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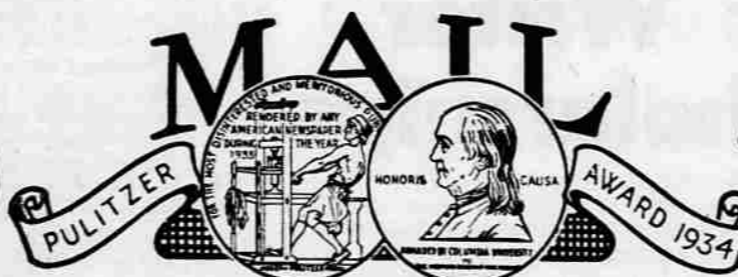
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Higher Gas Tax Almost Certain Within 40 Days

All Signs Indicate Boost by Congress

Washington—UPI—It seemed almost certain this week end that the nation's motorists will be hit with an increase in the federal gasoline tax within the next 40 days.

All signs indicate that Congress, confronted with a choice of two evils, will boost the present 3-cents-a-gallon tax rather than permit a temporary shutdown in the federal highway construction program.

The big question—to which motorists may get some answers this week—is how high will the tax be raised.

Democrats on two powerful House committees are locked in a furious intra-party battle over that issue.

The Democratic-controlled House Public Works committee insist that's too heavy a bite.

Want Hike Cut

As the price of sending the highway-financing legislation to the floor, they want the increase cut back to a half-cent or so a gallon. Tax legislation traditionally is considered in the House under a rule prohibiting amendments.

Speaker Sam Rayburn has urged the rebellious Democrats on the Public Works committee to go along with the recommendations of Ways and Means.

But they insisted that it's up to Ways and Means to back down, if Congress is to act to meet the highway-financing crisis.

"We're not going to have something jammed down our throats," one of the balking Democrats on the Public Works committee insisted Saturday.

Quick Settlement

Rayburn wants the issue settled quickly.

"The speaker is going to have to knock some heads together early next week," observed one neutral lawmaker.

President Eisenhower requested a one and a half cent increase. The proposed one cent would require some cutback in the scheduled allocations of federal highway funds this summer.

Once it passes the House, the legislation would face a determined drive in the Senate to reduce the increase.

Norblad Charges Labor Fought Him

Washington—UPI—Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) Saturday charged that labor contributed more than \$10,000 in an effort to defeat him in the last congressional election.

Norblad made the charge in a letter to James B. Carey, president of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

The Oregon lawmaker was among 229 members of the House who received letters from Carey, threatening political reprisal. All had voted for the Griffin-Landrum reform bill.

Norblad called Carey's letter a "diservice to the union movement and its members."

"The great majority of them (union members) will be ashamed of your effort to intimidate," the congressman wrote to Carey.

Norblad accused labor of trying to defeat him in 1958. "The records show that labor contributed in excess of \$10,000 to my opponent in an effort to defeat me in the last election," he said.

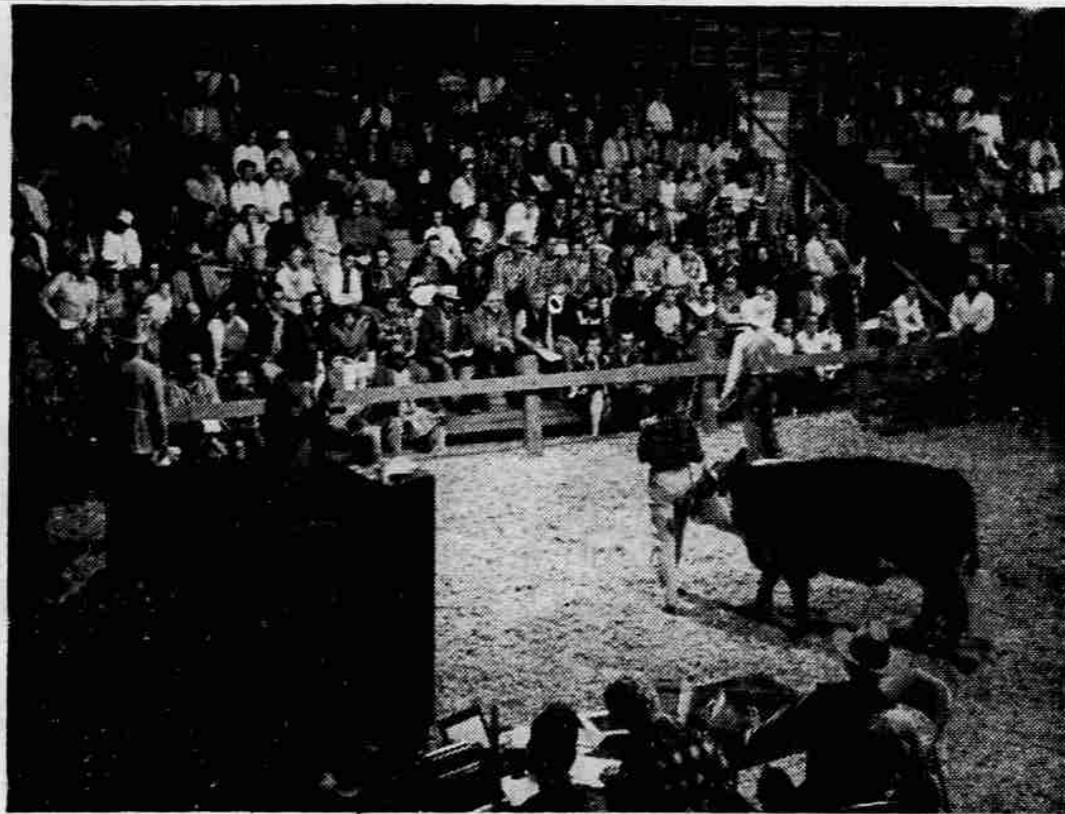
Ashland Child Drowns in Ditch

Ashland—Twenty-month-old Mark Gail Brewer drowned in an open irrigation ditch a quarter of a mile from his home about noon here Friday.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gail S. Brewer Jr., 1400 Ashland Mine rd.

State police and Ashland police and firemen were called to the scene but resuscitation efforts by the fire department failed. The boy was pronounced dead by Dr. Robert Turner at 1:12 p.m.

State police said the boy was discovered in the ditch, just west of the Brewer home, by Karl Axson, 1360 Ashland Mine rd., and Mrs. James Waddell, 1370 Ashland Mine rd.



AUCTION LIVESTOCK — One of the highlights of the livestock auction at the 4-H and FFA fair Friday night was the sale of the grand champion fat steer, which brought its owner, Marilyn Watson, of Central Point Beef club, a price of 75 cents a pound. High bidder was the Groceria, Medford. Miss Watson is shown leading the prime Hereford around the arena, while Auctioneer Bill Bray, of Midway Auction, on podium at left, keeps the bidding lively.

Livestock Sale Climaxes Fair; \$9 a Pound Bid on White Rabbit

A livestock auction Friday night climaxed week-long events at the Jackson county 4-H and FFA fair at the county fair grounds here.

This was the last main event of the fair. Saturday evening farm trailers were being backed up to the various fair barns and former prize exhibits were either carried, or were led into the various conveyances for the home-ward journey.

Dusty and tired 4-H and FFA youngsters munched on their last hamburgers or hot-dogs as they supervised the loading operations.

The fair was all over Saturday night but for the shouting and that will be done when the fair awards, other than ribbons, are presented during the first annual 4-H fair dinner in the National Guard armory near the fair grounds next Friday.

The Jackson County Young Farmers club and the fair board are hosts.

Saturday's events wound up with dairy showmanship, and a tractor-driving contest.

Rabbit High Friday night's livestock auction saw a fluffy, white "Easter-bunny" rabbit take the highest per-pound price bid that night, and perhaps during any of the livestock auction nights. It was \$9 a pound given for the 4 1/2 pound champion market rabbit exhibited by John Bradshaw, member of the 4-H Peter Rabbit Misfits.

Buyer was Phillip Nye, Phoenix, at a total price of \$40. This was the only rabbit on the auction block.

A top price was also bid on a pen of chickens — \$2.50 a pound for a champion market pen of chickens owned by Craig Wright, Medford 4-H club. Top bidder was Faber's Market, Central Point, which paid a total bid price of \$80. These were the only chickens auctioned.

Top price for sheep was received by Terry Gail, Gold Hill 4-H club, with \$1.30 a pound or total price of \$110.50 paid by Tom Thumb market, Camp White area, for his 85-pound grand champion prime grade Southdown sheep. Sheep bid prices per pound generally went several cents higher than even the current retail prices and brought much higher prices than the average.

The youngsters each drove a tractor, one of six donated by local dealers, along a zig-zag route similar to a slalom course. Six barrels were set up in a line, 20 feet apart, and the boys had to weave the tractor through them — with a trailer attached.

Then they did it backwards. They also drove through an obstacle course in which a plow had to be hitched and unhitched from the tractor.

They were checked for both speed and safety in the events, and a written test on tractor safety was also considered in the judging.

Rockefeller's Son Married in Norway

Sogne, Norway—UPI—Steven Rockefeller, an heir to one of the world's greatest fortunes, Saturday married Anne Marie Rasmussen, once his family's kitchen maid, at a country church wedding that ended when he hugged her and whispered "darling" in her ear.

A heavy rain that would have reduced an American bride to tears fell before the 22-minute ceremony in the steeped little Lutheran church, but everybody smiled, because in Norwegian tradition rain on a wedding day means a happy marriage.

And as the nervous bridegroom and his starry-eyed bride stood together before the altar, the sun burst through the clouds and infused the scene in a rosy glow through the windows.

paid in auction yards. Average sale price for sheep Friday night was 42 7/10 cents per pound. This average price is up about 2 cents over the previous year, fair officials said.

Swine High

Swine buyers Friday night also bid high with Midway Meat company paying a top price of \$1.01 a pound for a grand champion choice grade Berkshire weighing in at 215 pounds and owned by Marie Jones, Gold Hill 4-H club member. Total price figured at \$217. East Side Abattoir in Ashland ran a close second, bidding a dollar a pound for a grand champion choice grade 205-pound Hampshire hog owned by Ron Anderson, Eagle Point FFA chapter member.

These top prices followed a sudden spurt of lively bidding as Auctioneer Bill Bray, Central Point, and his men in the ring were spurring on bidders. Bray, professional livestock auctioneer in this area, acknowledged a number of "old reliables" and some new bidders on the scene. Bidders ranged from automobile companies, to doctors, to logging companies, and markets. The various meat companies and groceries of the area carried much of the burden for the bidding.

Average sale price for swine Friday night was 36 cents per pound.

Beef Not as Well

Beef did not do as well as the other divisions in bid prices received. However, the 4-H and FFA youngsters displayed their skill in handling the beef animals in the sawdust ring under the bright show lights as the auctioneer's chant and the barked bid acceptance from his assistants kept the hefty animals edgy.

Marilyn Watson, Central Point 4-H member, received 75 cents a pound, however, from the Groceria for her 1,100 pound grand champion prime grade Hereford. A grand champion, high choice grade Angus owned by Russell Frink, Crater FFA chapter, received a 54 cents a pound bid from the HLT ranch, showing the spread in bid prices between the animals receiving the first bid in each division and the others. Average price for beef was 40 1/2 cents per pound, up 5 cents from last year's average price.

Fair officials were well pleased with the auction prices. All prices were well above the current wholesale market prices. (See Pages 10 and 14)

Gen. Prentice Gets New Duties

Brig. Gen. William H. Prentice, 1432 Crown ave., will become assistant division commander of the 104th (training) unit of the Army Reserve, according to Brig. Gen. Eugene C. Cushing, Vancouver, Wash., commanding general of the unit.

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FAITHFUL PAIR — George McUne, Medford, member of the Oregon Centennial wagon train that recently completed its 2,000-mile trip from Independence, Mo., feeds Fibber (left) and Molly, the team of mules that pulled his wagon the entire distance. McUne said the animals, unlike some of the horses, put on a little weight. Each of the mules went through ten sets of shoes, which wore quickly because of the animals' shuffling. McUne displayed the animals at the Big Y all day Saturday.

Hiking Grandma From Gallipolis Welcomed Here

The Kiwanis county fair's favorite visitor Friday evening was Mrs. Emma Gatewood, the spry cross-country hiker from Gallipolis, Ohio.

Mrs. Gatewood, 71, the charming grandmother who braved hot sun and hoards of shutterbugs to walk 2,200 miles to Oregon to help this state celebrate its Centennial arrived at Medford airport Friday afternoon. She was greeted by Medford Mayor John W. Snider, with whose mother, Mrs. Maude M. Snider, she was a houseguest this week end.

Mrs. Gatewood flew from North Bend, after winding up a tour of the Oregon coast by gleaming two gay ketches from the Coos Bay Pirates. Among her brightest memories of the coast excursion were a trip up the Rogue river from Gold Beach and a chance to steer a Coast Guard boat on the high seas.

Russ Jamison, fair manager, escorted Mrs. Gatewood to the armory stage Friday evening with Pat Rushton, Miss Jackson county.

Tour of Exhibits After introducing "the two best-looking ladies in Jackson county," Jamison took Mrs. Gatewood on a tour of the exhibits on the armory floor. Among those that absorbed her interest were Marcel Lepiniec's botanical exhibit, the exhibition of paintings and Kogap Lumber Industries' display of forest product utilization.

Mrs. Gatewood then took the arm of Medford Police Chief Charles P. Champlin, and, flanked by Jamison, was escorted to the livestock auction at the 4-H, FFA fair next door. Here she was introduced again, and received a warm welcome.

After signing autographs at the auction, she returned to the armory for one more introduction before retiring.

Saturday, Mrs. Gatewood revisited Crater Lake with Mayor Snider, his mother, and other relatives. Otherwise, she took it easy. She reportedly plans to leave Monday for Eureka, Calif.

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Nomads Nab Crown With Musical Talent In Kiwanis Club Fair

The Nomads, a sextet of young Medford singers and musicians, last night won the Kiwanis county fair all-star talent review.

Fair officials reported that the more than 1,500 visitors to the event at the National Guard armory yesterday swelled the attendance total to 2,500 — about on a par with last year's gate.

Today, parachute jumps at 1 and 5 p.m., peanut scrambles,

Many Missing At Yellowstone

West Yellowstone, Mont.—UPI—The official search for victims of Montana's mountain-shattering earthquake was called off Saturday but the agony of waiting in uncertainty continued for the relatives of some 1,500 persons.

The Red Cross said it had a list of 1,500 persons who might have been in the area when the quake hit Monday night.

Most of the missing, the Red Cross said, will probably turn up later when they get in touch with relatives. But until they do, worried relatives could only hope.

The Howard Evans family of Salem, believed to be in the Yellowstone area and reportedly not heard from since the earthquake there on Monday, are the daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Burk, 9 King st., Medford, the Mail Tribune learned yesterday.

The family includes two children. They were unreported since last Sunday when they sent a card from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, saying they would arrive in Yellowstone the following day.

The Medford chapter of the American Red Cross said it had received about six calls from local area residents, requesting information about friends and relatives in the quake area, and that all visitors to the national park from this area have been accounted for.

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Nikita Khrushchev Scheduled to Visit Seven U.S. Cities

Press Conference On Television Slated

Gettysburg, Pa.—UPI—The vacation White Houses announced Saturday that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev will visit at least seven American cities on his historic journey to the United States next month.

He will see Washington, New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Des Moines and Ames, Iowa, and Pittsburgh.

On Khrushchev's travels outside of Washington, he will be accompanied by Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. ambassador to the United Nations who will serve as President Eisenhower's personal representative.

Khrushchev will arrive here on Sept. 15. His visit to this country will end Sept. 27, according to the latest itinerary.

Eisenhower will in turn visit the Soviet Union later in the fall as part of a big two exchange aimed at easing cold war tensions.

Informal Talks Here is the Khrushchev itinerary: After arrival, he will stay in Washington Sept. 15 and 16 where he and the President will hold informal talks. He will be in New York City Sept. 17 and 18; Los Angeles, Sept. 19; San Francisco, Sept. 20 and 21; Des Moines and Ames, Sept. 22 and 23; Pittsburgh, Sept. 24, then return to Washington for further talks with the President until his departure on Sept. 27.

While in Washington, Khrushchev has agreed to speak at the National Press club on Sept. 16 and engage in a free-wheeling question and answer press conference after his speech. The session will be televised.

In New York City, he has been invited to speak before the general assembly of the United Nations.

Joint Planning Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the Khrushchev itinerary was worked out by state department officials in cooperation with the Soviet embassy in Washington.

Asked if Khrushchev would visit U. S. defense installations, to which President Eisenhower said he would be invited, Hagerty said he could not answer that now. Asked about a possible visit to Abilene, Kan., Eisenhower's boyhood home, Hagerty merely noted that it was not on the schedule.

Twelfth Night Has Top Crowd

Ashland—Friday night's overflow audience at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival's production of "Twelfth Night" and "The Maske of the New World" was reported the largest crowd yet to attend a production during the 1959 season. A total of 1,200 persons, including 80 standees, watched the seventh performance of the combined bill, swelling the season's total gate to 22,069. This is a lead of 4,461 over last year at this time, when 17,608 had attended, officials reported.

The popular comedy and its Centennial prologue have played to capacity houses six times. One staging, earlier in the season, opened with a dozen tickets unsold. Festival Founder and Producing Director Angus L. Bowmer directed "Twelfth Night." "Maske"—an original production saluting Oregon's 100th birthday—was directed by Jerry Turner. The duo has taken a strong lead in box office tallies, with "Antony and Cleopatra" second.

Some tickets remain for the August 25 performance of "Twelfth Night" and an excellent choice remains for the Sept. 2 staging, but the Saturday night, Aug. 29, performance has been sold out for two weeks.

Rain has threatened only once so far, but no showings have been cancelled. If good weather continues for the final four rounds, a new attendance is assured.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair and warm through Monday; except possibility of afternoon and evening thunderstorm activity in the mountains to south and east of the valley. High today 90. Low tonight 54. High Monday near 90. Highest Saturday 87. Lowest Saturday 49.

Our Skies Tonight Sunset today 7:02 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 5:27 a.m. Moonrise tonight 8:48 p.m. Mercury is now making one of its brief appearances. Low in the east just before sunrise. This planet is now about 85 million miles from the Earth. Paradoxically in the next few days Mercury moves further away and grows brighter.