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CONSTRUCT CULVERT—The second of a four by eight foot concrete culvert, that will eventually extend from the Southern Pacific tracks to Kings highway along Stewart ave., is now under construction by county crews. The first section, 430 feet long, was built last year. The one under construction will reach 700 feet to the Holly st. intersection, and two more sections will be built in succeeding years, according to County Engineer Robert Carstensen. The culvert will replace the large ditch that serves as a drainage canal for the Kings highway area, and will make it possible to widen Stewart ave. The county owns the south half of Stewart ave. in this section and the city of Medford the north half. County Bridge Superintendent Wesley Hartman, left above, checks on the construction progress.

Ike Said Not Telling Public About Defense

Washington—UPI—Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) today renewed his charge that President Eisenhower's administration is telling Congress one thing and the public another about America's missile strength.

Symington, secretary of air under former President Truman and a 1960 presidential contender in his own right, said the people are "entitled not to be misled by false statements."

No Reference To Remark
In a Senate speech in advance of the President's scheduled TV-radio speech Sunday night, defending his defense policies, Symington made no reference to the President's statement Wednesday denouncing as "despicable" any suggestion that he had deliberately misled the American people.

But he said: "The American people are paying the bill. Their freedom is at stake. Therefore, they are entitled to have a summary of the facts. Above all, they are entitled not to be misled by false statements."

No Secrets Released
As for Republican charges that Democratic critics of the defense program have "leaked" secret information, Symington said he knew of no member of the Congress "who has released, or has threatened to release, classified information."

Stayton, Ore.—UPI—Preliminary work has begun on a \$500,000 food storage unit of Stayton Canning Company.

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield will attend the luncheon next Monday in Portland of the Highway Lifesavers annual meeting.

America Said Heading For Era of Danger

Editor's note — This is the last of five dispatches on the state of the nation's defenses. Charles Corddry, United Press International military affairs writer regularly assigned to the Pentagon, and John A. Goldsmith, UPI staff correspondent who specializes in military affairs in the Senate, evaluate the great defense debate in the following dispatch.

By CHARLES CORDDRY and JOHN A. GOLDSMITH
Washington—UPI—America is militarily supreme today but is heading into an era of great danger as the rapid rise of Soviet power continues.

That is a capsule conclusion emerging from the torrent of claims and counter-claims in the election-year defense debate now rampant in Congress.

Most of the debate has been characterized by exaggerations, confusion instead of clarification, and both political and military maneuvering for advantage. Sweeping assertions have been used to make complex matters of judgment seem like black and white issues.

The debate nevertheless is driving home the central fact that a period of peril could lie just ahead in the arms race. Some reshuffling and possibly expansion of the Eisenhower administration's new defense budget seems likely in order to stiffen measures for offsetting Russia's missile superiority in the next three years.

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DDT Average Person Gets Not Considered Enough for Hazard

The amount of DDT the average person gets in a day is not believed to be large enough to prove hazardous, according to Dr. William F. Durham, chief of the Wenatchee field station, U.S. public health service.

Dr. Durham based his statement on experiments conducted by the health service during the last several years.

He was one of several speakers Thursday evening at a public meeting on the health hazards in the use of pesticides in agriculture.

More than 50 persons attended the meeting in the county courthouse.

Education Programs
Richard E. Hatchard, chief of the air pollution control section, Oregon state board of health, stated that air pollution, as a result of the use of pesticides, generally could be remedied through education programs.

Hatchard, who recently conducted a survey of the air pollution problem in Jackson county, said his department was working on the local report and hoped "to have it completed within two months."

He commented that the staff was currently working 40 per cent below quota.

Another speaker was Dr. J. D. Patterson, chief chemist for the Oregon department of agriculture. He reviewed the state's food supplies. He stressed that the department was primarily concerned with milk and dairy products, mentioning the problem of forage for dairy cattle, as any residue on the hay will show up in the milk.

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Tires Burn Off Freight Truck

Central Point — Two tires burned off the trailer of a Converse freight truck on Highway 99 on Blackwell hill last night, according to state police and Central Point rural firemen.

Firemen, who were summoned by police at 11:10 p.m., said one tire apparently blew out and that friction caused the blaze. A cross-member of the truck frame also was damaged.

Police said Gordon W. Walker, San Francisco, the driver, was notified of the fire by a motorist.

The truck driver, drivers from two other trucks and a state police officer investigating the incident used fire extinguishers to help put out the fire, police said.

Salem—UPI—The Oregon Water Resources Board has scheduled its next meeting for March 5 in the State Capitol building.

Taxation Plan On Oregon Timber Recommended

Exemption Period Included in Plan

Eugene—UPI—The Legislative Interim Tax Committee meeting here today heard the Oregon Tax Commission recommend a major revision dealing with ad valorem taxation of timber.

The plan calls for a partial severance tax to offset a reduction in total property taxes paid by timber and timberlands to about half the current level.

The plan includes complete exemption from property tax of young reproduction forest crops during the early years of growth. The commission said the average exemption period could be expected to extend for 30 or 35 years but even longer in areas where the growth is slow.

Timberlands, under the proposal, would remain subject to property tax at the current level, an average of about \$12.50 per acre.

Includes Other Items
Other items covered by the plan include:

—Immature growing timber of about 35 to 80 years would be subject to valuation at about one-eighth of current valuation level.

—Old growth and second growth timber of merchantable size would be subject to tax at a valuation of 20 per cent of current retail value. Reduction in property tax on the old growth class would be about one-third.

The Commission recommended that the difference in tax between the present property tax and the reduced property tax proposed would be collected by a severance tax applied to all timber cut in the state, including timber from public lands.

In Salem, Gov. Mark Hatfield praised the plan. He said it accomplished the "two principles of encouraging conservation and providing equity."

Club Launches Plan For New Building

Members of Medford Business and Professional Women's club have launched plans for construction of a women's memorial club building in Medford. Under present plans, other women's organizations of the city and valley will be invited to participate in the project.

The group voted earlier this season to explore the idea, and committees were named by Mrs. Nell Faulkner, president. At a meeting last night at Girls Community club, an outline of the proposal, drafted by the special projects committee, was read and approved.

A letter to women's organizations concerning the idea will be mailed soon, according to Mrs. Inez Friel, chairman of the committee. Other members of the committee are the Mesdames Florence Lance, Beulah Nathan, Ethel Tenant, Margaret Preston and Jean Mast, and Miss Laura York.

Speaker for last night's meeting was Jennings Pierce, who spoke of the area's economic development and encouraged the group to undertake the building project.

"But This I Will Tell You—The Fellow Who Lived Here Eight Years Ago Is To Blame."



QUEEN HAS SON



QUEEN ELIZABETH Nation Overjoyed

Funds for Family Counseling Plan Sought in County

The Southern Oregon Child Guidance clinic will include approximately \$8,000 for a family counseling service in its budget request for the new year, Dr. C. I. Drummond, Jackson county public health officer, said today.

The request has been made by a group of interested citizens. The Jackson County Health board is administrator of the clinic.

The approximately \$8,000 includes the salary of a family counselor and clerical assistant. The federal government, through the state health department, would reimburse the county for half the total needed, Dr. Drummond said.

Remainder of Budget
The county pays \$2,000 a year and provides quarters for the clinic operation, the remainder of the total budget allowance comes from fees charged patients who can afford them and from federal funds allocated through the state health department.

Present staff members include a social worker, secretary, a part-time psychiatrist and part-time psychologist.

"Some citizens have felt for some time that a family counselor would help materially to straighten out some of the cases the clinic handles," Dr. Drummond commented. "Many of the troubles these children have stem from family troubles."

The movement for a family counseling service is being sought by school officials, Jackson County Medical Society, and the Medford Ministerial association, the public health officer said.

\$1,500 Approved for Rogue River Sewer Plan

A \$1,500 grant for preliminary planning of a sanitary sewer system in Rogue River has been approved by the community facilities administration, housing and home finance agency.

The approval was announced by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger and Rep. Charles O. Porter.

Announcement Brings Joy To Entire Nation

Eisenhower May Be One of Godfathers

London—UPI—Queen Elizabeth gave birth today to a son, the first princeling to be born to a reigning British monarch in more than a century. Both mother and son were doing well.

The infant prince, as yet unnamed, was born at 7:30 a.m. (p.s.t.)

Posting of the official announcement on the palace gates sent up an explosion of cheering from the hundreds of watchful Britons outside. It brought joy to an entire nation and its partners in the British Commonwealth.

Signed by Doctors
The announcement declared:

"The Queen was safely delivered of a son at 7:30 p.m. today. Her Majesty and the infant prince are doing well."

The announcement was signed by the Queen's four doctors, who had been together in Buckingham Palace since early today.

The baby, second in line to the throne from the moment of birth, was born in the Belgian Suite on the ground floor of the 690-room palace. The suite had been converted into a delivery room for the occasion.

Princess Now Third
Word was flashed around the world to Commonwealth nations and to the heads of state of other lands.

The newborn son will not be named for several days or a week. There has been some speculation that President Eisenhower might be one of the child's godfathers.

Prince Charles, 11, is the heir. Princess Anne, 9, now drops behind her new brother to third in line. Princess Margaret, the Queen's sister and the baby's aunt, becomes fourth.

The official announcement of the birth was made 30 minutes after the delivery. It climaxed nearly 30 hours of tension that grew to almost impossible proportions.

Council Approves Town Affiliation

The Medford city council last night approved a recommendation of the town affiliation committee that Alba, Italy, be selected as Medford's sister city.

Mayor John Snider will correspond with the Alba city government and ask that they join with Medford in a program recommended by President Eisenhower in 1956 to establish a person to person relationship between U.S. and foreign cities.

All that is now needed is Alba's approval and the informal union will become effective.

Medford would be the second Oregon city to participate in the program and the smallest city in the U.S. to do so.

Portland established a sister city relationship with Sapporo, Japan, last year.

Discover Satellite Launching Failure

Vandenberg AFB, Calif.—UPI—The Discoverer X satellite was deliberately destroyed today seconds after launching because it veered from its course. It was the first time in the Discoverer series that a launching attempt had failed.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday with patchy valley fog Saturday morning. Low tonight 28. High Saturday 55.
Temp. Highest Yesterday 45
Lowest This Morning 36
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, trace.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 5:47 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:03 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow 1:38 a.m.
Last quarter today 3:48 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS
(Their approximate distances from the Earth tonight)
Venus 126 million miles
Mars 206 million miles
Jupiter 523 million miles
Saturn one billion miles

Reprieve Born Of Indecision, World Protests

Governor To Call Special Session

San Quentin, Calif.—UPI—Caryl Chessman, 38, escaped death by 10 hours today with a reprieve born of world protests, indecision over capital punishment, and concern over President Eisenhower's Latin-American tour next week.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown ordered a 60-day stay of execution shortly after midnight and said he would call a special session of the Legislature next month to give the people of California an opportunity "to express themselves once more on capital punishment."

Thus, the life of the condemned robber, rapist and kidnaper was spared for the eighth time in 11½ years. He had been scheduled to die in the San Quentin Prison gas chamber at 10 a.m. today.

Telegram Expresses Fear
Brown was influenced by the issue of capital punishment and a State Department telegram expressing fear of "anticipated hostile demonstrations" during Eisenhower's tour of South America which starts Monday.

This was a startling twist in the story of a sex pervert who studied law in prison, became a best seller author and drew worldwide attention to his fight to escape death.

In Washington, White House and State Department spokesmen said the reprieve did not result from any recommendation on their part. James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said it was "automatic" for the State Department to send a message reporting that the government of Uruguay feared hostile demonstrations during Eisenhower's visit there.

Not Interfering
A State Department spokesman emphasized that the department had "no intention of interfering in any way" with California's jurisdiction and that the message concerning Uruguay was "normal procedure."

Notified of the reprieve by San Quentin Warden Fred Dickson, Chessman said: "You wouldn't kid me, would you, warden?"

When Dickson assured him it was true, Chessman said: "Thank you. This is a great surprise. I really didn't expect it."

Morse Officially Entered in Oregon Primary Election

Salem—UPI—The name of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) was entered officially today as a presidential candidate on the Oregon primary ballot.

Petitions to assure entry of Morse's name on the May 20 ballot were filed by E. G. Neal, retired Salem logger who heads the Morse-for-President drive in Oregon.

Entered in Others
More than 7,000 signatures representing all of Oregon's 36 counties were filed. Only 1,000 were required.

Morse also has declared himself a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in primaries in Maryland and the District of Columbia. He also has hinted he may enter the Wisconsin primary.

Neal said circulation of the petitions was his own doing and that when he began the campaign, Morse attempted to discourage him.

If the petitions had not been filed, it is doubtful if Morse's name would have appeared in this state primary. A new law permits the Oregon secretary of state to select names of candidates on the basis of their general advocacy in national news media.

Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., a Republican, said the law here is meant to exclude all favorite son candidates. Appling has full power to choose those names he believes are nationally advocated.

Muster Day Set By Guard Sunday

National Guard Muster Day will be held throughout Oregon Sunday, Feb. 21, and Mayor John W. Snider has asked citizens of Medford to visit the local unit.

The event, he said, is designed to focus attention on the local National Guard unit and the role it plays in the community.

Muster Day has been planned to give the general public an opportunity to see the National Guard's facilities and watch actual demonstrations of the unit's equipment, Mayor Snider explained.

He pointed out that the Guard deserves the citizen's support because it serves both as a valuable part of our country's defense and as a relief force in times of natural disasters.

By supporting the National Guard Sunday, it will give those citizens who are not actively engaged in the defense of the nation a chance to support those who are, he pointed out.

Special FBI-Sponsored Conference on Auto Theft Draws 70 Police Officers

Approximately 70 southern Oregon police officers attended a special FBI-sponsored conference on auto theft yesterday in the Medford city hall.

Joseph E. Thornton, special agent in charge of the Portland office of the FBI, was in charge of the meeting. He said it was not the purpose of the conference to solve specific problems or give specific answers, but to make each police agency aware of what a large problem auto theft has become.

The discussion centered around a panel consisting of Jackson County Sheriff Joe Walsh, Medford Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin, Oregon State Police Lt. Earl Tichenor, Klamath Falls Chief of Police Charles Howard, Fred Douglas, Portland agent of the National Automobile Theft bureau, Verne Hill, director of the Oregon department of motor vehicles, and special FBI Agents Max E. Taylor and Howard B. Patterson of Portland, in addition to Thornton.

Special Techniques
According to Patterson, there was much discussion concerning special techniques to be used in apprehending car thieves and preventive measures that can be taken to prevent the thefts in the first place.

Another topic of discussion concerned the needed cooperation among law enforcement agencies in apprehending car thieves.

Patterson said auto theft is one of the most frequently violated laws in the country and if the present rate of thefts continue, it is estimated that 9,000,000 cars will be stolen within the next generation.

Hill was on hand to discuss the special aspects of car licensing in relation to stolen cars and how the department assists police agencies in catching thieves by disseminating license plate information on a 24-hour basis.

Fourth Conference
The conference here which lasted for 5½ hours was the fourth of five that have been held throughout the state. Other conferences have already been held in Ontario, Pendleton, Coos Bay and the fifth will be held in Portland next week.

Among other police departments represented at conference were Gold Hill, Butte Falls, Central Point, Grants Pass and Corvallis.

One of the most important things to come out of the conference, Patterson said, is that the car theft problem is common to all law enforcement agencies, whether large or small, and can best be solved through cooperative efforts.