

### Suggestions Get Approval by Education Group

Salem —UPI— The legislative interim committee on education has given final approval to 24 recommendations that will be submitted to the 1967 legislature.

The two major recommendations involve an increase in the amount of basic school support, and a revolutionary new structure of school finance called the equalized flat grant system.

The committee recommends for the 1967-68 biennium a state appropriation of \$130 million for public schools, about \$6 million more than Gov. Mark Hatfield recommended in his budget.

The committee's plan would bring the state's share of total school costs to 42 per cent in 1962, and 44 per cent in 1963. By the 1965-66 fiscal year, the state would be contributing 50 per cent of all school costs.

Under the flat grant system, all funds, including state aid, rural and county school district tax money, Oregon and California Railroad land grant revenue, and forest fees, would be combined. The money would be distributed to school districts on the basis of the number of pupils in each district.

### Power Outages Caused by Storm

Portland —UPI— A storm struck Oregon Sunday and caused several power outages and some damage.

Minor power failures were reported by Pacific Power and Light Co. in Warrenton and Seaside on the coast and in the Upper Hood river valley early Sunday.

Power failed at Timberline and Rhododendron for about 1 1/2 hours Sunday night, according to Portland General Electric Co.

A Portland home belonging to Mrs. Hugh Hedinger was struck by lightning Sunday afternoon. Shingles were ripped from the roof but no fire was caused.

Heavy rain lashed the Oregon and Washington coasts. Gusty winds and a high tide at Cannon Beach backed up Elk creek and resulted in some minor damage.

### McCone To Resign As Head of AEC

Washington —UPI— Atomic Energy Commission Chairman John A. McCone says he will resign from the AEC and return to private life when President Eisenhower leaves office.

It had been believed that McCone would step down as AEC chairman but continue as a member when President-elect John F. Kennedy takes office Jan. 20.

McCone said Sunday, however, that he told Eisenhower "I would have to return" to Los Angeles to resume business connections, rather than finish out the appointment which runs until 1963.

### Rogue River Man Is Held for Thefts

William Crispin Roberts, 18, of Rogue River, is being held in the Jackson county jail on charges of stealing gas from a Rogue River school bus about Dec. 4, state police said today.

He was arrested by state police during the week end. The youth admitted throwing a rock through the bus windshield and taking a large amount of gas from S and D Construction company during the past month.

### West Linn Girl Pie Baking Champ

Salem —UPI— Vera Mae Sattler, a teen-age West Linn girl, won the Oregon cherry pie baking contest here Saturday.

The girl, who captured the title over 22 other teen-agers from 11 counties, won the right to compete in the national cherry pie baking contest at Chicago Feb. 25.

### Timber Taxation Battle Predicted

Salem —UPI— A wide open legislative battle on timber taxation appeared in prospect today, after the Legislative Interim Committee on Taxation refused to make any recommendations on the controversial timber tax.

The lawmakers, after a lengthy Saturday meeting, withdrew their earlier endorsement of a "compromise" timber tax plan worked out by the Industrial Forest Association.

The IFA plan, similar to the one currently in use, would tax timber on an ad valorem, or value, basis.

The committee took back its approval for the IFA plan, however, after hearing renewed protests from the State Tax Commission.

The commission has fought for a severance tax plan that would take into account timber use as well as basic value of forests. The severance tax, the commission maintained, would encourage timber operations on a sustained yield basis in the long run.

The legislative committee had spent months looking into various aspects of the timber tax problem.

### Bids To Be Called; Work Set on Tunnel

Cave Junction — Bids are expected to be advertised today in California for the construction of the south approach to the proposed Oregon Mountain Tunnel on U. S. Highway 199. Bids will be opened in Sacramento in mid-January.

The contract will be the third in the tunnel project which includes the 1.4-mile north approach to the tunnel, the tunnel, and the 2.5-mile south approach.

Heavy equipment is expected to be moved to the bore about Jan. 10 by the Graf-Callahan Construction company, Los Angeles, low bidder on the tunnel project. Between 40 and 50 employees are expected to be hired to work on the two shifts planned.

The project will relocate U. S. 199 at Hazelview Summit, shortening the highway by 2.8 miles and eliminate more than 100 curves. The California state legislature has approved more than \$20 million for the project.

### Complaint To Be Filed After Collision

A car driven by Roy Kiser, 20, of 24 North Orange st., Medford, collided with one driven by Alfred Bendickson, 59, of 785 Waverly ave., Medford, Saturday on South Stage rd., state police said.

The Kiser car was traveling east on South Stage rd. when the driver evidently lost control. The car crossed the center line and hit the Bendickson car which had pulled onto the shoulder in an attempt to avoid a collision, state police said. Police said they will file a complaint in district court charging Kiser with failure to operate on the right side of the road.

### Fire Department's Monthly Report Lists 58 Alarms

Medford's city fire department responded to 58 fire alarms during November, and the rural fire department responded to 15, according to Fire Chief Gordon Barker's monthly report.

Of the 58 alarms in the city, 26 of them were for house fires. The report noted that 15 of the house fires were flue fires, three of the fires were caused by defective appliances and two fires were caused by careless smokers.

There were also 16 grass or trash fires and two false alarms reported during the month. City equipment spent a total of 35 1/2 hours out on alarms.

Ten of the 15 alarms turned into the rural district were for house fires. Seven of the house fires were flue fires and two of the fires were caused by faulty fireplaces. The rural department also responded to one lumber mill fire and two car fires.

Rural equipment spent a total of 12 hours out on alarms. It was pointed out that all of firemen's available time during the month was spent working on the department's Christmas toy repair program.

The fire marshal noted in his report that 50 inspections were made during November, including 32 in business occupancies. He issued 94 orders or recommendations for the removal of fire hazards, and 102 were actually removed. The fire marshal issued 654 fire permits during the month.

### Hatfield Urges Another Airport

Salem —UPI— Gov. Mark Hatfield said Saturday the New York air tragedy is cause to speed up Oregon's planning for a second major airport to serve the heavily populated northern Willamette valley.

There is only one new-Portland International.

Hatfield favors the second airport on the 400-acre Williams-Hart property which the state owns near Woodburn. This would serve Portland and Salem as well as other points.

"I have repeatedly urged holding it for such use against pressures to sell it," Hatfield said. Land is now leased for private farming. "The property is ideal for large airplane use," Hatfield continued, "and is one of the few remaining areas which offer ideal conditions."

### PLANE CRASH LANDS

Boston —UPI— An American Airlines Boeing 707 jetliner with 111 persons aboard skidded during landing Saturday and plowed through two huge snowbanks rimming Logan airport before halting in a snow-covered field. There were no injuries.

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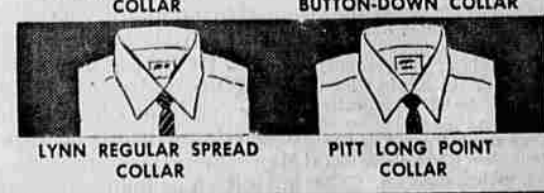
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