

Ministers' Conference Enters Crucial Period

100-Gun Salute Opens Centennial Exposition

Governor Heads Dignitaries at Noon Ceremony

Weather Threatens To Dampen Spirits

Portland - (UP) - A 100-gun salute, a shot for each year Oregon has been a state, got the Centennial Exposition off to a roaring start here today.

Gov. Mark Hatfield headed a list of dignitaries present at noon ceremonies kicking off the summer-long extravaganza.

The weather was threatening with showers likely today and Thursday. If rain continues this week end, however, Centennial officials will have the last laugh. The Centennial will get \$10,000 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday if more than one-tenth of an inch of rain falls on any of those days.

Twenty-three nations have exhibits at the two-week International Trade Fair and the 65-acre site was crammed with attractions. A crash program to complete last minute preparations was undertaken Tuesday with top Centennial officials personally taking charge.

Big Crowd Sees Parade
The Centennial gates opened at noon and the International Trade Fair at 2 p.m. Gates close at midnight.

The gala opening came during the height of Rose Festival week activities here.

More than 100,000 persons turned out in downtown Portland Tuesday night for the Merrykhan parade, which got the Festival off to a fun-filled start.

Tonight is the big night for one of 11 princesses. She'll be picked as Queen of Rosaria in ceremonies at Multnomah stadium. A huge 32-by-45-foot screen will carry colored pictures of the princesses during the ceremonies.

Navy in Town
Six sleek Canadian Navy Corvettes arrived in town Tuesday afternoon and tied up at the west seawall of the Willamette river. Five U. S. Navy minesweepers were due in today and more U. S. Navy units, including the cruisers Helena and Bremerton, are due Thursday.

Today's Centennial show start kicked off a summer-long event which officials hope will draw six to eight million visitors to Oregon.

Newspaper editors were taken on a preview of the Centennial grounds Tuesday afternoon and most comments were highly favorable. Many agreed it would take several days to see it all. Some exhibits still were not in place.

Pirates Arrive
A third "Navy" joined the festivities. Twenty-two Coos Bay Pirates aboard their good ship Elfin steamed into port Tuesday afternoon flying the Jolly Rogers at the mast. They fired a full broadside, but the most damage occurred to the Elfin itself. Someone charged one of the cannons the wrong way and holes were blown through two decks.

A schedule of Rose Festival events for Friday and Saturday are listed on page 2.



SHOW QUEEN—The queen of the show award in the annual show of the Medford Rose society held Tuesday went to a Peace bud grown by V. L. Quackenbush, 5643 South Pacific highway, shown above. Hundreds of valley residents attended the show in the Medford High school cafeteria. Sweepstakes winner for accumulating the highest number of points on all entries was Mrs. E. P. Updike, 1216 Locust st. —(Knackstedt photo)

Mrs. Updike Takes Sweepstakes Prize In Local Rose Show

Mrs. E. P. Updike, 1216 Locust st., Medford, was sweepstakes winner, and V. L. Quackenbush, 5643 South Pacific highway, Medford, won the queen of the show award in the fifth annual show of Medford Rose society yesterday in the cafeteria of Medford High school.

Sweepstakes winner goes to the grower with the highest number of points won on all entries.

Quackenbush's prize-winning rose was Peace bud. He also won several other ribbons, and in the Grants Pass show yesterday won three

firsts, four second place ribbons and two honorable mentions.

Mrs. Dayton Dupue was sweepstakes runner-up and a Korde's Perfecta from the garden of Ernest E. Vehrs, Grants Pass, was runner-up for queen of the show.

Other top winners were Mrs. Richard Travis for her entry of Lady Elgins in best three roses; Mrs. Elton Waldron for best floribunda, the entry being Pinafore; Mrs. George Hartley, best single or semi-double (Dainty Bess); Mrs. Updike, best grandiflora, (Montezuma); Eldred W. Peyton, best spray of climbing roses (Elmshorn); Mrs. W. R. Peabody, best base of 12 roses, mixed varieties; Mrs. Gaston L. Floux, Central Point, best base of 12 roses, one variety, (Peace); Dr. L. G. Gentner, best full-blown rose, (Christopher Stone); Mrs. H. E. Peyton, best old rose, (a red moss); Mrs. Carl W. Norris, best bouquet of old roses; Mrs. Ethel Carr, Phoenix, sweepstakes for best floral arrangement using roses; Central Point Garden club, sweepstakes award for garden club entries; Mrs. L. G. Gentner, sweepstakes for division open only to American Rose society members who have previously won sweepstakes prizes in arrangements divisions.

Hundreds of visitors attended the show and the award ceremony last night. Carl W. Norris is president of the society and co-chairman in charge of the show were Eldred W. Peyton and Mrs. R. H. Travis.

Federal Court Set In Medford Soon

A two-week session of federal district court will be held in Medford starting June 16 at 9:30 a.m., it was announced today.

The session will be held in courtroom No. 1 in the Jackson county courthouse, rather than in the federal courtroom in the Post Office building, due to air conditioning work being done there, it was reported.

Jurors summoned to serve during the session of federal court are now asked to note the change in location, according to U.S. Marshal Paul Kearney.

District Judge William East, Portland, will preside during the two weeks court is held here. A docket of cases set for trial will be announced soon, Kearney said.

4-H Wagon Train Faces First Real Test In Climbing Sexton Mountain Today

Grants Pass - The Jackson County 4-H wagon train faces its first real test today when it climbs Sexton mountain, Glenn Klein, Jackson county 4-H agent, reported this morning.

The group plans to empty the wagons of all passengers to make it easier on the horses, which he said are bearing up well. No further trouble with wagon wheels has been reported. The wagon train crew is getting used to cross-country travel with a few minor blisters, he said.

The train is on schedule, with tonight's stop set for the Charles Day farm north of Wolf Creek. At Wolf Creek the train will be met by a pack led by 20 Curry county 4-H club members. Three of them will join the train to Corvallis.

The wagon train started today late but is averaging about 4 miles an hour, Klein

reported. The youngsters turned out at 5:20 a.m. today instead of the set 5 a.m. However, they will be made to get up a half-hour early to make up for it, the county 4-H agent promised. The train was scheduled to travel along the old road through Sunny valley, up Sexton mountain and into Wolf Creek.

The wagon train members went to bed at 10 p.m. yesterday. Last night was probably the first full night of rest the 4-H'ers received.

Yesterday they waited an hour to enter Grants Pass, where a large crowd greeted them as they entered town.

At the campsite they were met by a group of the Grants Pass Cavemen who claimed the wagon train was trespassing on historic campgrounds and could not camp there. A Merlin delegation, however, erected a sign, "Merlin city limits," and told the group it

could camp behind the sign. Phil Krouse, Applegate, wagonmaster, was issued a Caveman passport allowing the train to pass through the Grants Pass territory. The people of Merlin presented the train with a large basket of cookies and candy. The Josephine county 4-H Empire Builders and 4-H Leaders association treated the group to a potluck dinner. Marvin Young, Grants Pass extension agent, led the campfire singing.

A chorus of war-whoops and rifle shots announced the appearance of the "Moon Mountain Indians," a group of four Grants Pass boys, Bob Mars, Bob Thorpe, Dick Davis and Larry Hassett. They staged authentic Indian ceremonial dances for the wagon train.

The wagon train crew slept well in spite of frost-covered sleeping bags early this morning, Klein reported.

Hatfield Returns; No Comment on Vice Presidency

Salem - (UP) - Gov. Mark Hatfield was back today from a tour of five eastern states, but he had no comment on whether he might be a GOP vice-presidential candidate in 1960.

The governor was mum in the fact of much speculation that he might be a running mate for New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller.

Hatfield admitted he was "flattered" by the speculation.

In New York, Hatfield had breakfast Sunday with Rockefeller and his trip gave high party officials a chance to look him over.

His rise to national recognition started when he was elected governor in 1958 by a comfortable majority in the face of a Democratic tide.

Rockefeller's name probably will be placed on the Oregon primary ballot in 1960 under terms of a new law which provides that candidates generally advocated by national news media can be placed on the ballot by Secretary of State Howell Appling.

Appling said that if he had to make a decision now on placing Rockefeller's name on the Oregon primary ballot, he would put it on.

Arrives Tuesday Night
He said Rockefeller's own wishes would have nothing to do with the decision.

Hatfield returned to Salem Tuesday night from San Francisco after a cross-country jet flight.

While in the east he received two honorary degrees, bringing his total of honorary degrees to four.

He went to Portland today to head up ceremonies starting the Oregon Centennial Exposition.

Time Extension Granted Company

Western Auto Supply company, South Riverside ave., has been given until July 15 to vacate the north end of their building, for the extension of Eighth st., it was reported today.

The extension of time was granted the firm by the city since the contract for Bear creek bridge was not let as early as previously had been expected.

According to the company's manager, the firm will move later this year to the current Hubbard Wray building, 25 South Riverside ave. Hubbard Wray plans to move into their new building at 909 South Riverside ave., approximately Aug. 1.

Western Auto Supply will remain in the south end of the present building between July 15 and when remodeling is completed in the present Hubbard Wray building. During that period the auto supply firm will operate on a reduced stock basis, it was explained.

Work got under way this week on construction of curbs and gutters on the east embankment approach to the Bear creek-Eighth st. bridge. The embankment was completed several months ago.

Youths Questioned By Medford Police

Four teen-agers were questioned by city police Tuesday evening following a report they were throwing lighted cigarettes from the balcony at the Craterian theater.

Questioned were two 16-year-old Medford boys, a 15-year-old Central Point boy, and a 17-year-old Medford youth.

It was reported that the lighted cigarettes were being flipped over the heads of other persons in the balcony into the crowd below. The boys were released to the custody of their parents since no complaint was filed against the youths, according to police reports.

1959 Wheat Crop Estimate Given

Washington - (UP) - The Agriculture Department today estimated the 1959 wheat crop will total 1,181,596,000 bushels.

This prospective crop compares with 1958 production of a record 1,422,218,000 bushels.

Portland - (UP) - Joshua (Joe) Weiner, 73, local clothing store operator, died Tuesday of a heart attack.

District Patrons Approve Budget

Medford school district patrons yesterday approved the district's budget for the 1959-60 fiscal year by a margin of about 4 to 1.

The vote was 623 in favor, 186 against. The school board will canvass the vote at a special meeting June 30, when it also will review and consider necessary transfer of funds for the fiscal year.

Frank Bash, chairman of the board, expressed his appreciation to residents of the district for supporting the school board and the budget committee yesterday.

The said "it is gratifying to know the people support the budget committee in the face of rising costs, and support the committee's policy of doing what it can to keep school taxes as low as possible while still providing necessary facilities for a strong school program."

Budget for Year
The budget for fiscal year 1959-60 totals \$3,771,866.29 of which \$1,699,051.07 was above the 6 per cent limitation.

The vote by polling places: McLoughlin Junior High, 264 yes, 95, no; Hedrick Junior High, 132 yes, 28 no; Jacksonville, 52 yes, 9 no; Ruch, 33 yes, 19 no; Howard, 33 yes, 14 no; Griffin Creek, 75 yes, 12 no; and Lone Pine 34 yes, 9 no.

The estimated levy for next fiscal year is 57.5 mills based on budget figures for the present fiscal year with a \$45 million assessed valuation. This represents an increase of 10.7 mills in the original \$49C district, but is less than the millage levied in districts which recently consolidated with Medford.

Capital Outlays
As a result of the consolidation, most capital outlays for major construction were eliminated from the current budget in order to keep the required levy to a minimum, school officials noted.

However, Dr. Leonard Mayfield, superintendent, reported to the school board last night that cleaning, repairing and renovating one or more phases of all school buildings in the system are planned this summer. Plans for the work are now being completed, he said. Improvements will be made in every school during the summer.

A study of immediate and long-range building needs in the district outside the operating budget is now underway, Dr. Mayfield reported. The study was approved by the budget committee and school board after the recent consolidation.

'Park-and-Shop' Validation Plan Approved for City

The Retail Merchants group of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce this morning approved a "park-and-shop" validation program for the downtown Medford area.

Twenty-one merchants present signed validation agreements, and more are expected to sign, according to Don McNeil, manager of the chamber.

In effect, the plan will provide free off-street customer parking for as long as the customer wants to shop in the downtown area, McNeil said. Lots now in existence, both professionally operated and private, will be invited to participate, he added.

Expect Others
McNeil said others are expected to be created within the next several months by private operators as a result of the profit incentive which the plan provides. The lots are privately owned and are operated on a profit basis.

A board of control was elected to establish policies and administer the plan with the assistance of the chamber, McNeil said. Money for the operation will be handled in a fund which is entirely separate from that of the chamber budget, he pointed out.

Named to the board of control are Bert Thierolf, Otto Frohnmayer, John Moffatt, Cliff Lovejoy, Howard Boyd and Bruno Rath.

McNeil said the plan is in operation in more than 120 cities in the country. In Fargo, N.D., a city of 45,000, the plan has been in operation six months, and has resulted in the creation of 250 new off-street parking spaces downtown by private investors.

Hallock Discusses Orchestra Schedule

Ted Hallock, Portland, state coordinator for the Oregon Centennial commission, discussed with Medford officials yesterday promotion plans for the Portland Symphony orchestra's visit here Sunday, June 28.

The concert, which is one of a series of six throughout the state, will be held in Medford high school auditorium at 8 p.m. that day. Hallock is touring the six cities in the state where the orchestra will perform.

The special Centennial tour of the orchestra is to bring the orchestra to cities which normally would not have a chance to hear the group unless traveling to Portland, and introduce its new conductor, Piero Bellugi.

Dr. Frank Wilson, Medford, will be in charge of local promotion. Tickets will be available in several locations in the near future, he said.

Traffic Signals Changed for Summer

Two traffic signals in school areas have been changed for the summer months, according to Vern Thorpe, public works director.

The signal at East Main and Lindley sts. has been turned off for the summer with the signals worked. This is in accordance with state law, Thorpe reported.

The other signal, at Jackson st. and Summit ave., has been changed to a flashing light for the summer. The Jackson st. traffic will be controlled by the amber light while Summit ave. traffic will stop on a flashing red signal.

San Diego - (UP) - One of the nation's intercontinental ballistic missile weapons, the Atlas, should be operational by July despite failure of the last five tests, a Convair official said today.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Kansas City 4 9 1
New York 6 11 1
Daley, Gorman (7) and House, Chiti (8); Dittmar, Bronstad (9) and Howard.

Eleven Teachers Named to Schools In Medford Area

Eleven teachers were elected by the Medford school board last night, and resignations of four others accepted.

The board also reappointed the school district clerk, named an auditor, approved a revision in check forms and purchased two new school buses.

Teachers elected were John Dean, secondary mathematics; Mary Grumbach, homemaking, junior high; Robert Carl Hanson, history, junior high; Jack D. Henry, junior high English, drama and speech; Margardelle Hiatt, primary; Ruby Hiatt, junior high English; Anne Leonard, English, French, junior high; Patricia Stewart, primary; James Tegener, intermediate; Sally Devers, primary; and Robert A. Radcliff, physical education and coach.

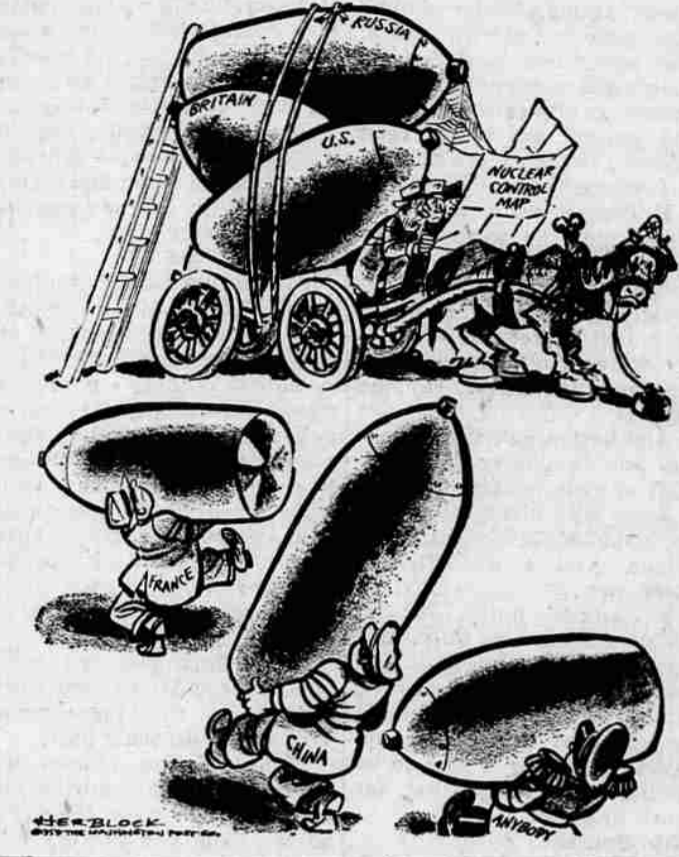
Teacher Resignations
Teacher resignations accepted were from Joanne Wickman, West Side second grade; Donald W. Mitchell, Lone Pine eighth grade; John W. Childers, principal at Roosevelt school; and Frances K. Henry, Lone Pine librarian and seventh grade teacher.

Wilson Slater was reappointed school clerk for the 1959-60 fiscal year, and Leonard Knox, Medford, was appointed auditor. Knox was recommended by auditor administrators as auditor because he has worked closely with Slater during the past year in studying and working on various phases of the district's records and reporting system.

Slater was appointed district clerk last year, and his reappointment was recommended by Dr. Leonard Mayfield, superintendent.

The revision in check forms for the district was proposed for more efficient record keeping. Action on a proposal to adopt a check signature machine was postponed until the next meeting for a report on control methods for the ma-

"Say, If We Don't Get Started Pretty Soon—"



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Leg Bones Found In Creek Identified

Portland - (UP) - Leg bones found in Johnson creek this week may have belonged to a man reported missing since March 10, 1958, sheriff's detectives said today.

Detectives Earl Son and Fred Boynton identified the missing man as James Ridgeway, 38, whose last known address was at Greatgun.

They said the same type of army combat boot Ridgeway usually used was found on the leg bones. The bones were sent to the state crime laboratory for analysis.

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Ballet Celeste To Be In Ashland This Year

Ashland - The Ballet Celeste, San Francisco's young classical ballet company, will return to Ashland this summer to present two programs each afternoon from Aug. 8 through 15, William Patton, Oregon Shakespearean Festival general manager, has announced.

The ballet will be presented in the Ashland Junior High school auditorium.

Two newly choreographed ballets, which were premiered in San Francisco last March, will be presented. They are "Lincoln's Ladies" and "Esperanza." Also on the program will be classic ballets which were presented in Ashland last year.

The ballet was formed in 1950 and trained and directed by Merriam Lanova, former soloist with Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. The troupe has

been expanded to 30 members through auditions of young people.

Auditions are scheduled again this year in Ashland, Patton said.

Tickets may be obtained at the Shakespearean Festival box office.

The Shakespearean Festival will open July 28 in its new \$275,000 theater with "Twelfth Night" and an original "Masque of the New World," written especially as a Festival salute to honor Oregon's Centennial.

"Measure for Measure," "King John" and "Anthony and Cleopatra" complete the 1959 repertory season to run nightly through Sept. 5. Tickets may now be reserved through the theater for all performances, as well as the traditional "Feast of the Tribes of Will" which will preclude the opening performance.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Thickening cloudiness tonight. Cloudy with occasional light rain Thursday, becoming showery Thursday night. Low tonight 46-50. High Thursday, 60-70.

Highest Yesterday 66
Lowest This Morning 42

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset tomorrow 7:48 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 4:34 a.m.
Moonset tonight 10:43 p.m.
First Quarter June 13

PROMINENT STARS
The Big Dipper, high in northwest at moonset.
VISIBLE PLANETS
Mars, north of the Moon.
Venus, just north of Mars.
Saturn, low in south-east.
Jupiter, due south 10:02 p.m.