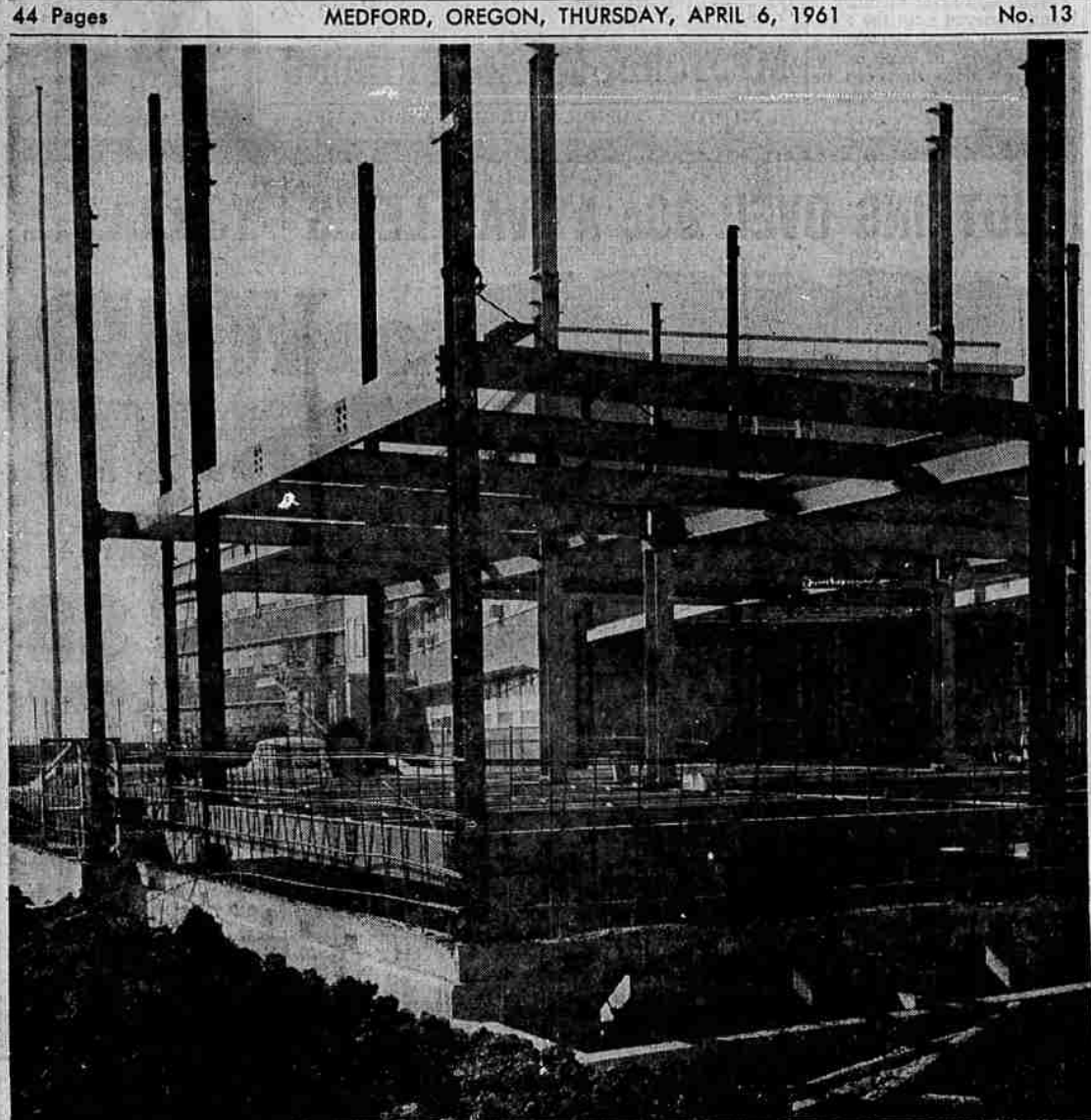


Prospects for Laos Settlement Discussed

Hatfield Supports Speedy Completion of Rogue Report

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HOSPITAL WING—Construction of the new 70-bed wing of Rogue Valley hospital, shown above, is now about 20 per cent complete, as the bright-colored beams and girders begin to loom into the sky. About 20 men are currently erecting the steel work which should be finished in another 10 days, according to Hospital Administrator Charles Gustafson. Graf and James, Medford, are contractors for the \$1,119,000 addition. Another \$400,000 will be spent for equipment and furnishings in the new wing, Gustafson said. Completion date is set for Jan. 1.

Christian Named Committee Head

Frank Christian, Talent, was elected chairman of the county's new stray animal committee last night, although he is not yet a member of the appointed group.

Christian was elected to the position by nine members of the committee after the 10th member, Eugene V. Hunt, Medford, had submitted a letter of resignation.

County Commissioner Edwin Taylor, an ex-officio member, said today that he had advised the advisory committee that Christian could not serve as chairman unless he is appointed to the committee by the county judge. The 10 members were appointed by County Judge Earl Miller last Friday to consider the county's stray animal problem, especially involving cats.

Dr. W. W. Weller, Ashland veterinarian, was elected vice chairman, and Mrs. R. G. Taber, 10 Knoll Crest dr., was named secretary. Dr. Weller was asked to tabulate figures concerning cat disease in this area and present facts to the county court.

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Damage Suit Filed By Grants Pass Man

A \$250 damage suit was filed against Jackson county Wednesday by a Grants Pass trucker whose truck was damaged when a county bridge collapsed.

The complainant, John Davis, charges that the county was "careless and negligent in maintenance of the bridge" on East Evans Creek rd. which collapsed Aug. 12, 1960.

Davis states that he expects to amend the complaint to include time the truck was unable to be used because of the accident.

MAN FOUND DEAD

Eugene - (UPI) - Stuart G. Barrett, 76, Eugene was found dead at the foot of a driveway in West Eugene Wednesday. Officers were investigating.

Senate Approves Bill To Curb Move Of Welfare Office

Salem - (UPI) - Defying Gov. Mark Hatfield, the Senate late Wednesday approved and sent to his desk a bill designed to thwart him in moving State Welfare commission headquarters to Salem.

HB1015 by Rep. Grace Peck (D-Portland) and others mostly Democrats - would establish Portland as permanent headquarters of the commission.

Hatfield is expected to veto it. The Senate vote was 18-10 with opposition coming mainly from Republicans. But one Democrat, Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney of Portland, described the bill as a "futile effort" and tried unsuccessfully to refer it to committee.

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House Approves Pollution Bill

Salem - (UPI) - A controversy over a so-called strong water pollution bill failed to materialize in the House today and the bill passed unanimously and went back to the Senate for concurrence.

The Senate had put in words that objectors said would weaken the bill but the House took them out.

There was no debate. Rep. Leon Davis (R-Hillsboro) carried the measure, saying it would increase powers of the State Sanitary Authority on water pollution.

SB36 was the object of a fight in the Senate when Sen. Robert Straub (D-Eugene) and others charged that inclusion of certain language would not give the authority additional powers it needs to accomplish stream cleanup.

The words objected to by some senators were that anti-pollution facilities must be "technically practicable and economically feasible."

This, complaints said, cities to tie the authority up in court over what this means.

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Governor Will Urge Agencies To Expedite Studies

Report Could Go To Congress in 1962

Salem - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield advised a delegation from Jackson and Josephine counties today that he is giving full support to speedy completion of the Rogue river basin report.

He told Ben Day, Medford attorney active in working for Rogue river development, that he will urge state agencies concerned to expedite their studies so they may be presented to the 87th congress.

Representatives of the Rogue basin flood control and water resource association say that with Hatfield's cooperation and that of state agencies the report can be presented to congress in 1962 and will be included in the omnibus river and harbors bill.

Those discussing the problem with Hatfield were Ben Hilton, chairman of the association, also representing the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce; Fayette Bristol of the Josephine county Isaak Walton league; George Field of Medford Chamber of Commerce; and Day, association attorney.

The Rogue basin report is the result of a comprehensive study of all of the water resources in the Rogue river basin. The final report is expected to include substantial fishery benefits.

The plan also encompasses flood control, irrigation, recreation and power development.

Final approval of the use of O and C association funds for the project is dependent upon Congressional approval, he added.

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Carroll E. Brown, forest supervisor, said the forest service has under contract an access road to within three miles of the proposed site, and a contract for construction of a road to connect with the lodge site is in the summer work program of the forest.

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Former Ashlanders Arrested for Arson
A former Ashland couple and a 27-year-old son were arrested by state police arson squad officers in Bend Wednesday and charged with first degree arson.

They are Herman Evans, 57, his wife, Celestia C. Evans, 50, and his son, Cecil Norman Evans, 27.

The three were to be arraigned in circuit court before Judge Edward Kelly this afternoon. Their arrest followed an indictment by a Jackson county grand jury April 3 on evidence presented by the district attorney involving a fire which damaged a house at 1307 Iowa st., Ashland.

District Attorney Alan Holmes said today that the Evans had been buying the house on contract from Mr. and Mrs. Clair A. Irwin, Ashland.

Negotiations Said To Be at Standstill
Negotiations between the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Local 418 and the Plumbers Employers association were at a standstill today after an offer by the association was refused Wednesday by the union.

According to E. E. Bowers, chairman of the association, the association is now waiting to receive a counter proposal from the union. No further negotiations will be undertaken until some proposal is received, he said.

Approximately 45 union plumbers in Jackson and Josephine counties have not reported for work this week after their contract expired March 31.

Development of Mt. Ashland Ski Resort Approved

Decision Follows Site Evaluations

A proposed ski resort on Mt. Ashland, 15 miles south of Ashland, has been approved for development by Richard E. McArdle, chief of the forest service, Washington, D.C., according to J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, Portland.

Word of the decision was announced here earlier by Congressman Edwin R. Durno.

The decision followed evaluation of four proposed locations in southern Oregon for winter sports development, Stone said.

In addition to Mt. Ashland, forest service personnel studied the Brown Mountain, Pelican Butte and Mt. McLoughlin sites. Snow conditions, terrain, economic factors, and community interest and benefits were considered before a recommendation favoring Mt. Ashland was made.

Stone said the issuance of a prospectus for the development of the area by private capital this summer will be dependent upon assurance that adequate snow-plowing will be provided.

Awarding Permit
Awarding a permit to the best qualified bidder will be made following prospectus advertising, he added.

Forest service participation in the development of the winter sports area will include establishment of safety, sanitation and service standards for the area, and issuing a permit for construction and operation of the ski resort.

Construction of a road to Mt. Ashland is made possible by the use of funds provided by the Association of O and C counties for development of recreation areas on national forests of western Oregon, Stone said.

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400 Rotarians Are Expected To Attend District Conference

Approximately 400 Rotarians, representing the 28 Rotary clubs in district 511, are expected in Medford Sunday, April 9 for a three-day district conference.

Fred R. Brennan, Medford club president, said the conference will begin with a buffet dinner for members and wives Sunday evening at Rogue Valley Country club, followed by fireside visits to homes of Rotarians in Medford.

J. Edd McLaughlin, Ralls, Tex., president of Rotary International, will be representing at the meeting by George Chaffey, Vallejo, Calif., chairman of the constitution and by-laws committee for Rotary International. He is deputy city superintendent of schools at Vallejo.

Other speakers will be Arthur F. Bries, Hot Springs, Ark.; Dr. William C. Jones, president of the Eugene Rotary club; and several foreign students from the University of Oregon. Orrin L. Brown is conference chairman.

Sessions will be held at the country club. Special activities planned for women coming to Medford for the event include a meeting at the Girls Community club at 10:30 a.m. Monday followed by a tour of the valley. A governor's banquet will be held Monday night.

Rotarians will conduct business sessions Monday from 9 to 12 a.m., followed by luncheon and an afternoon session. Tuesday morning business sessions will be followed by the regular noon luncheon meeting with Norman L. Easley, Portland attorney, as main speaker. The conference will adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

A total of 1,674 members belong to Oregon Rotary clubs in the district from Salem south. Loren Palmerton, Klamath Falls, has been nominated to serve as governor of the district for 1961-62 and will take office July 1.

He will be among more than 200 district governors representing some 10,700 clubs in 120 countries who will attend Rotary International's 1961 convention in Tokyo in May.

Every county but four would get at least four representatives. Lane county would get one more and Multnomah county two more senators.

Multnomah would lose one representative and this would go to Coos county. The representative shared solely by Coos would go to Curry county.

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Moscow Reports Indicate Formal Cease Fire Near

Kennedy, Macmillan Meet Aboard Yacht

Washington - (UPI) - British and American officials today discussed prospects for a lasting political settlement in Laos as indications mounted that Russia would agree to a formal cease fire.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk and British Foreign Secretary Lord Home met at the State Department to talk about Laos and other matters involved in the conferences here between President Kennedy and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

Afternoon Meeting
Macmillan and Kennedy scheduled a conference this afternoon aboard the presidential yacht Honeo Fitz on the Potomac river. Laos and other troublesome issues were on the agenda.

Reports from Moscow and from authoritative diplomatic sources here were that British and Russian officials in the Soviet capital had virtually completed details of a joint call for a truce in Laos.

Informally Accepted
Both sides in Laos have informally accepted the idea of a cease fire. The British and Russians were reported asking Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to call a meeting of the International Control Commission for Laos (India, Canada and Poland) to police a cease fire.

In addition to Laos, officials said Kennedy and Macmillan also were ready to discuss in general terms their position on Berlin and Germany. They strongly oppose Soviet demands that the allies withdraw from Berlin and agree to write separate peace treaties with East and West Germany.

California Wanted Man Arrested Here
James Edward Blackwell, 28, was arrested by Oregon State police officers about 6:35 o'clock this morning on Highway 99 north of Rock Point for California authorities.

According to an all points bulletin received last night, Blackwell is wanted for questioning regarding an April 4 murder in the Long Beach area of Los Angeles county.

Blackwell was lodged in the county jail pending the arrival of California officers. Following a telephone call from the homicide department of the Los Angeles sheriff's office, the woman with Blackwell at the time of his arrest was also held for California authorities.

The woman was identified as Cora N. Reed, 27. With them was the woman's 2 1/2-month-old child.

Crater Lions Check Presented To Hospital
A check for \$4,507.82 was presented to Sacred Heart hospital this morning for its building fund by Dave Franklin, Crater Lions club president. The money was from the television auction held recently by the club.

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