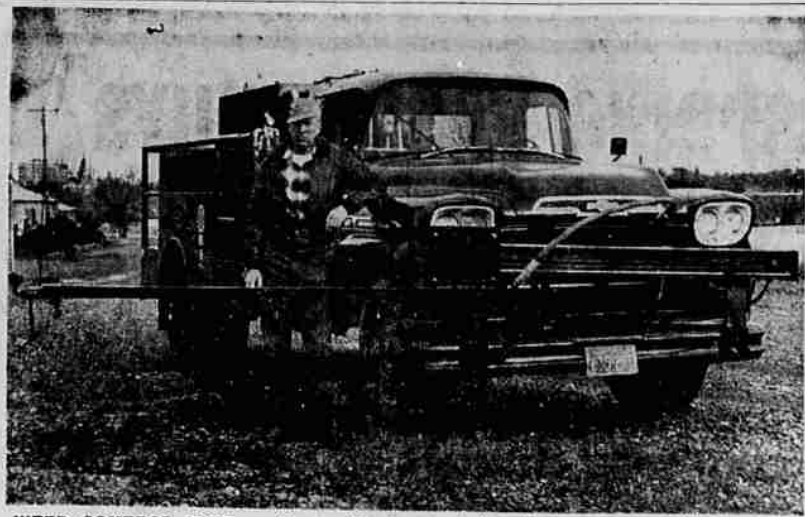




**WEED CONTROL UNIT** — County Weed Supervisor Ray Hubbell stands beside the county weed spray rig that is equipped with a unique hydraulically-operated boom that Hubbell and his assistant, Larry Perry, con-

structed at the county shops. The boom allows better coverage around mailboxes and other roadside obstructions. Application of sprays to county roads will begin next week, Hubbell said.

## Trial Runs of New Weed Spray Rig Are Made on Roadsides

Trial runs of Jackson county's new weed spray rig were made last week on county roadsides and work will begin next week on spring spray applications along 600 miles of county road shoulders.

The unique spray machine was completed last summer by Ray Hubbell, county weed supervisor, who had studied local weed problems and possible "mechanical answers" during his 11 years with the county.

He sought a better method of controlling roadside weeds, especially around mail boxes, mile posts and other roadside "paraphernalia," Hubbell said.

**Telescoping Boom**

The telescoping spray boom, mounted on the front of a truck, is operated on a special hydraulic system which Hubbell and his assistant, Larry Perry, constructed at the county shops. The boom reaches about eight feet and, with nozzles, will spray at least 12 feet from the edge of the road.

The machine has been recommended for study by anyone contemplating weed control, such as highway departments and county agents. The boom and hydraulic system cost the county \$565 and will pay for itself in one year's operation, according to Hubbell.

**Easily Adjusted**

The multi-use rig may be

operated by one or two men. The boom is easily adjusted and the six nozzles turn off automatically when the boom is moved back to the truck. The chemical, which sprays downward from the boom, is stored in a 600-gallon tank holding three times as much as the old jeep tank the county used in past years.

Hubbell said the spring application of soil sterilant for grass and weed control will be followed by 2, 4-D application for broadleaf control about March 1.

## Captain Honored at Air Force Ceremony

Gold Hill — Capt. Darwin E. Hammersley, son of Mrs. Grover T. Mulkey, Highway 99 north, Gold Hill, was honored recently during special ceremonies at Myrtle Beach Air Force base, S. C.

He received the Air Force commendation medal for meritorious service in connection with the deployment phases of the 354th Tactical Fighter wing, in July, 1958, as part of the Air Command's composite air strike force.

A graduate of Lakeview High school, Captain Hammersley enlisted shortly after graduation and completed cadet training in 1954. He has also seen service in France and Germany.

## Pullman Explains Role of Welfare With Red Cross

James Pullman, Jackson county public welfare administrator, defined the working relationship between Red Cross and public welfare during the monthly luncheon meeting of the board of directors of the Jacksonville County Red Cross chapter Thursday.

Many referrals to Red Cross are from welfare and vice versa, Pullman noted. Often, solutions are made jointly in keeping with the organizations' policies. Public welfare and Red Cross are set up to work together in time of disaster, he added.

Red Cross cooperated with public welfare by training those who visit county nursing homes. This has been a successful project, Pullman noted.

Speaking on the recent state legislative hearing, Pullman outlined the present public welfare set-up and Gov. Mark O. Hatfield's proposed reorganization plan.

He reiterated the need for public understanding of the public welfare commission's problems and the importance of the welfare program to indigent people. Otherwise, he said, the burden for their care would fall to other agencies which do not have the necessary funds and are not organized for this purpose.

Don Milligan, of the Central Point volunteer fire department, explained how the Central Point fire department is operating a rescue truck. This rescue unit may be used anywhere in the county and has provided a resuscitator for heart cases.

It has 1,500 watt power plant and four flood lights which can light up a disaster area at night. The truck includes equipment of all kinds that can be used for many different types of accidents.

The unit was financed by the Central Point volunteer firemen and from donations from many other sources.

**Show Planned**

Robert Heffernan, fund chairman, announced that all Applegate organizations are putting on a Red Cross benefit minstrel show March 4 at the Ruch school auditorium.

The newly organized Rogue River Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a bloodmobile in that area in April. Mrs. John Harr reported. A Red Cross benefit Pal club smoker will be held in the Rogue River area in March.

A first aid instructor's training class will be held in the Red Cross building from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, February 13 to 17. All instructors and holders of advanced first aid cards are eligible to attend, Hazel Swayne, first aid cochairman, said.

## JFK Gives Support To Travel Office

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy has thrown his full support behind legislation to create an office of international travel to lure foreign tourists to the United States.

His views were expressed Friday in a letter to Chairman Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), of the Senate Commerce committee, who has introduced a bill to set up such an office.

# County Judge Reviews Accomplishments Of Administration

Accomplishments and problems of the present county administration were related by County Judge Earl Miller at Friday night's meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association.

Leading off with the problems, the county judge remarked, "My experience on the county court has been both pleasant and frustrating. I have encountered problems I have never seen anything like before."

Noting that the forest industry here provides more than 50 per cent of the financial support for Jackson county government from timber sales receipts, Miller said it is important that the group realize that "our county government is not equipped to do the job."

"Few people understand county government. It's in the lowest class in the society of government," the county judge noted. The state and federal governments have administrative, legislative and judicial powers. Municipal government has legislative, judicial and proprietary powers.

County government in Oregon merely administers state laws on the county level. This system will not meet the needs for this county in the future."

Judge Miller pointed out that one rule established by the state legislature is applied to 36 Oregon county governments whether or not it fits their particular situations. It takes politics to get something from the state for the counties, he added.

"Our county budget is growing by leaps and bounds. Last year it was \$4,427,435. Fifty per cent of that cost was borne by O and C and U.S. forest service timber receipts," Miller stated.

Miller pointed out that the county court must maintain all county buildings and grounds. It must also maintain approximately 1,000 miles of county roads. Six hundred miles of these roads are in an improved status, he said.

There are 204 bridges to maintain. These bridges and roads are used to haul logs on, he pointed out to the forest industry people.

"It's also a duty of the county court to support the county farm home. We have a license there for 58 patients a month and we keep 63. I know we will shortly have to expand the county farm home."

Rates for county farm home welfare patients have been standardized so rates are charged according to the type of case. This tends to avoid competition with the private nursing homes, Judge Miller said.

A big problem of the county court is to maintain economy in county government, Miller pointed out.

It takes four months to prepare the county budget. During that time, all department heads are given a chance to plead their cases.

For the last four years there has been no tax on real property to support the county government, Miller said. Support has come from the county's share of timber receipts, gas tax refunds, liquor license receipts and other state and federal funds.

The mosquito problem will require help from lumber mill operators, Miller said. Mill operators will be asked to help evaluate the type of mosquito in the log ponds. The county judge drew chuckles from mill operators when he said two types of mosquitoes exist, biting and non-biting.

Large numbers of minnow-like fish will be brought to the county to eat the mosquito larvae. Jackson county has the equipment to do the job, according to public health officials, Miller said.

Another problem is welfare, which is costing the county \$226,000 a year.

Population pressure is rapidly making a change in county government organization a critical need, Miller said. Since 1940 the population has doubled. Since 1950, the county's population added 10,000, he said.

A big problem currently facing the county court is allocation of some timber receipts money to aid the schools without taking a cut in the flat grant from the state, the county judge explained.

Each county is required to provide \$10 per census child, Miller said. The county has

used some O and C funds to allocate \$35 per census child last year. This has avoided collecting more property taxes.

Yet, the state has considered a large portion of these funds in returning basic property support money to the Jackson county school districts, Miller explained. Some way must be found to avoid this deduction, he explained.

**Lack of Control**

Probably the biggest problem in county government is lack of county court control over the various county officials except through the budget.

"We must recognize the county government and put a head on it," Miller urged. "The people on the county home rule charter study committee are doing a good job and are sure to come up with something, either for or against home rule. However, we must have a reorganized government charter. I don't see how we can help it."

The county judge led off the list of his administration's accomplishments by reporting a more cooperative spirit among departments and with the county court. The county court has an "open door policy" for everyone.

"I have been criticized for certain things. And I think that's good! But I do object when such criticism does not

publish all the facts. I have made my decisions, hard decisions, for the best interests of Jackson county citizens."

Among other accomplishments he listed were: establishment of a merit raise system and completion of the job classification study, establishment of an insurance benefit policy for employees, air conditioning county offices, expanded court house parking facilities, a new 4-H building, remodel county jail facilities for better security, plans for a extension service building on the county fair grounds, improved county dog pound, purchase of grounds and building in Ashland for county roads department branch shop, extensive county road improvements and air pollution abatement program.

The county judge noted that no results have come "as yet" from the Bear Creek pollution survey. A regional planning advisory board is assisting to help avoid jealousies between Medford and smaller towns. It is promoting a cooperative approach to common problems, he emphasized.

Howard Prairie lake will be one of the finest recreation areas in the state. Miller praised the cooperation of the bureau of land management, bureau of reclamation, the national parks service and Thomas Parker, Ashland contractor. This made it possible

to start recreational developments at Howard Prairie a year before it was officially turned over to the county, Miller said.

**Recreational Developments**

Among other recreational developments under his administration was the purchase of the mineral rights of the Gebhard property on the Applegate to enable the U.S. forest

service to create and maintain a recreation area.

Restrooms were established at Hooper Springs Recreation areas are being considered for three spots along Bear Creek, and at Savage creek on the Rogue river. Facilities are being planned for Emigrant lake.

Jackson county, in the past, had lots of trouble with its

library system, but this has been corrected under the new management of Head Librarian Omar Bacon, Miller noted.

The county judge concluded by praising the citizens serving voluntarily and without pay on the many committees and commissions.

"We feel the county is progressing, but you be the judge," he said.

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