

Large Attendance Noted at Medford YMCA Auction

The largest attendance in a number of years was reported at the YMCA auction Wednesday at Midway Auction yards. An estimated 150 persons participated and the goal of \$2,500 is expected to be reached when all collections are in, Chairman Dutch Farfan reported.

Tony Glidden, 11, of 243 South Stage rd., made the outstanding contribution to the auction with his New Zealand white doe rabbit, Farfan said. Although not high in money value, Glidden's entry was made attractive in a handsome cage complete with instructions on rabbit breeding, the chairman reported.

Y officials commended Bill Bray, auctioneer, and his family for their assistance. Mrs. Clifford Lewis and members of the women's volleyball group helped in collection of merchandise and advertising.

Expresses Thanks
Cliff McGinty, who was in charge of publicity, expressed thanks to all the media who helped with the auction.

The event has been an annual project for the past nine years to give members and friends of the Y an opportunity to help improve equipment and furnishing. The building is now being painted and renovated.

The Y receives support from the United Medford Crusade which, with membership dues, provides the major source of income for program services furnished to the 2,560 members currently enrolled.

All persons from eight years of age may join the Medford Y.

Preliminary Look at Medford Budget Completed at Committee Meeting

The Medford budget committee Friday night completed its preliminary look at the proposed 1959-60 city budget. The 11 members present appeared generally satisfied with the figures presented.

"We seem to be in accord generally with the budget as it's been submitted," Howard Boyd, committee chairman, commented near the meeting's conclusion.

Boyd added that the committee appeared "practically ready to put our stamp of approval on the complete budget." He said it "probably should be in a position to take final action on the budget at the next meeting."

Unfinished Business
Unfinished business remaining before final approval includes:

1. The water department's budget, presented separately but subject to the committee's approval;

2. A special subcommittee's report on the annual outlay of funds to Jackson county for health services;

3. Revisions within present totals for the parks and recreation budget, being undertaken by Parks and Recreation Director Robert L. Haworth and a special parks and recreation commission committee;

4. Presentation by City Manager Robert A. Duff of the proposed capital improvements program for the street division, expected this week;

5. Possible changes in department outlays, the addition of meter maids for parking meters being one item mentioned;

6. Minor corrections, generally of a technical nature.

Mayor John W. Snider led

off Friday night's meeting with a defense of the proposed parks and recreation budget. He pointed out that Medford's program had been "way below standard," and cited figures from other Oregon cities as proof.

He reported that Medford's expenditure on parks and recreation this past year equals \$1.66 per person, compared to such figures as Eugene, \$3.80; Salem, \$3.95; Pendleton, \$2.90; Albany, \$2.40; Bend, \$4.50; The Dalles, \$4.60 and Grants Pass, \$4.80. He said Medford's proposed outlay for the coming fiscal year would amount to \$2.67 per person.

Mayor Snider stated that development of the community's cultural facilities was important both to attracting new industries and residents and to encouraging graduates of Medford schools to remain in this city.

Specific Projects
Among specific projects, which he said could be carried out "at very low cost," he mentioned a junior achievement program to acquaint youngsters with business operations, and a pavilion for dancing and a separate senior citizens' area in Hawthorne park.

He also mentioned a city-wide tennis program, eventual public golf facilities, fishing lakes in the Camp White area and development of the city's park area on Roxy Ann butte, which he described as "a public shame to all of us."

In response to questions from committee members on such specific items as a part-time clerk stenographer and recreation leaders Mayor Snider said, "I have accepted

these as the very minimum with which we could get started."

City Manager Duff, speaking for Robert L. Haworth, the city's new parks and recreation director, said, "This is the minimum amount he thinks he can get by with this year." Haworth Friday night was attending an organizational meeting of groups interested in improving the Roxy Ann park area.

Coordinated With School
Duff explained that the city's program would be coordinated with the Medford schools' recreation program.

Boyd said this appeared to involve duplications, but Duff noted there were "some gaps" in the schools' program.

"If the schools didn't have that program," Mayor Snider commended, "we would be asking for considerably more."

The proposed parks and recreation budget, not including the \$75,000 outlay for the proposed west side swimming pool, amounts to \$69,596. This represents a net increase of \$26,276 over the current year's figure, primarily for personal services. The pool outlay is offset by the promised gift in that amount from the Jackson county housing authority.

Voluntary Development
Russ Jamison, president of the city parks and recreation commission, stated that the city would encourage voluntary development of facilities at a minimum cost to taxpayers. He cited the Union st. park, improved recently as a neighborhood enterprise, as an example.

On the proposed health division budget, Duff said, "I think this is something we might look into."

The prime item in this budget is the outlay for contracted health services with the Jackson county public health office. Last year's figure was \$4,000. This year, the county has asked \$5,000.

Duff reported that Ashland apparently pays nothing to the county, and pays for a city health officer on a services-rendered basis. Cities are required by Oregon law to retain a health officer, he reported. The county health officer has doubled in brass for the city via the contracted services, he explained.

Committee's Concern
The budget committee's concern is whether the city couldn't save money by having the state take over such services as milk inspections and water sampling, acquiring the services of a private physician in a manner comparable to Ashland's, and letting the county perform other services without charge.

"Aren't we still part of the county?" said Councilman Fred Robinson, Ward I.

"I believe they (Ashland) receive all the services we do except the health doctor and water inspections," Duff said.

Two notes of warning were sounded. Boyd asked if such a withdrawal of outlays to the county might not jeopardize other joint-participation programs, such as the county's contribution to the library.

Hospitals May Ask
And Councilman James Dunlevy, Ward IV, said that if the \$5,000 did not go to the county, local hospitals might ask a portion of it to defray

losses from medical care of indigent persons brought to their doors and later unable to pay. He reported the county court made at least a token payment each year for reimbursing the hospitals.

"If we have \$5,000 for health," Dunlevy said, "we better show how it is spent or someone else will show us how to spend it."

Galen Knox, Aubrey Loper and Councilman Stan Stark, Ward IV, were named a special subcommittee to study the matter further, particularly with relation to state laws, and report back at this Friday night's meeting.

Duff noted that the Legislature's failure to pass a gasoline tax increase would mean the loss of about \$16,000 in revenue budgeted for the street division.

Bond Construction
He reported that the airport bond construction fund would run out this year, but that the airport's physical plant generally was in "excellent" condition.

Duff called the committee's attention to the fact that the city's general bond fund showed a "very low indebtedness" of about \$600,000 compared to the allowable total of about \$3 million. He said this was evidence the city was "in good shape financially."

Councilman Stark questioned the revenue figure for sales of sludge at the sewage disposal plant. He said he thought it was "slightly low." Duff said there was no system of receipts, and agreed such a system would be desirable.

Committee members questioned items on several other department budgets at the meeting, but generally did not take issue with them.

Talent Student Wins in Contest
Annette Carter, student at Talent grade school, won fourth prize in group 2 for her entry in the 34th annual international poster contest sponsored by the Latham Foundation for the Promotion of Humane Education, Oakland, Calif.

Students receiving certificates of merit included Mary Carpenter, Larry Lunsford, Donald Tompkins, Craig Honecutt, Sherwin Cooper, Donna Hill, Linda Mullin, Gail Scharfe, Judy Bagley, Mike Clifton and Saron Mason.

More than 29,000 school children and professional artists in the United States and 22 foreign countries made posters for the Latham contest this year. The posters portray kindness to animals and world friendship, and cash prizes, art books and art school scholarship valued at more than \$10,000 were awarded.

SLEUTHS SEEK WATER
Lexington, N. C. — (UPI) — Special sleuths from New York have been called in to solve Lexington's "mystery" of the missing 252 million gallons of water.

City Manager George Aull hopes the big town's water experts can tell him whether the water was lost through a number of underground pipeline leaks or whether the meters just aren't working correctly.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

COLLEGE CAPERS:

1. HE: I'll have you know I play badminton.
SHE: Yes, and you play worse tennis.

2. SOPH: Now I know why my roommate's steady date reminds me of a switchboard. When she walks, all her lines are busy!

3. Ad in campus daily: For sale: beautiful home overlooking nudist colony. Must sacrifice due to failing eyesight.

4. SHE: What do you think of bathing girls?
HE: I don't know. I never bathed any.

Ah, well! They'll grow up some day!

Couple of cannibals found time hanging heavy on their hands. Suggested one, "Let's amble down to the old campfire and see who's cooking."

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Impairments Are Granted by PUC

The Public Utilities commission has granted an application from Trail Creek Lumber company, White City, to operate its loading dock with impaired railroad clearances.

A switching track on which trains of the White City Terminal and Utility company operate has impaired clearances, the PUC noted. The structure during World War II and because of the emergency, impairments were not considered.

The utility company does not consider the impairment dangerous in view of its switching method on the track. The commissioner said it would be difficult and ex-

pensive to correct the construction which has created the impairments constitute no undue hazard to rail operation under present operating conditions.

CAR FOR THE BIRDS

Clinton, Iowa — (UPI) — Harry Beardsley of Clinton thinks he's the only motorist in the county who drives an incubator. Seems a wise mother bird seeking a nice warm spot to raise a family laid three eggs under the hood of Harry's car. When the car's parked at home, the mother bird watches the eggs but she flies away whenever Harry goes for a drive.

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ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION — Different types of artificial respiration that may be used on children that have stopped breathing was demonstrated by swimming instructor Lanell Wilkes at a Mother and Tot swimming class at the Medford YMCA Wednesday. In the picture above she is demonstrating the correct position for the mouth-to-mouth technique that is often the most

effective in getting air into the lungs of a small child. Pressure on the abdomen is used to expel air forced into the child's lungs in this method. The first thing to do when a child is overcome in water is to turn him upside down to drain his lungs of water, then, with as little time loss as possible, artificial respiration should begin, Mrs. Wilkes said.

You and Your Pet

(Prepared under the auspices of the Southern Oregon Humane Society)

I want to tell you about a memorial tablet that has been placed in a school room at Sarasota.

This tablet of the finest Italian marble is in memory of a little black and white dog, whose hair was wiry and whose parentage no one knew or cared about, for Mickey was faithful, loyal, serving and true even unto death.

Every day that Jackie went to school, his dog Mickey followed him into the schoolroom, and lay at Jackie's feet. When the recess bell rang, Mickey was the first to reach the door for a romp and play with the children until all the town knew that all you had to do to find Jackie was to find Mickey.

They were coming home from school one day and Jackie thought he would take a short cut across the swamp land. Suddenly a shiver was heard; Mickey's ears heard and his hair went up on his back, as he crouched, even before the boy knew there

was danger. And just in time! The loose, bony joints at the end of the rattlers' tail sounded their warning only for an instant and almost before Mickey could bare his own teeth, the rattlesnake struck like lightning through the air for Jackie's leg. Mickey leaped to protect Jackie's leg.

Strikes Dog
The rattlesnake punched the deadly fangs of poison into the dog's head just behind the ear. Mickey shook himself and staggered to locate the rattler, but by that time it had glided back into the brush. Jackie hurried home with the dog. He and the whole family gathered about the dog as the poison began to course through the dog's body. All the time Mickey kept his big brown eyes upon his companions and master.

He thought vaguely that in some way this God of his still would save him. And though the pain increased, that tail still wagged, and as Mickey sank into unconsciousness unable to hear, he felt faintly the last pat of the hand he loved.

The tail wagged once more, just a little, the legs stiffened and in a mighty convulsion the heart ceased to beat. When Mickey was buried, the whole town attended to see the little body placed in the ground. On a wooden slab over the fresh grave, the boys of the town carved: "Mickey, age, three and a half years." He gave his love, his life, his all for a pal.

FOR LAZY GARDENERS

St. Elmo, Ill. — (UPI) — Another heavy burden was lifted from the shoulders of mankind yesterday by the latest invention of School Superintendent Harry H. Arkebauer. It's a "fountain flower pot" which automatically waters the flowers for two weeks at a stretch without a lazy home gardener having to lift a finger.

That is why the finely-streaked marble monument was placed in his honor in the schoolroom without question, without hesitation, for the one whom he loved.

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