

Flood Waters Cascade Over Missouri Town

Budget Group to Decide on Funds For New Building

Extension Office Included in Plans
The county budget committee is expected to decide next Tuesday during its final meeting if the county has sufficient funds to erect a new all-purpose building on the county fairgrounds south of Medford.

Estimated cost of the building is \$120,000. Its estimated 9,000 square feet of office space would contain 11 offices for the county extension service, now on the first floor of the county courthouse. The L-shaped building would also include an auditorium with a kitchen for some economics demonstrations, separated from the stage by a draw curtain. Two spaces for storage, and two conference rooms complete the layout.

Face Armory Drive
The proposed new building would face on Armory dr. and be located near the present Centennial office and park.

A landscaped court would separate the office wing from that containing the conference rooms and auditorium. An adjoining outdoor display area is included in the architect's sketch.

Present county extension offices are overcrowded, extension office personnel said. Tentative plans call for appointment of an urban agent and a second home economics agent to the extension staff now overburdened with inquiries from non-farmers and housewives.

An alternative plan would be to expand the present offices into the auditorium at the end of the hall. This would ruin the auditorium and would cost more than \$4,000, the county court pointed out.

Used for Exhibits
The auditorium could be used for 4-H and FFA fair exhibits and numerous other public functions, it was pointed out. The annual fair has more than doubled in the number of participants during the last 10 years, according to a veteran county 4-H leader.

Since the county courthouse auditorium is too small for many public programs and the National Guard Armory is acoustically imperfect such an auditorium is needed, the county court said.

This would relieve also a large amount of the county courthouse parking problem, Commissioner Ralph James said.

Ike Signs Rail Retirement Act

Washington - (UPI) - President Eisenhower today signed legislation liberalizing pensions under the railroad retirement act and increasing the unemployment insurance benefits for railroad workers.

The President waited until the last possible day to act on the bill.

In the absence of a veto, the measure would have become law automatically at midnight tonight. Bills on which no presidential action is taken become law 10 business days after their passage.

Railroads had urged the President to veto the bill, arguing that its requirements would make their tax load oppressive. It was reported, however, that some Republicans in Congress had asked Eisenhower to sign the bill.

The new law boosts railroad pensions by 10 per cent and hikes jobless pay benefits 20 per cent.

Some Difficulties Said To Exist on Wagon Train

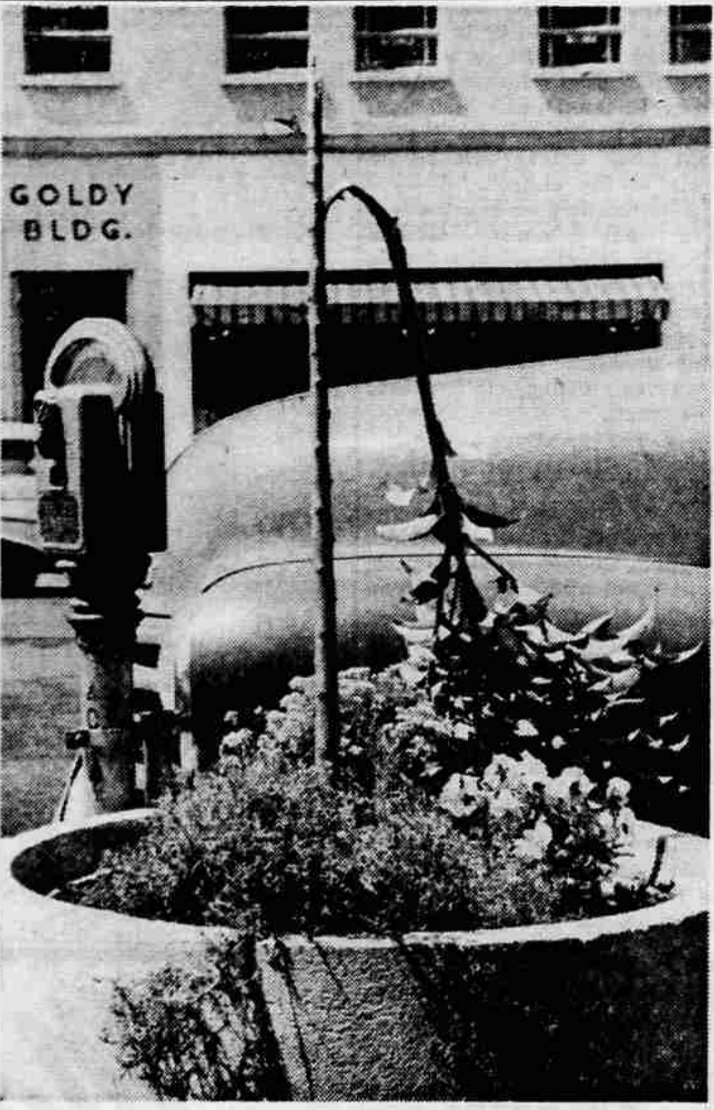
Portland - (UPI) - A member of the Centennial Commission said today there have been some difficulties on the state's wagon train but that he expects it to reach Oregon as planned.

Commissioner Jack Lively of Springfield paid a visit to the seven wagons and their personnel in Nebraska.

"There have been some problems, but they have been resolved, I think," he said.

Some Friction
The wagons are now rolling through western Nebraska - about one-third of the way home from Independence, Mo., where they started April 19.

Lively said there had been some friction among the peo-



TREE DAMAGED—This Japanese privet, one of the trees placed along downtown Main st. recently under Medford's street tree program, was damaged over the week end by unidentified vandals. The tree, in front of Robinson Brothers Clothing store, 114 East Main st., has been splintered and may survive. This is the first reported case of vandalism since the trees made their appearance.

Five-Man Group Is Named to Contact Court For Support

A five-man committee to sound out the Jackson county court on supporting Bear creek pollution abatement was elected last night from a group of some 30 persons who met at Medford city hall.

Named to the committee were Russell DeForest, Medford, president of the Oregon Sportsmen of Jackson county; Col. Paul H. Weiland, Medford, chairman of the pollution committee of the Jackson county chapter of the Izaak Walton league; Hank DeVoss, Talent, a state vice president of the Izaak Walton league; Donald Faber, former mayor of Central Point; and Mark Norton, Phoenix. Ashland was apparently not represented at the meeting, which was called by the local Walton league chapter.

County Judge Earl Miller asked that the committee approach the county court after next Tuesday. He said the court would have a full schedule until then.

Official Title

The committee's official title, approved after considerable debate, is the Jackson County Water Pollution Abatement committee. The alternate title, Bear Creek Development committee, was voted down.

As a compromise, the group endorsed DeForest's motion that the committee's first order of business be pollution abatement in Bear creek.

The discussion of the committee's name was in fact the outgrowth of another issue, whether the group should operate under the county court or represent a coalition of independent civic and conservation organizations.

Tom Rickard, Medford, recommended it be established within the framework of the county's water resources committee. He stated that county control, with access to the county courthouse, would permit such advantages as a central location, a telephone service, logistical support for mailing needs and an audit-

orium for meetings.

Gerald Latham, representing the other point of view, stated that an organization of civic groups, among other things, would provide greater flexibility.

Judge Miller suggested the committee be appointed to meet the county court. He emphasized throughout the meeting that he spoke for himself, not for the court as a whole.

The county budget committee, Judge Miller reported, has tentatively appropriated a "small token amount" which he later specified as \$500 - to finance a pollution abatement program in the coming fiscal year. But, he explained, the county court in spending such a sum would have to consider the needs of the county as a whole. He said the court would be unable to give unsupervised funds to a private group.

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Annual Timber Cut Increase Hoped

Portland - (UPI) - The Forest Service said today it was hoped that the annual cut of timber in national forests of Oregon and Washington would be increased about one billion board feet a year under a new 12-year improvement plan.

The program is now being considered by Congress. It would start July 1, 1960. Its total cost in the two states would be about \$680,800,000.

Forest officials said the program also covers tree and soil conservation, reforestation, forest fire prevention, watershed protection, road construction and recreational facility work.

Skinner Low Bidder For Curb, Gutter Work
M. E. and Floyd Skinner, Medford contractors, today submitted the low bid of \$1,517-equaling the engineer's estimate-for curbs and gutters for the extension of Eighth st. east of Bear creek, Medford, engineering department officials reported.

The other bidder, Petrehrn and Purdy, Central Point, submitted a bid of \$1,845, according to the report. Bids were opened this morning at city hall. Officials said this was the Skinner's first bid on a city project here.

Nazarenes Hold Two Conventions
Salem - (UPI) - More than 425 members of the Nazarene church were here today for the first of two conventions being held this week for the First Church of the Nazarene. The 15th annual missionary conference closes tonight. The annual Oregon Pacific District Assembly of the Church convenes Wednesday.

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No Summit Parley Under Duress, Herter Informs Andrei Gromyko

Appeal Made For Acceptance Of Peace Plan

New Soviet Threat Would Halt Planning

Geneva - (UPI) - Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko warned the West today there may be a "threat to peace" unless it accepts Moscow's demands for splitting Germany and preserving Red rule in the East.

Geneva - (UPI) - The United States has told the Russians flatly that President Eisenhower would not attend any summit conference under threat of a new Soviet ultimatum on Berlin, it was disclosed today.

The western foreign ministers resumed the fight for their cold war package peace plan when the Big Four conference opened its seventh working session today.

Lengthy Appeal

French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville, taking up where Secretary of State Christian Herter left off Monday, made another lengthy appeal to the Soviets to accept the plan.

In it the West offered global troop cuts and security in Europe in exchange for a new deal on Berlin and freedom for the 17 million Soviet zone Germans.

Earlier, American sources disclosed that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko had raised the threat of a new Berlin crisis if the current Big Four talks are not settled on Moscow's terms.

Threat Rebuffed

The sources disclosed that Herter rebuffed Gromyko's threat with a near ultimatum of his own: That Eisenhower will not go to any summit conference under duress - including any new move to set a deadline for getting western troops out of Berlin.

Couve de Murville went into the conference with a long and detailed explanation of the West's package plan. At the same time, he reiterated the reasons why the West has rejected the Soviet counterplan calling for a peace treaty with the two Germans and abandonment of Berlin by the West.

Veterans Warned On Education Act

Salem - (UPI) - Oregon's World War II veterans were warned today that they must be enrolled in a course of training under the state veterans' educational benefits act by June 30 or lose their entitlement to the benefit forever.

Franklin C. Reynolds, educational officer for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, which administers the program, said these veterans must be enrolled and actually attending school on or before the June 30 deadline.

There is no deadline for Korean veterans to enter the program.

9-Year-Old Boy Leaves Home; Returns Later

A 9-year-old Medford boy set out from home yesterday with his suitcase and small red wagon, Medford police reported. He left a note behind, informing his mother, "I'm runaway."

A Medford patrolman reported spotting the boy yesterday afternoon in Hawthorne park, clad in blue bathing trunks and yellow rubber thongs. The youngster successfully eluded three patrolmen and a detective, according to the report.

The investigators reported finding his suitcase, with food and clothing under the west end of the Jackson st. bridge over Bear creek. The boy returned home a few hours later, police said.

Consolidation Vote Tomorrow In Two Areas

Tomorrow, starting at 2 p.m., residents of the Phoenix and Talent school districts vote on the proposed consolidation of the districts.

If the vote is favorable, the two districts will probably operate as a single district for the next school year, although under separate budgets.

It is possible the two high schools would continue to operate essentially as they are for one more year, according to Ernest James, Phoenix school district superintendent, to allow time for planning and establishing a well-coordinated educational system for the entire area.

Elections on proposed Phoenix-Talent consolidation will be held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Phoenix grade school gymnasium and the Talent grade school.

The county boundary board has been asked to declare July 1, 1959, as the effective date of consolidation if tomorrow's vote is favorable. Both districts must vote favorably for consolidation to become effective.

If Issue Fails

If the consolidation vote, the Jackson county school district reorganization committee will probably return to its previous recommendation for Phoenix to combine with Medford, and for the Wagner Creek area (now part of the Phoenix district), Talent and Pinehurst to combine with Ashland. If the consolidation goes through, then only Pinehurst would combine with Ashland.

Since Talent and Phoenix districts already have prepared separate budgets, they will continue to operate on separate tax levies for the next year, no matter what the outcome of the election, a Phoenix school district official said.

Reid Denies Report Of Goal as Mayor

Washington - (UPI) - Ogden R. Reid today branded as "completely unfounded" reports that he is seeking the job of ambassador to Israel as a springboard to run for mayor of New York.

Reid told the Senate Foreign Relations committee considering his appointment that he has "no political ambition whatsoever" and has "no thought other than to serve as long as I can be useful" in the diplomatic post.

The youthful scion of a New York publishing family said "I have never considered trying to run for public office."

Reid admitted under searching questioning by Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) that he had asked "one or two friends" to contact committee members on his behalf and that he had personally called on nine members to seek their backing for confirmation as envoy.

Oregon Teachers Receive Honors

Valley Forge, Pa. - (UPI) - Three Oregon teachers have been named among 444 winners of the new medal awarded by the Freedoms Foundation.

They include Mrs. Laura B. Eaton, Englewood school, Salem; Mrs. Alyce Yoshikai, Richmond school, Salem; and Mrs. Mary Heassler, La Grande Junior High school.

The awards were given to teachers for their work in teaching a "better understanding of the American way of life."

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 7:29 p.m.
Sunset tomorrow 7:46 a.m.
The Moon, seen near the star Spica, tonight sets 3:37 a.m. tomorrow, Full Moon May 22. The planet, Mars, this week is found to the left of Castor and Pollux (the Twins) and is now about as bright as Castor, the northern twin.

"He Really Has A Summit Complex, Doesn't He?"



Hatfield Expects Resignations From Draft Board Locals

Washington - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon said Monday he expected "a few" resignations soon from draft board locals in his state. He said they would be in protest to the appointment of Sprague Carter of Pendleton as Oregon's Selective Service director. Carter's nomination was confirmed last week.

Hatfield is here for a governor's conference on federal-state affairs.

Motion Filed in Suit for Damages

A move to make Medford Patrolman Donald Pursel the sole defendant in a \$147,500 damage suit filed last month in connection with a collision involving his patrol car and a 5-year-old girl was reported at city hall yesterday.

Other defendants named in the complaint include Medford Mayor John W. Snider, the eight Medford city councilmen, and Medford Police Chief Charles P. Champlin.

The complaint was filed on behalf of Jana Sue McCall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle McCall, 523 Haven st., who was reportedly injured when her bicycle and a patrol car driven by Pursel collided March 12. No traffic citations were issued at the time.

The motion, filed in circuit court last Friday by Haviland and Klinkenbeard, attorneys for the defendants, asks that all defendants except Pursel be stricken from the complaint as not being liable.

Other requests included with the motion ask that Pursel's alleged auto accident record be specified, that the section concerning an alleged sum of \$7,500 for doctor's fees and other medical expenses be stricken, that the girl's alleged life expectancy of 74.2 years be stricken, and that the future work the girls' alleged injuries would prevent her from performing be specified.

Aside from the sum of \$7,500, the suit asks \$140,000 in general damages. The plaintiff's case is reportedly represented by a Portland law firm.

Tumor Taken From Mrs. Truman Benign

Kansas City, Mo. - (UPI) - The pathologist of Research Hospital announced today that the tumor removed Monday from the left breast of Mrs. Harry S. Truman was benign.

Residents Given No Time To Flee; Take To Rooftops

3.25 Inches of Rain Reported

By United Press International
A flash flood sent six feet of water thundering into St. Joseph, Mo., Monday night, killing one man and forcing hundreds of persons to rooftops for safety.

The floodwaters subsided rapidly, uncovering the body of William McKinley Thomas, 62. Thomas' wife was missing and feared drowned.

Thomas' body was found near his car. Authorities believed he and his wife were washed from the auto by the wall of water.

No Time To Flee
The raging waters from Black Snake creek and backed-up storm sewers came with such suddenness that residents had no time to flee. Instead they climbed to the roofs of their homes to await rescuers in boats.

The floods came in the wake of an unofficial 3.25-inch rain, one of a number of violent storms in Kansas, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri during the night.

At least three tornadoes were reported, striking at Corning, Iowa, and in farm areas near Denton and Powhattan, Kan. No injuries or deaths were reported in the twisters.

About six inches of muck coated homes in the St. Joseph area and officials said damage would run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Market Demolished
The flood water began falling shortly before midnight when the torrential rains stopped. Propane gas tanks from homes floated down streets turned into rivers. One home was ripped by an explosion of unknown cause during the height of the flood, but no one was hurt.

A large supermarket was demolished by the force of the on-rushing water which pushed an automobile into the building.

Roads were blocked by the floodwaters and police and firemen appealed for volunteers with boats to help rescue marooned residents.

Revision Made in Recreation Budget

Medford's proposed parks and recreation budget last night was tentatively revised within previously-established totals by a special committee meeting with Parks and Recreation Director Robert L. Haworth.

The revisions, Haworth reported, were primarily within the proposed total for personal services, and involved re-defining of certain jobs. In the operation and maintenance category, he said, providing an expanded program for improving the city's park area atop Roxy Ann bluff was considered. No changes were contemplated in the category of capital improvements, he added.

City Manager Robert A. Duff must check over the recommended changes next. His approval is a prerequisite to their submission to the city budget committee. He is expected to make his decision before the budget committee meeting Friday night.

Meeting with Haworth last night was a special committee from the parks and recreation commission including Glenn Linn, James Zach and Mrs. Owen Kunkel. Russ Jamison, commission president, also attended.

Porter Sees Franco Reign on the Wane

Washington - (UPI) - Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) inserted a statement in the Congressional record today saying there is "swelling" sentiment in Spain against dictator Francisco Franco. The statement was titled "The Reign in Spain Is Mostly on the Wane."

Nomination of Strauss Passes Senate Committee

Washington - (UPI) - President Eisenhower's controversial nomination of Lewis L. Strauss as secretary of commerce squeaked through the Senate Commerce Committee today by a one-vote margin.

The vote was 9-8, with three committee Democrats joining its six Republicans to outvote Strauss opponents—all Democrats.

Strauss, who had clashed repeatedly with 16 Democratic members during 16 days of hearings on the hotly disputed appointment, issued a one-sentence comment: "I am grateful for the vote of the committee."

He was headed for more trouble when the nomination reaches the Senate, possibly later this month. Neither side would forecast the outcome.

The three Democrats who voted for the nomination were Sens. John O. Pastore (R.I.), J. Strom Thurmond (S.C.) and Frank J. Lausche (Ohio). The six Republicans voting to approve were Sens. John Marshall Butler (Md.), Norris Cotton (N.H.), Clifford P. Case (N.J.), Thurston B. Morton (Ky.), Hugh Scott (Pa.) and Andrew F. Schoeppel (Kan.).

Democrats against were Magnuson and Sens. A. S. Mike Monroney (Okla.), George A. Smathers (Fla.), Ralph Yarborough (Tex.), Clair Engle (Calif.), E. L. Bartlett (Alaska), Vance Hartke (Ind.), and Gale McGee (Wyo.).