

# Oregon Declared in Good Shape Financially

## Boat Ramp Will Be Widened at Lake, Declares Judge

County Judge Earl Miller said today work will start immediately on widening the present concrete boat ramp at Howard Prairie lake and basic planning is starting on other recreation facilities recommended by the Jackson county parks and recreation commission.

## \$150,000 Bonds To Be Sold by School District

The Medford school board yesterday authorized sale of \$150,000 worth of bonds to help finance an addition to Medford High school and for proposed classroom additions next year at Wilson, Jefferson and Griffin Creek if needed.

The \$150,000 is the remainder of the \$750,000 bonds authorized by school district patrons last year.

The high school addition, which includes classrooms and a physical education plant, is under construction. Bids were opened for the addition late last month.

The number of additional classrooms needed next year for elementary students probably will be determined by the school census, which is expected to be completed soon.

School administrators have indicated that more classrooms will be needed at Wilson and Jefferson schools, but are not sure of the need at Griffin Creek.

The board also authorized a cost study for a new grandstand on the west side of the high school football field.

The new grandstand would replace the old wooden structure on the west side of the field.

Members discussed briefly the possible need for another high school in the district, but postponed any lengthy discussion until after the school census is completed so student population trends can be re-evaluated.

Dixter Kinnaird and Barbara Reedy were elected as elementary teachers.

The board also set Wednesday, Nov. 10, as the date to visit the remainder of the schools—Medford High school, Jefferson, Griffin Creek, and Washington elementary schools and McLoughlin Junior High school.

Board members already have visited other schools.

## 38,130 Voters Are Registered Here

Final county voter registration figures show a total of 38,130 registered voters.

The registration total rose to 38,130 from 36,083 on Sept. 28, a county elections department official said.

A gain of 2,047 registered voters in eight days.

Democrats lead by 1,128 registered voters. They have a total of 1,158 registered voters compared to the Republicans' 18,030. Independents had 942 registered voters.

KIDNAPING FOILED  
Leopoldville, The Congo—(UPI)—A gang of 20 supporters of ousted Premier Patrice Lumumba today tried to kidnap the Congolese high commissioner for finance, but he was rescued by an American after being injured.

Washington—(UPI)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), a U.S. delegate to the United Nations, said Thursday "our best hope for peace" lies in summit meetings under U.N. jurisdiction.

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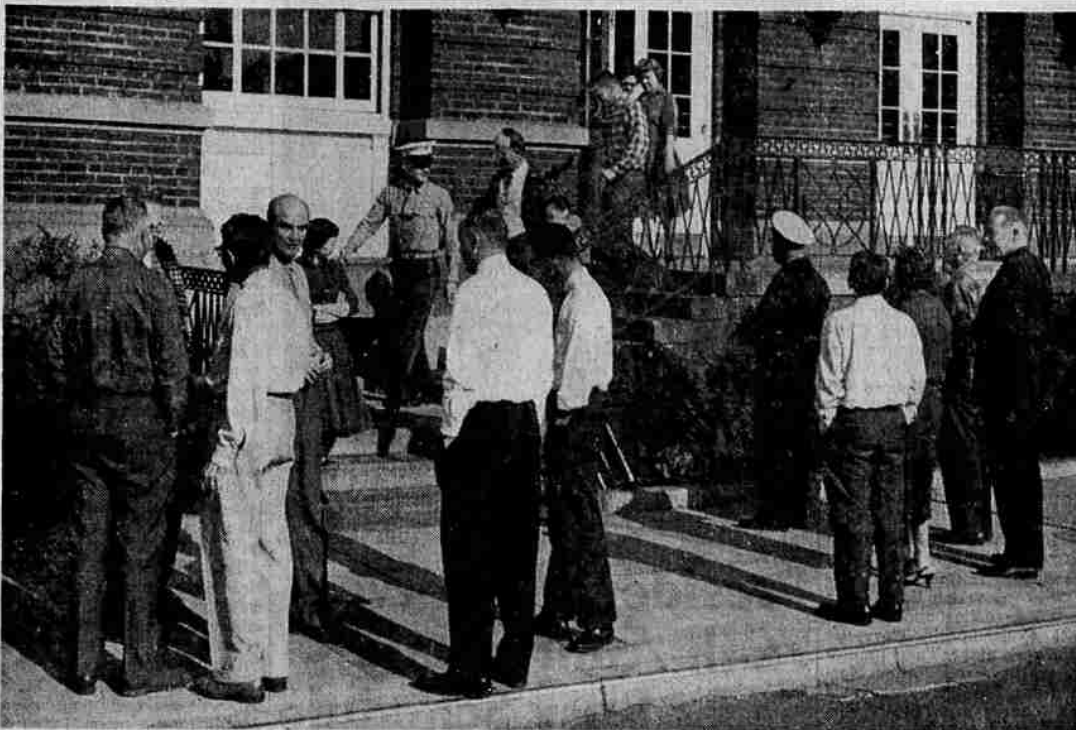
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**FIRE DRILL**—Employees in the post office and federal office building on West Sixth st. were evacuated in a fire drill this morning. The building, in which 100 people are employed, was cleared in 98 seconds, according to building superintendent, F. G. Herdman. Earl Harrison, assistant

Medford fire chief, is on the sidewalk watching employees leave the building. Medford Fire Marshal Truman Nelson inspected the building. The drill and inspection is part of a program carried out in all U.S. general service administration buildings during National Fire Prevention Week.

## Khrushchev Back In Moscow After Nonstop Flight

Moscow—(UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev returned home today from an unprecedented 35-day trip to the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

His rocket-shaped TU-114 airliner landed at Vnukovo airport to end the longest period any Kremlin chief has spent outside the country.

Khrushchev spent 25 days in New York after a 10-day cruise to the United States aboard the Soviet liner Baltika with other international Communist leaders.

Makes Nonstop Flight  
Khrushchev's plane landed after a 10-hour and 32-minute nonstop flight from New York.

The plane also carried Hungarian Communist leader Janos Kadar, the Communist leaders of the Ukrainian and Byelorussian Soviet Republics, and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

After his first American visit last year, Khrushchev rode immediately to the Lenin Sports Palace to make a "report to the nation."

Speech Expected  
Today, there was no indication when he would make a report on his latest trip. However, it was considered possible Khrushchev would make the speech any time from Saturday on.

Before he left New York, Khrushchev proclaimed that the Soviet block in the General Assembly had won a "great victory." However, Western observers felt his outburst in the assembly chamber merely underlined what in actuality were defeats for the Soviet Union on every major issue.

## Bulletin

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## Lawyer Criticized For Not Appearing At Planners Meet

Medford lawyer Alan B. Holmes, municipal court judge and candidate for district attorney, was the object of some non-partisan criticism at last night's city planning meeting.

The criticism grew out of a request from the city council that the planning commission "reconsider" its action in recommending denial of a variance to the Tru Mech company.

The Tru Mech company assembles trading stamp dispenser machines in a building at 111 North Fir st. The company was informed by the city that it was operating a light industrial business in a commercial zone.

Zoning Variance  
Tru Mech, through its attorney, Holmes, then asked the planning commission for a zoning variance to permit them to operate.

A public hearing was held on the request in September, but no one, not even Holmes, showed up at the meeting to speak either for or against the request.

The commission at that time unanimously recommended denial of the request, and said it saw no reason why a variance should be granted and suggested that if the company wanted to operate as a light industrial business it should move to an appropriate zone.

However, Holmes appeared on behalf of his clients at the next council meeting and said he did not have a chance to present his case at the planning commission meeting as he was not notified that a hearing was going to be held then.

Referred Back  
The council then referred the matter back to the commission and asked that it hear Holmes and "reconsider" its action.

The matter was reconsidered at last night's meeting, however Holmes again did not show up.

Commission member Terry Green said: "I don't know if we're going to have to make an appointment for Mr. Holmes to appear but this is the second night that he hasn't."

Jack Edson said: "You mean to say he wasn't conscious of it this time after all of this?"

Don Walters suggested that the commission lead Holmes to the meeting "by his hand."

Notified of Hearing  
It was pointed out by Commission Chairman Paul Selby and Planning Consultant Ned Langford that Holmes was notified of the first hearing as is everybody else.

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The commission voted to republish the hearing and have the commission secretary notify Holmes that the hearing would be rescheduled for the next meeting.

## Cuba Government Nationalizes 382 Business Firms

Havana, Cuba—(UPI)—Premier Fidel Castro's government nationalized 382 enterprises today, including virtually all the principal businesses of the nation.

The decision was announced after a cabinet session presided over by Castro.

The decree of nationalization affected all banks in Cuba with the sole exception of Canadian banks—the Royal Bank of Canada and the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The U.S. Embassy said 20 of the firms were either American-owned or had American money invested in them.

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Cost of operating the experiment would be approximately \$1,500 a year.

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## Area Landmark Destroyed by Fire

The two-story home of William Bigham, chairman of the Jackson county fair board, burned to the ground this morning.

The residence on Bigham rd. in the Antelope district was a southern Oregon landmark. It was approximately 100 years old.

Rural firemen were called about 6:40 a.m. and dispatched one truck to the blaze which was outside the rural fire district. A faulty flue was the apparent cause, firemen stated.

When the fire broke out this morning, the Bighams were reported ready to leave to get their cattle which were in pasture on the middle fork of Rogue river. They would have been gone a week.

Salem—(UPI)—The Oregon Water Resources Board will meet here the afternoon of Oct. 31, it said.

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## City Considering Experiment for Dispersing Fog

Landings and takeoffs at Medford's municipal airport unhampered by even the thickest of fogs? Sounds impossible.

Not entirely so, according to Medford city officials.

They said today that serious consideration is being given to a proposal that the city experiment with a new fog dispersal technique. If successful, the technique would enable airplanes to land at the airport during periods of heavy fog.

Airport Manager Gil Gutjahr said it is hoped that the experiment can be started this winter.

Actually, the experiment would apply only to "super-cooled" fog, or fog having a temperature of 32 degrees and under. But a large percentage of Medford area winter fogs are super-cooled.

The proposal was made by United Air Lines, which pointed out that approximately 60 flights were cancelled at Medford's airport during last December alone because of super-cooled fog.

Suspended From Balloon  
Under the experiment, dry ice would be suspended from a weather balloon and the balloon be attached to a car or truck. The vehicle would then pull the balloon the length of the runway. The airlines said that the balloon should be from 100-200 feet off the ground for best results.

A chemical reaction, caused by the dry ice meeting the fog, would then temporarily disperse the fog above the runway long enough for planes to land. The length of time for which the fog would be dispersed would depend on weather and wind conditions.

Gutjahr said the Medford airport would be the first airport in the country to experiment with this technique to his knowledge.

Already Demonstrated  
The airlines said that it has already been demonstrated that such a technique is effective. They said, however, that no one has yet attempted to apply the experiment on a regular basis because they felt the incidence of super-cooled fog in the U.S. was too low to warrant the cost.

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Kennedy said the Nixon farm plan would cost \$1.5 to \$2 billion more than the present program and that his would cost \$1 billion less.

Nixon said Kennedy's farm program would result in a 25 per cent increase in food prices which would be part of the cost of the program.

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## Tax Reduction May Be Possible, Statement Says

Governor Lauds Healthy Economy

Salem—(UPI)—Oregon is in such good shape financially that a tax reduction may even be possible, a statement filed with the secretary of state by the State Finance Department and the State Tax Commission said today.

Law requires the statement to be filed 20 days prior to the general election.

Gov. Mark Hatfield said it "shows the results of both prudent management of the state's business and the healthy state of our economy."

The report lists total expenditures for the current biennium, which ends June 30, 1961, as \$308,963,394.

Big Surplus Expected  
The statement says that expenditures are running \$3,203,874 below that authorized by the 1959 legislature, that a surplus of \$34,963,141 is expected and that the resources are enough to allow a look at possible cuts in taxes.

"The fact that this statement reports adequate resources for our 1961-63 needs is a major change from the uncertainties of two years ago," Hatfield said. "That our resources are sufficient to permit consideration of tax reduction is the most welcome fact to be found in the statement."

Under present laws, general fund resources for the 1961-63 biennium, including the surplus, are estimated at \$355,498,000. The report said the figures are subject to adjustment.

"The expenditure program now being planned for 1961-63 is guided by the following policy decisions," the report said:

Limit Expenses  
1. That total expenditures be limited to the amount available under existing laws.

2. That existing state services be continued at the quality level authorized by 1959-61 appropriations.

3. That improvements in quality of existing programs be recommended only where need is clear and urgent.

4. That critically needed new programs be given careful consideration.

5. That funds be provided for needed adjustments in the salaries of state employees.

6. That funds be provided for a pay-as-we-go building program that is adequate to the needs of 1961-63.

7. That any balance remaining after meeting these state requirements should be reflected in tax reduction. Since state basic school support reduces the local property tax, an increase in state support would provide the possibility of further property tax relief. Increased basic school support, therefore, should have first priority in considering methods of reducing Oregon taxes for the 1961-63 biennium, the report concluded.

TRY SAID FAILURE  
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Appling charged Thornton was "writing the sorriest record of legal incompetence in Oregon's history."

The bitter exchange came about as Thornton said the secretary of state had the duty to "diligently seek out and bring to the attention of the appropriate district attorney" violations of the election laws.

Appling recently said he had unconfirmed reports that not all of the 250 electors who nominated Clifford E. Nelson, Portland, for district judge, were present at the nominating convention.

Appling charged Thornton today with reversing himself. "Six weeks ago," he said, "when I was trying to enforce the election law in the Nelson case, Thornton tied my hands by saying that I did not have the authority to conduct an investigation. Now that it is too late to take action, he tries to get off the hook that I do, after all, have the authority."

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