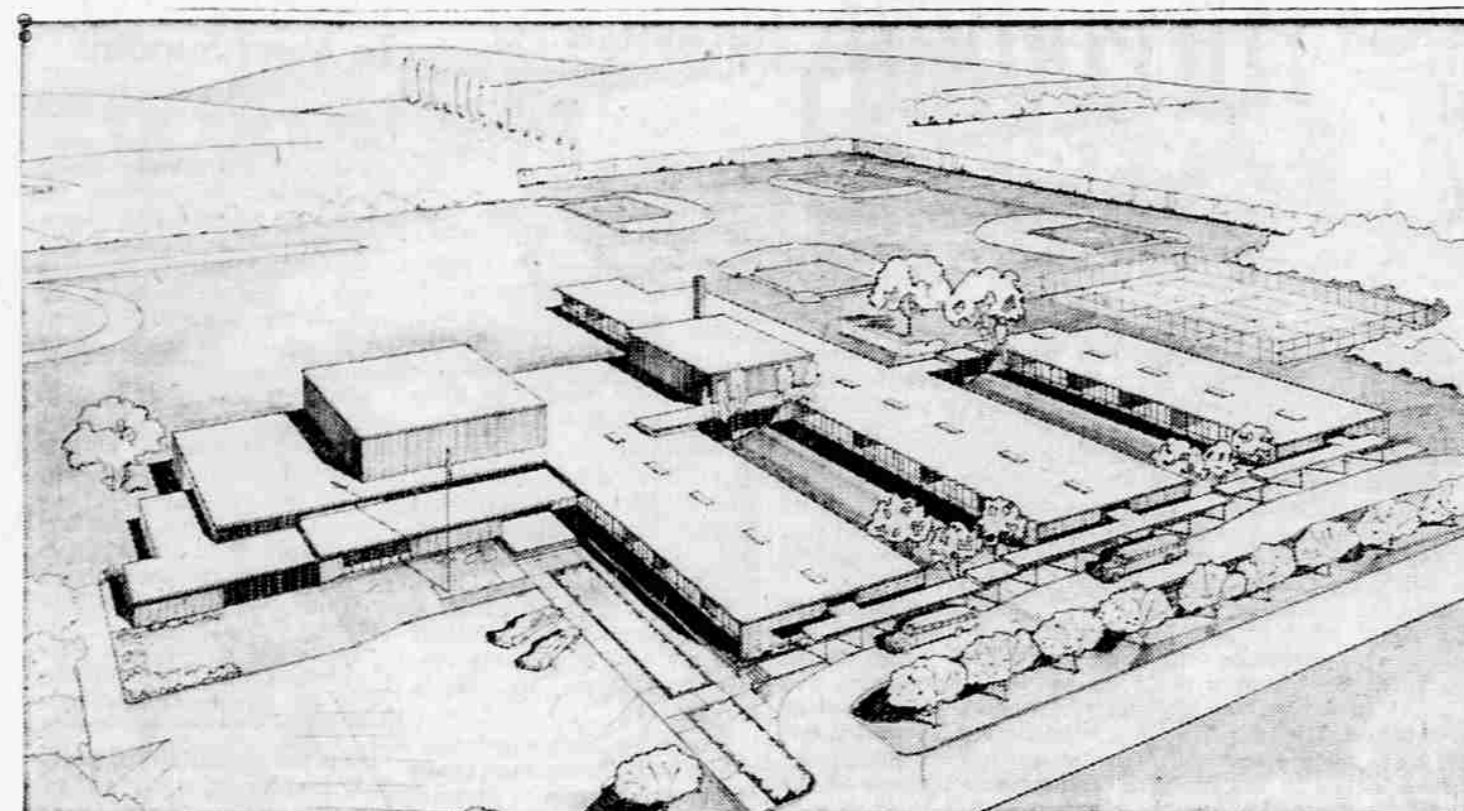
Summonses were served on most of the defendants yesterday, according to reports. City Attorney Joel B. Reeder, who is to defend their interest, has 10 days in which to file an answer. The suit has been filed by the girl's father, reportedly represented by a Portland firm.

The damages asked include \$140,000 general damages and \$7,500 special damages, the latter allegedly involving actual medical expenses.

WEATHER FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness tonight and Friday. Chance of light showers or thundershowers over mountains during late afternoon or evening. Continued mild. Low tonight 42-45. High Friday 75. Temp. Highest yesterday 76. Lowest this morning 46. Prec. to 10 a.m. today. Trace

Our Skies Tonight Sunset today 7:02 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 5:18 a.m. The Moon rises 8:00 p.m. tonight. It is now in Perigee and about 232,100 miles from the Earth. Next Quarter April 29. VISIBLE PLANETS April 29 Venus, in the west at sunset, sets 9:51 p.m. Jupiter, rises 9:34 p.m. Mars, sets 11:48 p.m. Saturn, rises 12:20 a.m.

which would finance construction of the unit. Wayne Struble, Medford, is architect. Construction is expected to start about Sept. 1.



NEW SCHOOL - Above is the architect's sketch of the proposed new junior high school in Ashland. School district voters yesterday approved by 2 to 1 a bond issue

## Ashland Approves Bond Issue

### Wagon Trip Plans Near Completion For 4-H Members

The covered wagon train carrying 4-H club members to the annual 4-H club summer school at Oregon State college, Corvallis, will leave Jacksonville June 8, according to Glenn Klein, Jackson county 4-H club agent.

The train, which will have six wagons when it reaches Corvallis June 20, is being sponsored by the Jackson county 4-H Empire Builders, and will travel the 200 some miles to Corvallis in the style of the early pioneers to "relive" travel conditions of the 1800s.

Plans for the camp sites and lunch stops have been completed, Klein said.

Several communities are sponsoring joint activities when the wagon train arrives to help in the Oregon Centennial celebration, he said. Josephine county 4-H club members are providing a barbecue feed; Yoncalla Rodeo association, a horse show, and the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a short parade and luncheon the day the train arrives there.

The train will carry club members from Coos, Curry and Douglas counties, who plan to join the trek as it travels north on the Old Applegate Trail. Wolf Creek will be the meeting place for a pack train coming over the coast range from Coos and Curry counties, and a covered wagon with Douglas county 4-H members will join the train at Roseburg, Klein said.

Future Farmers of America chapters in Eagle Point, Phoenix and at Crater High school, Central Point, are reconditioning wagons for the trip, and the Jackson County Centennial association and provided funds, Klein said.

Campsites along the way will be the Francis Krouse farm in Applegate, Merlin junction, Sunny Valley, Wolf Creek, Canyonville, Roseburg, a rest area along Highway 99, Yoncalla, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Benton Lane park near Junction City, and Willamette park in Corvallis.

Trailways Fare Increase Approved Salem - (UP) - Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said today he has approved a 10 per cent increase in fares of Continental Pacific Trailways over Highway 99 between Portland and the California state line.

DOW-JONES AVERAGE New York - (UP) - Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 623.27, off 1.88; 20 railroads 167.42, off 0.13; 15 utilities 91.85, off 0.35, and 65 stocks 213.70, off 0.57. Sales today were about 3,310,000 shares compared with 3,430,000 shares Wednesday.

## Mail Tribune Presented Award by Civil Service

The Medford Mail Tribune last night was presented with a national award by the U.S. civil service commission, for "outstanding cooperation in support of the merit system of federal employment."

The award, one of five presented in the Pacific northwestern states, was in recognition of the newspaper's news coverage of civil service activities through the years, and in particular, a feature story last year marking the 75th anniversary of the civil service system.

Other newspapers which have earned the award include the Portland Oregonian, the Oregon Journal, the Albany (Ore.) Democrat-Herald, and the Oak Harbor, Wash., News.

The five newspapers were selected from 273 newspapers in the region, which includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon. Four of the five awards went to Oregon newspapers.

A similar non-newspaper award last night went to the Oregon department of veterans affairs, for its contribution to public understanding of the role played by the U.S. civil service commission in the merit system of federal employment.

The awards were presented by George Reid, Seattle, veterans employment representative, for the civil service region at the semi-annual dinner of the Oregon Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Reid also presided at the annual veterans employment clinic held here Tuesday evening.

## No Concessions for West at Geneva, Soviet Union Says

London - (UP) - The Soviet Union made it plain today the West can expect no major concessions in Berlin at the forthcoming foreign ministers conference in Geneva.

Soviet diplomats said Moscow was determined to stand fast by its plan to hand over West Berlin to the Communist East German regime regardless of any settlement for the Western part of the city.

Tough Stand Emphasized A series of Soviet diplomatic moves emphasized the tough stand the Russians were taking before the May 11 conference begins. Already the Soviets were accusing the West of trying to torpedo the talks.

Wednesday, Russia accused the United States of trying to wreck the Geneva conference by stepping up missile base construction in Europe although the missile program is two years old.

U.S. State Department Spokesman Lincoln White called the accusation "devoid of substance" and noted the Russians usually made such propaganda statements on the eve of important East-West meetings.

Propaganda Campaign The Soviet Union, backed by East Germany, also built a major propaganda campaign around U.S. Air Force high-level flights to and from Berlin although such flights have been going on for months.

Wednesday's accusations were contained in a note handed to U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson in Moscow by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. It said the supply of U.S. missiles to West Germany, Turkey and Greece endangered success of the Geneva meeting. The Western position is that the NATO nations were strengthened only against Communist threats.

The day before, the Soviet delivered a similar warning to West Germany.

Jacobs Awarded Station Contract Don L. Jacobs Construction company, Medford, was awarded a \$6,689 contract by the Medford water commission yesterday to construct a pump station on Barneburg hill.

The station, which will pump water to a reservoir now under construction on the hill, will be at Black Oak dr. and Argonne ave. It is expected to be completed by mid-June.

Bids for the project, from Jacobs and four other contractors, were opened yesterday morning. A water department official said today that Jacobs' bid was below the estimated cost.

New City Hall Planned in CP Central Point - The Central Point city council this week approved and accepted plans for a new city hall here.

City Administrator Lyle Paul said he was instructed to call for bids in the near future.

The new city hall will be constructed at the corner of Third and Pine sts. beside the fire hall and library. The latter building was built about three years ago.

The present building and site will be sold, Paul said.