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CANDY HOUSE—Over 30 pounds of assorted Christmas candies and many hours of work went into the construction of this fanciful house built by Mrs. Virgil House, above, for the holiday season. Mrs. House used sugar and egg white "mortar" to stick the pieces of candy together over a foam plastic framework. Peppermint sticks form the fence around the house and "rock" candy was used for the front steps. Light streams from the windows from an electric bulb inside. Mr. and Mrs. House and their six children live at 2 White Oak dr., Medford.

Gov. Hatfield Tells Plan for Reorganization

Salem—Gov. Mark Hatfield today revealed a plan for partial but sweeping reorganization of Oregon's government in 1961-62 as the first step toward a streamlined cabinet system.

He said he expects to submit more recommendations in 1963 to move closer to that goal.

Powers of the governor would be greatly increased under the program.

His recommendations to the 1961 legislature include creation of seven new departments and making state labor commissioner and superintendent of public instruction appointive by the governor instead of elective.

Battle Expected

The latter, especially appointment of the labor commissioner, is expected to be one of the most hard-fought issues. But Hatfield said functions of the labor commissioner are administrative and therefore this officer should be appointed and confirmed by the State Senate.

Hatfield said he favors making attorney general appointive also but is not recommending it at this time. He noted that the term of the incumbent, Robert Y. Thornton, does not end for four years and indicated it would be more appropriate to suggest this in 1963.

The new departments would be Social Services, Labor, Commerce, Transportation and Utilities, Public Safety, Natural Resources and Revenue.

Each would be headed by a director appointed by the governor with Senate confirmation necessary.

Need Will Continue

Hatfield said although favorable action on his proposals would result in "great improvement in the structure of the executive branch, the need for reorganization will continue."

He said it would be hard to determine how many state agencies would be eliminated and consolidated into others



CHECK PRESENTED—Etha Wall, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars Crater Lake post 1833, Medford, is shown above as he handed Mayor John Snider a check last night for \$1,500 which will be used by the

Money for Play Equipment Given By Local VFW

The local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars last night handed the Medford parks and recreation commission a check for \$1,500. The money, representing one of the largest cash donations ever received by the commission, will be used in Jackson park.

The donation came at the commission's last regular meeting in 1960. Making the presentation was Etha Wall, president of the VFW Building corporation. Receiving the check on behalf of the commission were Mayor John W. Snider and Commission President Russ Jamison.

The money will be used to purchase playground equipment for Jackson park. The equipment includes a merry-go-round, slides, swings and climbing apparatus. The play area will be located near the park swimming pool.

Useful Memorial

Prior to last night's presentation, Ray Huson, past post commander and chairman of the War Memorial committee of Post 1833, told the commission that "we felt a memorial of this type was far more suitable than building a statue or something which might beautify the city but not serve a useful purpose."

Mayor Snider called the donation "most unselfish" of the Crater Lake post of the VFW, and said it will be of benefit to both the children of today and the children of future generations. He said he hoped the donation "will serve as an example for other organizations."

Huson told the commission that the money came from the VFW Building corporation which is a special corporation within the VFW organization. He said the donation was approved both by the corporation's board of directors and the entire membership of the Crater Lake Post 1833.

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Bohnerts Awarded \$36,442 by Jury In Freeway Case

A Jackson county circuit court jury Tuesday night awarded \$36,442.20 to Mr. and Mrs. John Bohnert, Central Point, a portion of whose land has been condemned by the state highway commission for the new Highway 99 freeway.

Of the total, \$4,442.20 was designated as damages for restoration of the Bohnert irrigation system which will be separated by the new highway. Final offer from the state was \$20,442.20.

The verdict followed two days of testimony and an inspection of the ranch 2 1/2 miles north of Central Point where 5.55 acres will be taken for the right-of-way and 10 acres will be separated from the rest of the farm.

Fencing of the right of way about the farm will cause Bohnert to travel some distance by a circuitous route to reach the 10 acres of pasture, according to testimony of John Bohnert and C. A. Vandergrift, Medford realtor, testified Monday. Vandergrift continued his testimony Tuesday along with Walter Jones, Medford real estate appraiser, all witnesses for Bohnert.

Also testifying Tuesday were Jack McCormick, local right-of-way engineer, Joseph Morgan, in charge of right of way procurement for the state highway commission, and appraisers Elmer Colberg and Howard Hansen, all testifying for the state.

Sams Valley Interim Zoning Dropped by County Planners

The proposed Sams Valley interim zoning ordinance was rejected by the Jackson county planning commission last night.

The commission, in other action, voted to have Lloyd Anderson, of the bureau of municipal research, continue to work with the planning commission staff and with the city of Medford in preparing a basic land use map for an area surrounding Medford.

More than 20 persons crowded into the planning commission office. They were mainly from the Sams Valley area.

Chairman C. O. Lovejoy reviewed meetings which have been held regarding the proposed Sams Valley interim zoning ordinance. He said that in the light of the problems the commission has had in attempting to hold informal discussions regarding the proposal with interested residents, and the vast amount of opposition to it, he recommended that the plans be dropped at this time, not to be taken up again until residents request it.

Reads Statement

In a statement read by Commission Member C. W. (Bill) Duggan, Sams Valley, said that "it is quite apparent that at this time a large number of the residents of that (Sams Valley) area do not desire land use regulations for their property. (While I firmly believe myself), that all of us in Sams Valley could benefit from properly designed regulations, it is obvious that many of the people in that area are not now ready for such a step."

"This commission has much important work to do, both in general planning for the county as a whole, such as the projection of our road pattern, and the land use regulations in areas desiring them. It would be wrong for this commission to neglect that work which needs to be done, and also wrong to propose land use regulations against the wishes of the people in an area."

Ben Day, Medford lawyer, spoke for a group of 12 Sams Valley residents who did not wish a proposed zoning ordinance passed at this time nor did they wish it rejected.

Day said this group of people wanted more time to find out about the proposal. He explained that people oppose what they do not know, and suggested that members of the commission meet with persons in Sams Valley interested in learning about zoning.

Present Affidavits

Bruce Manley, Medford lawyer, said that he had affidavits with him hearing 150 signatures of persons who oppose the interim zoning ordinance. He also mentioned that he had 11 affidavits signed by persons whose names appear on the original petition for zoning, who say they did not sign it.

Lovejoy told the group that the planning commission would work with any group interested in the zoning question.

Anderson reviewed what preliminary land use studies had been done. He recommended immediate study of the area bounded by Central Point on the north, Stage rd. on the south, Arnold lane on the west and North Phoenix rd. on the east.

Within this area a land use map will be compiled with the cooperation of Medford. It will also show future uses of land, particularly industrial growth areas, roads in relation to future growth, and public areas.

He explained that once an existing land use map is prepared public hearings will be held to establish public policies. He said that reviews of the plan with the people of the community are necessary so they will know what and why is being proposed.

Tacoma—The Douglas Fir Plywood Association today reported record sales so far during 1960 for the western fir plywood industry.

Consolidations in Reorganization Plan

Salem—These major consolidations are provided for in Gov. Mark Hatfield's government reorganization plan, by new departments:

Social Services—Health, mental health, public welfare, vocational rehabilitation, veterans' affairs and councils on aging, children and youth and interstate Indian affairs.

Labor—Employment, industrial accident, and most other functions of the present bureau of labor.

Commerce—Planning and development, travel information, banking, insurance, real estate, corporations and those licensing boards regulating architects, auctioneers, collection agents, engineers, river pilots, real estate brokers, salesmen and watchmakers.

Transportation and Utilities—Highways motor vehicles, public utilities and aeronautics.

Public Safety—Police, military, civil defense, corrections, parole and probation, fire marshal, liquor control and racing.

Natural Resources—Fish and game, water, agriculture, forestry, minerals, parks and recreation.

Revenue—Taxes, a tax appeals court, and inheritance and gift tax collection, the latter now under the state treasurer.

The state institutions would come under these departments:

Social Services—The three mental hospitals plus Fairview and Mid-Columbia home.

Education—Schools for the blind and deaf.

Public Safety—Prison, correctional institution, MacLaren School for Boys, Hillcrest School for Girls.

Proposal Strips Number of Boards

Salem—The reorganization plan of Gov. Mark Hatfield strips a number of state boards and commissions of their policy-making power and makes them advisory or appeal bodies.

The shakeup affects such powerful lay agencies as the highway commission, board of education, board of health, public welfare commission, liquor control and racing commissions, and fish and game commissions.

The full-time tax commission would be abolished and the industrial accident commission would become advisory.

The board of parole and probation would be retained to make general policy but would be under a parole and probation administrator.

Hatfield made no recommendations concerning higher education. But he indicated that "eventually" elementary, secondary and higher education should all come under a unified education department.

Holmes Won't Prosecute Case

District Attorney-elect Alan Holmes has filed an affidavit in circuit court disqualifying himself as prosecuting attorney in the O. H. Bengtson case.

In the trial on a second indictment, charging Bengtson, Medford lawyer, with larceny by embezzlement, is scheduled for Jan. 3 in Josephine county circuit court. In his affidavit Holmes states that his law partner, Robert Boyer, is one of the defense attorneys.

Wednesday afternoon Circuit Judges Orval Millard, Edward C. Kelly and James M. Main met with representatives of the Jackson county bar association and members of the state bar association board of governors regarding the appointment of a prosecuting attorney for the case.

The announcement will be made jointly, it was reported today, and is expected shortly.

Earlier this week, Judge Kelly overruled a defense motion to quash eight indictments returned by the grand jury against Bengtson. The motion has challenged the selection of grand jury members and to their qualifications.

Bengtson is scheduled to enter a plea on four of the indictments tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. Appearance on the remaining four indictments has been set for Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Moon Rocket Shot Ends in Failure

Cape Canaveral—A trouble-plagued U.S. rocket carrying a miniature "space laboratory" toward the moon exploded in flight one minute after it was fired today.

It was the seventh failure in eight lunar probe launchings for the United States and killed a \$10 million program that was designed to give America its first success at its most elusive target in space. A new moon shot is months away.

A three-stage Atlas-Able, last of an ill-fated series with two moon-shot failures already on its record, blasted into a dark, cloudy sky at 1:10 a.m. (PST). A little more than 60 seconds later the 100-foot rocket burst into two small flames and then erupted into a mushroom ball of flame, smoke and steel several thousand feet above the Atlantic Ocean.

Selassie Seeks Showdown With Revolutionaries

Opposition Led By Emperor's Son

By United Press International

Fighting broke out today in Ethiopia between troops loyal to deposed Emperor Haile Selassie and those backing the revolutionary leaders who seized power Wednesday.

The Ethiopian Embassy in Rome said Selassie flew today to Asmara, Eritrea, from Brazil for a showdown with the new government headed by his son, Crown Prince Asfa Wossen, 44, now proclaimed "king."

Airports Closed

The Addis Ababa radio reported earlier the revolutionary forces had closed airports in Ethiopia to prevent Selassie's return but a Paris Embassy report said Eritrea, federated with Ethiopia, remained loyal. Asmara is 400 miles north of Addis Ababa.

A British government spokesman said fighting broke out in Addis Ababa today and other sources said it apparently centered around the royal palace between loyal army troops and the imperial guard backing strongman Ras Michael Imeru, 66, reported to be the new premier.

Radio Silent

Reports reaching the French government said fighting also had flared at Harar, a city of 40,000, 225 miles east of Addis Ababa. The reports said the Ethiopian State Radio suddenly went off the air after asking listeners to stay tuned in.

Fragmentary diplomatic reports said a dusk to dawn curfew was in effect in Addis Ababa, that all public buildings and embassies were guarded by troops armed with machine guns and that "several" persons were killed in the fighting.

The Royal Air Force announced in London it had alerted air transports in Britain, Kenya and Aden to evacuate British subjects from Ethiopia if the situation deteriorates further.

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"On To The Old OLD Frontier"

King of Belgians Weds Noblewoman

Brussels—King Baudouin of the Belgians married a shy Spanish noblewoman today in civil and religious ceremonies that brought the bride close to nervous exhaustion.

Dona Fabiola de Mora y Aragon, 32, looked so pale as she began the march down the church aisle that a Red Cross nurse unobtrusively moved in beside her and accompanied her almost to the altar.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy through Friday with occasional light rain. Warmer tonight with low 35. High Friday near 58.

TEMPERATURE

Highest Yesterday — 41
Lowest This Morning — 29

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today — 4:40 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow — 7:34 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow — 9:17 a.m.
New Moon — Dec. 18

PROMINENT STARS

Vega, low in northwest 8:56 p.m.
Visible Planets

Saturn, sets — 5:55 p.m.
Venus, low in south-west — 6:20 p.m.
Mars, rises — 6:16 p.m.

8 shopping days left

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Christmas Greetings

BOMBER BURNS

Moses Lake, Wash.—UPI—A B52 jet bomber, damaged in a re-fueling operation, burst into flames when landing at Larson Air Force Base near here today, but all 10 crewmen were rescued.

\$410,000 Planned for Buildings at College

Ashland—Construction projects totaling \$410,000 will be under way on the Southern Oregon college campus this spring, President Elmo N. Stevenson said on his return from the state board of higher education meeting in Portland.

"Passage of Bonding Measure No. 6 for self-liquidating buildings in the recent elections has enabled the board to give SOC the go-ahead on three major building projects," Dr. Stevenson stated. They are a dormitory addition to the Cascade hall complex at a cost of \$290,000; a Student Health Service building, \$75,000; and tennis courts at \$45,000.

Dr. Stevenson said the board extended the plan for the long-term development of dormitories at SOC which was adopted in 1959. The present Cascade hall with its capacity of 123 residents is the result of this decision as is the new dormitory, designed for 72 students. When completed, the entire complex will provide living facilities for about 600.

Medford architect, Robert J. Keeney, with the concurrence of Chancellor John R. Richards, was recommended by Dr. Stevenson at the meeting since he had satisfactorily developed the long-term dormitory plans and also designed its first unit, Cascade hall.

Stevenson said the board had authorized the purchase of the Grubb property located within the boundaries of the SOC campus at 1538 Webster st., for \$10,300 as a part of the 20-year expansion program developed by the college.