

Two Employees of BLM Office Here Get Cash Awards

Cash awards of \$200 and \$150 were presented to Bonita Hammack, clerk, and Dixie Dixon, stenographer, of the Medford district office of the bureau of land management.

Presentations of the awards were made by District Manager Ross A. Youngblood of the Medford office.

The awards were granted to the employees by the Area Incentive Awards committee in recognition of their superior performance during the past rating year.

Incentive awards were instituted for government employees by Public Law 763, 83rd Congress. The purpose of the program is to encourage civilian officers and employees of the federal government to participate in the task of improving the efficiency and economy of government operations.

Miss Hammack has been employed by the bureau and its predecessor, the general land office, since April, 1942, with the exception of time spent as a Navy Yeoman in 1945. She is a graduate of the Medford High school and Medford Business college and she received her service training at the Navy Yeoman Training school of Stillwater, Okla. She received a superior accomplishment award in 1953. Miss Hammack is the district manager's secretary and oversees the general work activity of the district clerical staff.

Miss Dixon has been em-

Sen. Morse Regrets Detering's Inability To Offer Testimony

Portland—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said Tuesday that he had just been informed of a newspaper item circulating in Oregon to the effect that Gerald Detering, president of the Oregon State Farm Bureau, was not given an opportunity to testify before the Senate Select Committee on national water resources during a recent field hearing in Boise, Idaho.

The fact that Detering did not have an opportunity to testify is regrettable, Morse said, adding that the incident as reported in the newspaper item came as a complete surprise to him.

Critical of Senators

According to the press report, Morse said, Detering was critical of both Oregon senators for not bringing the hearing to Oregon, and quoted Sen. Henry Dworshak (D-Idaho) to the effect that both

employed by the bureau since November, 1956, and is a graduate of the Baker High school. She had varied secretarial experience before coming to the BLM as office receptionist. Through merit, Miss Dixon was promoted in July, 1958, and now she has the job of preparing Medford district timber sale contracts.

Along with the cash award, each employee was presented a superior performance certificate in recognition of their unusually fine work performed in fiscal year 1958.

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Morse said Sen. Dworshak assured him he did not say that the Oregon senators turned down an opportunity for a hearing in Oregon. "I am pleased to correct the record to that effect," Morse said.

Upon checking with his Washington office, Morse said he was advised that the select committee on national water resources did not give him or his office personnel notice of its proposed field hearings. Morse said his office also informed him that no request was made of his office by Detering, or any other individual or group in Oregon, for the scheduling of Oregon field hearings by the select committee.

Would Have Arranged It

Morse pointed out that had Detering notified the senator or his office of the problem, Morse would have arranged through Sen. Robert Kerr, chairman of the select committee, to have the Oregon resident's testimony presented and considered by the committee.

"This is in accordance with the policy of assuring full and fair hearings that I have always followed in the United States Senate," Morse said.

The Oregon Democrat said he has assurance of the select committee that if the complaining witness wishes to submit his statement in writing, it will receive careful and thorough consideration by the committee.

Public Hearing On Dunes Bill at Florence Oct. 30

Washington — The public hearing at Florence, Ore., on a bill (H. R. 6260) by Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) to establish the Oregon Dunes National Seashore has been moved up to Friday, Oct. 30, 1:30 p.m. and continuing on Oct. 31, according to a statement for Rep. Grace Pfost (D-Idaho), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Public Lands. The hearing will be held in the Florence Junior High school auditorium.

Attending the hearing, in addition to Reps. Pfost and Porter, will be Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore.) and Rep. J. Edgar Chenoweth (R. - Colo.), members of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Persons or organizations desiring to present testimony at the hearing should contact the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Room 1324, New House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C., Rep. Pfost stated. A copy of the bill (H. R. 6260) may be obtained from the Committee on request.

Follows Senate Hearing

The House hearing follows Senate hearings held Oct. 5 at Reedsport, Ore., and Oct. 7 at Eugene, Ore., on a companion measure, S. 1526, introduced by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.).

The Oregon Dunes and Sea Lion Caves areas, along the Oregon coast, have been recommended for addition to the national park system by the Interior Department's Ad-

State Reclamation Congress Holding Sessions at K. F.

Klamath Falls — (UPI) — About 70 persons are attending the Oregon Reclamation Congress which is observing its 50th anniversary with a two-day meeting here.

Members heard two panel discussions, pertinent to irrigation problems, the value of water, weed control and new developments in equipment, and operation and marketing.

An important paper was presented by Lewis Stanley, Oregon state engineer, on the subject of states rights legislation.

Important Development

"During the past year there has been an important development affecting this water right matter," Stanley said. "There has been formed the interstate conference on water problems representing all of

the states. The conference has been informed of our western problem over water rights and the states east of the 98th meridian feel that they have an important stake in this issue."

Stanley said "indications are that these states will support our position because many of them have problems with the federal government very similar to ours."

He said some had adopted water codes and others proposed to do so.

He indicated that the general feeling is that there should be congressional legislation to clarify the rights of states on the water question. "Those of us who have done so much shouting about requiring federal agencies to comply with state laws governing water rights must realize that there is a limit and there should be no such unqualified requirement," he said.

Shouldn't Have Veto
"For example, the state of Oregon does not need to have and should not have the right to veto a federal project on the Columbia river or Snake river where such streams form our state boundaries," he said.

Neither should Oregon have the right to veto a federal project on the Deschutes or should Idaho veto a federal project on the Clearwater," he added.

He said he drew a distinction between projects authorized by Congress and construction by federal agencies and projects constructed under license by the Federal Power Commission.



ON FBI LIST — The Federal Bureau of Investigation has announced that Joseph Lloyd Thomas, 48, above, an alleged bank robber, has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." He is charged with participation in the \$34,000 robbery of a Shreveport, La., bank on Feb. 13, 1958. He is five feet, eight inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, has graying dark brown hair, a dark complexion and blue eyes. Reports say that Thomas is usually armed with a revolver and 50 extra rounds of ammunition. (UPI Telephoto)

NIX RE-ZONE REQUEST

Tampa, Fla. — (UPI) — The City council refused Tuesday to rezone a fashionable residential area for a nine-story apartment building proposed by wealthy society matron Mrs. Ada Belle Lykes. The council acted after neighbors of the proposed apartment house said they didn't want anyone looking down on them.

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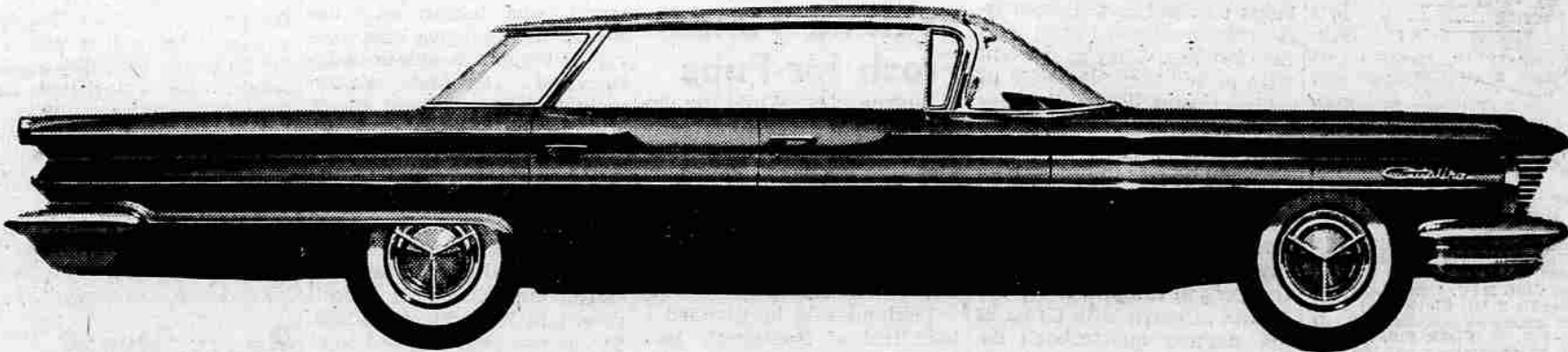
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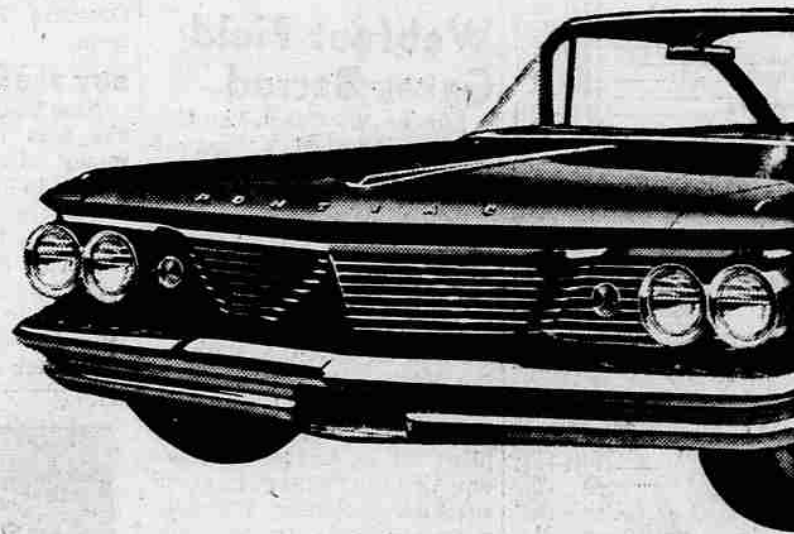
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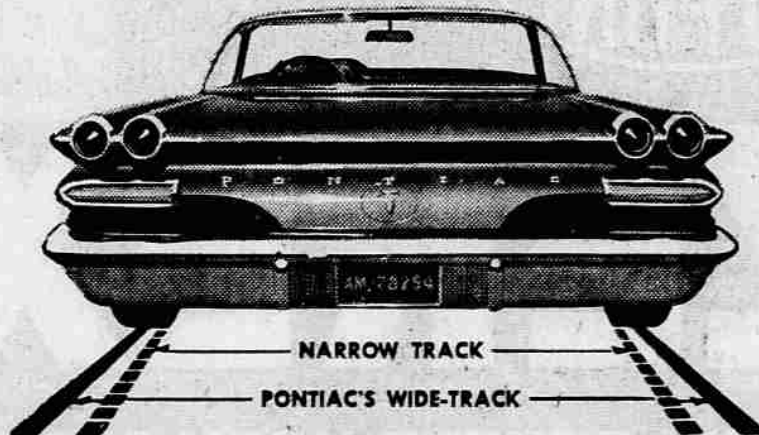
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