

## Rogue River Basin Economic Data on Copper Dam Noted

Editor's note: This is the fifth in a series of articles based on the findings of the corps of engineers' survey of the Rogue River basin's development potential. Five dam sites were recommended. The following article discusses economic data concerning the Copper site on the Applegate river.

The corps of engineers, in addition to the preliminary physical data on the five suggested multi-purpose structures in the Rogue basin, have provided tentative information on the economic factors involved in the Copper reservoir on the Applegate.

The corps has suggested another meeting be held soon with the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association to discuss the economic data on the other four structures.

The economic data on Copper reservoir are subject to modification, depending on U. S. forest service evaluation of any increase in the annual cost of harvesting federal timber. But even if there were additional costs in harvesting federal timber, the Copper project would be economically feasible, based on the probability that annual benefits would exceed annual costs.

The estimated construction costs of Copper dam, reservoir and appurtenances would amount to \$15,623,000, excluding interest during construction.

The estimated average annual benefits, by categories, lists flood control at \$26,100; irrigation, creditable to storage, after allowance for benefits to the distribution system, \$339,100; power generation \$161,400; fisheries, \$243,200; and recreation, \$24,000. In this latter category, the national park service has indicated that an increase in the \$24,000 figure might be appropriate.

Next the corps allocated the construction costs to categories served. For example, costs for flood control would amount to \$570,000, non-reimbursable; irrigation, \$7,405,

000, reimbursable, without interest; power, \$2,233,000, reimbursable, with interest; fisheries, \$5,310,000, non-reimbursable, and recreation, \$105,000, non-reimbursable. Irrigation Costs

The average annual cost per acre foot per year for irrigation is estimated by the engineers at about \$14.81 based on full repayment of construction costs and average annual operation and maintenance, in 40 years. This would be after a 10-year development period, during which the only costs would be for operation and maintenance.

From the standpoint of the irrigator, charges levied against him would be based on the ability to pay. The amount to be charged would be determined through an economic survey made by the bureau of reclamation.

The estimated annual cost per acre foot of \$14.81 is made up of \$10.14 for storage plus \$4.67 for the distribution system. The average annual total payment required on this basis would be about \$213,300.

The bureau of reclamation estimates a repayment ability of about \$76,000 annually out of the total estimated average yearly benefit of about \$462,000.

It is not anticipated that any appreciable change in the foregoing allocation data will be necessary as a result of data yet to be obtained.

The next article will concern general information on the entire corps of engineers study and findings on the Rogue basin projects.

## Report Meeting Said Encouraging

The first report meeting of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce "Keep Pace With Tomorrow" program yesterday was "most encouraging," according to General Chairman Bob Taylor.

Workers reported that 37 present chamber members have increased their subscription and 25 new members have been added to the chamber roster.

A total of \$30,560, towards a minimum goal of \$38,000, has been reached thus far. A "community challenge" goal of \$40,000 has also been set.

Taylor said, "Percentage-wise, we are doing an excellent job. It just points up what can be done when everybody will get out and make their calls." He emphasized that much greater progress should be reported at the second progress report meeting, to be held 10 a.m. Thursday at the Jackson hotel.

Winning awards at the meeting yesterday were the real estate and insurance group, for reaching 91 percent of their goal, and the retail and wholesale group for collecting the largest amount of cash.

## Barn, Hay Destroyed By Fire Last Night

A hay barn and 50 tons of hay were destroyed by fire near Jacksonville last night, the Central Point rural fire department said.

Four trucks and 15 men were dispatched to the fire but they were notified too late to save the property, department officials said. The hay and the barn were reported a total loss. Firemen said the loss was not insured.

The barn was located on Old Stage rd. about a mile north of Jacksonville. Mrs. J. F. Dressler reported the fire at 7:30 p.m. yesterday.

One fire truck was kept standing by until 8 a.m. today and the fire was said to be still smoldering at that time.

## Eisenhower Says Herter Has Authority To Agree on Meeting

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower said today that Secretary of State Christian A. Herter has full authority to agree to a Big Four Summit Conference if Russia makes it clear it will respect western rights and obligations in Berlin.

No Break in Deadlock

The President told his news conference, however, that for the moment there doesn't appear to be any break in the deadlock at just resumed Geneva Big Four Foreign Ministers conference.

He said he was sure the Russians would like to reach an agreement at Geneva if it was all in their favor. However, he added, the real question was whether the Russians were ready to make concessions, in exchange for western concessions, that would give everybody confidence that there was some progress being made toward peace.

Eisenhower said he was not adverse to going along with the other allies in negotiating the ultimate fate of Germany and Berlin and all other subjects at any level. But in the

# STEELWORKERS GO ON STRIKE

## Ike Says Use of Taft-Hartley Law Not Warranted

President Sees  
No Emergency

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower said today that the steel strike for the moment had not created emergency conditions warranting use of the Taft-Hartley law, but he urged labor and management to continue negotiating.

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He said, however, that he was in no position today to estimate accurately how long the strike would have to run before it interfered with the defense program.

He suggested the fullest possible use of free bargaining between labor and management before there is any direct federal intervention. Under the Taft-Hartley Law, the President, if he determines that a labor-management dispute has created an emergency threatening the "health or safety" of the nation, can request the Justice Department to seek an injunction stopping a strike for 80 days.

Eisenhower, responding to a variety of news conference questions about the steel strike which began at midnight when a half million workers walked out, made it clear that he did not believe conditions now warranted his use of the Taft-Hartley Law.

He did not believe he should have done more as chief executive in the days before the strike. He said too much government pressure inevitably changed the nature of free bargaining. The President in the pre-strike period confined himself to statements urging both sides to keep on negotiating.

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## Population of Medford Figured To Be 26,300

The population of Medford on July 1 was 26,300, it was estimated by city officials today.

Gilbert Gutjahr, assistant to the city manager, said the estimate was forwarded today to the Oregon census board, which will have to pass on it before certifying it as the city's "official" population. The census estimates are used in making state payments to cities on a per capita basis. One year ago the census figure was just 2,000 less — 24,300 as of July 1, 1958. The city's estimate was a bit higher than this, but the census board cut it down.

In 1950, Medford had a population of 17,305; in 1940 it was 11,281, and in 1930 it was 11,007.

## Composer Bloch Dies in Portland

Portland—(UPI)—World famous composer and conductor Ernest Bloch, 79, died in a hospital here today where he had been under treatment for cancer.

Bloch, whose works ranged from the tone poem "America" to symphonies and the Opera "MacBeth," had been a resident of Agate Beach on the Oregon coast since 1940. He entered a hospital here July 7 and died at 7:50 a.m. today.

Brussels, Belgium—(UPI)—A Belgian Sabena DC6 airliner with 54 passengers was buzzed by Communist MIG-jet fighters and forced to land in Hungary today, it was announced here.

meantime, he said there must be a clear understanding of western rights.

He said he and Herter are in full agreement that they are not going to surrender any rights or make any retreat that would be clear evidence of western weakness.

Suggestions Not Favored

Eisenhower made it clear that he does not favor suggestions, reportedly advanced by the West Germany, that the Berlin issue be shelved without any agreement and a summit conference held on other issues.

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# Big Three Agrees To Pressure Russia

## West German Suggestions Pushed Aside

Too Early To Talk  
About Recessing

Geneva—(UPI)—The United States, Britain and France today shunted aside West German suggestions for an immediate summit conference and agreed to press Russia to put some Berlin guarantees into writing.

The U. S. delegation said it was too early to start talking about recessing a conference that had just resumed even if it has been deadlocked since the start over Soviet demands for equal billing for the East German Communists.

The British regarded the Bonn suggestion as "unrealistic" and the French took an equally sour view. French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville was flying to Paris today to talk it over with President Charles de Gaulle, however.

The Western foreign ministers were ready to pile pressure on Russia's Andrei Gromyko to confirm in writing that the Kremlin has junked its Berlin time bomb and recognize the West's continued rights in the city.

The Western foreign ministers also reaffirmed their stand that there must be such fool-proof guarantees before there can be a summit conference in September.

The foreign ministers were meeting today for the second plenary session since the Berlin crisis talks were resumed Monday. The chief Western aim was some sort of Berlin agreement that would permit them to attend a summit conference with no loss of prestige.

Guarantees Refused

Gromyko threw the Western ministers into a tailspin Monday by refusing to give the fool-proof guarantees the West demands. Then he confused things further by refusing to attend secret Big Four sessions unless the East Germans went along too.

The Gromyko moves dampened hopes of an early agreement. The West had expected to wrap up this meeting in about three weeks with an interim agreement on Berlin.

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## Procedure Change For Admission to Fair Is Announced

Expansion of activities of the county fair, which this year has been named the Kiwanis Centennial Fair, has resulted in a change of procedure for admissions, according to Paul Mitchell, chairman of the admissions committee.

The fair will be held at the Medford Armory and grounds Aug. 20 through 23. The annual 4-H and Future Farmers of America fair will be held at the fairgrounds just north of the Armory for a week starting Aug. 17.

Mitchell said admission will be collected at the entrance to the parking lot rather than at the Armory door. The admission charge will cover parking privileges, admission to carnival rides, outside exhibits and county fair exhibits in the Armory.

Stage Shows Planned

Admission also will admit people to the stage shows to be conducted daily in the Armory.

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The current budget, Medford school officials said, included a proportionate increase base brought about by the consolidation of Medford, Oak Grove and West Side district on April 9, 1956. At the time of the consolidation, they noted, the law was interpreted by county and school officials to allow the inclusion of proportional base from the consolidating districts.

Frank Bash, chairman of the Medford board, said the increased base was then used in preparing the 1957-58 and the 1958-59 school budgets. It also was used in preparing the 1959-60 budget.

However, an attorney general's ruling interpreted the law to allow only the base for the original district before consolidation, resulting in the present illegal budget.

Bash said the revision, which will have to be made because of the recent interpretation, will not change the end result or the amount of taxes which people voted and will be assessed. It only changes the formula by which the final amount is determined. Because of a decrease in the base there will be a larger proportion of the total budget

outside the 6 per cent limitation. While it is a technicality, Schumacher said it is mandatory that his office not accept the budgets of Medford and Eagle Point school districts. Reports indicate that Eagle Point officials are preparing their budget for resubmission to the voters in the district.

The Medford board last night requested a 30-day extension of time in preparing and presenting the budget to the people for approval. "Upon receipt from your office of the actual legal base which we may use, we shall prepare a revised budget, publicize it, and hold the election accordingly," the board said.

Schumacher has requested the state attorney general's office to review the problem. An answer is expected Thursday, July 16, he said.

## Principals for Ashland Schools Are Announced

Ashland—Willard Smith, principal at Briscoe school here for two years, has been named principal of Ashland Junior High school, replacing Ber M. Cox, who resigned to accept a position with the Medford school system.

Replacing Smith at Briscoe school will be Richard Leigh, fifth grade teacher at Lincoln school.

Brooks Carpenter of Moscow, Idaho, has been hired as principal of Lincoln school, the school board announced. Carpenter received his bachelor's degree from Wisconsin Normal School at Menominee, Wis., and his master's from the University of Idaho.

Carpenter has been an elementary principal for 12 of the 18 years he has been in education, and during the past three years has worked with the University of Idaho in connection with training student teachers.

Other principals in the Ashland system include Gaylord Smith, high school; David Hill, Walker school; and Paul Retter, Bellview school.

New teachers, including replacements for those who left the system and nine additional instructors, are: Carroll Maurer, second grade, Walker school; Lois May, second grade, Walker; Janice Gouley, first grade, Walker; Toby Kay Deller, third, Walker; Beatrice Lindsay, sixth, Walker; Allene Inlow, sixth, Walker; Ruth Wood, fourth, Walker; Marilyn Wright, first, Walker; Rachel Kneebone, fourth, Briscoe; Lora Jean Norton, second, Briscoe; Alice Pancher, third, Lincoln.

Merle Atkinson, seventh, junior high; David D'Ollivo, physical education, junior high; Clarence Baker, eighth, junior high; Robert Anderson, music, junior high; Robert Onstad, art, junior high; Joseph Larkin, high school science; Marjorie Tenney, commercial; Robert Day, math, and Hiram Crane, physical education, all at the high school.

Franklin Kenney will be band instructor, and Pierre Robert, physical education supervisor.

## Central Point Considers Pool

Central Point—The Central Point City council has taken into consideration requests from several residents for a public swimming pool in the city.

Lyle Paul, city administrator, said the council discussed three possible sites for a pool. They are city-owned property near the water tower near the Central Point Junior High school gymnasium; the Central Point city park; and the property on West Pine st. near the city ball park.

The latter area is planned for a city park, officials said. The council noted that Central Point business may profit from such a pool, with parents leaving their children at the pool while they are shopping.

The council will request from the League of Oregon Cities information on city pools.

## Company Heads Asked To Submit Dispute To Board

Sixth Walkout  
Since World War II

Pittsburgh—(UPI)—A half-million United Steelworkers went on strike today, cutting the nation's steel production to a comparative trickle.

With negotiations for a new union-industry labor contract tightly hung up on the thorny issues of wages and "management's right to manage," the workers who produce 90 per cent of the country's steel walked out.

Fact-Finding Board Asked

USW President David J. McDonald called on the heads of the 12 major steel companies, whose decision set the pattern for the giant industry, to agree to submit the dispute to a three-man fact-finding board.

Industry sources here saw little chance of acceptance of the proposal and the most costly strike in the nation's history appeared in the making.

The walkout, the sixth by the big union since World War II, started officially at 12:01 a.m. (e.d.t.) when a two-week extension of the previous wage agreement expired. But by the deadline, the mills already were idle and the furnaces banked or emptied.

McDonald left New York City, scene of 10 weeks fruitless negotiations with the industry, Tuesday night to appear before cheering workers at a strike rally of employees of U. S. Steel Corporation's Fairless workers at Morrisville, Pa.

Raising aloft a picket sign proclaiming him the "No. 1 picket," the union president said: "We're absolutely determined on this strike and by the eternal gods we will win."

A crowd estimated by police at 1,200 roared its approval. Pre-strike estimates were that the steel workers would lose \$62 million in wages and the industry \$248 million in production each week the walkout continued.

When the strike began the steel companies were prepared. They had spent the final hours in the slow and costly process of banking blast furnaces, tapping out open hearths and cooling coke ovens.

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## Approval Given for Speed Control Signs

Tentative approval has been received from the Oregon state speed control board for posting speed limits in the Ross lane area, the Jackson county court has reported.

A speed limit of 35 miles per hour has been tentatively set from Matlack's grocery on North Ross lane to McAndrews rd. and 45 miles per hour from McAndrews rd. on North Ross lane to Ross lane proper.

Two residents of the area previously petitioned the county court requesting that speed limits be posted in the area.

## Scientists Claim Boys' Rocket Fuel Too Unstable

Walla Walla—(UPI)—Two Army demolition experts were scheduled to arrive here today to destroy some homemade solid fuel rocket propellant developed by two teenagers for their seven-foot long rocket.

Army officials at Fort Lewis said Chris Warner, 16, and Philip Ekstom, 18, developed the fuel and the rocket and had been invited to go to Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala., for its firing.

Invited to Alabama

Redstone Arsenal invited the boys to bring their rocket to Alabama after Fort Lewis queried the Department of the Army about the possibility of using one of the three major rocketry ranges in this country.

Scientists at the Alabama range said Warner and Ekstom can take their rocket to Redstone as soon as a new, safer fuel is developed. Fort Lewis officers said.

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