

### Rod and Gun Club Installs Officers

Illinois Valley - Gordon White was installed as president of the Selma Rod and Gun club at the group's recent meeting. Twenty-seven members signed the club's charter and about 40 persons attended the meeting.

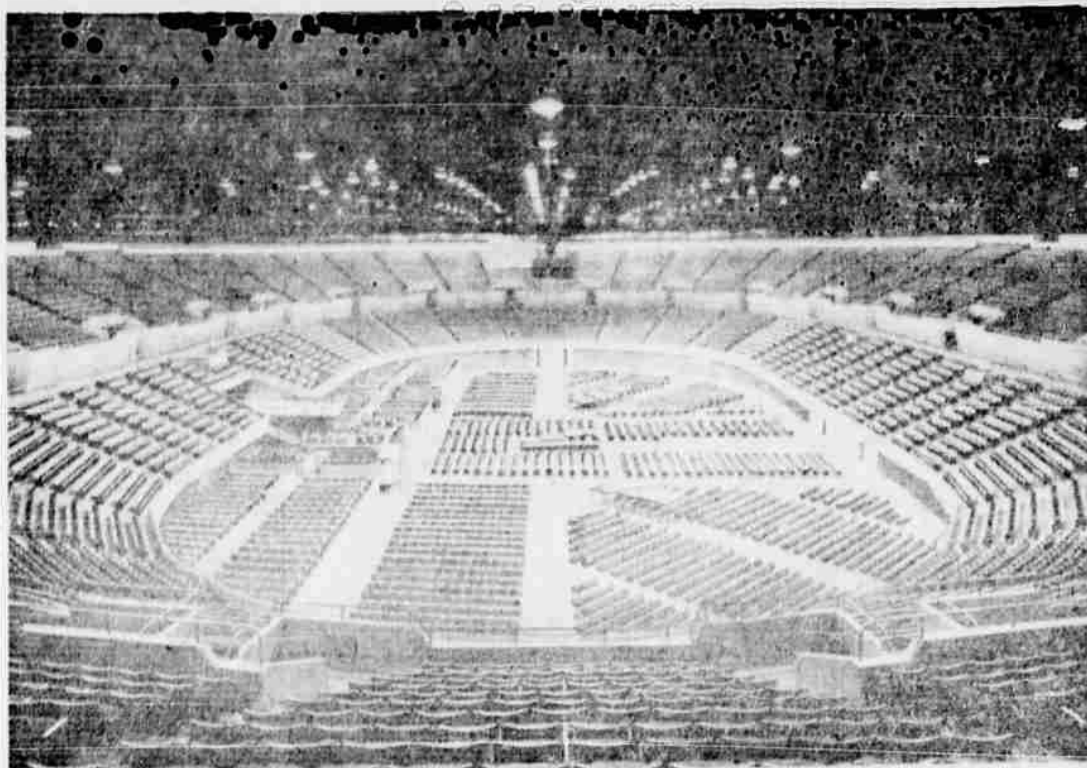
Other officers installed were Lex Riggan Jr., vice president; Frank Amer, secretary; Lowell Camp, treasurer; Kenneth Smith, range officer; Calvin Winbolt, assistant range officer; and Lew Hammer, Don Metcalf and Earl Strohkirch, members of the board of directors.

### Red China Hails Everest Ascent

Tokyo - (AP) - Communist China announced today that three Red Chinese had reached the top of Mt. Everest in the first successful ascent of the 29,028 foot peak over its northern approaches from Tibet.

The Peiping government promptly hailed the achievement as a "brilliant victory" for "collectivism" and "revolutionary" spirit. The Communist New China News Agency said the summit was attained Wednesday morning.

An Indian expedition, assaulting the world's highest mountain over the southern approaches from Nepal, was forced to turn back 700 feet short of the peak because of a snow storm.



**DEMO CONVENTION FLOOR PLAN**-Here is an architect's rendering of how the floor plan for the 1960 National Democratic convention will appear when it's called to order July 11 in Los Angeles' Memorial Sports Arena. At left center can be seen the rostrum and dais. On each side of the rostrum will be the press galleries. In

the center, located in the aisles, are stepped platforms for press photographers. The main floor will seat all delegates. Spectators and alternate delegates will sit in the upper levels of the oval shaped building. As shown, the \$8 million structure will seat more than 16,000.

(UPI Telephoto)

### Picnic, Dance Set At IV Ghost Town

Illinois Valley - A pioneer picnic and celebration at Kerbyville Ghost Town tomorrow will launch Memorial Day week end in the valley. The public is invited.

During the week end, many old-timers are expected to return to visit friends. Those attending the picnic must bring their own lunches but picnic facilities, entertainment and coffee will be furnished.

A dance featuring western music will be held Saturday evening. Construction of a new dance platform was completed recently.

### Search Continues For Fishermen

Vancouver, Wash. - (AP) - The search for the two missing Vancouver, Wash., fishermen continued around Vancouver lake today on a volunteer basis.

Sheriff's officers said that water was too high and made the possibility of finding the two bodies if the men are dead too remote.

Missing are Dave Moats, 23, and Charles Foshaug, 26, both employees at the Nabisco plant in north Portland.

The men went fishing Tuesday. Their boat was found capsized in Vancouver lake at the entrance of Lake river Wednesday.

### Water Department's Budget Includes Reservoir Funds

Medford's water department is setting aside some \$99,000 in its 1960-61 budget for a proposed 5 million gallon water reservoir to be erected on Barneburg hill.

Total cost of the reservoir will be an estimated \$325,000 and construction is planned for 1961-62.

A copy of the department's preliminary 1960-61 budget was submitted to the citizen's budget committee yesterday. Total estimated expenditures by the department for the coming year are \$596,464. This is compared to the department's 1959-1960 budget of \$445,775.

Although the water department's budget is separated from the rest of the city's budget, it must be approved by the citizen's budget committee and city council.

One of the reasons for the department having a separate budget is that it collects its own revenues and pays its own expenses.

In preparing the budget, the water commission estimated during the coming year that the number of customers will increase by 4 per cent, income will increase by 3 per cent and operating expenses will be 8.6 per cent higher than those of the present year.

A breakdown of sources of estimated revenue during the coming fiscal year is: water

revenue, \$441,200; service connections and work for customers, \$3,200; equipment rental, \$800; connection fees, \$11,850; water district operation, \$9,300; sale of forest products \$1,500; rents, \$240; and interest, \$1,000.

A breakdown of expenditures includes: operating expenses, \$187,486; franchise taxes, \$5,000; interest on bonds \$51,157; capital expenditures, \$228,370; transfer to water bond sinking fund \$24,150; and transfer to water system construction fund \$99,000.

**Total Balance**  
This latter fund is the fund from which cost of the new reservoir will be paid. With the addition of the \$99,000 to the fund, the total balance will be \$237,365.

In the copy of the preliminary budget submitted to budget committee members, the department forecasts a number of other capital expenditures during the next five years. These include: trunk water mains in distribution system, \$323,000; Dark Hollow reservoir and feeder main, \$279,000; Barneburg Hill reservoir (stage 2) \$325,000; improved office and shop buildings, \$110,000; and installing meters for non-metered services, \$110,000.

It is estimated that expenditures for the coming year will exceed actual income by \$29,373. This will be made up out

of unexpended cash balances from previous years. At the end of the fiscal year, June 30, there will be an estimated \$182,648 surplus. It is estimated that there will be a \$54,275 surplus at the end of the 1960-61 fiscal year.

**Studies Planned**  
Provided in the coming year's budget is \$3,800 to begin studies and investigations for an additional source of water supply for the city. City Water Superintendent Robert Lee said an additional source of water will be needed for Medford and vicinity by 1967 if total water use continues to increase at its present rate.

The \$8,300 income from water district operation includes meter reading, billing, collections and other services done for the various water districts by the water department. The districts are billed for these services on the basis of cost plus 10 per cent.

The \$1,500 income from the sale of forest products is that income which will be realized from the sale of salvage timber from watershed lands. The department points out that this will help offset the cost of improvements to watershed lands, including reforestation.

**Equipment Rentals**  
The \$800 equipment rental income will come from work done for customers outside of the city. The equipment is rented at the Associated General Contractors rental price, the department pointed out.

Department employees will get a cost of living increase in salary during the coming year, according to the proposed budget. These salary increases will total \$4,900.

Franchise taxes are actually free water service to the city of Medford. The city is one of the department's biggest customers and the estimated water bill for next year is \$5,800. This equals approximately 2 per cent of gross water revenue collected within the city. In addition to free water service, the department also provides the city with free service for collection of sewer charges which will average an estimated \$8,000 next year.

### Ballock Freeway Wreck Kills Youth

Milwaukie - (AP) - A 20-year-old Portland youth was killed on the Ballock freeway near the Wilsonville junction Thursday when the car in which he was a passenger skidded and rolled over several times.

Killed was James A. Walsh Jr., a student at the University of Oregon.

State police said no other cars were involved. Another passenger in the car, Edward G. Fuller, 19, also of Portland, was taken to Providence hospital with a fractured left clavicle.

The driver of the car was Ferdinand Fletcher, 19, of San Diego, Fletcher, also a student at the University of Oregon, was unhurt.

### Adland's Attorneys Plan To Ask Dismissal

Los Angeles - (AP) - Mrs. Florence Adland's attorneys laid plans today to seek dismissal of charges accusing her of contributing to Beverly's delinquency.

### PRESLEY FANS MEET

Memphis, Tenn. - (AP) - The Elvis Presley Fan Club of America will hold a convention here July 29-31 with 500 fans expected to attend. Their idol will be making a film in Hollywood.

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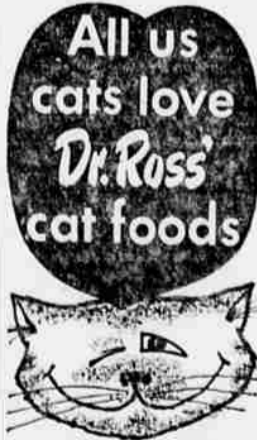
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