

School Budget Facts

Here are some facts on the Medford school district budget, to be voted on tomorrow: Total in general fund, 1960-61: \$3,893,567.99. General fund, 1959-60: \$3,428,070.60. Amount of increase in general fund: \$465,497.39.

IF TOTAL costs are up, how can taxes go down? Because funds received by the district from the county and state have been increased. State support will go from \$766,141 this year to \$812,035 next year.

HOW is the increased amount in the general fund budget to be spent? More than half of it (\$271,233.18) will go for instruction—for teachers' salary increases, and for a number of added teachers, required by increased enrollment.

WHY are these increases needed this year? Mail Tribune City Editor Earl H. Adams, who, because he has covered school board and budget meetings personally for many months, is probably as familiar with the school system as anyone not connected with it, puts it this way:

"The increase is due to four direct, and one indirect, factors. The direct factors are more students, rising salaries, the building program, and inflation. The indirect factor is a decrease in the percentage of state financial support, even though the dollar total is up."

OTHER pertinent facts: School enrollment is expected to climb from this year's 7,732 to 8,046 next year. This year, 19 buses serve 2,460 students, and will travel a total of 217,150 miles; next year 20 buses will serve some 2,710 students, and travel about 225,000 miles.

FEW people will quarrel with the job the Medford district school board is attempting to do—to maintain the quality of primary and secondary education, and to offer wide opportunities to students, both academically and in well-thought-out extra-curricular activities, in the face of rising costs.

Quite a few people, however, do object to ever-increasing property taxes. This year the county has made it possible to maintain Medford's high caliber of education while at the same time decreasing property taxes slightly.

Stumbo Brothers Lose Supreme Court Decision

Salem — UPB — The Oregon Supreme Court today settled the Douglas County condemnation case involving the Stumbo family. The court ruled against the Stumbos in favor of the state.

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JAPANESE HOUSES WRECKED — Only debris remains of the many houses (foreground) that were smashed by tidal waves resulting from Chilean earthquakes. The waves have sent casualty figures in Japan into the hundreds.

More than 26,000 police, firemen and civil defense workers have been mobilized for rescue work. Police said some 150,000 persons are homeless.

(UPI Telephoto)

New Earthquakes, Volcano Eruptions Reported in Chile

Radio Broadcast Allegation Denied By KWIN Manager

W. Henry Peck, manager of radio station KWIN, Ashland, has flatly denied the allegations that his station broadcast a political message on election day.

Ralph James, county commissioner, who apparently was defeated for the Democratic nomination for another term, yesterday said his opponent, Edward (Pickie) Taylor, Central Point, had been heard broadcasting an election speech on the station last Friday.

Death Toll Soars As New Tidal Waves Lash Coast

Santiago, Chile — Four new earthquakes, one of cataclysmic proportion, hit southern Chile today and brought new tidal waves and volcano eruptions. The total death toll was expected to reach 5,000 or more.

Deadlines Told For Reports on Election Money

Salem — UPB — Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. said today statements of campaign contributions and expenditures in behalf of all candidates in last Friday's Oregon primary election must be filed before the legal deadlines of May 30 and June 4.

11 Persons Become New U.S. Citizens

Eleven persons became new United States citizens this morning in Circuit Judge James Main's courtroom. Countries represented were Canada, Sweden, Germany, Britain, Korea and The Netherlands.

Bulletin

Albany, N. Y. — UPB — Gov. Nelson Rockefeller today announced that he would accept a draft for the 1960 Republican presidential nomination.

Elks Convention Starts in City; 3,500 Expected

Members of the Medford Elks lodge started registering today for the annual state convention which continues through Saturday. More than 3,500 delegates from throughout the state are expected to participate in business sessions, a golf tournament, bowling tournament, a trap shoot, and various luncheons and dinners during the three days.

Taylor's Lead Cut By Absentee Votes

Democratic absentee ballots slightly reduced Edwin H. Taylor's lead over Ralph A. James for nomination for county commissioner, County Clerk Marvin Madden announced late yesterday.

Local Hospital Included in Study

Rogue Valley hospital has been chosen as one of 10 hospitals in the country to participate in a cost-study of Hill-Burton hospitals, Administrator Charles Gustafson has announced.

"Never Did Much Hobnobbing With Him, Myself"



One of the architects noted that he had never seen a hospital with finer equipment or finishing, citing the hospital's walls and floors which utilize superior materials to facilitate ease of maintenance. The architect said their survey of Hill-Burton hospitals is almost complete.

WEATHER table with columns for Forecast, High, Low, and Wind.

School Program Of Religious Teaching Upheld

Salem — UPB — The State Supreme court ruled 4-3 today that the "released time" for religious instruction statute is constitutional.

Legislature's Intent

In an opinion written by Justice Keith O'Connell, the court said "from an examination of the entire school code, we think that it is clear that the Legislature intended that the administration of the released time statute should devolve upon the district school board acting through its representatives."

Planning Advisory Group to Meet

The Jackson County Regional Planning Advisory group will meet at 8 o'clock tonight in the county courthouse, County Judge Earl Miller announced this morning.

Radio-TV Highlights

President Eisenhower's report on failure of the summit conference may be viewed on stations KBES-TV and KOTI-TV at 7 o'clock tonight. The report will be carried on KYJC (1230 kc) at 7:15 p.m. and on KMED (1440 kc) at 7:30 p.m.

Rogue River Youth Killed in Accident

Grants Pass — Joseph Stephen Brasno Jr., 21, of route 1, box 57D, Rogue River, was killed about 1:40 o'clock this morning on Highway 99 about three miles south of here, state police said.

Living Costs Soar To Record High; Portland Consumer Index Hits 127.5

Washington — UPB — The nation's living costs shot up to a new record high and showed the largest monthly increase in nearly a year, the government reported today.

Higher costs of medical care and housing were responsible for the increase, partly offset by cheaper transportation costs. The figure was 25 per cent higher than at the start of the 1950s and more than double the level in March, 1940.