



FAMILY LUNCHEON — Robert Kennedy (left), campaign manager for his brother John (right), the Democratic presidential nominee, rises to greet Sen. Lyndon Johnson, the vice presidential nominee, at the second in a series of three "family" luncheons at the Capitol Thursday.

Jean Mills Named Young Demo Head

Jean Mills was elected vice president of the Jackson County Young Democrats at their meeting Friday.

The meeting was held at the home of Garry Picard. Among those attending the meeting were Jerry Scannell, candidate for district attorney, and Ed McGinty, candidate for county surveyor.

Scannell explained how the Young Democrats could become a vital part of the present political campaign.

McGinty spoke on how the Young Democrats can work for local candidates and thereby take an active part in the general election.

Bank Debits in Area Up From '59

Eugene — Bank debits in southwestern Oregon in July totalled \$96,310,452 about .6 per cent above July a year ago, and 1 per cent below this June.

Debits represent the dollar value of checks drawn against deposit accounts of individuals and business firms. They are regarded as indicators of business activity.

In the entire state, records of 191 banks showed a July debit total of \$2,076,318,974 compared with a 1959 figure of \$2,098,017,738, a 1 per cent drop.

The figures were compiled by the University of Oregon's bureau of business research.

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Objections Raised To Confuse Issues, Schumacher Says

County Assessor Ray Schumacher said Friday that "common objection" raised against his five-point tax plan has been raised to confuse the issues and benefits of the plan.

He referred to a statement by Dean Ellis, Oregon tax commissioner, at a meeting of state officials in Medford Wednesday, and the objection raised previously by Representative Clarence Barton, Coquille Democrat, and Gov. Mark Hatfield.

The state officials stated that the 3 per cent sales tax as provided in the plan would not provide the funds needed to pay the operational school costs.

Clarifies Provision
"This plan does not advocate the sales tax will provide all the funds needed," Schumacher said. "It does advocate that the sales tax revenue be allotted to a common school fund and that the balance needed be provided equally from the state's general fund and a uniform county levy."

Present estimates of school operational expenses will be about \$180 million for Oregon. The sales tax would provide an estimated \$60 million, under the five-point plan. The state general fund would provide \$60 million and the property tax \$60 million, Schumacher explained.

"Current state allotment to basic school support on the operational budget for the biennium 1959-61 was \$106 million or \$53 million annually. This would mean an increase of \$7 million from this source," the county assessor said.

Taxpayers Would Save
"School property tax for 1959-60 was \$118 million. Under this plan, property taxpayers would save approximately \$58 million or about half the present school property tax."

Briefly, Schumacher's five-point plan is:
1. Statute limiting district school taxes to bonding or serial levies for buildings only.

2. Blanket limitation on all property taxation of 20 mills on true cash value similar to the state of Washington's blanket limitation.

3. Create a common school fund, at the state level, to be allocated to the school districts, based upon student load or average daily attendance.

4. Three per cent sales tax to replace operative school costs at district level or other replacement tax which would distribute school tax load to more people using the services of schools and government.

5. Balance of funds needed for the operative common school fund to be equally divided to state general fund from basic school support and county school fund levy as provided in the state law.

New Junior High May Not Be Ready

Ashland — The opening of Ashland's new junior high school could possibly be delayed, according to School Superintendent Stanley C. Jobe. Jobe said that electrical transformers and sewer pumps have not arrived in Ashland yet. The transformers were to have arrived by Aug. 8 and the pumps are scheduled to arrive Monday.

If the transformers arrive in Ashland by Sept. 7, then the school may still be operational in time for the general school opening.

All city schools will open Sept. 12 until noon. Full classes will begin Sept. 13.

Forests and croplands combined comprise about 60 per cent of the Saar region, famous for its industries.

HUNGARY HITS VISIT

Vienna — UPI — Hungary charged in a note to Austria Friday that U.S. Undersecretary of State C. Douglas Dillon's visit here last month caused more "aggressive violations" of its borders. The note protested an exchange of shots on the Austro-Hungarian border last Sunday. Austria contends Hungarians opened fire first.



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Forest Fires Highlight News In California During Week

By United Press International
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