

ROUNDUP OF RACKETEERS UNDER WAY

54th Year

MEDFORD MALL TRIBUNE

Price 10 Cents

30 PAGES

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1959

No. 53

Consolidation Defeated

Phoenix Patrons Reject Proposal By 14-Vote Margin

Heavy Turnout in Districts Noted

Proposed consolidation of Phoenix and Talent school districts lost on a split vote yesterday.

Talent school patrons approved the proposal. The vote was 239 in favor, 119 opposed. However, Phoenix patrons voted against the consolidation proposal, 425 against and 411 in favor - a margin of 14 votes.

There is some possibility the election may be contested. There were allegations of violations of election rules, and Sheriff's Deputy Lee Rice informed one voter she was not allowed within 50 feet of the election board table or voting tables unless she was voting.

At one time, Rice halted the line moving past the registration check points to explain procedures.

Stops Argument

On other occasions during the voting, a deputy stopped an argument between Mrs. Florence Drake, school district clerk and election board member, and Fred Wilcox, Camp Baker rd., an opponent of consolidation, who was watching the poll. Mrs. Drake was contesting Wilcox's right to check registrations. There were other incidents reported.

Both Alf Mekvold, county school superintendent, and Keith Hockersmith, Medford, school district reorganization committee chairman, declined to comment on the next step in reorganization for Phoenix proper, the Wagner Creek section, the Phoenix district, and Talent.

However, when the committee voted to hold the consolidation election, it was without recommendation. This means that the committee can revert to its former recommendation to join Phoenix with Medford school district and reorganize Wagner creek, Talent and Pinehurst with Ashland.

To Be Decided

This issue will be decided by the reorganization committee when it meets next Tuesday, May 26. The committee could change its previous recommendation.

The group which had previously been campaigning for the north part of the Phoenix district to join with Medford, this week were campaigning for Phoenix to remain independent. Voters should have more time to examine the background of the question, group representatives said. Voters will have further opportunities to vote on proposed consolidation of Talent and Phoenix, they stated.

Residents of Phoenix and Talent and veteran school officials reported yesterday's voter turnout for a school election was the largest in some time.

Newsman Get Preview of Correctional Institution

Salem - (UPI) - Newsman got a preview of the new intermediate correctional institution near here today.

The formal open house and dedication will be held Friday with public tours scheduled both then and Saturday.

McAllister to Speak

Speaking at the dedication program will be Chief Justice William McAllister of the Oregon Supreme Court and Dr. Sanford Bates, a nationally known penologist who was consulted on construction of the institution.

The new institution is located on 600 acres of state owned land 5 1/2 miles southwest of here.

Facilities are available now for about 300 inmates,



GIVES INSTRUCTIONS - Sheriff's Deputy Lee Rice instructed the Phoenix school district election board as to what is legal and what is not legal during yesterday's election on proposed consolidation of Phoenix and Talent districts. With his back to the camera and seated is Fred Wilcox, Camp Baker rd., an opponent of the proposal who was watching the poll. Flanking Rice are Mrs. Florence Drake, school district clerk and member of the election board, and Bert Stancliffe, chairman of the school district election board.

14 Residents Take Citizenship Oath in Circuit Court

Fourteen persons became new United States citizens Wednesday morning in a final naturalization proceedings in circuit court before Judge Edward C. Kelly.

Five of the new citizens were children whose parents took the oath of citizenship on their behalf. Two were German and three Korean.

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of Medford public schools, welcomed the group as new citizens and emphasized their responsibility and opportunity to participate in the democratic processes.

Each received a Bible from the Gideon society, a United States flag from the Elks club, and a corsage or boutonniere from the Kiwanis club. The Kiwanis also provided refreshments after the proceedings.

The children who became new citizens were Randal Royal Sexton, 5, of 360 DeBarre ave., Medford, formerly of Korea, child of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Royal Sexton; Anthony David Bentley, 3, of 3344 Madrona lane, Medford, Japan, child of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dale Bentley; Charlie Park Neumann, 7, of 148 North Laurel st., Ashland, Korea, child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Neumann; Carolyn Ann Peterson, 4, and Arlene Marie Peterson, 5, both of route 1, box 44, Rogue River, children of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edwin Peterson.

Others who took the oaths citizenship were Rose Marie Bartholomew, formerly of Taylor, Tex., Canada; Muriel Avenelle Robertson, 1020 West 11th st., Medford, Canada; Alice Lillian Mathews, route 1, box 54, Gold Hill, Canada; Margaret Joan Sullivan, sponsored by Sister Columban Mary, 431 South Ivy st., Medford, Canada; Inger Margaret Palmquist, 627 Pierce rd., Medford, Sweden; John Gowan Miller, route 2, box 654, Central Point, Great Britain; Lucette Lillie Vestal, 208 Hawthorne st., Medford, Canada; Sylvia Tala East, 1449 College way, Ashland, Great Britain, and Sophie Theisen, route 1, box 438, Gold Hill, Denmark.

Persons who make petitions for naturalization attend classes conducted by the adult education department of the Medford school district. The classes were arranged following a court order entered by Judge Kelly making the school district responsible for the instruction.

Prospective new citizens must pass tests on the English language and the U.S. constitution.

A public hearing next Thursday on a requested zoning variance for Rogue Valley Manor was scheduled yesterday by the Medford planning commission.

The site for the 10-story, \$5 1/2 million retirement home, atop Barneburg hill, was rezoned to multiple family previously. But plans for the Manor call for a height of 118.5 feet, while the zoning ordinance limits heights to 85 feet. The variance, subject to approval by the city council, would permit the greater height.

The Medford city council tonight may consider amending the building code to remove height restrictions from certain types of buildings.

The Manor is subject to both the zoning ordinance and the building code. Variances can be granted under the zoning ordinance only. Should the building code be amended, structures would still be restricted by the zoning ordinance. The city could then grant variances where circumstances warranted.

Sanitary Service To Run Dump at Lowest Nuisance

City Sanitary Service will make every effort to operate its garbage dump near Jacksonville with a minimum of nuisance to nearby residents, its operators declared this week.

Anthony Boitano and Charles Bottjer, partners in the firm, stated they are conducting experiments to see if smoke from burning at the dump cannot be minimized. They also are looking into other methods of garbage disposal, they said.

The partners told the Mail Tribune one plan is to try burning only at night, starting about 11 p.m. or midnight. This way, they hope, the visual nuisance of smoke will be eliminated, and they also believe that weather conditions at night may tend to carry off the smoke and smell for dissipation in the air, without its bothering residents of Jacksonville and the west side of the valley.

Location of Dump

They have found that the location of the dump, the subject of considerable controversy last July and August when they placed it in operation, is not suited to sanitary land-fill operations, due to lack of fill dirt in the area, and because of heavy winter and spring rainfall.

They stated that, up to this point, burning has proven to be the only practicable means of disposing of the garbage, but that they hope different methods will lessen the smoke nuisance. They are also looking into the possible use of an incinerator.

The partners met earlier this week with the county court, and the executive committee of the Medford city council, in response to complaints to the city and county about smoke and odors from the dump.

The firm will submit a report to the city and county on possible alternative methods, according to City Manager Robert A. Duff.

Work Starts on Sewer in Berrydale Area

Jeske Brothers Construction company, Eugene, contractor for the Berrydale sanitary sewer system, began work on the project yesterday, according to Medford public works officials.

The construction started at Cottonwood ave. and Lawnsdale rd., east of Bear creek, where a pressure line is to be installed, the officials said.

Appropriations Whittle Ike's Budget Requests

Washington - (UPI) - The House Appropriations committee today whittled \$32,490,000 from the amount President Eisenhower requested for two key agencies, the State and Justice departments.

Altogether, the committee allowed \$649,896,700 for the two departments and related agencies.

The State Department was given \$217,610,000, a cut of \$10,725,000. The Justice Department was voted \$264,100,000, a reduction of \$10,975,000. The U. S. Information Agency was allowed \$113,057,300 or \$7,492,700 less than the President recommended.

The need for German elections at some stage.

The need for discussions "in some form" between the two parts of Germany on an electoral law.

The fact that a peace treaty must at some time be concluded with Germany.

Most of today's session was taken up with repetition of already well known rival western and Soviet positions.

Gromyko delivered another long speech and diplomats noted that Herter seemed to become irritated as the meeting dragged on.

The need for German unity.

The need for German elections at some stage.

The need for discussions "in some form" between the two parts of Germany on an electoral law.

The fact that a peace treaty must at some time be concluded with Germany.

Most of today's session was taken up with repetition of already well known rival western and Soviet positions.

Gromyko delivered another long speech and diplomats noted that Herter seemed to become irritated as the meeting dragged on.

The need for German unity.

The need for German elections at some stage.

The need for discussions "in some form" between the two parts of Germany on an electoral law.

The fact that a peace treaty must at some time be concluded with Germany.

Appropriations Whittle Ike's Budget Requests

State, Justice Departments Lose

Washington - (UPI) - The House Appropriations committee today whittled \$32,490,000 from the amount President Eisenhower requested for two key agencies, the State and Justice departments.

Altogether, the committee allowed \$649,896,700 for the two departments and related agencies.

The State Department was given \$217,610,000, a cut of \$10,725,000. The Justice Department was voted \$264,100,000, a reduction of \$10,975,000. The U. S. Information Agency was allowed \$113,057,300 or \$7,492,700 less than the President recommended.

The need for German unity.

The need for German elections at some stage.

The need for discussions "in some form" between the two parts of Germany on an electoral law.

The fact that a peace treaty must at some time be concluded with Germany.

Most of today's session was taken up with repetition of already well known rival western and Soviet positions.

Gromyko delivered another long speech and diplomats noted that Herter seemed to become irritated as the meeting dragged on.

The need for German unity.

The need for German elections at some stage.

The need for discussions "in some form" between the two parts of Germany on an electoral law.

The fact that a peace treaty must at some time be concluded with Germany.

Most of today's session was taken up with repetition of already well known rival western and Soviet positions.

Gromyko delivered another long speech and diplomats noted that Herter seemed to become irritated as the meeting dragged on.

The need for German unity.

The need for German elections at some stage.

The need for discussions "in some form" between the two parts of Germany on an electoral law.

The fact that a peace treaty must at some time be concluded with Germany.

Most of today's session was taken up with repetition of already well known rival western and Soviet positions.

Gromyko delivered another long speech and diplomats noted that Herter seemed to become irritated as the meeting dragged on.

The need for German unity.

The need for German elections at some stage.

The need for discussions "in some form" between the two parts of Germany on an electoral law.

Time for Real Negotiations, Russians Told

Ministers Start Secret Diplomacy

Geneva - (UPI) - The West told Russia today that the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference already has agreed on some basic cold war issues and that it is time now to get down to real negotiations.

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd delivered this appeal to Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko only a couple of hours before the Big Four moved into their first round of secret diplomacy that probably will bring the first concrete development of the parity to date.

Dinner With Herter

The Western foreign ministers were meeting with Gromyko over dinner at Secretary of State Christian Herter's villa. They hoped to smoke him out for the first time on whether Russia has come here for genuine negotiations or just to make cold war propaganda speeches.

Lloyd said Russia and the West have agreed on these four issues:

The need for German unity.

The need for German elections at some stage.

The need for discussions "in some form" between the two parts of Germany on an electoral law.

The fact that a peace treaty must at some time be concluded with Germany.

Most of today's session was taken up with repetition of already well known rival western and Soviet positions.

Gromyko delivered another long speech and diplomats noted that Herter seemed to become irritated as the meeting dragged on.

The need for German unity.

The need for German elections at some stage.

The need for discussions "in some form" between the two parts of Germany on an electoral law.

The fact that a peace treaty must at some time be concluded with Germany.

Most of today's session was taken up with repetition of already well known rival western and Soviet positions.

Gromyko delivered another long speech and diplomats noted that Herter seemed to become irritated as the meeting dragged on.

The need for German unity.

The need for German elections at some stage.

The need for discussions "in some form" between the two parts of Germany on an electoral law.

The fact that a peace treaty must at some time be concluded with Germany.

Most of today's session was taken up with repetition of already well known rival western and Soviet positions.

Gromyko delivered another long speech and diplomats noted that Herter seemed to become irritated as the meeting dragged on.

The need for German unity.

The need for German elections at some stage.

The need for discussions "in some form" between the two parts of Germany on an electoral law.

The fact that a peace treaty must at some time be concluded with Germany.

Most of today's session was taken up with repetition of already well known rival western and Soviet positions.

"Maybe We Didn't Wrap It Right"



Local Club Seeks Anti-Pollution Law Enforcement Here

The Oregon Sportsmen club of Jackson county has written the state sanitary authority asking enforcement of anti-pollution laws against violations in Bear creek.

"We believe," a letter dispatched yesterday states, "that the time has come for the sanitary commission to reverse its policy of voluntary cooperation with regard to pollution in Bear creek and we urgently request that a firm adherence to the sanitary laws of the state of Oregon be henceforth the policy of the commission with proper instructions to its local representative."

The letter charges that the state authority's policy of voluntary cooperation "has brought only a steadily worsening condition in our valley," and that despite the existence for some 20 years of "fully adequate" state laws to control stream pollution, "pollution in Bear creek has not lessened but rather increased over the past several years."

"We wish to make it clear," the letter states, "that we are not opposed to voluntary cooperation in law enforcement and certainly agree that public education should be fostered to encourage cheerful compliance with the laws of this state."

"On the other hand, when it becomes so readily apparent that voluntary cooperation has not sufficed then we believe that it is time to resort to the remedies provided by our state legislature."

The letter asserts that Bear creek's polluted state "arose out of the very apparent apathy and defeatism displayed by those persons charged by law with the prevention of such a situation."

The letter refers to statements by Ted Gerow, state sanitary engineer, at a panel discussion on the creek's pollution May 11. Gerow, asked how many legal actions had resulted from pollution situations in his seven-county district during the past nine years, did not answer directly, the letter asserts, but "left us with the distinct impression that no such actions had ever

been brought in this area.

Russell DeForest, president of the local Oregon Sportsmen club, explained the club did not intend its remarks as any criticism of Gerow himself.

The letter is in effect a reiteration of statements made by DeForest Monday, at a Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable luncheon and at an organizational meeting that night of groups interested in improving the creek. DeForest at the luncheon called upon the chamber to ask the state sanitary authority to enforce anti-pollution laws here.

The Jackson county court this morning appointed the nine members of the new Jackson county parks and recreation commission.

The announcement was made by Judge Earl Miller following several months work by the court in compiling the list of proposed members and contacting them.

Members include Mrs. Ben Day, Sams Valley; Ed L. Strother, Heather lane, Shady Cove; Mrs. Hanley Heffernan, Ross lane, Medford; Robert J. Keeney, 4126 Colver rd., Phoenix; John Leven, Rogue River; Lawrence V. Espey, 619 Park st., Medford; Mrs. Marcel Le Piniec, Applegate; Don Ashpole, 425 North C. St., Eagle Point; and J. F. Eberhart, 248 Wimer st., Ashland.

First meeting of the commission has been tentatively scheduled for noon Wednesday, May 27, at the Medford hotel. At the organizational meeting officers will be elected and a drawing held to determine the length of office for each member.

The commission will consist of members serving one, two, and three year terms equally divided among the members. The commission will serve in an advisory capacity to the county court in all matters pertaining to parks and recreation.

Following the meeting with the reorganization committee, school district patrons have been asked to remain to give their opinions on an acceptable Evans Valley school district budget. The school district voted down its budget recently.

Tuesday the committee met with citizens of Rogue River. No opinion poll was taken of the 25 persons attending the meeting.

Robert Gail, Rogue River, reorganization committee member, said he understood the Rogue River school district board would welcome Evans Valley district. However, this is a decision the

patrons of Evans Valley district must make. Rogue River is not trying to force the district into reorganization with it, Gail said.

The committee explained that advantages of reorganization for Rogue River would include a high school large enough to offer a reasonably broad curriculum, lower per pupil cost at high school level, chances of lowering costs of transportation, supply purchase, and maintenance, joining two closely related communities with common interests and cultural benefits to both and increased assessed value per census child by \$261.89, on a median with other county districts.

Disadvantages listed by the committee were giving up part of the control of the present high school and possible earlier need of increasing the number of high school classrooms.

Advantages of reorganiza-

Federal Agents, State Police Open Crackdown

Gang Convention Participants Hunted

Washington - (UPI) - Federal agents and state police began a coast-to-coast roundup today of 27 big name racketeers who attended the 1957 gangland convention in Apalachin, N.Y.

Attorney General William P. Rogers disclosed that all of them were indicted by a federal grand jury in New York on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice by refusing to disclose what went on at the November, 1957, underworld meeting.

Thirty-six others, including Joseph Barbara Sr., who was host at the conclave in his hilltop Apalachin home, were named as co-conspirators but not defendants.

Some of the men were routed out of bed at 6 a.m. as the nationwide crackdown began.

At mid-morning, the Justice Department said that 15 of the defendants had been arrested and the others were being sought.

At least two of the men were reported to be members of the Mafia or ill-famed "Black Hand" society of Sicily.

Narcotics Investigation

The New York Grand Jury that returned the indictments had been conducting an investigation of racketeering and crime syndicates, particularly in the ladies' garment industry, and of the East Coast traffic in narcotics.

Rogers said all 27 named as defendants were accused of conspiring to obstruct justice by giving false and evasive testimony about the rendezvous of racketeers at Apalachin. Three faced additional charges of perjury on grounds they lied to police, investigating committees and grand juries.

The conspiracy charge carries a maximum penalty of a \$5,000 fine and five years in jail, or both, on each count. The maximum penalty for perjury, per count, is a \$2,000 fine, two years in jail, or both.

Westeners Involved

Rogers said the indictments were returned last week but kept sealed until today because one of the 36 co-conspirators - Dominic J. Alaimo - was being tried at Scranton, Pa., on charges of violating the Taft-Hartley Act. He was found guilty on 34 counts Tuesday.

Defendants named included: Joseph Bonanno, Tucson, Ariz.; Joseph F. Civello, Dallas, Tex.; Frank A. Desimone, Downey, Calif.; Simone Scozzari, Rosemead, Calif.

Among those named as a co-conspirator was Vito Genovese, often termed the "don" or leader of the Mafia. He recently was convicted of violating the federal narcotics act.

Barbara's son, Joseph Jr., also was named as a co-conspirator.

Plane Bomb Threat Fails To Develop

Portland - (UPI) - An anonymous telephone call was received by Western Air Lines Wednesday that a bomb would explode in the Portland International Airport terminal at 2 a.m. today. The deadline passed without incident.

Reorganization Committee to Hold Hearing in Evans Valley District

The Jackson county school district reorganization committee will meet in Evans Valley at 8 o'clock tonight to explain the processes and issues involved in reorganizing Evans Valley school district with Rogue River school district.

Following the meeting with the reorganization committee, school district patrons have been asked to remain to give their opinions on an acceptable Evans Valley school district budget. The school district voted down its budget recently.

Tuesday the committee met with citizens of Rogue River. No opinion poll was taken of the 25 persons attending the meeting.

Robert Gail, Rogue River, reorganization committee member, said he understood the Rogue River school district board would welcome Evans Valley district. However, this is a decision the

patrons of Evans Valley district must make. Rogue River is not trying to force the district into reorganization with it, Gail said.

The committee explained that advantages of reorganization for Rogue River would include a high school large enough to offer a reasonably broad curriculum, lower per pupil cost at high school level, chances of lowering costs of transportation, supply purchase, and maintenance, joining two closely related communities with common interests and cultural benefits to both and increased assessed value per census child by \$261.89, on a median with other county districts.

Disadvantages listed by the committee were giving up part of the control of the present high school and possible earlier need of increasing the number of high school classrooms.

Advantages of reorganiza-

tion for Evans Valley include complying with state law that all districts must be large enough to have individual high schools, being part of an already operating fully standard high school, and having representatives on the overall district school board.

A fuller, more coordinated educational program will be offered all 12 grades, school officials noted. All junior and senior high school students from Evans Valley attending Grants Pass High school will be allowed to finish with tuition paid by the newly formed district, but transportation will not be furnished by the new district.

Closer student-teacher relationship will be available for guidance and counseling.

Disadvantages listed for Evans Valley district were increased millage rate for school support and vocational-agriculture now at Rogue River High school, officials noted.

WEATHER
 FORECAST: Fair tonight and Friday. Little temperature change. Low tonight 38. High Friday 78.
 Highest Yesterday 72
 Lowest this Morning 38
Our Skies Tonight
 Sunset today 7:31 p