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School Board Sets Elections, Hearing

Medford District Hearing April 8; Election, May 2

Public hearing and election dates for the proposed Medford school district budget, which totals \$4,646,817.43 in expenditures and reserves, were set by the Medford school board last night.

A public hearing on the budget, which was approved by the district budget committee last month, will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, April 8, in the school administration building.

An election to approve expenditures totaling \$2,008,997.10 outside the 6 per cent limitation is scheduled Monday, May 2, at seven polling places in the district.

The estimated total of \$4,646,817.43 includes \$3,914,846.99 for general fund expenditures; \$494,909.47 for bond interest and redemption fund, and \$237,060.97 for the school lunch fund.

Estimated receipts and available cash balances total \$1,799,776.57, leaving \$2,847,040.86 necessary to balance the budget.

To the latter figure is added \$140,949.29, the estimated amount of taxes which will not be collected during next fiscal year, including estimated rebate on taxes. This makes \$2,987,990.15 as the total estimated tax levies for the year.

Of the total estimated tax levies, \$468,460.16 is not subject to the 6 per cent limitation and another \$510,532.89 is the amount inside the 6 per cent limitation.

Outside Limitation

This leaves an estimated \$2,008,997.10 outside the 6 per cent limitation.

The proposed budget is an increase of about \$486,776 more than the present year's budget, and about \$85,339 less than was originally considered for next school year by the budget committee.

The increase covers a rise in operational and maintenance costs, and an increase in salaries for school district personnel, both certificated and non-certificated.

The proposed budget also reflects an increase in school enrollment which next year will require an additional 13 or so classrooms throughout the district.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 30. High Thursday 50. Temp. Highest yesterday 54. Lowest this morning 39. Prec. to 10 a.m. today .27

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:11 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:32 a.m. Moonset tomorrow 4:37 a.m. Full Moon (and Total Eclipse of the Moon) Saturday night. The Big Dipper is now found in the northeast after sunset, high in the northern sky at midnight, and in the northwest in the morning twilight.

Irrigation Water Supply Said 'Fair'

The water supply outlook for the 1960 irrigation season, April through September, in the Rogue-Umpqua watersheds has improved since Feb. 1, but the supply is still only "fair," according to W. T. Frost, Portland.

Frost is snow and survey supervisor for the U. S. department of agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, Oregon agricultural experiment station and the Oregon state engineer.

Bond Issue Election Scheduled March 29

The Medford school board last night called an election for March 29 on a \$750,000 bond issue to finance a two-year building program.

The construction program will provide what district administrators consider the minimum needs during the next two years.

Planned are a total of 29 classrooms, some of which will be made available through renovation work; completion of boys physical education facilities at Medford High school, administration facilities at West Side school, completion of the stage at Ruch school, renovation of the Jacksonville school multi-purpose room, and an addition to the cafeteria-kitchen at McLoughlin Junior High school.

The two-year program is based on a review of projected enrollments in the district, and only those classrooms and facilities actually needed will be constructed for the year the need arises, board members pointed out.

Estimated minimum needs for 1960-61 school year, as outlined for the board and the district's budget committee, include 13 classrooms, excluding four classrooms at Medford High school which will become available on completion of the boys physical education plant.

Planned next school year are three classrooms, desks, furniture and equipment at Hoover school, \$37,500; three classrooms, desks, furniture and equipment, heating plant, and septic tank and drain field at Oak Grove school, \$47,650; and two classrooms, desks, furniture and equipment and heating plant at West Side school, \$37,600.

Two classrooms with desks, furniture and equipment, and an equipped locker room and covered walk-way are planned at Hedrick Junior High school, \$38,600. Renovation of the old district shop at McLoughlin Junior High school will provide three classrooms, for which a heating plant will be needed along with furniture and equipment, \$38,600.

Work at Medford High school for next school year includes completion of the boys physical education facilities, four classrooms, furniture and equipment, renovation of existing girls and boys gymnasiums, home nursing room for counseling, and 300 seats for speech and audio visual room, \$172,500.

Board members and administrators pointed out that costs are only estimates and are subject to change.

Alternates for the minimum needs for the 1960-61 school year the McLoughlin Junior High school cafeteria-kitchen addition, \$7,000; renovation of the Jacksonville multi-purpose room and repairing the

older building, \$9,000; a stage at Ruch and acoustic ceiling for the gymnasium, \$38,600; an administration unit at West Side, \$16,000; and another classroom at Hoover school, \$14,500.

Work at Ruch includes not only construction of the stage, but also dressing rooms with unfinished, roughed in cafeteria, a small classroom and storage room.

The cafeteria area will not be finished until future need arises, school officials said, but board members expressed the belief that foundation work should be done when the stage is built to economize in construction of the cafeteria when needed.

West Side Unit

The administrative unit at West Side, which will be needed within two years, includes an office, teachers' work room, health room, principal's office and faculty room.

Whether the alternates for minimum needs will be constructed for next school year or the 1961-62 year was not determined by the board last night.

Estimated minimum needs for school year 1961-62, based on projected enrollments, include two classrooms at Hoover school, two at Jefferson, one at Griffin Creek, one at West Side, two at Wilson and three at Hedrick Junior High school.

Cost estimates on the two-year program total about \$642,000, but Board Chairman W. A. (Bill) Barker stressed the importance of allowing for inflation and enough to handle underestimates.

He noted that the boys physical education facilities at Medford High school are included in this bond issue because inflation eliminated it from original plans of including it in a previous bond issue program although it was planned at that time.

Ike Reports on Latin America Trip

Washington - (UPI) - President Eisenhower told the nation Tuesday night that U.S. relations with Latin America are at an "all-time high" but conceded there are some "serious misunderstandings."

In a 15-minute radio-TV report on his 10-day trip to Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay, Eisenhower declared that "no other area of the world is of more vital significance to our future" than Latin America.

He said "an even firmer partnership" with the nations south of the border must be the U.S. goal.

'Obstacles' Force Mine Rescuers Into Retreat

Masks Inadequate To Cope With Gas

Logan, W. Va. - (UPI) - A rescue team battled its way today to a spot 1,500 feet from where 18 miners have been trapped since Tuesday morning, but encountered "obstacles" and was forced to retreat.

West Virginia Mines Chief Crawford L. Wilson declined to elaborate on the "obstacles."

Masks Inadequate

Another setback came when heavy-duty gas masks brought to the mine from the National Guard unit here at the request of rescuers proved inadequate. They were not the type to protect against deadly carbon monoxide gas confronting rescue workers up from other coal companies in the vicinity.

It was announced that a fire in the mine had been put out but the fire rekindled and those spearheading the rescue were ordered to fall back.

Rescuers battled through the night to extinguish the blaze and free the men, imprisoned deep inside a mine pit by a fire and slate fall since Tuesday morning. But mine officials were doubtful the entombed men would be found alive.

Weisbrod Resigns From Commission

The resignation of John Weisbrod, Medford realtor, from the Jackson county planning commission was accepted this morning by the county court.

"I appreciate the honor of being asked to serve the court on this commission, but I feel further service would be of no value," Weisbrod said in his letter of resignation. "In respectfully submitting my resignation to the county court I regret having been unable to do a better job for the people of Jackson county. After serving on the planning commission for over a year I have a feeling of absolute futility and frustration."

Pointing to actions which he thinks should have been completed by the planning commission, Weisbrod listed a zoning and land use ordinance "imperative to bring proper and orderly development to protect real estate values and ensure a healthy growth pattern"; a building and trades code joined with a permit system, a sewer and sanitary master plan and east-west cross valley arterials.

Fire Conference Set For Area April 19

A cooperative fire conference will be held on April 19 at the Southwest district headquarters of the state department of forestry on Table Rock rd.

The conference is aimed at closer cooperation between public agencies and private industry when fires occur and representatives of logging and sawmill industries will attend.

Officials of the U.S. forest service, the state department of forestry and Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association held a conference planning session last week.

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CANDIDATE - State Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukee Democrat, announced Tuesday night that he will be a candidate for Oregon Secretary of State. Sweetland told a meeting of Young Democrats in Portland his decision to file for the nomination "is rooted in my long-held interest in Oregon government."

School District Accepts Interest Rate Bid on Bonds

Central Point - Low interest rate bid of 4.2078 per cent by Foster and Marshall and the Rogue Valley State bank on bonds for District 6C's \$295,000 building program was selected Monday night by the district's school board.

Other bids opened, according to District 6C Superintendent Charles A. Meyer, were 4.2609 per cent by the Central Point branch of the First National bank of Oregon and 4.362 by Blythe and Company and the U. S. National bank.

The board met at Crater High school again Tuesday night, Meyer said, to discuss plans prepared by architects Payne and Struble of Salem. Wayne Struble is the firm's representative in Medford.

The district will call for construction bids soon, Meyer added, but no date has been set.

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Nixon, Kennedy Poll Record Votes In New Hampshire

Republicans Appear To Be Losing Grip

Manchester, N.H. - (UPI) - Both Sen. John F. Kennedy and Vice President Richard M. Nixon polled record votes in New Hampshire's bellwether presidential primary but the Republicans appeared today to be losing their grip on the Granite State.

Nixon easily topped President Eisenhower's 1956 vote. Kennedy doubled the 1956 total piled up by Sen. Estes Kefauver and loosened the GOP's traditional 2-1 hold on the electorate.

No Direct Contest

On the basis of virtually complete returns Kennedy polled two votes for every three Nixon ballots in the preference polls. There was no direct contest, the party primaries being separate, but the comparative vote was significant.

With 289 out of 300 precincts counted, Kennedy had 42,387 votes to Kefauver's 1956 total of 21,701. Chicago pen manufacturer, Paul C. Fisher had 6,683 and 361 write-in votes were tallied for Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.).

Rockefeller Write-ins

Complete returns on the Republican side gave Nixon 65,077 votes to 56,464 for President Eisenhower in 1956. Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York had 2,890 write-in votes and Democrat Paul C. Fisher of Chicago piled up an impressive 2,087 in the GOP preference poll.

Livestock Official To Leave District

Guy Hughes, Medford, livestock theft and brand inspection officer here since 1945, will be transferred to the Baker county district as livestock theft control officer Monday.

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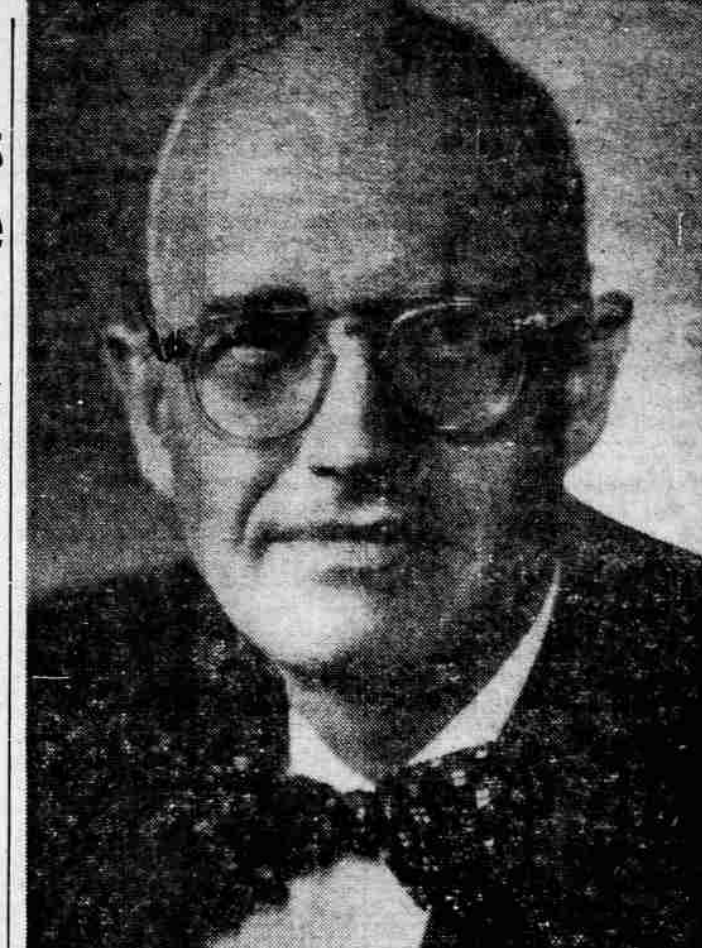
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SEN. RICHARD L. NEUBERGER

Memorial Services To Be Sunday

Neuberger's Death Clouds Political Picture in Oregon

Salem - (UPI) - Turmoil mingled with sorrow over the death of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) clouded the state's political picture today.

Death came only a week after Neuberger filed for election to a third term, and only two days before the filing deadline - this Friday, at 5 p.m.

Neuberger was considered a shoe-in candidate for the nomination in the May 20 primary and the Republicans expressed difficulty in convincing a major candidate to oppose him.

The late senator's term expires next January and a major question is who Gov. Mark Hatfield will appoint to fill the vacancy. If Hatfield does not make the appointment until after the filing deadline, the person appointed will not be on the primary ballot for election to the post.

1953 Law Cited

Hatfield is required by a 1953 state law, sponsored in the state legislature by Neuberger, to appoint a person of the same political party, or in this case a Democrat, to fill the vacancy.

But questions of whether the law is constitutional have been raised in the past and the law has not faced a Supreme Court test. Some political circles speculated Hatfield might name a Republican, thus setting it up for a test.

Hatfield told newsmen today he definitely will appoint a successor and left the door open as to whether it might be a Republican. He said he could "not go into details of the appointment party-wise or personality-wise at this time."

He did not indicate when the appointment will be made. Asked if Hatfield himself might file for the office, he declined to comment.

Green Mentioned

One person considered a possibility to file for the Senate seat is Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) who at one time was mentioned as a possible opponent to Neuberger at the election.

If so, Mrs. Green's House seat would be up for grabs. She filed for reelection Monday. Mrs. Green today declined comment on the possibility.

Herter Sees Cuba Break as Possible

Washington - (UPI) - Secretary of State Christian A. Herter said today the United States eventually might have to consider breaking relations with Cuba, but that he hopes things would never come to that stage.

Herter told a news conference that no consideration is being given at this time to such drastic action despite Premier Fidel Castro's apparent determination to keep trouble stirred up between the two countries.

Herter charged again that Castro has tried to turn grief over the deaths of those killed in the Havana explosion of a munition ship into animosity against the United States.

Bulletin

Albany, Ore. - (UPI) - Elmo Smith, former governor of Oregon, indicated today he would file for the Republican nomination for U.S. senator in the May primary election.

Washington - (UPI) - The Senate agreed formally today to vote at 2 p.m. (e.s.t.) tomorrow on a move to limit debate in the civil rights fight.

Private Services Sunday Precede Memorial Rites

Flags at Half Mast On State Buildings

By WILLARD D. EBERHART
Portland - (UPI) - Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, 47, who won a battle with cancer, died today after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage.

Neuberger only a week ago filed as a candidate to succeed himself and no major opposition was in sight. He was elected in 1954 as the first Democratic senator from Oregon in 40 years.

The governor's office in Salem said memorial services were scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at the Temple Beth Israel here to be preceded by private services. It was not immediately known if a state funeral also would be held.

Contest Wide Open

Neuberger's death came as a shock and left the contest for his Senate seat wide open. No Democrat had filed against him for the May 20 primary and Republicans had not been able to select a serious contender.

Neuberger, also a nationally-known author, recently was plagued with a series of illnesses, the most recent of which were several virus attacks and a bout with the shingles. He flew home from Washington, D.C. more than a month ago to rest.

He was fatally stricken at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Lapsed into Coma

The junior senator from Oregon lapsed into a coma shortly after his arrival at Good Samaritan hospital and died at 1:30 a.m. without regaining consciousness. His wife and political teammate, Maurine, had remained at his bedside until 11 p.m.

Gov. Mark Hatfield announced that flags would be flown at half staff on all state buildings today.

"Senator Neuberger gave his life in public service," Hatfield said. "He gained a national reputation as a writer. He added to his stature as a state legislator and as a member of the United States Senate. With his wife, Maurine, Oregon was represented by a most able team in Washington."

"History will recognize him as one of the most articulate spokesmen to have served our state and nation. We mourn his passing and extend to his family every sympathy."

Neuberger's death came only two days before the 5 p.m. Friday deadline for filing for positions on Oregon's primary ballot. His Senate term expires next January and Gov. Hatfield, a Republican, is required by a 1953 law to name a person of Neuberger's political party to fill the vacancy. The law was sponsored by Neuberger while he was a state senator.

Law May Be Tested

The law, however, has not faced a State Supreme Court test, and some political circles speculated a Hatfield might name a Republican, setting the law up for such a test.

Formerly a controversial, highly partisan figure, Neuberger mellowed as he gained maturity in the Senate and newspaper editors and others who had fought him bitterly in 1954, had begun to praise him.

His 1958 cancer operation completed the mellowing process. In a dispatch written for United Press International last year, Neuberger said:

"Antagonisms Fade Away"

"A brush with cancer tends to place many things in true perspective. . . old antagonisms fade away. I no longer can transform political disagreements into any feelings of personal malice. When one is grateful to be alive, it is difficult to dislike a fellow human being."

But he still fought for the things he believed in. They included a vastly increased medical research with massive government support, public power, and his beloved Oregon. A successful magazine writer ever since his student days at the University of Oregon, Neuberger turned out scores of pieces last year which spread widely the story of Oregon's centennial year.

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