

State Will Investigate Pollution Complaints

Proposed City Budget Given To Committee

The Medford budget committee last night received the preliminary 1959-60 city budget and faced the necessity of preparing and adopting final estimates based upon it within a month.

Proposed appropriations, according to City Manager Robert A. Duff's letter of transmittal, total \$2,704,781, an increase of \$252,930 over last year's figure. This increase, Duff reported, "is largely attributable to increased balances and reserves in the bond proceeds and construction funds."

The general fund total proposed is \$882,065, a decrease of \$2,160 from this year's general fund budget of \$884,225.

Within Limitation
The city manager stated in his letter that the preliminary budget is "within the constitutional 6 per cent limitation, and without recommendation for budget limitation election." Oregon statutes require that tax levies cannot be increased more than 6 per cent a year without voters' approval at a special election.

Duff said that the proposed total property tax levy for the coming fiscal year is

\$882,704, an increase of \$32,422 over last year's final figure.

"It is anticipated," he observed in his letter, "that the assessed valuations in the city will have increased sufficiently to offset any increase in the millage rates necessary to provide for this budget."

Howard Boyd, manager of the F. W. Woolworth store here, was elected chairman of the budget committee at last night's meeting. Mrs. Dwight Houghton was elected secretary.

Would Like Savings

Boyd said he had noted in past years a tendency for city hall to seek the full allowable 6 per cent gain in each year's levies. "I would like to see a saving," he commented, "even if it's a small one."

Duff told the committee he had already cut some \$123,000 from the requests of various city departments. He said this was money that the city would not have available.

"I think I'm going to be quite unpopular in some quarters," he commented. He explained that the process of paring down the departmental requests was primarily responsible for delaying the preliminary budget's presentation.

Duff told the committee it must complete its work and adopt a final budget estimate by May 29. The budget is then advertised during the month of June, and submitted to public discussion at a hearing in early July. Duff said the hearing is scheduled for July 2, but could be postponed to July 9.

General Salary Increases
Of particular interest in the budget is a proposal for general salary increases, amounting to between 4 and 5 per cent for each employee. These increases, Duff said, would total about \$41,000.

"The principal thing the city offers is services," Duff said in support of this proposal. In his letter of transmittal he stated, "It should be pointed out that no general raise was granted the city employees last year."

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Flu Cases Increase In Jackson County

The number of influenza-like cases reported in Jackson county this week totaled 874, an increase of more than 100 cases over last week's total, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Last week, 546 flu-like cases were reported, compared to 323 cases the week ending April 17.

The number of cases reported in Medford was 310, compared to 240 last week, Dr. Merkel said.

Other influenza-like illness cases were reported from Central Point, 126; Camp White, 75; Ashland, 65; Phoenix, 56; Trail, 17; Jacksonville, 12; Applegate, 8, and Rogue River, 5.

Editor of Sandy Post Dies Suddenly

Portland - (UP) - William (Bill) Perkins, 68, editor of the Sandy Post and a veteran West Coast newspaperman, died Thursday after collapsing while playing a round of golf at Glendoveer Golf Club. Perkins worked on newspapers in Portland, Helena, Mont., Oakland and Sacramento, Calif., Lakeview, Klamath Falls, Ashland, Sutherlin, Bend and Prineville during his career.

Higher Gasoline Tax Bill Passed by Senate

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Poplarville, Mississippi, U.S.A., 1959



Voters in School Districts to Name Board Members

Registered voters throughout the county will be eligible to vote Monday, May 4, in the election of school district board members and on \$436,485.42 of the proposed equalized rural school levy of \$2,206,606.35.

Since the tax base of the rural school district represents 80.2 per cent of the proposed levy, voters will vote only on that amount which exceeds the base.

Board candidates in the Monday election include Frank C. Bash, present chairman of the Medford school board, who is unopposed; Wilton White, Central Point, to fill the unexpired term of former board member Hal Bishop; Darrell Stanley, Eagle Point, present board chairman, five-year term; Bruce Cypers and Sam Jones, both Talent, for the position to be vacated by Mrs. P. J. McAbee, board chairman.

Prospect Incumbent
Frank Boothby, Prospect, incumbent, five-year term; James H. Martin, Evans Valley, current chairman, and William J. Johnston, five-year term; Dr. Cedric Rambo and Dale Hatch, Rogue River, five-year position to be vacated by Carlton Sandeen; Ted Fredenberg and Charles Ferguson, Butte Falls, five-year term to be vacated by Earl Rensen.

The Conrads had requested a total of \$403.25 for damages done to a hay crop by irrigation water from the district.

The jury awarded \$204.75 for general damages to crops for the first count, and \$10 on a second count in which the plaintiff charged that the defendant had emptied two ditches during a period when Conrads' property needed irrigation water.

The original complaint had asked an additional \$58.50 for labor costs on the first count and \$140 on the second count including attorney's fees.

The trial started Wednesday and concluded at 5 p.m. Thursday. The jury returned its verdict following a 30-minute deliberation.

Attorney for the plaintiff was William Deatherage while Frank Farrell was attorney for the irrigation district.

Russian May Day Emphasis on Peace

Moscow - (UP) - Soviet Communism celebrated May Day today with a seven-minute military parade—the shortest since the revolution. The emphasis was on peace and prosperity.

In past years the military section of the parade was a showcase of Communist military might. Today it was a token display and despite brilliant warm weather no aircraft were flown overhead and there were no tanks.

Picked units of all the armed services, in white gloves and knee-length boots, goose-stepped past Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, Vice Premier Anastas Mikoyan and other members of the ruling presidium.

Pile Drivers Schedule Vote on Wage Offer

Portland - (UP) - Members of the Pile Drivers Union in Portland and Astoria are scheduled to vote again this weekend on an employer offer for a three-year, 53-cent hourly wage increase package.

Hatfield To Sign Bridge Bill Monday

Salem - (UP) - Gov. Mark Hatfield said today he would take the bill providing for a \$24 million bond issue for a Columbia river bridge at Astoria to Astoria Monday and sign it there.

Senators Refuse To Go Along With Income Tax Hike

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Four Pleas Made In Circuit Court

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Pleading guilty to charges in circuit court of burglary not in a dwelling were Calvin Summers, 18, of 303 1/2 North Holly st.; Jean Noel Wright, 19, of 244 North Grape st.; and Roger Dale Bennett, 18, of 4095 Highway 99 south.

Summers received a two-year suspended sentence and Bennett's three-year sentence was also suspended. Both men were placed under the supervision of the state board of parole and probation. Bennett's sentence was suspended on the condition he make restitution for damages.

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Also pleading guilty Thursday was Gilbert Wayne Cooper, 22, of Trail, who is charged with uttering and publishing a false check. Cooper was one of three persons returned to Jackson county last February from Wyoming in connection with the cashing of more than \$2,000 in payroll checks on Skeeters and Skeeters Lumber company. A pre-sentence report was requested by the judge.

WEATHER

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Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 7:11 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 5:36 a.m. Moonrise tomorrow 2:39 a.m. New Moon 2:59 a.m. Highlights of the phenomena in the skies above in May will be the appearances of the two brightest planets, Jupiter, rising earlier each evening, will soon be visible all night and Venus will continue to set a bit later each night. Both planets are moving nearer the Earth.

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MRS. LUCE QUILTS JOB

Panama Rebels Agree To Quit, OAS Discloses

Five-Nation Team Will Supervise

Panama City - (UP) - The Organization of American States announced that the foreign invaders of Panama surrendered unconditionally today.

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The news the rebels had agreed to surrender was telephoned to Uruguayan Ambassador Julio A. LaCarte, acting council chairman of the OAS, who is in Washington, by Ambassador Fernando de Lobo of Brazil, head of an OAS commission flown here to investigate the situation.

"It looks like it's all over," LaCarte told UPI in Washington.

To Turn Over Weapons
The five-nation investigation commission in Panama will supervise the surrender of the rebel-held village of Nombre de Dios. Under the terms of the surrender, the rebels were to turn over their weapons to military observers with the OAS group.

It was reported Cubans among the invading force would be returned to their homeland and tried there for endangering Cuba's neutrality.

The reported agreement to surrender came a week after the small band of rebels, which was organized in and sailed from Cuba, landed on the Caribbean coast of Panama.

Ex-Medford Man Planning Appeal

San Juan, P.R. - (UP) - Donald Leroy Chamberlain, formerly of Medford, Ore., said Thursday he would appeal his conviction on three counts of attempted robbery, carrying arms illegally and illegal possession of weapons.

Chamberlain was found guilty Wednesday night by a jury which had deliberated for almost three hours before reaching an 11-1 majority verdict. Sentencing is scheduled for Monday.

Chamberlain took the verdict calmly, but his wife, Claudine, became hysterical when the verdict was read to the packed courtroom.

Salem - (UP) - A resolution referring to the voters a proposal for the Legislature to revise Oregon's constitution has passed the Senate.

Sen. Capehart Urges Censure of Wayne Morse

Washington - (UP) - Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R-Ind.) said today the Senate should censure Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.) for his attacks on Mrs. Clare Booth Luce.

Capehart told a hurriedly called news conference he would confer with other senators and decide next week what action to take to set the censure action into motion.

He said Morse "went far beyond what any senator should do in calling Mrs. Luce's doctor and, being a lawyer, he knew it was illegal" and that the doctor could not give the requested information.

Capehart, like Morse, a member of the Senate Foreign



CLARE BOOTH LUCE Urged by Husband

April Dry, Warm Month; Showers Forecast in Area

April just past was a drier and slightly warmer month than normal, records of the Medford station of the United States weather bureau show.

The month had four days of measurable precipitation, all within the last week and totaling .59 of an inch. The amount is 80 below the normal of 1.19 inches. Normally, there are nine days in April with precipitation of .01 of an inch or more.

Heaviest rainfall was on April 25 and 30 with 2.1 of an inch on both days. On April 26 precipitation measured .15 and on April 27 the amount was .02.

Precipitation for the season, since Sept. 1, 1958, totals 11.08 inches which is 4.52 below normal.

Monthly temperature average was 53.8 degrees compared to the normal average of 52.3. Highest thermometer readings were 80 degrees on April 23 and 24. Low temperature at the airport weather station was 29 on April 16.

April had nine clear days, seven partly cloudy and 14 cloudy. The averages are six clear, nine partly cloudy and 15 cloudy.

Forecast of the weather station is for a few showers in the mountains of the Medford vicinity Saturday afternoon.

Grain and seed crops in the county have received much benefit from the recent rainfall, county agents report this week.

Clifford B. Cordy, county horticulturist, reminded growers that in trees where scab is already present a cover spray should be used immediately. Cordy explained that the bud development of this variety of pear is currently at the stage when they become easily infected.

Envoy Declines To Reconsider At Ike's Request

Washington - (UP) - Mrs. Clare Booth Luce resigned today as ambassador to Brazil, and declined to reconsider the decision despite President Eisenhower's urging.

She won Senate confirmation to the post last Tuesday. Mrs. Luce spent about an hour with the President and emerged to meet a crowd of newsmen in the office of White House Press Secretary James O. Hagerty.

Her husband, magazine editor Henry R. Luce, had urged her to resign as a result of her feud with Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.).

In New York, Luce said he had no statement to make on his wife's resignation.

"The President with regret accepted the resignation of Mrs. Clare Booth Luce as ambassador to Brazil," Hagerty announced.

Letter Made Public
"At the same time he told her of his continuing confidence in her and expressed his hope that she would continue on her assignment."

"Her letter gives the reasons why she felt she could not reconsider," Hagerty said.

Hagerty then made public Mrs. Luce's letter of resignation in which she said she was convinced "that it is no longer possible for me to accomplish the mission which you have entrusted to me."

Bipartisan Support
Referring to the Senate upsurge over her nomination she described the Senate's 79 to 11 vote as an example of bipartisan support on foreign policy.

"But unhappily, in spite of the best efforts of 79 senators the climate of good will was poisoned by thousands of words of extraordinarily ugly charges against my person and distrust of the mission I was to undertake," she wrote.

"These charges were inescapably printed around the world. The news was received with mixed reaction in the Senate. Some members said she showed good judgment in resigning. Others joined Eisenhower in expressing regret."

There was no immediate comment from Morse.

The State Department expressed its regret at Mrs. Luce's decision. Then, in apparent rebuttal to Morse, it said that during her "outstanding service" as ambassador to Italy, "she demonstrated a professional competence that would have served us well in our constant objective of promoting even closer relations with our good friends in the great American republic of Brazil."

Reports Follow Orchard Heating Operations Here

Duff Says Meeting Planned Tuesday

The Oregon state air pollution authority will investigate complaints of air pollution from orchard heating operations in Jackson county, it was learned today.

Curtiss M. Everets, secretary of the authority, told the Mail Tribune by letter that six written complaints from residents of the valley concerning smoke and soot concentrations were received between April 17 and 27, and that the authority will investigate them, as provided by law.

The Oregon air pollution law says in part: "This discharge into the air of solids, liquids or gases so as to cause such injury to human, plant or animal life, or to property, as constitutes a public nuisance, is contrary to the public policy of the state of Oregon. No person shall cause, erect or continue any nuisance contrary to the provisions of ORS 449.705 to 449.755." It is these sections of law which give the authority power to investigate and abate air pollution nuisances.

Letters Are First
Everets reported that the six complaining letters are the first concerning smudge nuisance from Jackson county since the air pollution authority was organized in 1951.

The sanitary authority secretary pointed out, "An area survey of atmospheric pollution in Medford was started in March 1959 in cooperation with the city of Medford. Air sampling equipment was in operation during the orchard heating periods and the analyses of these samples will describe the problem."

He added that he has been informed a meeting of city and county officials is scheduled for next week to consider corrective actions, and that a representative of the authority will attend.

Confident of Arrangements
He said "We are confident that arrangements can be made to prevent a recurrence of this problem."

Medford City Manager Robert A. Duff said today the meeting has been set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at the county courthouse. He said it will be a meeting of officials rather than a public hearing for airing citizens' grievances.

He reported that Ted Gerow and James Agee, engineers with the state air pollution authority, are expected to represent the authority at the meeting. Gerow and Agee have been working with the city on the current joint survey of air conditions in the Medford area.

The secretary's letter said the investigation would be carried out under the authority's rules and regulations. Pertinent sections of these read as follows:

"... Upon receipt of a complaint involving a source of air pollution not located within the jurisdiction of a municipal air pollution agency, the authority will proceed with surveys, investigations or studies to determine whether air pollution contrary to state statutes has occurred, and if a violation is found, to establish the source or sources.

"When the source of a violation is established the authority will notify the responsible person in writing together with general recommendations regarding the corrections needed."

"The responsible person shall then install an appropriate control system within a reasonable time period to correct the excessive discharge."

"The responsible person shall submit the plans and specifications describing the control installations to the authority for review before any changes are made."

May Submit Plan
"... If the responsible person, after receipt of the authority's notification that a source of discharge is in violation, does not correct the source or does not submit a plan for control, the responsible person will be requested to appear at an authority meeting."

"If the consideration at the authority meeting does not result in corrective action on a cooperative basis, a public hearing will be scheduled in accordance with Chapter IV of these regulations."

Truman Promised 'Full Hearing' By Committee

Washington - (UP) - Former President Harry S. Truman was promised a full hearing "on 10 minutes notice" today if he wants to tell the House Committee on Un-American Activities why he thinks it is the "most un-American thing in the country."

Chairman Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.), miffed at Truman's criticism, said he would be happy to "make time available whenever it is convenient" for the ex-president.

Truman told reporters Thursday he would appear before the committee if he had time.

New Program Proposed
The jaunty former chief executive, at the center of a controversy again, is here for a round of speeches, get-togethers with old friends, and congressional appearances.

Truman proposed in a speech Thursday night a bold new international program to help raise living standards in underdeveloped countries. He urged that the United States and other free industrial nations finance the new long-range program.

His speech to the Sixth National Conference on International Economic and Social Development marked the 10th anniversary of his Point Four program.

Not Primary Need
Truman said Russia was using "economic lures, infiltration and domination" to extend its influence in Asia and other underdeveloped areas. He said "a balanced budget is not our primary need in this time of great danger, although eventually we should have a balanced budget."

Walter sent Truman a telegram inviting him to "explain fully" his statement made to students at Columbia University in New York Wednesday about the House committee being "un-American."

Salem - (UP) - House and Senate leaders met today in Senate President Walter Pearson's office to try to resolve differences over tax programs favored by the two bodies.

Montgomery Apologizes for Remarks About United States; Silent on Talks

London - (UP) - Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery returned from talks with Nikita Khrushchev today and apologized for cracks he had made about the United States before going to Moscow.

Montgomery refused to give details of his meetings with the Soviet Prime Minister and he did not indicate that his Russian trip had caused a change in his attitude toward the United States.

Just Joking
But he insisted that he had just been "joking" in an interview earlier this week when he said American leadership was "rather suspect"

and that American blood should be shed on the first day of any new war.

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Montgomery said he had considered the interview as "tremendous fun and a good deal of it was rather joking."

"I must myself see exactly what I did say before I could say whether I stand by anything or do not stand by it," he told newsmen. "I really cannot remember what I said during that time."

Hopes for Forgiveness
Regardless, he added, "I do not want to upset any of my friends. I hope they will now forgive me."

Montgomery said his interviews with Khrushchev—two hours on Wednesday and an hour again Thursday—were strictly his own business and he did not intend to report on them to Prime Minister Harold Macmillan or other government leaders.

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