

Ike Signs Bill for Debt Limit Increase; High Taxes Continued



INSTRUCTORS—Water safety instructors are what these students will be when their two-week class at Hawthorne pool ends Friday. Standing, left, is Mrs. Frances Willett, a pool employee and a student in the class, who supervises as the swimmers work on the back stroke. These students were all certified senior life savers before they began instructor's training. The class was

County Court Still Undecided On Car Purchases

The county court has not reached a decision on the purchase of five cars for the Jackson county sheriff's office, court members said today.

County Judge Earl Miller received an opinion late yesterday afternoon from Deputy District Attorney Gerald Scannell on acceptance of the low bid for the cars. However, County Commissioners Chester Wendt and Ralph James had yet to read the opinion this morning. Miller said he did not know when the court would reach a decision. The opinion must be studied first, he said.

According to the opinion the county court should throw out all bids. The county court did not advertise the bids on the five cars at least a week in advance of the bid opening as required by state law, Scannell stated in his opinion.

Meanwhile, the sheriff's deputies who were to receive the five new cars still have vehicles to use. One deputy is using a rented car, since his is already on a car lot awaiting sale. Four other deputies have made arrangements to sell their cars but are still using them pending receipt of the new cars.

Man Charged With Diamond Ring Thefts

A preliminary hearing in district court was scheduled this afternoon for Robert Charles Wright, of 521 Park st., Medford, charged with embezzlement.

Wright, who was arraigned in district court yesterday, posted \$700 bail and was released. He was arrested by sheriff's deputies Monday night after a citizen's complaint was signed by Alton Anderson, proprietor of Andy's Jewelers, 15 North Central ave., and a warrant was issued by District Court Judge Roy Bashaw.

Anderson charged that Wright stole three diamond rings from his store at a total value of about \$500 on or about January, 1958, while Wright was working for him. Reason for the action at this date is that Anderson only recently learned of the theft, Sheriff Joe Walsh said Anderson told him.

Wheat's Condition Reported as Fair

Frank B. Wheat is reported to be in fair condition at Sacred Heart hospital but is not allowed visitors, according to reports received today.

Wheat was injured June 19 in a three-story fall at the Shakespearean Festival theatre, Ashland.

Johns-Manville Plant North of KF Dedicated

Klamath Falls—(UP)—The new \$12½ million dollar insulating board plant of the Johns-Manville Corp. 19 miles north of Klamath Falls was dedicated Tuesday.

The plant represents a \$2 million increase in Oregon's industrial payroll, and creates a new source of wealth for the state. It is the first plant to utilize lodgepole pine on a major commercial scale.

Teachers Elected to Medford Schools At Board Meeting

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

During the special school board meeting the board also considered school district cards, approved establishment of a revolving fund for high and junior high school shops, and recommended \$5,000 fidelity bond for the clerk's assistant.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to review the year's budget and to make transfers to balance items within the budget as permitted by law.

Over-expenditures were reported in maintenance and repairs, auxiliary agencies and fixed charges.

Reasons given were major changes needed in Roosevelt, Jackson and Lincoln elementary schools made at the request of the fire marshal, transportation and health expenses were higher than anticipated, and rate increases in retirement and social security.

An overall analysis indicated that the district had extended within the estimated expenditures.

The board also approved the adding of one dollar on a voluntary basis to the high school football season ticket for reserve seats to finance the band trips.

Teachers elected were Miss Ruth Adkins, physical education and health, junior high school; Ralph Monroe, elementary; Mrs. June Viles, home economics, junior high school; Mrs. Judith Adams, physical education and health, junior high school; Miss Janeth Elliott, arts and crafts, junior high; Miss Pat Hansen, high school mathematics; Lloyd Lyda, high school automotive trades; Mrs. Bertha Morrill, practical nursing; Mrs. LaVera Wryn, elementary; William Young, speech therapy; and Charles Jones, junior high arithmetic.

Resignations of Mrs. Patricia Fitzsimons, Lincoln fourth grade, and Estella Mortensen, Roosevelt second grade.

Contracts will be awarded to three different agencies for the purchase of five school district vehicles providing they meet specifications. Frank Bash, board chairman, reported.

Low bids received for the vehicles were \$1,879, DeLeigh Motors for two-door station wagon; \$2,114.29, Courtesy Chevrolet, four-door station wagon; \$1,749.10, Courtesy Chevrolet, ½-ton flat bed truck; \$1,311.40 with trade-in, DeLeigh Motors, ¾-ton pickup truck, and \$1,898.03, Crater Lake Motors, panel delivery truck.

Other bidders were International Harvester, Morse Motors and Parsons Motors.

Bash explained that the board approved the adding of one dollar to the football season ticket to finance band trips. He said that it was the policy of the district not to spend tax money for activities such as high school athletics and band trips.

The band participates in pre-game and half time football activities. The one dollar will be paid with the purchase of the season football ticket on a volunteer basis, it was reported.

The next meeting of the board will be July 14 when the board will accept the newly elected member and elect a chairman.

Hatfield Becomes Father of Daughter
Salem—(UP)—Mrs. Mark Hatfield, wife of the governor, gave birth to an eight pound 12 ounce daughter at 12:08 p.m. today. She was named Elizabeth.
Doctors said the birth was normal and that both Mrs. Hatfield and her first baby are "doing nicely."

VA Authorized To Boost Mortgage Interest Rates

Liquor, Cigarette Taxes Unchanged

Washington—(UP)—President Eisenhower late Tuesday signed into law a bill raising the legal ceiling on the national debt to a record peacetime level of \$295 billion.

He also beat a midnight deadline by signing a bill to continue high Korean war tax rates on corporations and such consumer items as liquor, cigarettes, beer and new cars.

The President had requested both measures, and signed them without comment. Earlier in the day he had signed a bill authorizing the Veterans Administration to raise the maximum interest rate on GI housing mortgages from 4½ per cent to a record high of 5½ per cent.

Without the debt ceiling bill, the debt limit would have dropped to \$283 billion at midnight Tuesday—or about \$2 billion below the amount actually owed by the government.

The treasury has predicted that in the government book-keeping year which begins today the debt will reach a high of \$293,500,000,000 next Dec. 15. It sought a limit above that, however, to provide some elbow room in debt management.

The President's signature on the bill prevented an automatic drop in tax rates at midnight Tuesday which would have cost the already hard-pressed treasury about \$3 billion in revenue.

The current high rates were put into effect during the Korean war to help finance the fighting. They have been extended since on a year-to-year basis.

The legislation retains the 52 per cent corporation tax rates, which otherwise would have fallen to 47 per cent at midnight. In addition, the bill provides for a tax of eight cents a pack on cigarettes instead of seven; \$10.50 per proof gallon on distilled spirits instead of \$9; \$9 a barrel on beer instead of \$8; 10 per cent on new passenger cars instead of 7; 8 per cent on auto parts and accessories instead of 5.

It also forestalls reductions in excise taxes on wines.

Dave Epps Rites To Be Thursday
Salem—(UP)—Funeral services for David Epps, 51, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, were set for Thursday in Portland. Epps died Monday night in a Salem hospital.

The Democratic chief, who was elected state chairman to succeed Robert Boyer, Medford, in 1958, entered the hospital Sunday for a recurrence of stomach ulcer trouble.

New chairman will be Mrs. Beulah H. and Milwaukee, state vice chairman, who will serve until a new chairman can be elected.

Forestry Department Completes Fire Crews
Southwest district of the state department of forestry completed its fire suppression crews today with the addition of four men.

Two were assigned to the district headquarters on Table Rock rd., and one each to McLeod and Ashland guard stations.

There are three crews, each consisting of a warden and three other men, at the headquarters.

Putnam's Condition Reported Improved
Salem—(UP)—Condition of Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam was reported "between fair and good" today by attendants at Salem Memorial hospital.

Dr. Putnam suffered a heart attack several weeks ago.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Increasing high cloudiness tonight. Considerable cloudiness Thursday with a risk of scattered showers or thunderstorms over mountains in afternoon. Low tonight 58. High Thursday 85.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 7:53 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 4:38 a.m.
The Moon rises 2:23 a.m. tomorrow and is in Apogee.
New Moon
The constellations, Scorpio and Sagittarius will be prominent in the southern sky in July. Scorpio, whose brightest star is Antares, is on the right and above the brighter stars of Sagittarius shines the planet, Saturn.

Bench Warrant Ordered for Beck's Arrest

New York—(UP)—A federal judge today ordered a bench warrant for the arrest of Dave Beck when the former head of the Teamsters union failed to appear in court to answer charges of taking \$200,000 from two transport executives.

Beck was accused of violating the Taft-Hartley law by accepting the money in 1954 while he was president of the union.

He had received a postponement until today for a pleading to the indictment but did not show up in Judge Gregory F. Noonan's court.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Daniel Shaw asked Noonan for a second call for Beck, hinting he might ask for a bench warrant.

"I think we will issue a bench warrant now," Noonan said. "He is not going to play footsie with us. I think if he doesn't have the sense to come in when notified he should be brought in."

Members to Hear Plans at Meeting

A luncheon meeting tomorrow at noon in the Jackson hotel has been scheduled for the 40 members of the special prospects committee to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce "Keep Pace With Tomorrow" program.

The members have been selected by committee co-chairmen Dwight Houghton and Miller Huggins.

Preliminary plans for their portion of activity in Keep Pace With Tomorrow will be outlined and discussed, according to the chairmen.

Bob Taylor, general chairman of the campaign, said that all activity this week is aimed towards attendance at the seven classified business group meetings which will start Monday, July 6.

Taylor and Chamber President Hugh Coleman have extended 900 invitations to business and civic leaders throughout the area to attend their particular classified meetings.

Campaign officials said today that none of the meetings would last over 60 minutes, and that they are interested in getting comments and counsel of those present at the meetings as a part of the attempt to broaden the work program of the local chamber in order to keep pace with the progress of the area.

Tools Stolen From Car on Myers Court

The theft of an estimated \$600 worth of tools from a parked station wagon was reported to city police yesterday. Joseph C. Whitsett, of 25½ Myers court, Medford, told police that the equipment was taken from his station wagon while it was parked at his residence.

The vehicle was unlocked at the time.

According to police reports, Whitsett said that a tool box worth about \$200 and the equipment it contained, including some pliers, soldering irons, a hand drill, and miscellaneous tools, worth about \$400, were taken.

"Don't Be Silly—We Never Need Money That Much"



City's Proposed Budget Hearing Tomorrow Night

Medford's proposed 1959-60 municipal budget tomorrow night faces a public hearing and final consideration by the city council.

The budget's \$352,846 general fund tax levy lies within the statutory 6 per cent increase limit by \$80. Thus, no election is necessary.

No additions of new items in the budget are expected tomorrow night. Any such addition would require the preparation, publication and subsequent adoption of a new budget.

However, the council may reduce or eliminate items.

The total proposed property tax levy is \$871,394, compared to the 1958-59 figure of \$830,282. City officials do not anticipate any increase in millage rates. The over-all assessed evaluation of property in the city is expected to rise sufficiently to offset the \$41,112 difference in the levies.

At the same time, of course, Medford's growing population intensifies the demand for municipal services.

The total for cash budget expenditures in the coming fiscal year has been set at \$2,527,747, an increase of \$70,896.

For a breakdown of the proposed budget see story on page 10.

Residents Reminded Of High Fire Danger

A small barn on Butte Falls rd. near Crater Lake highway was destroyed by fire yesterday evening, the district office of the state department of forestry reported.

Patrolmen said that the blaze was apparently a re-ignite from a fire earlier in the day. They said they were told children playing with matches started the earlier blaze. It was thought the fire had been put out.

Crewmen also were dispatched to a fire off Cherry lane east of Medford yesterday. They said that the unauthorized burning occurred in a field of disced crop land.

The district office issued a reminder that permits are required for burning operations. They may be obtained by telephoning NORmandy 4-1213. A spokesman for the district headquarters said that people are getting careless with their burning near grass areas although fire danger is great at this hot, dry time of year.

Entire Village Wiped Out by Raging Torrent

All Inhabitants, Animals Perish

Ibague, Colombia—(UP)—A sudden flood struck the mountain village of Junta early Tuesday while its inhabitants slept, and killed every person and animal there.

Only today was the completeness of the disaster becoming known. Authorities said 80 bodies had been recovered and that helicopters were trying to find other traces of the 150 persons.

The full casualty toll may never be known. The flood caused by heavy rains struck at 2:30 a.m. with devastating swiftness and swept entire families and their livestock down the Combeima river.

Almost no trace of Junta remained.

No Life in Area
Although the village is only eight miles from this city of 130,000, the bodies of men, women, children, dogs, cats and cattle lay in eerie silence for nearly 10 hours before the first word of a catastrophe began to trickle in.

A rescue operation began immediately but after a few hours word came back that there was no life in the area.

The villagers had been caught asleep in their thatched-roof huts, easy prey for the roaring torrent.

When the waters began to recede late Tuesday they exposed a desolate valley strewn with corpses and debris.

350 Traffic Deaths Seen Over Holiday

Chicago—(UP)—American motorists may set a grim record for highway slaughter this July 4th week end.

That warning was issued today by the National Safety Council, which forecast that 350 persons would die in auto accidents between 6 p.m. Friday and midnight Sunday.

If the Council's deadly prediction comes true, it would far surpass the previous record for a two-day July 4th week end—a mark of 271 set in 1953.

The all-time fatality record for a two-day holiday was set during the "Black Christmas" week end of 1954, when 392 persons died.

Cold Drink on Hot Day Makes Money For Medford Boys
Two ten-year-old Medford businessmen, Paul Greeny, 36 Myers ct., and Tim Bowman, 29 Summit ave. held their second annual carnival at the Greeny residence yesterday.

Profit for the venture was reported at 36 cents, an increase of 12 cents over the event held July 30 last year.

The carnival is held for the neighborhood children, who pay an admission fee to participate in the games. Greeny reported that they went "all out" in small trinkets as given last year.

Games included darts board, bowling, and several types of ball games.

Greeny commented that the "big smash which brought in all the money was the two glasses of Kool-aid for a penny!"

Ike, Russian Deputy Premier Discuss Peace

Washington—(UP)—Soviet First Deputy Premier Frol R. Kozlov conferred for 70 minutes with President Eisenhower and said afterwards that the "cardinal question" in their talks was world peace.

"We discussed diverse questions during our meeting with President Eisenhower," Kozlov said through an interpreter. "The cardinal question was a question of peace and I hope peace will prevail throughout the world."

Position Made Clear
American officials said they understood that the President made it clear to Kozlov that the United States cannot be stamped or frightened into a summit conference by threats or crises.

Kozlov, regarded by many as the eventual successor to Khrushchev, went to the White House direct from an hour-long meeting with Secretary of State Christian A. Herter on the recessed Geneva foreign ministers meeting.

Just before meeting with Kozlov, Eisenhower told a news conference that it would be as flexible as possible in his cold war talks with Kozlov or any other Soviet official. But the President made it clear that there would be no retreat from the basic western position about the future of Berlin and Western Germany.

Ike Believes Congress Behind Balanced Budget

Washington—(UP)—President Eisenhower said today he believed Congress is swinging behind his goal of a balanced budget.

The chief executive told a sweltering news conference that the action of Congress in raising the permanent debt ceiling to only \$285 billion—about the size of the present debt—was evidence that it expected federal spending to pull into line with receipts during the new fiscal year beginning today.

Implied Warning
The President at the same time issued an implied warning against the congressional efforts to cut his request for \$1,600,000,000 in military aid for foreign countries.

Eisenhower said the Joint Chiefs of Staff had informed him that the administration figure was the barest minimum required for foreign military aid, and that a larger amount would be necessary in fiscal 1961.

Monday night police had reported that they contacted the foreman of the project, Heber Joel Memmott of 331 South Ivy st., and Memmott had stated that his company had a permit to work after 7 p.m.

City Manager Robert A. Duff was called, however, and he denied that the company had been granted such permission.

Last night police reportedly told Memmott that he had been misinformed about the permit. Police said Memmott was "very cooperative" and said he would suspend operations until a permit could be secured.

According to city ordinance 3440, such construction work must halt at 6 p.m. except with special permission from the city council.

Richard Cottle New Ashland Judge

Ashland—(UP)—Richard Cottle, Ashland attorney, Tuesday night was chosen unanimously by the Ashland City Council as municipal judge. Cottle succeeds P. H. Stansbury, who recently moved to Medford.

Medford Boy Wins Top Honors in State VFW Auxiliary Essay Contest
Two Rogue valley boys were among the winners in the state Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary essay contest, it was announced today at the 31st annual convention of the Department of Oregon currently underway in Eugene.

First place winner was Robert E. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Allen, 981 South Stage rd., Medford. He received \$50 and a silver medal. Third place winner was William L. Benson, son of Mr. A. C. Fries Jr., 806 Harmon lane, Ashland. Benson received \$15.

The boys were among high school students from throughout the state who wrote essays on Americanism. Allen was sponsored by Crater Lake

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Benson is a senior at Ashland High school. He is also an Eagle Scout, and was a representative of Crater Lake council for a year in Europe with the International Scout Jamboree. He is class president, chairman of the United Fund drive for the high school, and vice president of National Honor Society. He has also been associated with a variety of youth activities.

Allen's essay will be sent to a national headquarters for judging with other department winners.

Other state winners were Esther Mae Hinshaw, Newberg, second, \$25 and silver medal; and Victor Affolter, Hebo, fourth, \$10.