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DeANNE TAYLOR  
European Summer

### Medford Junior Selected by AFS For Germany Stay

DeAnne Taylor, a Medford high school junior, is scheduled to leave Friday afternoon for Portland where she will begin an overseas trip sponsored by the American Field Service, local AFS officials have announced.

Miss Taylor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DeVere Taylor, 1011 Winchester ave., Medford.

She will spend the greater part of the summer with a family in Berlin, Germany. She is one of several hundred high school juniors sent by the AFS each year as "junior ambassadors."

Means of Travel  
DeAnne will travel by car with her parents to Portland, then by Northern Pacific railway to Chicago. Along with other AFS participants from the West Coast, she will then tour Washington, D.C., and New York City before going to Montreal. A charter ship, the M. S. Seven Seas, will sail June 10 from Montreal to Europe.

Recent communications indicate that DeAnne will stay with the Scheffe family in Berlin. They have four children, their ages ranging from 11 to 18 years of age.

Miss Taylor was selected from several local high school finalists by the New York AFS headquarters. Selections for the trip are made on reports sent to the New York office by local AFS offices in cooperation with high school personnel.

She is to return in early September.

### Japanese Students Withdraw Threats

Tokyo—The extreme leftist Zengakuren students organization, its top two leaders in jail, today withdrew its threats to stone President Eisenhower and stage violent demonstrations when he comes to Japan June 19.

Yoshinobu Higashi, acting secretary-general of the organization, said there still was a possibility Japanese Communists would resort to a violent protest.

Zengakuren members have been responsible for bloody rioting in front of the Japanese Diet parliament in protest against the U.S.-Japan security treaty.

Its chairman, Kentaro Karoji, had declared the group would stone Eisenhower "like the brave Venezuelan students did to Nixon." Its secretary-general, Tatsuo Shimizu, had called for a "bloody riot" to be followed by a revolution in Japan.

### Illegal Possession Of Venison Charged

Salem—Charges of illegal possession of venison against Fred Ray Stoney, 22, Aumsville, and Dean Donald Smith, 43, Stayton, were dismissed Tuesday in District Court here.

They had been arrested along with four others in connection with the shooting of deer at Silver Falls state park.

## Minuteman Missile Units Due in Montana

Washington—The Air Force disclosed today that its first Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile squadron will have 55 rockets in underground launching sites spread over three counties in Montana.

That is five times as many missiles per squadron as are scheduled for early units of the heavier, slower-firing Atlas missile.

The Minuteman, a solid-fueled missile designed for instant firing from underground, is scheduled to be ready for operation in late 1962. The first three squadrons will have their headquarters at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, Mont.

Total of 165 Rockets  
An Air Force source said it was expected the second and third squadrons also would have 55 missiles each, putting a total of 165 of the big rockets under control of Malmstrom.

The Minuteman is regarded as the first missile to reverse the upward trend in weapons costs.

The cost of an Atlas missile, ready to fire on its launching pad, is being brought down from an original \$35 million to about \$14 million.

The Air Force believes the cost of a Minuteman on the launching pad ready to fire will be about \$1,500,000.

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### Bids Opened on Highway Projects

Two Jackson county highway projects and a project on the Pacific highway were among those for which bids were opened today in Salem. Bids opened by the state highway department totaled more than \$7 million.

Angel Brothers, Portland, were apparent low bidders for the 8.4 miles of grade widening on Highway 62 on the Trail-McLeod section east of Trail. The bid was \$26,980.

A bid of \$578,639 was the apparent low for grading, oiling and structure construction on the Lake of Woods highway 12 miles southeast of Eagle Point. The project, 3.46 miles in length, is from the Hanley ranch to the forest boundary. The bid was submitted by C. R. O'Neil, Creswell.

Peter Kiewit Sons, Medford, was the apparent low bidder with \$2,388,635, for a contract callin, for 8.63 miles of work on the Pacific highway near Grants Pass. The job also calls for four structures and signs. It was the largest of the bids opened today.

The project involves the Grants Pass-Evans Creek section half a mile north of Grants Pass east to Rogue River.

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The only time when a coat of paint would be reviewed is when the appraiser observes the physical condition of the property to determine its obsolescence and physical depreciation, the assessor explained.

Paint is considered to have a lifetime of five years when applied to a house. It will not have any appreciable effect on the value placed on any house or building under the six-year reappraisal program, he added. There are many other items of depreciation or appreciation which will have more effect on market value, which is the basis for establishing tax value of property.

Properties Not Reappraised When They Are Repainted, County Assessor Says

The assessor does not reappraise all properties when painted and add this value," County Assessor Ray Schumacher said today in reference to recent comments on unsightly suburban dwellings.

"One of the big problems confronting the assessor's office is the misconception and rumors spread by uninformed taxpayers about the acts and responsibilities of the office," the county assessor said. "The assessor's office has the responsibility of valuation by the market value yardstick of all property."

"The law requires that the assessor appraise all property every six years based on the

## Mrs. Eisenhower Hospitalized by Bronchitis Attack

First Lady May Not Make Far East Trip

Washington—The White House disclosed today that Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower is in Walter Reed Army hospital suffering from an attack of acute asthmatic bronchitis.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the First Lady, who will be 64 in November, entered the hospital Tuesday afternoon.

Hagerty said physicians at Walter Reed said that today the First Lady was "as comfortable as she can be and feeling better than when she went in the hospital."

Symptoms Not Told  
Hagerty did not describe the symptoms or the illness other than to cite the language of the doctors—acute asthmatic bronchitis which is an upper respiratory ailment.

The White House had no information on how long Mrs. Eisenhower would be in the hospital or whether the President planned to visit her in the same ward where he has been a patient several times. The ward is reserved for high government officials.

The First Lady spent the past week end in Gettysburg, Pa., with the President on their farm. But her hospitalization cast further doubt as to whether she would accompany the President on his Far East trip later this month.

Had Previous Attacks  
Hagerty said Mrs. Eisenhower had suffered asthmatic bronchial attacks before but none as bad as the symptoms which led to her hospitalization Tuesday. He stressed, however, that this was a serious illness.

In February, the White House announced that, on advice of doctors, Mrs. Eisenhower would not accompany the President on his good will trip to South America.

Hagerty told reporters at that time she was "not ill" but, because of the rigors of the trip, her physician had advised her not to go.

Schools in Five Districts to Close

Schools in five districts in Jackson county will close Friday. Those in other districts will close next week.

Phoenix and Talent schools, and those in Ashland, Eagle Point, Rogue River and Evans Valley districts will close Friday. Schools in district 6C, which includes Central Point, Gold Hill and Sams Valley, will close Tuesday, June 7, and Medford schools will close Wednesday, June 8.

Schools in Applegate, Pinehurst, Butte Falls and Prospect closed last Friday.

### Lake County Farmer Succumbs To Injuries

Klamath Falls—Everett Arthur Emery, 66, injured in a farm accident in north Lake county, died in Klamath Valley hospital Tuesday night.

He was hurt when he fell from the running board of his truck and was struck by the dual rear wheels of the trailer.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at Silver Lake.

### Area Council Gets Blue Ribbon Honor

The Crater Lake Area council, Boy Scouts of America, with headquarters in Medford, is one of 50 local councils which were honored today as "blue ribbon councils" for outstanding work in extending Scouting among rural boys. There are 531 local councils.

Frank letters of commendation were presented by the national rural committee at a luncheon of 125 leaders at the Sheraton-Park hotel, Washington, D.C. Sears-Roebuck Foundation was host.

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### Conservation In Ashland Burn Area Successful

Ashland—Conservation work done in the Ashland burn area by forest service crews last fall was termed "successful" by Ashland District Ranger Harold (Red) Thomas yesterday, but he added that the area has not as yet faced "any real test" from the weather.

An eight-man crew worked in the 608 acres of forest service land for nearly four months, constructing check dams and digging contour furrows. A forest service plane spread 8,500 pounds of rye grass seed over the area last Oct. 19.

The rye grass planted in the furrows and spread by air has taken hold well, Thomas said, and he added that the service plans to begin planting trees in the area this winter and next spring, providing the forest service budget for next fiscal year is approved.

Mixed with each 58 pounds of seed, Thomas said, were 188 pounds of fertilizer.

The Ashland fire, potentially one of the most dangerous in southern Oregon's history, broke out last Aug. 8 and eventually covered about 4,600 acres. It was brought under control Aug. 10.

Franklin Transfer and Storage Inc. is seeking \$5,000 in damages from Lawrence O. Allen, former office manager for the company.

The company, with offices in Medford, charges in its complaint filed yesterday in Jackson county circuit court, that Allen was discharged from the firm during the Medford office, from Jan. 1, 1956, to March 17, 1960, the company charged that it believes "in excess of \$5,000" was embezzled.

It is seeking \$5,000 plus 6 per cent interest from March 17, 1960.

### Annexation Becomes Effective May 27

The city of Medford was notified today by the secretary of state that two annexation areas within Medford, voted on by residents at the May 20 election, were annexed to the city effective May 27.

Daniel Huson, finance director said the increased area and population will now be considered in distribution of state money.

### Unfair Labor Practice Case Starts at Portland

Portland—A hearing on unfair labor practice charges brought by the Oregon Journal and the Oregonian against the Stereotypers Union No. 48, Portland, opened today before Martin S. Bennett, a National Labor Relations Board trial examiner from San Francisco.

William R. Merrish, assistant to the publisher and contract negotiator for the Oregonian was the first witness. He testified that 28 meetings were held with the Stereotypers negotiating committee before the union called a strike last Nov. 10.

He said the two newspapers bargained together with the union which represented about 50 employees. He said the union submitted a proposed contract in July, 1959, and the publishers advanced a counter proposal in August,

## Some Members Claimed Wasting Taxpayer Money

Liquor, Cruises Sailed Written Off

Washington—A House committee ordered a crackdown on congressmen's expense accounts today following published charges that some House members have spent public funds on night-clubbing, liquor, and vacation cruises.

Chairman Omar Burleson (D-Tex.) said his House administration committee agreed at a closed session to "reiterate in strongest terms" House limitations on what members may and may not charge off to the taxpayers in their official travels in this country and abroad.

Chairman Named  
Burleson, himself, was one of those named in copyrighted dispatches published in the Knight Newspapers and Life magazine today charging widespread abuse of congressional expense accounts.

The authors of the dispatches said their inspection of House expense vouchers—since closed to newsmen by House Clerk Ralph R. Roberts—showed that Burleson collected a \$12 per diem expense allowance for 84 of the 88 days from Oct. 1 to Dec. 27, 1958, including Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Burleson said these expense vouchers were incurred in pursuit of his official duties, including election and Hatch Act investigations.

Speaker Sam Rayburn today personally overruled Roberts' order closing the House expense vouchers to further public inspection.

Roberts acted under an old House rule which he interpreted as requiring him to keep such records private except where he is directed otherwise by the House. Rule or no, Rayburn's words is law in the House. Presumably Roberts had not yet got the word.

To Receive Suggestions  
Burleson said he intended to confer with House leaders of both parties to receive "any suggestions they have about tightening up procedures."

Burleson said the action by his committee would amount to "a reminder to all of us that we must be exact and clear in what each claim is for" in turning in expense vouchers.

Rayburn declined immediate comment on the charges that expense accounts had been abused. Asked whether he concurred in the decision to close the records to public inspection, Rayburn replied firmly:

"They will be opened."

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### Ashland Board to Open Bids Tonight

Ashland—Bids on typewriters and beachers for the new junior high school will be opened at Ashland school district headquarters at 8 o'clock tonight.

A spokesman at School Superintendent Stanley Jobe's office said Jobe probably would go to Portland next week to inspect merchandise offered by some of the bidders for the approximately \$105,000 worth of furniture needed for the new school.

Jobe had said earlier that contracts probably would be divided among several bidders, and that the board expects to award contracts at its meeting June 13.

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