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Josephine School Board Adopts Austerity Plan

Decision Follows Defeat of Budget In County Vote

Lower Operating Budget Scheduled

Grants Pass—UPI—The Josephine county unit school board Tuesday night adopted an austerity plan for the 1960-61 school year following the defeat by voters of a proposal to exceed the 6 per cent limitation by \$750,865.

The action calls for a lower operating budget than for the current school year. The county unit normally operates 14 elementary schools and Illinois Valley high school at Cave Junction.

Transportation Cut

The budget eliminates transportation costs amounting to \$121,660 in the county unit and an additional \$40,000 for transporting students to Grants Pass city schools. City schools are in a separate district.

The budget would eliminate \$333,500 for tuition for students who attend city schools. Also eliminated would be \$61,185 in a proposed capital outlay and \$35,100 in previously approved salary increases.

The action cuts \$668,320 out of a \$1,626,035 budget for the county unit. The district will operate on its tax base plus the statutory 6 per cent increase permitted by law without voter approval.

Would Close School

Other savings will be made by not hiring three teachers with combined salaries of \$15,500 for O'Brien school, which has been considered for reopening, and closing the one-room school at Sunny Valley where the teacher's salary is \$4,500.

Several hundred students outside the city attend local schools, particularly the high school. Currently the district is to pay an estimated \$475 annual tuition for each student on a cost basis. This would be eliminated next year. Under the austerity plan tuition and transportation would be the responsibility of parents.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit 2 6 0
New York 4 8 0
Lary, Morgan (7) and Wilson; Short and Berro, Howard (4). Home run: Howard, New York.

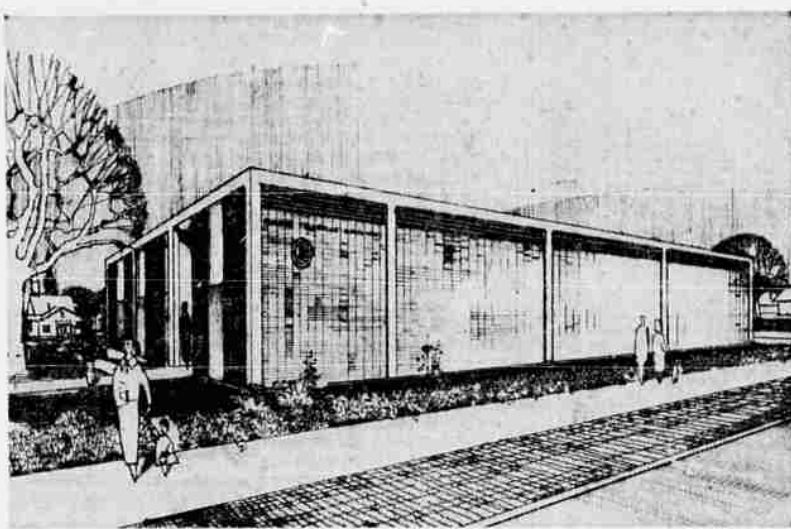
Kansas City 5 11 1
Boston 3 10 1
Hall, Kutyna (8) and Chitt; Brewer, Worthington (8), Chittum (8), Fornieles (8) and H. Sullivan.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Pittsburgh 1 5 0
Chicago 5 8 0
Friend, Face (8) and Smith; Ellsworth and Rice. Home runs: Thomas, Chicago.

Morse Concedes Victory in D.C.

Washington—UPI—Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (Minn.) was conceded victory today in the District of Columbia Democratic presidential primary by Sen. Wayne Morse (Ore.), his only active opponent.

Morse wired congratulations to Humphrey early today. Adlai Stevenson made a strong showing in the balloting although he had urged supporters not to vote for him.



NEW OFFICE—An architect's sketch shows the exterior appearance of the new Pacific Telephone-Northwest central office to be constructed in Ashland. The building will

Reorganization Committee Votes No Further Action

The Jackson county school reorganization committee last night decided to take no further action on school district reorganization pending possible new legislation.

Committee members referred to a possible referendum action from a Willamette valley committee opposed to present school district reorganization plans. If its proposal is successful, the reorganization law would be referred to a vote of the people.

The Phoenix and Talent districts are the only districts joined in Jackson county under the reorganization plan. Several schools consolidated with Medford last year, but the consolidation has not been approved by the reorganization committee or the state pending disposition of the Applegate district.

Applegate District
County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold said Applegate district may be joined with Medford, or the Josephine county unit.

The Phoenix-Talent district this week elected a seven-member board, the first district in the county to elect a board under the reorganization plan.

Earlier this year, the Jackson county reorganization committee requested an extension of time to Oct. 20, 1960, to further consider disposition of other districts. The board held hearings on joining Applegate with Ashland, and Evans Valley with Rogue River. Voters in Evans Valley have rejected the reorganization plan twice.

The board also considered the possibility of joining Butte Falls with Eagle Point, with disposition of the Prospect district a question. District 6C would remain a single administrative district.

Portland-UPB—The Industrial Forestry Association has elected C. W. Richen, northwest timber operations manager for Crown Zellerbach, as its president.

No presidential candidate was listed on the Republican ticket. But all candidates for the GOP national convention were pledged to Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

No write-ins were allowed. The slate pledged to Humphrey polled 51,775 votes. The Stevenson slate collected 41,997 votes, and the Morse slate 30,817.

Telephone Company Calls for Bids on New Ashland Office

An invitation to bid on its proposed new Ashland central office has been issued by Pacific Telephone-Northwest, according to Medford Manager J. H. Creager.

It is the first step in the company's three-quarters of a million dollars program to expand and improve Ashland telephone service.

The plans and specifications call for a 59-foot by 60-foot building of reinforced concrete, concrete block and brick. There will also be a 12-foot by 39-foot wing. Location is the northeast corner of the East Main and Sixth sts.

Construction to Start
Construction work on the building is scheduled to start about the end of May and be completed in October, Creager said.

Installation of dial switching equipment is scheduled to start in November of this year. The new equipment, Creager explained, is designed "No. 5 Crossbar", and is the most modern currently in use in the Bell system.

Bids on the new building will be opened May 19 in the office of Robert W. Grigg, chief engineer for Pacific Telephone-Northwest in Oregon.

Planholders include H. Barnhart, Medford; Pinniger and Watkins, Klamath Falls; Besonette Construction company, Medford; Ausland Construction company, Grants Pass; Wiley company, Ashland; W. S. Hickey, Inc., Portland; Thompson and d. Georgeson, Portland; and Cummings Construction company, Grants Pass.

\$3,200 Collected In Cancer Drive
A total of \$3,200 was collected by volunteers in house-to-house calls on C-Day, the first night of the crusade of the Jackson County unit of the American Cancer society.

Totals for the rest of the county will not be known until tomorrow, drive officials said, and final figures may not be known for several weeks, after mailed contributions are received.

Heavy rain delayed completion of last night's drive in some areas, but workers are expected to finish the house-to-house canvass tonight.

Residents who are missed in the crusade may obtain information about cancer by calling at the American Cancer society office, 401 Leverette building, Spring 3-5856, and may mail contributions in care of the Medford postmaster.

This year's Medford total for the first night was \$100 less than that for the same time in last year's drive.

Portland-UPB—Charles McWhorter, legislative assistant to Vice President Richard Nixon, will be keynote speaker at the week end pre-primary convention of the Young Republican State Federation here.

Nixon Outpolls Kennedy in Key Indiana Vote

Morse Defeated By Sen. Humphrey

By United Press International
Vice President Richard M. Nixon outpolls Sen. John F. Kennedy in Indiana's "popularity contest" presidential primary by about 50,000 votes, a final tabulation showed today.

However, Democrats noted that Kennedy and two minor competing candidates drew a heavier combined vote than the Republicans in the key Midwestern state.

Reverse of Prediction
The popularity victory for Nixon was the reverse of what had been predicted both by the vice president and the Massachusetts Democrat, who were running virtually unopposed on their respective tickets.

Nixon, who had not campaigned in the state, wound up with 401,125 votes to Kennedy's 351,297. Kennedy lost more than 80,000 votes to the two minor candidates running against him. The total Democratic vote was 431,000 against 421,000 for Nixon and a Negro attorney who ran on the GOP ticket.

Nixon rolled up 50,000 more votes than President Eisenhower did in 1956, while Kennedy fell short of the Eisenhower total by only a few votes.

There was primary action in four other states with the following results:

Ohio: Nixon and Kennedy delegate states were elected as anticipated.

District of Columbia: Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) outpolls Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) in their party's primary and won 15 of 16 delegates for the convention.

Nixon is assured the GOP delegates from the nation's capital.

Florida: A governorship runoff between two Democratic candidates became necessary when neither Doyle E. Carlton Jr., nor Farris Bryant was able to obtain a clear majority in a field of 11 contestants. The runoff will be held May 24. Victory will be tantamount to election in the southern state.

Incumbents Renominated
Alabama: Two slates of presidential electors — states' rights vs. party loyalists — clashed head-on but neither gained victory. A runoff of all 11 races seemed likely. All incumbent Democratic House members and Sen. John Sparkman won over primary competition with ease.

Tax Allowance for Shelters Possible
Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield said today he may recommend to the 1961 Legislature that tax allowances be made for construction of civil defense shelters.

He said that he does not think that government should build the shelters for individuals but that "government should recognize efforts aimed at survival of our society."

Holdup Attempt at Portland Bank Fails
Portland—UPI—A holdup attempt at the Canadian Bank of Commerce shortly after 11 a.m. failed here today and a suspect was taken into custody.

"Don't Be Old-Fashioned—Everybody Goes Abroad These Days"



Last Session on County Budget Is Planned Thursday

Figures Tentative, More Cuts Planned

The Jackson county budget committee hopes to hold its final budget hearing tomorrow. County Judge Earl Miller said this morning.

The committee yesterday heard further testimony from Sheriff Joe Walsh on his budget requests and went into detail on other departments' totals and budget items.

Miller emphasized that all budget figures are still tentative and the committee could make further cuts. Tomorrow the budget committee hopes to balance its anticipated receipts with anticipated expenditures.

The committee yesterday approved \$50,000 for indigent relief, from which payments are made to local hospitals for indigent patients. This represents an increase of \$13,000 over the \$35,000 allocated for the current year. Rogue Valley and Sacred Heart hospital representatives had asked a total of \$85,000.

Takes Dim View
"The budget committee took a firm view of the indigent fund," Judge Miller said. "We feel that the load of unpaid patient bills could be lessened by adhering to stricter collection policy. Also, the medical profession could help by discharging indigent patients as soon as possible."

The budget committee tentatively approved \$97,085 for the sheriff's criminal division. It eliminated one of the two boats asked for enforcement of the new boating law. It also tentatively approved \$30,442 for the tax department total, and \$18,442 for the civil department. The jail section is still under consideration, the judge said.

Ten major items are left to consider on the budget, Miller said. So far 34 major items have been considered. These include water master's budget, county assessor, county farm, mosquito control, fruit inspection, district attorney, county clerk, civil defense, treasurer, district and circuit courts, veterans service office, Red Cross, justice courts, county court, juvenile detention and juvenile detention home.

Delay in Ruling Holds Up Project
A delay of nearly eight months in receiving a ruling on an application for a railroad crossing is holding up a Medford street project, according to City Manager Robert A. Duff.

The Oregon public utilities commissioner last September conducted a public hearing on the city's plan for a grade crossing of the Southern Pacific tracks at Barnett Rd. The city has not yet had any word of the outcome of the hearing, and Duff said that such decisions usually come through in two or three months.

Many property owners on and near the right of way have been asking how their property will be affected and when work will start. The city cannot inform them until it hears the outcome of the hearing, Duff explained.

Approval of the crossing would permit the extension of Barnett rd. west from South Riverside ave. across the Southern Pacific tracks to join Melrose ave. at Grape st.

Control Board Cool To Shuttle Service
Salem—UPI—The State Board of Control was cool today to a proposal by the superintendent of Dammasch state hospital that the state set up a shuttle bus service from the hospital to the Portland area for patients.

Dammasch, slated for opening by the end of this year, is located at Wilsonville halfway between Portland and Salem. The hospital site is not served by public transportation at this time.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Partly cloudy through Thursday noon. Increasing clouds. Thursday afternoon and evening. Low tonight 35. High Thursday 65-66. Temp.

Highest Yesterday 57
Lowest This Morning 31
Free. to 10 a.m. Today 14

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 7:15 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:51 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 2:51 a.m.
Full Moon May 10

PROMINENT STAR
Regulus, near the Moon
Jupiter, rises 11:28 p.m.
Saturn, rises 11:28 a.m.
Mars, low in east 3:40 a.m.



MEDICAL PROGRAM DISCUSSED—The Eisenhower administration today asked Congress to enact a new \$1,200,000,000 program of federal-state subsidy to help most persons over 65 to meet the cost of major illnesses. Welfare Secretary Arthur S. Flemming, right, confers with Chairman Wilbur D. Mills, (D-Ark.) of the House ways and means committee prior to testifying that the new program would cost the federal treasury an estimated \$600 million a year. —UPI Telephoto

Simulated Attack Provides Test for Civil Defense Here

Medford's role during "Operation Alert, 1960" was to serve as a refuge for those fleeing from the Klamath Falls area, where a hypothetical nuclear bomb fell yesterday.

Should a real bomb have fallen at Klamath Falls, Medford could have expected several thousand refugees who would be seeking food, shelter and medical aid.

The simulated attack was called by the National Civil Defense organization to test the preparedness of the county for a real attack. The nation-wide test which started yesterday at 10 a.m. with a half-hour "Conelrad radio alert" will last through Thursday.

The Jackson County Civil Defense unit's participation has been mainly confined to communications and fall-out detection, according to Maj. Gen. Joseph Hicks, county civil defense director.

Radio Contact
Operating from their communications center in the basement of the county courthouse, the unit has been maintaining constant radio contact with the Oregon State Civil Defense agency, located in Salem.

In turn, the Salem agency has been in constant touch with the office of Civil Defense and Mobilization at Battle Creek, Mich., which has served as the communication center for the U.S.

Also participating in the test yesterday were some 30 CD radio operators, located at various points throughout the county. These operators, all volunteers, were in constant communication with the Jackson county unit and would serve as the liaison between the unit and individual police and emergency units in case of a real attack.

During Monday's phase of the test, the county unit tested its gasoline powered generator, to be used in case of a power outage and for two hours it operated six radio sets, lighting and heating in the courthouse communications center.

Emergency Generator
The Medford CD unit, too, has an emergency, gasoline-powered generator. It is located in its headquarters at the municipal airport, and for several hours yesterday the city hall depended on this emergency electricity as a part of the over-all test.

Oregon state police district

headquarters here has also been participating in the test, by having constant teletype contact with the Salem CD agency. They also have been maintaining radio communication with the 30 volunteer radio operators in the county.

General Hicks feels the test has proved successful so far, and he said: "I am quite pleased—particularly so with the large CD volunteer organization in the county, and the fact that we have been so progressive in getting such a large number of our county CD activities hooked up with emergency power."

The Jackson county CD unit will participate in the test only through today.

Pupils To Be Guests At Safety Banquet
Elementary school pupils of the Medford district who have served on the safety patrol through the school year will be honored at a dinner Friday, May 13, at Hedrick Junior High School. The Medford Safety council is sponsoring the event.

Vern Hill, director of the state motor vehicles department, will be the main speaker. Medford Mayor John Snider will present individual awards to the patrol members.

Anyone interested is invited. Safety Patrol members will be guests of the council at the dinner, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is scheduled to end by 8:15 p.m.

Broadest Subsidy Program
The long range cost of the new program would make it by far the broadest and most costly new federal subsidy program recommended by the administration since President Eisenhower entered the White House.

Coffee Hour Set For Fleming, Cook
A coffee hour for Leslie P. Fleming, Springfield, Republican candidate for congressional representative from Oregon's fourth district, will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight at Republican headquarters, West Sixth st., Medford.

Fleming also will appear on television this afternoon, twice tomorrow and attend an Eagles lodge meeting Thursday night. A luncheon was planned for him this noon.

Also attending the coffee hour tonight will be R. F. Cook, Silverton, Republican candidate for U.S. senator.

Individual Cost Of \$24 Per Year Would Be Set Up

Cost To Treasury Said \$600 Million

Washington—UPI—The Eisenhower administration today asked Congress today to enact a new \$1,200,000,000 program of federal-state subsidy to help most persons over 65 meet the cost of major illnesses. It would cost the individual \$24 a year.

Rep. Burr P. Harrison (D-Va.), a member of the House ways and means committee which must approve such legislation, called the administration proposal "a Townsend plan, Ruben Goldberg scheme."

"Everything But Sink"
But another Democrat ruefully said of the election-year counter-move: "We've been outmanned. The administration has everything but the kitchen sink in the way of benefits. I'm surprised it does not include maternity benefits."

Speaker Sam Rayburn, pending a study of the administration's medical care plan, gave it a chilly reception. Commenting on its combined federal-state provisions, Rayburn said:

"Some states can't participate in a program like that. I understand mine (Texas) is one of them."

Welfare Secretary Arthur S. Flemming told the ways and means committee the proposed new medical care program would cost the federal Treasury an estimated \$600 million a year. The states, on an average, would put up about the same amount.

The benefits would include payment of a major share of the cost of 180 days of hospitalization, 365 days of nursing home care and certain medical and dental services. It also would cover up to \$350 worth of prescribed drugs.

Pay \$24 Annually
To qualify for the voluntary program, elderly persons would have to pay the insurance premium of \$24 a year. Those requiring medical treatment would have to pay the first \$250 of the cost and 20 per cent of the remaining cost until the benefits were exhausted. Thereafter the individual would have to meet the entire cost of medical care.

The initial \$250 out of pocket payment would be required of single persons. It would be fixed at \$400 for a couple. The program has been worked out by Flemming and other administration officials in recent weeks.

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Budget Discussed By Board Members
The Medford school board last night discussed with the district budget committee and advisory board members the voters' rejection of a proposal to exceed the 6 per cent limitation.

Voters rejected the proposal Monday. It was the first time a proposal to exceed the 6 per cent limitation had been defeated since 1946, when district voters were first asked to vote on exceeding the limitation.

The board, budget committee and advisory board members came to no conclusions last night, and planned future meetings at which the board will consider action.

Helen Gahagan Douglas Said One of Most Gifted, Versatile Women Today

Helen Gahagan Douglas, who will speak at the 10th annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner, is said to be "one of the most gifted and versatile women in America today."

The former congresswoman's varied career in government and on the stage was discussed here this week by Democratic National Committee man C. Girard (Jebby) Davidson, Portland. He made arrangements for Mrs. Douglas' Medford appearance.

The Roosevelt dinner will be held in Hedrick Junior High school Saturday evening, May 14. Tickets may be obtained from members of the committee, from Walt Young's Stationery, Hudson's Pharmacy and the Medford Labor Temple. Gerald Scannell is ticket chairman.

Mrs. Douglas, wife of actor Melvyn Douglas, has won fame in opera, the theater, U.S. Congress and as an alternate delegate to the United National General Assembly.

"She has been for many years a student of international affairs and is in constant demand as a lecturer," Davidson said. In addition to speaking engagements on foreign affairs, she is currently booked in a series of one-woman stage appearances in concert form, combining her singing and acting talents. The Douglas has two children, Peter and Mary, and two grand-children.

Prior to her election to congress from California's 14th district, Mrs. Douglas starred in a long list of Broadway successes and grand opera.

Writers have described her as among "Washington's 10 most powerful women, one of the 10 most beautiful women in the world, and one of the 12 smartest women in the world."

During her congressional years, Liberty magazine said "You could count on your fingers the congressmen better versed in world affairs and social economics than Helen Gahagan Douglas."

She will be guest speaker at the 1960 World Peace conference in Portland Friday, May 13, and will fly to Medford the following day, arriving at the Medford airport Saturday at 4:49 p.m., according to C. H. (Pat) Redmond, general co-chairman for the dinner.