

Porter Tells of Money Needs For Rogue River Basin Projects

Congressman Charles O. Porter appeared before a house appropriations committee subcommittee last week to testify on behalf of funds for corps of engineers and bureau of reclamation projects in the Oregon Fourth congressional district.

In addition to the Talent division project of the Rogue River basin currently underway, Porter also requested funds for completion of the flood control survey on the Rogue river.

Porter expressed his approval of several projects for which funds have been requested by the corps and bureau and in addition requested funds for completion of the flood control survey on the Rogue river.

Need for Survey
The local congressman stressed the need for \$30,600 to complete the flood control survey on the Rogue river. He explained that the survey should be completed during the coming fiscal year, yet nothing has been allocated to cover the survey. He termed the omitting of this item from

the appropriation bill as "fiscal insanity."

He explained that Congress had already appropriated \$171,000 of the estimated total cost of \$191,000 for the survey of the flood control, power, irrigation and other potential benefits of a major development project in the Rogue River basin. With the needed appropriation the final report could be submitted to Congress at the earliest possible date for action, Porter explained.

Illinois Valley Division
Congressman Porter expressed approval of a request by local interests for the inclusion of an appropriation of \$40,000 to finance an investigation by BLM of the Illinois Valley division of the Rogue River basin monument. This item is not included in the submitted budget.

A \$2,727,788 appropriation request by BLM for the Talent project was also commented on by Porter. He mentioned that the project will be about 86 per cent complete at the end of fiscal 1960. The sum requested is for continu-

ation of construction which includes work on Emigrant dam, enlarging the Ashland East laterals and completion of 16,000 kilowatt Green Springs power plant. The first supplemental water delivery from the Talent division is scheduled to begin early in the next fiscal year.

Other Requests
The bureau has also requested \$78,000 for the operation and maintenance of the Talent division and \$200,000 for rehabilitation and betterment program in the area near Medford.

Under investigation by the bureau is a study of the Evans Valley division of Evans Creek for the development of 4,000 acres of land which is not considered by the bureau to be properly irrigated. The study, costing \$34,775, includes storage area information as to diversion dam, canal, and lateral needs.

Siskiyou Band Camp Slated at Ashland

Ashland — Southern Oregon college will again sponsor the Siskiyou Band Camp, to be held this summer on the college campus from July 19 to 31.

As in the past two summers, the guest conductor will be Clarence Sawhill, director of bands at the University of California at Los Angeles. Sawhill is one of the nation's leading authorities in band work.

Students who are eligible to attend include junior and senior high school pupils as well as college and graduate students. There will be two bands available to campers, one for seventh and eighth grade students and one for high school students. Other musical activities will be available as well as recreational activities of all kinds. Sawhill also will conduct a college and graduate student seminar in band methods.

Coordinator of Siskiyou Band Camp is Glenn T. Mathews and camp secretary is Dr. Herbert Cecil. Anyone wishing information about the camp is requested to write Siskiyou Band Camp, Southern Oregon college, Ashland, Oregon.

Mount Mitchell in North Carolina is 6,684 feet above sea level and is generally claimed to be the highest point in the United States lying to the east of the Mississippi river.

\$6 Million May Be Spent in Oregon's Forest Fire Season

Salem—Preliminary figures indicate that upwards of \$6,000,000 will be spent during the coming fire season on the 15,000,000 acres of forest land coming under the jurisdiction of the state forestry department and its cooperating forest protective associations, according to Theodore W. Maul, protective assistant.

The state will administer nearly \$3,000,000 of this amount while private industry expends a corresponding amount on the protection of Oregon's timberlands.

The state protection districts will spend \$1,000,000 on fire protection activities while an additional \$750,000 will be contracted to the private fire patrol associations and the federal forest service for the protection of private and state lands within their boundaries that are not members of private associations. Some \$1,333,000 of this will be contributed by forest landowners in payment of their fire patrol assessment through the taxroll.

Administrative Expenses
An expenditure of \$415,000 is scheduled for administrative expenses such as radio

communication system, central dispatching, fire cache, personnel training and the two 20-man emergency fire fighting crews.

Maul pointed out that the general public will contribute \$1,342,000 toward the protection of Oregon's forest lands. Of this, approximately \$582,000 will come from the state general fund for the conservation activities of the department and the fire protection administrators in the field.

Another \$200,000, financed through a bond issue, will be spent in fireproofing the state forest land under the rehabilitation project. The balance will come from federal funds in the amount of \$560,000 which are allotted under the Clarke-McNary act, the forest act.

Private Timberland
The private timberland owners will expend the other \$3,000,000 on their forest acreage. This will include \$600,000 spent by their private forest protective associations and \$2,400,000 that will be expended on snag falling, slash disposal and additional fire fighting, patrol and equipment needed for extra hazardous conditions.

Maul stated that the emergency fire fighting funds are available for a total of \$1,289,000 should project fires occur demanding expenditures

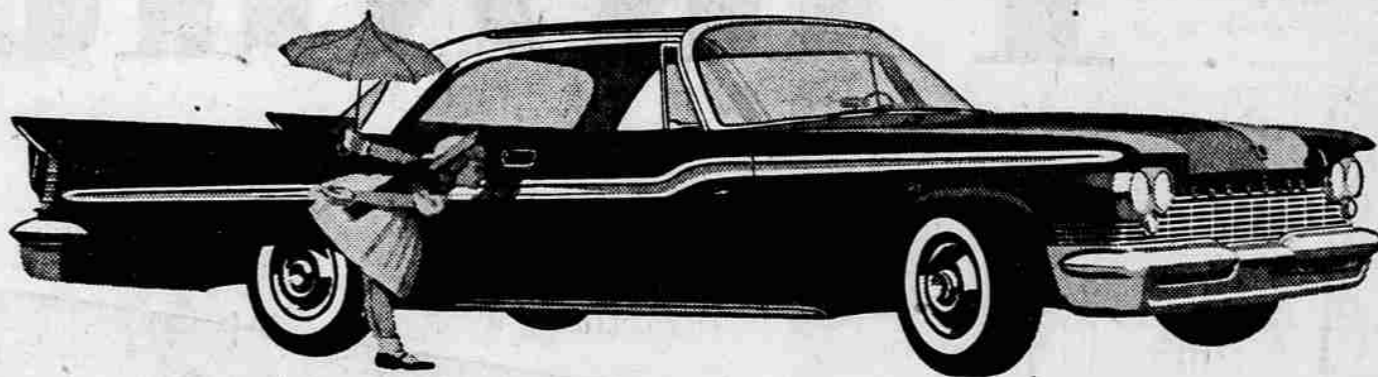
of large sums of money. One fund that now stands at \$989,000 is made up through a severance tax on all timber harvested from lands within

the boundaries of the forest protection units in western Oregon. The other is a fund of \$300,000 which has been set aside for a similar purpose

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Wall Street Chatter

New York—(UPI)—As measured by the industrial index, the stock market has retreated to a strong support area and formidable resistance to any further reactionary trends should be witnessed, says J. W. Starks & Co.

While the general market waits for some new, fresh stimulus, many issues continue to be suitable for purchase on their distinctive merits, according to Investors-Advisory Institute.

Van Alstyne, Noel & Co. believes at this point that the temperament of both buyer and seller still favors the optimistic side.

The 30 Dow-Jones industrial issues would currently appear to be technically secure against anything approaching a bearish signal over the near

term, says E. F. Hutton & Co. Reynolds & Co. holds that most issues will be available below last week's lows prior to a serious attempt to resume the rise.

Standard & Poors has selected Boston Edison as its stock of the month.

Shearson, Hammill & Co., analyzing American Cyanamid Co. in a 24-page pamphlet, estimates the company's earnings this year should rise to around \$2.25 a share from last year's depressed \$1.91 figure for 1960 and beyond.

An estimated 75 cents of every dollar a consumer spends for pork goes for cuts that make up somewhat less than one-half the hog's live weight.



DEDICATION—Southern Oregon college formally added another building to its rapidly expanding campus during dedication ceremonies at the Commons dining hall last week. Speaker for the event was Dr. F. A. Gillfillan, dean of the Oregon State college. Dr. Elliott B. MacCracken, chairman of the SOC science-mathematics division and general chairman for the ceremony, is seated at left. Also visible are Mrs. MacCracken and Mrs. Loren E. Messenger, extreme right. Dr. Messenger is professor of psychology at the college.

Golf pro gets tip on better driving

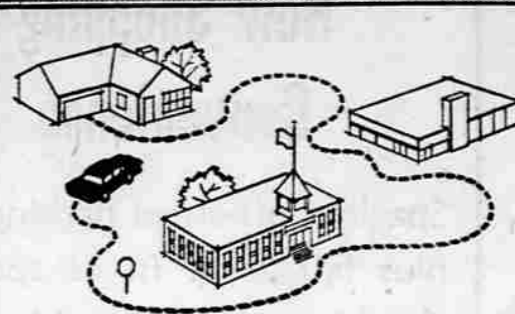


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