

State Legislature Quits at Start of 116th Day

Bids Opened for Manor

Graff-James Bids Low on Basic Work At \$2.8 Million.

Mechanical, Other Bids Also Opened

The firm of Graff and James, 817 North Riverside ave., was the apparent low bidder Wednesday afternoon on basic construction at Rogue Valley Manor. The bid was \$2,874,000 for the project to be completed in 550 days or \$2,847,000 within 730 days.

Apparent low bidder for the mechanical contract is Harder Plumbing and Heating Inc., Portland, whose bid of \$1,258,000 was the lowest of six received. Christenson Electric company, Portland, submitted the apparent low bid for the electrical contract with bids of \$277,307 for a shorter work period of 550 days and \$280,632 for a 730-day project.

The combined low-bid total of \$4,409,307 is well within the architect's estimate for the work. The board of trustees will take into consideration various possible alternatives in deciding the bid award.

Committee Meets

Following the opening of bids Wednesday at the office of the Manor here, the executive committee of the Rogue Valley Manor met. It adjourned until Monday afternoon when the contracts will be awarded, it was reported.

Rogue Valley Manor will be built on top of Barneburg hill in southeast Medford. It is a non-profit organization that is erecting the manor at an estimated cost of \$5½ million. It will be a retirement home. Architect for the project is John W. Maloney, AIA, Seattle.

Other bidders and their bids for the general contract in addition to the Medford firm were Hoffman Construction company, Portland, \$3,030,000 for 550 days; Donald M. Drake company, Portland, \$3,038,000 and \$3,058,000; Paul B. Emerick company, Portland, \$3,080,000 and \$3,050,000; A. V. Petersen company, Portland, \$3,084,900 and \$3,065,399; Andersen-Westfall company, Inc., Portland, \$3,129,519 (both); Ross B. Hammond company, Portland, \$3,140,177 for 550 days; Johnson-Morrison-Knudsen company, Seattle, Wash., \$3,155,613 for 550 days; J. C. Boesflug Construction company, \$3,203,150 and \$3,243,150; and James I. Barnes company, Seattle, Wash., \$3,249,000 and \$3,299,000.

Mechanical Contract Bids

Additional bidders and their bids for the mechanical contract included Longview Plumbing and Heating company, Longview, Wash., \$1,289,514 and \$1,297,764; McLaughlin Plumbing and Heating company, Medford, \$1,292,484 and \$1,299,484; Urban Plumbing and Heating company, Portland, \$1,299,895 and \$1,329,895; Lord Brothers contractors, Portland, \$1,317,367 and \$1,335,767; and Temp-Control Corporation, Portland, \$1,369,987 and \$1,394,775.

Bidders and their bids for the electrical contract included Trowbridge and Flynn, Medford, \$278,173 (both); Watco Electric company, Portland, \$288,936 and \$309,308; L. H. Morris Electric company, Eugene, \$296,285 and \$299,825; East Side Electric, and Pacific Electrical and Mechanical company, Klamath Falls, \$313,000 and \$321,500; McCoy Electric company and Jaggard-Sroufe company, Portland, \$314,000 and \$339,000; Steeck Electric company, Medford, \$328,775 and \$331,775; and The Tide Company, Tacoma, Wash., \$339,500 and \$362,169.

The Hammond company of Portland also submitted a combined bid for the three contracts of \$4,676,559.

In addition to the basic bids each contract included bids on various alterations which would change the basic bid.

Neighbors said the fire was believed to have started from an electrical short upstairs and had burned for almost an hour before crackling of the flames was heard downstairs about noon.

McFall, a logger for Steve Wilson Logging company, was

Downward Trend In Water Supply Seen for Area

Below normal April precipitation, coupled with a "snow crop" that is less than half of normal, indicates a downward trend in irrigation water supplies for the Rogue-Umpqua area of southern Oregon.

Such conditions make the outlook "only fair," according to the water supply report issued today by W. T. Frost, snow survey supervisor for the U.S. department of agriculture, Soil Conservation service, and Oregon Agricultural Experiment station.

Reservoir water supplies are sufficient for most irrigation districts except for the possibility of shortages toward the end of the season, Frost said.

Water content of the mountain snow-cover is 46 per cent of normal and 34 per cent of last year at this date, the report stated. Snow-melt during April was considerably heavier than usual. Stored water supplies are 126 per cent of normal and about the same as a year ago.

Forecasts for April-September runoff for the main Rogue are 69 per cent of normal.

Forecasts for Fourmile lake, Fish lake and Hyatt lake are set about 45 per cent of normal. All are "short flows," Frost said, compared to the needs of the districts they serve.

Deadline Nears to Review Assessments

Property taxpayers in Jackson county have until May 16 to file petitions with the county board of equalization to review property assessments, according to Chester H. Wendt, chairman of the board, and Ray Schumacher, county assessor.

The board, composed of Wendt, Arnold Bohner of Central Point, and Ed Singmaster of Ashland, will meet in the clerk's office Monday, May 11, to review assessments.

Oregon law provides that property owners may appear in person or be represented by an attorney before board

when it considers petitions for reductions of assessments, Wendt pointed out.

Posts Ratio

Schumacher has posted a 25 per cent ratio for assessing property, he said. By dividing "assessed value" by the ratio, taxpayers can determine the "true cash value" or it may be done by multiplying the "assessed value" by four, Schumacher said.

"True cash value" is the same as "market value" for the first time in several years. The state tax commission on Jan. 1 ordered a 100 per cent "normal conditions factor for 1959," Schumacher pointed out.

A taxpayer planning to appeal to the board of equalization should first review his assessment with the assessor, Wendt said. If the assessor feels the assessment is correct and the taxpayer disagrees, he may place his case before the board on or before May 16. Form for presenting it to the board may be obtained from the assessor or the county clerk, who serves as secretary to the board.

If the board sustains the assessor, the taxpayer has 30 days in which to continue his appeal to the state tax commission. After that, the case may be taken to circuit court.

Factory Roof Fall Kills Man

Jericho, N.Y. —(UPI)—At least one man was killed and several others trapped and injured today when the roof of a factory building under construction collapsed on workers.

Nassau county police said one man was found dead and others were trapped in the rubble.

A police spokesman said there was a possibility a second man also had died.

The spokesman said between 15 and 17 additional men were known to have been trapped and injured. About 20 men were believed to have been at work on the building when the roof suddenly gave way and crashed down on them.

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Assistant Arrives For Park Service

John Townsley, new administrative assistant for the national park service, has arrived at Oregon Caves National Monument, Tom Williams, superintendent of Crater Lake National park, has announced.

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Colin Kelly Wins West Point Berth

Chester Heights, Pa. —(UPI)—President Eisenhower congratulated Colin P. Kelly III today for winning an appointment to West Point through competitive examinations without taking advantage of the invitation extended to him in 1941 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Kelly's father, Capt. Colin P. Kelly Jr., a bomber pilot, met a hero's death three days after Pearl Harbor while making a bombing run on Japanese warships off Luzon in the Philippines.

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Creek Pollution To Be Discussed At Izaak Meeting

Panel To Be Made Up of Five Officials

Pollution abatement of Bear creek will be discussed by a panel of five officials at a meeting of the Izaak Walton league's Jackson county chapter at 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the Girls Community club.

Col. Paul H. Weiland, chairman of the pollution committee of the local chapter, said the purpose of the panel discussion of the problem is to inform "members and the public of the potential of Bear creek and its pollution problems and the possibilities of securing corrective action."

Members of the panel include Kenneth Denman, Medford, state game commissioner, who will serve as moderator; Cole Rivers, Grants Pass, state fish biologist; Robert Root, Medford, a member of the state water resources board; Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer; and T. M. Gerow, district sanitary engineer, Oregon state sanitary authority.

Officials Are Invited

Weiland said the committee hopes that "owners or managers or representatives of the slaughter houses now using Bear creek to dispose of their wastes will be present to state their problems." He also said city officials of Medford and Ashland and the Jackson county court are invited.

The panel discussion will follow a short business meeting of the chapter, which is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. Panel members will be given one hour in which to present various aspects of potentials and problems of Bear creek.

Following introductory remarks by Denman, Rivers will cover the importance of Bear creek to steelhead fishery and pollution law enforcement; Root will discuss the possibilities of improving flows of Bear creek; Dr. Merkel will review pollution of the creek and law enforcement problems; and Gerow will discuss pollution laws and enforcement.

A period will be allowed for questions from the audience, Weiland said.

Low Snowfall at Crater Lake Noted

Only 10 inches of snow was recorded at Crater Lake National park during April, compared to an average of 48 inches for the month, according to Thomas Williams, superintendent of the park.

Last month's total compares with 3 inches in April, 1939, and the 143 inches recorded in April, 1948, the low and high falls, he said.

Seasonal snowfall at the end of last month totaled 349 inches, an all-time low, Williams said. Average seasonal snowfall for this time of the year is 596 inches. The previous record low year was 1934, when 369 inches was recorded. The record high snowfall for the season to April 30 is 811 inches, which fell in 1952.

The light snowfall last month, combined with Oregon Centennial stimulus resulted in a substantial increase in the number of visitors to the park, Williams reported.

A total of 3,731 people visited the park last month, bringing the season total to 10,331. Last year, there were 2,303 visitors in April which brought the 1958 total to 7,108. The warming hut at the rim is now open daily between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Williams reported.

Iraq Releases Italian Plane

Rome —(UPI)—Iraqi authorities today released an Italian airplane forced down by jet fighters in Baghdad Wednesday.

A spokesman for the airline said the DC6B, with 21 passengers aboard, was allowed to take off early today for Beirut. It will continue from there to Athens and Rome.

"All passengers left with the plane," the spokesman said. He added that the nationalities of the passengers were not known, but it was reliably reported four of them were Americans.

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Dynamite Blasts Hit Coal Tipples

"What Are These Crazy Proposals To Spend Money On The Common People?"



Tennessee Scene Of Twin Blasts; Area Patrolled

Violence Linked To Strike Turmoil

Jellico, Tenn. —(UPI)—Dynamite explosions wrecked two coal tipples early today in this strike-tense community on the Kentucky state line and police arrested four men seen running from the scene of the blasts.

The twin explosions, about 15 minutes apart, "cleaned out" the windows in the town's three-block business section. Both the coal tipples, located in the railroad yards a few hundred yards from the city hall, were destroyed.

Police Patrol Area

Sheriff Rose Kitts estimated the total damage at about \$120,000. A deputy sheriff said he counted 42 shattered windows in the business district, and police patrolled the area to prevent looting.

Police said tipsters told them that two cars, one with West Virginia license plates and the other with a Kentucky tag, were seen leaving the city and crossing into Kentucky shortly after the explosions went off about 1 a.m. The four men arrested denied any part in the blasts.

Investigators for the National Labor Relations board moved into this area Wednesday after earlier reports of violence in the strike-torn coal fields of East Tennessee.

Boost in Taxes

The main tax bill, besides the federal income tax deduction, would lower rates but still means a boost in taxes. Another tax bill passed places a one per cent interest rate per month on taxes paid by installment. The Legislature also approved special tax treatment for capital gains providing they are reinvested in Oregon. This is designed to attract new industry.

General Fund Budget

The general fund budget was about \$312.2 million. The tax program is expected to raise close to \$314 million.

Lost in the number of bills buried in committee were proposals for a three per cent sales tax and for a three cent per pack tax on cigarettes.

Estimated 500 Idled By Piledriver Strike

Portland —(UPI)—An estimated 500 workmen on some \$15 million worth of construction projects were idled today as the Portland Pile Drivers Union extended a strike which started Wednesday.

BULLETIN

Washington —(UPI)—The Administration asked Congress today to raise the cost of mailing a letter to a nickel to help balance President Eisenhower's budget.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston 1 8 1
Detroit 3 6 1
Delock, Kiely (8) and White; Lary and Berberet.

Residents of School District 6C to Honor H. P. Jewetts This Week End

Central Point—Residents of School District 6C and the community of Central Point will honor longtime residents Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett here Friday and Saturday. Friends of the couple from near and far are expected to attend activities of the two days.

Jewett is finishing his 37th year as superintendent of District 6 schools and has been an administrator in Jackson County schools 40 years. Mrs. Jewett has taught the second grade here 14 years. They retire June 30.

Program at Crater High

Main event will be an 8 p.m. program at Crater High school. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, will be principal speaker. Gift presentation will be by C. Norman Gail,

perintendent are planned at the high school, junior high and primary school here Friday morning and at Gold Hill and Sams Valley schools in the afternoon. At Gold Hill the program will be in the Hanby gymnasium.

Alumni Day

Saturday will be alumni day with 10 a.m. registration and get-togethers and a noon potluck picnic with entertainment. Individual class reunions are planned for evening and an informal gathering and reception, beginning about 6:30 p.m. is scheduled at the junior high school.

Junior high trackmen will face South Grants Pass on Friday and Crater will pose Ashland and Grants Pass highs on Saturday. Both meets at the Crater field will be at 2:30 p.m.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair tonight. Considerable high cloudiness Friday. Low tonight 45. High Friday 77.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest This Morning	43

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	7:17 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	4:39 a.m.

The unseen stars in the Sun's background are now those of the constellation Aries. The Moon will not be seen tonight, being in conjunction with the Sun (new Moon) today at 12:11 p.m. It is also in Apogee tonight.