



TAXPAYERS LINE UP - Jackson county taxpayers lined up at the cashier's window in the tax office of the Jackson county sheriff's office yesterday. Deadline for payment of taxes in person is 5 p.m. Friday in the courthouse. However, taxpayers may send in their tax payments by mail and still receive a saving if their letters are postmarked before midnight Sunday, the deadline set by state law. In spite of Veterans Day legal holiday today and courthouse closure as usual during the week end the deadline will not be extended, Sheriff Joe Walsh said.



FRANK C. HIGH
Honor Medal Winner

Vets Day Parade Led by Medal of Honor Holder

An 84-year-old Army Medal of Honor winner from Ashland led the Veterans day parade today through Medford. Riding in a special car at the head of the military units and veterans was Frank C. High, who fought in the Philippine Insurrection, which started in February, 1899. He was a private in Company G, Second Oregon Infantry, and fought in two decisive actions. He was presented the medal for one of these, "For most distinguished gallantry in action." His framed certificate was signed by Dwight L. Davis, then secretary of war, on Nov. 14, 1927.

"Near San Isidro, Philippine Islands, on May 16, 1899, Private High with 21 other scouts, charged across a burning bridge under heavy fire and completely routed 600 of the enemy who were entrenched in a strongly fortified position," reads the citation.

Attempts to Enlist

High smiled as he recounted how he rode a bicycle from Siskiyou county, then walked the rest of the way to Ashland when it broke down. He tried to enlist in Ashland but Army officials told him to wait a month.

During the action for which he was presented the Medal of Honor, he was a member of a small band of scouts which routed 2,000 of the enemy. His "partner" was a James Harrington, Civil War Marine veteran, who also fought as a cavalryman in various Indian wars, including the Modoc Indian wars.

High has one son who fought through World War II in the South Pacific and is now an Army officer in Europe. High hasn't heard from him in 10 years, he said.

The veteran of Philippines action lived in Ashland as a boy, moved to Siskiyou county, then returned later after his overseas experiences. He owned a 2,900-acre farm on the Klamath-Siskiyou county line until the depression forced him to sell it. Then, on doctor's orders he lived on the Oregon coast for a while where he founded a number of Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. He returned in Ashland in 1932.

"You know I should have stayed in the Army. I have always had a horror of dying in bed," the old veteran said.

Revised Plans for Pool Are Approved

The revised plans for the proposed Jackson park swimming pool were approved Tuesday evening by the city parks and recreation commission.

The plans, as submitted by the consulting engineers, Stevens and Thompson, Portland, would bring the overall cost of the swimming pools and adjoining buildings closer to the available \$90,000, Robert Haworth, city parks and recreation director, said.

Objection to the locomotive, recently moved to the Jackson park site, was voiced at the meeting by three residents of the McAndrews rd. area.

The general complaint to the engine was that it stood directly across the street from several homes, thus blocking the view.

Among the some 14 changes made in the pool plans were the deletion of benches in the dressing rooms and the roof over the dressing areas. The excavation for the mechanical room of the pool was changed from 13 to 6 feet, and the element in the filter will be changed from stainless steel to plastic.

Contractors will have a choice between either form poured concrete or cement poured under pressure in the pool construction, Haworth said. He added that no time limit according to calendar dates would be placed on the project.

The other changes he explained were minor. He stressed that all necessary sanitary and safety factors were retained in the plans.

Items left out of the revised plans that are needed for pool operation will have to be purchased by other means, Haworth said.

He stressed that there were no changes in the sizes of the swimming pools. The diving tank will be 30 by 40 feet and the swimming tank will be 42 by 75 feet.

The commission recommended the plans to the city council for action subject to minor changes or corrections deemed necessary by the city.

Portland Papers Have Joint Edition

Portland, Ore. —(UPI)—Portland's two daily newspapers, the Oregonian and the Oregon Journal, planned two editions of their joint enterprise today in answer to a stereotypical union strike against both papers.

The first edition of the Oregonian Oregon Journal was published at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, some 12 hours after stereotypes walked off their jobs at both papers and forced the Journal to suspend afternoon editions. The Oregonian, a morning paper, had delivered its main home edition before the strike was called at 5 a.m.

Circulation of the first edition was confined to Portland proper. A management spokesman said the circulation area would be widened gradually as the new paper approaches full production.

Porter Challenged To Debate Red China Issue

Tokyo —(UPI)—Rep. Charles Porter of Oregon said today that U.S. Ambassador to Japan Douglas MacArthur II has challenged him to a public debate on the issue of diplomatic recognition of Red China which Porter favors.

The Oregon Democrat said MacArthur suggested the debate after the two men disagreed on the issue during an embassy lunch. He said MacArthur suggested they debate

Cranberry Situation At a Glance

Washington —(UPI)—The Food and Drug Administration conducted rush tests today to find out what part of the 1959 cranberry crop is safe for housewives to serve for Thanksgiving dinner.

The tests also will show whether any other crops contain traces of a cancer-producing chemical weed killer.

Washington —(UPI)—The Navy today ordered its commands throughout the world to halt serving cranberries suspected of being contaminated with a possible cancer-producing agent. The Army and Air Force were expected to follow suit.

Salem —(UPI)—State chemists were still working today to determine if possible what is wrong with Oregon and Washington cranberries.

Agriculture Department officials worked despite the fact they had found nothing so far that indicated the 1959 Northwest crop contained any cancer-causing agents.

Hearing Friday For Thompson

Donald Martin Thompson, 36, of Klamath Falls, was arraigned in Jackson county district court here late yesterday on charges of armed robbery.

Judge E. Roy Bashaw scheduled a preliminary hearing for Thompson, who is accused of robbing the new Safeway store of \$2,700 Sept. 6, at 11 a.m. Friday.

Thompson is being held in Jackson county jail in lieu of \$15,000 bail.

He was arrested Sunday evening at his Klamath Falls home on a warrant from San Pablo, Calif., in connection with a similar robbery there. San Pablo authorities have placed a "hold" on Thompson here, district court officials said.

District Attorney Thomas Reeder said witnesses of the local Safeway robbery have identified Thompson as the man who robbed the store. Thompson has been questioned by authorities from San Pablo, Calif., and Klamath Falls.

Thompson was represented by Klamath Falls Lawyer Richard Beesley, former Klamath county district attorney.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness tonight. Variable high cloudiness. A little cooler Thursday. Low tonight 28-30. High Thursday near 55.

Highest Yesterday — 53
Lowest This Morning — 27

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today — 4:54 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow — 6:58 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow — 4:15 a.m.
Full Moon — Nov. 15

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Chemist Feels Cancer Scare 'Blown Too Big'

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Washington Correspondent

Washington — An official of the chemical firm which produces the weed killer mistakenly used by some cranberry growers said Tuesday he feels the cancer danger has been "blown out of proportion."

Dr. Joseph R. Leal, technical representative, American Cyanamid Co., called on Northwest congressional offices Tuesday with the company's side of the story and the firm's declaration.

"I'm certainly going to enjoy my cranberry sauce at Thanksgiving," he said.

Dr. Leal, in an interview, confirmed what the Food and Drug Administration had announced Monday — that his company conducted tests for two years on the toxicity of aminotriazole by feeding it to animals, and then turned over the results to FDA. But he said members of his company thought the FDA interpretation of the results was "not completely justified."

He said the company fed rats and dogs every day for two years an amount of the chemical in the ratio of 10 pounds per million pounds of food. This, he noted, was about 100 times the amount of aminotriazole residue found on any contaminated cranberries to date.

The results after two years were that "some of the rats had developed tumors on their thyroid glands, but not all of them," and "there was no effect on the dogs at all." The dogs used in the tests are sacrificed, he said, in order for chemists to make a complete pathology of all their vital organs.

An FDA spokesman confirmed that the results showed no effects on dogs, but he contended this was not mentioned in Monday's announcement because FDA thought the tests would have to run about seven years, or the natural lifetime of the dogs, to be conclusive. Dr. Leal disputed this, saying effects should show up more quickly in a dog than a rat because of the larger quantity of food consumed.

Does a human react more like a rat or a dog?

Closer Approximation

Dr. Leal contended that "it is generally agreed that a dog represents a closer approximation to the human than does a rat." But the FDA said as far as it is concerned, once a chemical is shown to be a cancer-inducing agent on any animal, no further tests are necessary to brand it as a carcinogen which is not safe to be consumed in foods of any quantity.

Dr. Leal didn't quarrel with the government's public disclosure of this fact, because he said "a public agency can't take the chance." But he said the manufacturer is "in the clear because our labeling is alright."

He said the formula for the weed killer is an old one, sometimes used by doctors in treating overactive thyroid cases.

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As a weed killer, it was developed about five years ago, then tested for three years before hitting the market. He said it is "very good against weeds in swampy, wet areas," which is why cranberry growers turned to it to combat weeds which other chemicals failed to control.

Aminotriazole has also been approved recently by the department of agriculture for use in apple and pear orchards, "on condition that there is no residue allowed to get on edible parts of the crop." It is used chiefly to control vines such as poison ivy and honeysuckle, which climb trees.

"When used as registered and approved by the department of agriculture and Food and Drug Administration, there is no problem," Dr. Leal asserted.

Meanwhile, the mayor of Bandon, Ore., C. E. Waldrop, sent a wire to the Washington office of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), urging an investigation of the situation because "hundreds of growers stand to lose their entire crop due to publicity." He said growers had cooperated with FDA "in entire harvest and handling of berries."

Neuberger's office also disclosed that it had asked FDA some weeks ago to look into a complaint from Dr. Rollin M. Falk of Mapleton, who had sent a shipment of berries into California only to run into trouble with the FDA. FDA declined to say whether or not Dr. Falk was the shipper of the contaminated berries which the justice department plans to seize in California within a few days.

Markets Take Cranberries Off Shelves in Area

Dr. C. I. Drummond, Jackson county public health officer, said yesterday afternoon he has not received any instructions regarding a possible quarantine of cranberries on grocers' shelves here.

"Until I do, I'm just going to sit tight," the public health officer said.

Meanwhile, all but one supermarket in Medford has removed all cranberries from shelves.

"Our cranberries are still on the shelf," a spokesman for the Food Basket said. "We will wait until we get an order from the public health department or some other authority to remove them. Then, we will cooperate fully. This sounds to me like a situation similar to one involving milk cartons not long ago. They thought they caused cancer, too, then they decided they didn't."

Removed from Shelves

All three Safeway stores here removed cranberries from their shelves Monday morning on direct order from the head office of the supermarket chain.

All three Big-Y markets have removed cranberries from their shelves, store spokesmen said.

Cranberries are also being held by the Groceteria. They were to be removed from the shelves either last night or early this morning.

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Unemployment Hits 3,270,000 Figure

Mitchell Keeps Promise To 'Eat' Hat in Public

Figure Blamed On Steel Strike

Washington —(UPI)—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell announced today that unemployment rose to 3,270,000 in October and he promptly ate his "hat" in public.

Mitchell, standing in front of the labor department, nibbled on a sliver of mocha

State Employment At All Time High

Salem —(UPI)—Employment reached 678,000 in Oregon last month, an all time high, the State Employment Department said today.

The previous record was set in October of 1956 and was 10,000 lower than the current figure.

cake made in the shape of a fedora. He promised last April to eat his hat if the number of people out of work exceeded the three million mark in October.

Blamed on Strike

He blamed the higher than predicted unemployment figure on the steel strike rather than weakness in the economy.

"If there had been no steel strike," Mitchell said, "unemployment would be well below three million and employment would have risen high above the 67 million mark."

To underscore the impact of the walkout, he cut a slice of "hat" for the chief negotiators in the strike—R. Conrad Cooper of Management and steelworkers president David J. McDonald.

Employment Up

Mitchell reported that total employment rose to 66,800,000, a new October high. He had predicted at an AFL-CIO unemployment rally in April that it would surpass 67 million last month.

The Labor Department said the steel strike had prompted more than 300,000 layoffs when the jobless survey was taken by the census bureau in mid-October. It said this figure had climbed to nearly 500,000 by last Wednesday.



MITCHELL EATS 'HAT' — Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell nibbles on a piece of cake made in the form of a fedora hat, to keep pledge he made last April to eat his hat if unemployment reached three million in October. Figures show that he was wrong in his estimate. —(UPI Telephoto)

Education-Business Day Set on Nov. 14

The Medford school district will present portions of its program to business and industrial representatives of this area at the second Education-Business Day Thursday, Nov. 14.

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of Medford schools, outlined the program for school board members last night.

On Education-Business Day, business leaders in the community will participate in a program following up a Business-Education Day Sept. 10 when 356 teachers and school administrators visited local business and industrial firms.

School officials hope that from 85 to 100 local businessmen will participate in next Thursday's program, which starts at 8 a.m. with registration in the Hedrick Junior High school cafeteria.

Between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. the speech room at Hedrick Dr. Mayfield and members of the administrative staff will review several aspects of the overall school program.

At 9:30 a.m. participants will go by school bus to each of the 16 other schools in the system, and will be met by the principal and student body president. They will view various portions of the program at the schools.

Dr. Mayfield noted that at

the two junior high schools and at Medford High school, participants will have a choice of at least two areas to visit so the businessmen may obtain a more thorough contact with specific areas rather than a general view of the program.

Visitors at the schools will be guests of the teaching staffs for lunch in the cafeterias.

The program has been planned by school officials in conjunction with the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's business - education committee, of which Howard Boyd is chairman.

Democrat Named To Aeronautics Board

Washington —(UPI)—President Eisenhower today appointed Democrat Alan S. Boyd, a Florida utilities commissioner, to the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Boyd, a Miami lawyer and chairman of the state Railroad and Public Utilities commission, will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Louis J. Hector. Hector's term ran to Dec. 31, 1962.

Boyd, 37, will serve on a recess appointment until his nomination is acted upon in the Senate.

Meeting Set to Plan For More Land in Irrigation District

A meeting on including more land in the Medford Irrigation district will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium.

The meeting is being called by Mrs. Hanley Heffernan, chairman of the Rogue soil conservation district, and will include MID directors and officials and persons planning to include land in the irrigation district not now being irrigated.

"We have to find where the interest lies so we will know if we have to enlarge certain portions of our irrigation system," Jack Hoffbuhr, irrigation district manager, said. "The district is now accept-

ing petitions from those wanting irrigation water from the district," he added.

Will Have More Water

Medford Irrigation district will have an estimated 9,000 acre feet more water available through the Talent project in 1961, Hoffbuhr said.

Users petitioning for inclusion of their lands within the district must pay the district cost and expense for including their lands, according to a recent resolution approved by the MID board of directors.

Charge per acre for irrigable lands is \$80, according to the resolution. The charge must be paid in consecutive annual installments of not less

Defense Minister Held in Sympathy With Communists

Nehru To Demand Price for Meeting

New Delhi —(UPI)—More than 1,000 students today demonstrated in front of the home of Defense Minister V. K. Krishna Menon, accused him of Communist sympathies in the current border dispute with Red China, and demanded that he resign.

"Shame, Menon! Resign, Menon!" the students shouted. Menon, who serves in the double capacity of defense minister and as a delegate to the United Nations, was not at home.

Changed Plans

He was due in New Delhi today but changed his plans. The students, reflecting growing popular indignation over the "creeping aggression" of Red China, sent Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru a statement in which they accused Menon of being in sympathy with the Communist Chinese. They said he should resign "in the interests of the country."

Patriotism Questioned

"Menon has of late been behaving in such a way as to forfeit the confidence of the people in his bona fide patriotism and his capacity to inspire the armed forces," the students' statement said.

The students urged Nehru not to let his longtime friendship with Menon get in the way of his duty to remove Menon from the cabinet.

An authoritative source said today Nehru will demand that the Chinese get out of border areas they occupy as his price for consenting to talk with Premier Chou En-Lai about the dispute.

Shooting Incident Occurs Early Today

Medford city police and Jackson county sheriff's deputies are investigating an incident which occurred early this morning when a Phoenix resident shot at his wife while at the home of relatives in Medford.

A warrant, charging assault with a deadly weapon, is expected to be issued by district court against Robert Carr Mix, 43, of 215 C st., Phoenix, it was reported today.

According to police, a family dispute had occurred in Phoenix at the Mix residence. Mrs. Aletha Maxine Mix came to Medford to the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mix, 2542 Walden place, and reported that her husband assaulted her. She locked herself in the bathroom of the Dan Mix residence when her husband arrived. She told police that Robert C. Mix then took a revolver and shot through the door into the floor. It was reported that he later attempted to pry open the door with a rifle, breaking its stock. His parents took his revolver from him, police said.

Alexa Mix escaped from the house and notified city police. Her husband was reported to have left the area in a pickup truck.

Police recovered ammunition, a .38 caliber revolver and a 30-30 rifle at the house. It is believed that Robert Mix still has a 22 caliber rifle in his possession, police said.

Portland —(UPI)—Portland International Airport was fogged in this morning for about nine hours.

