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TREES REMOVED—Work on clearing the right of way for the overhead freeway structure between Jackson and 12th sts. in Medford began yesterday with the removal of a number of large trees between Main and Eighth sts. The picture above shows the trees after they had been

felled into the creek, leaving a rather "bare" look to the scene. The overhead freeway structure, costing more than \$1,500,000, is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1962. Peter Klewit and Sons, Medford, are contractors for the job.

Bridges Attacks Oilman's Letter Soliciting Funds

Washington — (UPI)—A Senate Republican leader branded as "pretty raw" today efforts of an oilman friend of Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall to peddle tickets to a \$100 a plate Democratic dinner honoring President Kennedy.

Chairman Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) made the statement after his Senate GOP policy committee discussed the ticket solicitation episode. It was a "pretty raw way to go about collecting money," Bridges said of a letter from oil executive J. K. Evans asking 56 oil and gas industry representatives to buy tickets for the fund-raising dinner May 27.

Evans claimed in the letter that Udall asked him to solicit the industry as a "personal favor." Udall "categorically" denied asking any such effort. He said Evans had admitted a "mistake." Evans was not immediately available for comment.

Republicans in Congress were clamoring for Udall's political scalp. Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah) termed the Udall development "the Democrat's U2 incident."

Rep. William E. Miller (R-N.Y.) expected to be the next GOP national chairman, demanded that Kennedy fire Udall. He accused the secretary of "blackjacking" the oil and gas industry into buying the tickets.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness tonight. Mostly sunny Thursday. Low tonight 38. High Thursday 68.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 65
Lowest this Morning 43

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 7:13 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:03 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 10:21 p.m.
Last Quarter May 7
The planet, Mars, is now in the constellation, Cancer. It is about 148 million miles away tonight and will continue to grow dimmer until it leaves the evening sky late in the summer.

Commission Suggests Bremerton Man for Job

The Jackson county parks and recreation commission has recommended James Schollmeyer, Bremerton, Wash., as concessionaire at Emigrant lake, the county court announced today.

County Commissioner Chester Wendt said action by the county court is pending return of County Judge Earl Miller, who is now out of town. Schollmeyer offered 4 1/2 per cent of gross receipts from the concession. He was one of six persons submitting bids ranging from 1 per cent to 16 per cent.

City-County Parks and Recreation Director Robert Harworth said the commission based its selection on two things: experience with small boat and Marine equipment sales, and the percentage of gross receipts offered. "We feel the marina experience is necessary since Emigrant will be used widely by boaters,"

City's Preliminary Budget Presented To Citizens' Group

The city of Medford's preliminary 1961-62 budget was presented to the citizens' budget committee last night along with information that unless additional sources of revenue are found, it may be necessary to cut down on city services in succeeding budgets.

The proposal provides for a cash budget of \$2,634,205, and a general fund budget of \$938,431. This compares to a cash budget during the current fiscal year of \$3,253,439 and a general fund budget of \$906,030.

Confirmation of the city's financial troubles are borne out in a preface to the budget, prepared by City Manager Robert A. Duff:

"It is my opinion that the city can operate within the proposed budget and provide a level of service equal to the current services rendered. It must be stated, however, that some departments are becoming burdened because of greater work loads and are operating with a minimum of personnel."

Last night's budget committee meeting was the first this year. It was held largely to acquaint committee members with budget procedures and the budget itself.

The committee elected Donald Carlon president, and Morris Leonard secretary. They scheduled committee meetings on the next four Tuesday nights. Additional meetings can be held if necessary.

Mayor John W. Snider welcomed the committee members, and declared that the committee is "faced with the responsibility of balancing cultural needs against convenience, safety and comfort, and all within the tight confines of available funds."

Donald E. Pribbenow, 21, Vancouver, was held on suspicion of murder and police said he admitted the slaying. The woman had gone to his home on census duties for the Grace Lutheran Church here. Jones said it would take some time to study statements, an autopsy report and the youth's background.

Bulletin

Salem — (UPI) — A five per cent tax cut for every income taxpayer in Oregon was approved, 20-9, by the state Senate today.

GOP Banquet Set; Hatfield, Davis Among Speakers

Final plans for the May 6 Republican banquet at Hedrick Junior High school were outlined by Mrs. Stephen G. Nye, chairman, at the last meeting of Jackson County Young Republicans.

Gov. Mark O. Hatfield will be the main speaker. He will be introduced by Dr. Douglas Phillips following a buffet dinner which will start at 7 p.m. Robert G. Davis, Grants Pass lawyer and Republican state chairman, also will speak.

Republican precinct committeemen and women, who will receive special recognition at the banquet, will be awarded individual certificates signed by Richard Nixon, Sen. Thurston Morton and state party leaders.

Mrs. Nye reported that the Medford High school choir will present favorite songs of the governor, the Oregon State song and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Young Republicans President Gary Boshears announced that State Rep. John Delenback and Sen. Lynn Newberry have been tentatively scheduled to report on the current state legislature's session at the JCYR meeting June 2.

At the last meeting Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, former clerk, discussed party effectiveness and responsibility and suggested that Young Republicans assume political responsibility and gain a working knowledge of the problems faced by government.

Tickets for the Republican banquet may be obtained at Swen's, Lawrence's Jewellers and Jean Hart's, or by calling SPRING 2-8633. The public is invited.

Edwards First Assessor Choice

Members of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee Tuesday night named their chairman, Harper Edwards, as first choice for appointment to the position of county assessor. They met at the Labor temple.

The Central committee had been invited by the county court to recommend two persons whom the court could consider for appointment to the assessor position left vacant last month by the death of Ray J. Schumacher.

K. C. (Swede) Wernmark, long active in the Democratic party, was named the committee's second choice, and Ralph James, former county commissioner, was third. Applications also were received from three men presently employed in the assessor's office, Thad W. Hatten, Howard Woods and Ray Barker, and from William Frohnmayer, realtor, and Homer Jeffries, Central Point rancher.

Edwards came to the Rogue valley two years ago and is assistant manager of Weisfield's Jewellers.

KAISER'S SON DIES
Oakland — (UPI) — Henry J. Kaiser Jr., 44, younger son of industrial titan Henry J. Kaiser Sr., died Tuesday night.

Senate Resolution Calls for Vote on Use of Sales Tax Money

10-Mill Limit On Amount of Taxes Included

Sweetland Terms Plan 'Cruel Hoax'

Salem — (UPI) — The Senate today approved a resolution letting the people vote in 1962 on whether to limit a possible future sales tax to three per cent, and apply revenue derived as an offset to school property taxes.

The vote was 16-13. Senate Joint Resolution 35 went to the House.

Sen. Walter J. Pearson (D-Portland) carried the measure. An attempt to send it back to committee failed 19-10.

Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) termed it a "cruel hoax, particularly on the school people."

The resolution would not in itself enact a sales tax. But the constitutional amendment would guarantee that if the 1963 legislature approved a sales tax, it could be no more than three per cent.

The measure includes a 10 mill limit on the amount of property taxes that school districts could levy. Pearson said some districts now are levying up to 80 mills.

Pearson said a sales tax of three per cent would raise between \$60 million and \$70 million and would go to schools, more than offsetting the revenue loss by limiting property taxes.

Sweetland called it the "old sales tax pitch again" but Pearson said it is the first time that a sales tax would be offered as a property tax limitation.

Pearson said the measure is part of a package providing income tax exemption increases from \$600 a person to \$1,500 an individual, and \$3,000 per couple, instead of \$1,200.

Pearson said the measure has the support of many major state groups except labor. One bill in his package could lead to abolition of the property tax entirely, he said.

Those voting against the measure were Sens. Chapman, Vern Cook, Ward Cook, Alfred Corbett, Alice Corbett, Flegel, Francis, Grenfell, Groener, Mahoney, Straub, Sweetland and Thiel.

Jacksonville Youth Sentenced To Write Essay On Alcohol

A 17-year-old Jacksonville boy pleaded guilty in district court yesterday to charges of illegal possession of liquor. He has some writing to do as a result.

District Court Judge L. L. Sawyer sentenced him to write an essay of a thousand words or more on the effects of alcohol on the human body. The essay is due June 30.

The youth was also placed on a 9 o'clock curfew until that date, and Judge Sawyer suspended imposition of any further sentence for six months.

"I don't like to impose fines in cases like these," Judge Sawyer explained. "Too often the parents pay the fine. This way the boy will have a chance to think a little more about his offense."

"Doctor Is Out. Would You Care To Speak With Someone Else?"

Salem — (UPI) — Sen. Robert W. Straub (D-Eugene) declared today he is taking his compulsory car insurance bill to the people in 1962 through initiative petition.



TENT ERECTED — Workmen above are shown as they put the poles under the giant tent that will contain exhibits of the Crater Lions club Sportsfair and Home and Garden show at the Medford armory grounds this week end. The event will have a larger number of exhibits than held in past years, according to Dick Hawkins, chairman of the show. Week end activities begin with a horse show and cutting contest in a specially-built arena southeast of the Medford armory at 8 p.m. Friday. Exhibits will include those of interest to sportsmen and home owners as well as youngsters.

State Industrial Accident Group Increases Rates

Salem — (UPI) — The State Industrial Accident commission announced today it is increasing its workmen's compensation rates to 56 classifications of employers because of increased medical costs.

At the same time 26 classes will get reduced rates because of favorable loss ratios. The other 149 classes will stay at the present rates.

The increases will bring in \$263,000, the commission said. The biggest hike was in rates paid by plywood manufacturers. It is going from \$2.91 per hundred dollars of payroll to \$3.21, an increase of 10.3 per cent. But the commission added that because of discounts, the average plywood employer will pay only 7 1/2 per cent more.

Other major increases in the 56 classifications: General farmers: \$8.79 to \$9.55, a 10 per cent increase, with the average hike two per cent, figuring discounts.

Western Oregon loggers: \$14.98 to \$15.51, a 3 1/2 per cent increase. However, the commission said the average employer in this group will get a rate reduction of about 1 per cent because of experience rating boosts. Experience ratings figure in discounts.

Pulp and paper: \$2.02 to \$2.21, a 9 per cent increase. The commission said this is another case where the average employer will actually pay less.

Planing mills: \$2.89 to \$3.18, 10 per cent increase, but averaging 6 per cent.

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Plans Near Final Stage for Crater Sportsfair Event

Plans neared the final stage today for the Crater Lions club sponsored Sportsfair and Home and Garden show at the Medford armory grounds this week end.

The event opens Friday with the main attraction a horse show starting at 8 p.m. Activities increase Saturday and Sunday with various shows scheduled throughout the day and evening.

The Sportsfair is sponsored annually by the Crater Lions club to raise money for charitable purposes. The show in recent years

has been expanded to include home and garden exhibits. Dick Hawkins, general chairman of the show, said this year's displays, demonstrations and booths by home and garden interests will be the largest number in the event's history.

Hawkins said Gov. and Mrs. Hatfield, who will be in Medford Saturday for a Republican dinner, plan to attend the fair Saturday afternoon. He will be escorted through the grounds by members of the Crater Lions club.

Scheduled events during the fair include water sports by the Medford YMCA, demonstrations by the Sky Divers, judo exhibitions, skin diver demonstrations, and a style review by the Sportsfair queen and her princesses. Horse shows are scheduled both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Booths will house various exhibits of interest to sportsmen, home owners and gardeners. There also will be attractions for children.

A large tent to house some of the exhibitions was erected earlier this week, and bleachers have been installed in areas of the horse show, and other exhibitions such as swimming, and skin diving.

Bids Called for Ashland Overpass

Salem — (UPI) — A railroad overpass project over Highway 99, 4 1/4 miles south of Ashland, has been added to a list of projects offered for bids Monday by the Oregon State Highway commission.

The Mistletoe overpass bids will be opened at 9 a.m. May 23 in the highway commission office, Salem.

The overpass construction is necessary by the relocation of the four-lane highway, and will be a 179-foot reinforced concrete structure. It will carry the Southern Pacific railroad over Highway 99 freeway.

Eymann Announces Speaker Candidacy

Salem — (UPI) — Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Mohawk) today announced his candidacy for speaker of the 1963 Oregon House.

Eymann, chairman of the House Tax committee, said he has made no effort to secure pledges. But he said he was gratified by the number of representatives who offered support.

Others to announce their candidacy for speaker in 1963 include Rep. William Holmstrom (D-Gresham) and F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene) GOP minority leader in the House.

Research Vessel Launched by Hatfield
Portland — (UPI) — Oregon State University was to officially acquire a "Navy" today. Gov. Mark Hatfield headed a list of dignitaries for the 4 p.m. ceremony at Swan Island where the \$300,000, 80-foot research vessel "Acona" was to be commissioned. The ship, launched Feb. 13, will be stationed at Newport.

Rebels Attack Key Town After Announcement

Commission Waits For Instructions

Vientiane, Laos — (UPI) — The Communist Pathet Lao forces ordered a general cease fire in Laos and announced that they had "ceased military actions" today.

But only a few hours later, Red rebel troops attacked Muong Phalane, a key town in south central Laos on the main road to Viet Nam.

The cease fire order was broadcast over the Pathet Lao radio by Capt. Kong Le, young paratrooper officer who set off the current crisis last year. He called for the cease fire to be effective at 7 p.m. (PST) Tuesday. Later broadcasts said the Communists had halted their military operations and called for a front line meeting with pro-Western forces.

Then came the attack on Muong Phalane, which observers felt might be the result of bad communications instead of bad faith.

In New Delhi, it was reported that the three-nation control commission expected to receive instructions at "any moment" to proceed to Laos to verify a cease fire. The orders would come from Britain and the Soviet Union, co-chairmen of the 1954 Geneva Conference on Indo China. Informal sources said the commission, comprised of India, Canada and Poland, could have 100 personnel ready to leave within 24 hours. The over-all required personnel is estimated at 180.

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Danger of Break In Dam Is Past

Any possible danger of a privately-owned dam on Lake Creek breaking is past, members of the von der Hellen family said today.

Some concern was expressed Monday when an 80-foot high earth-fill dam owned by Robert von der Hellen started settling. Water was released from the 874-acre-foot capacity lake by increasing the size of an spillway and cutting another spillway on one edge of the dam.

The dam was constructed to form an irrigation lake for 70 acres of pear trees and 140 acres of meadow owned by von der Hellen.

Ashland Council Sets Hearing Date

Ashland — The Ashland city council set May 16 for a public hearing to consider proposed changes in the city residential zoning ordinance.

The hearing date was set last night. In addition, the council instructed the city planning commission to hold a public hearing on the zoning change May 15. Both hearings will start at 8 p.m. in the council chambers.

The zoning change calls for establishment of a multiple family dwelling area to be known as Zone 3, and a single family area known as Zone 4. Minimum lot area for construction in both zones is 6,000 square feet.

The council received a letter from the owners of the Ashland Cab company proposing restrictions on licensing taxi cab operation in the city. Specifically, the proposal calls for making a deposit of \$500 prior to receiving a license for operation in the city. If the company was still operating at the end of six months, the deposit would be returned. The ordinance committee will report on the proposal at the May 16 council meeting.

News Briefs

Tucson, Ariz. — (UPI) — Democrat Morris (Moe) Udall today cheered the Kennedy administration by winning its first post-November victory at the polls.

The 38-year-old Tucson attorney narrowly defeated his Republican opponent, Mac C. Matheson, to win the congressional seat once held by his brother, Interior Secretary Stewart Udall.

Washington — (UPI) — The Senate approved 64-25 a compromise version of President Kennedy's \$1.25 minimum wage bill today.

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI) — Space officials said today that America's No. 1 astronaut will be launched into space Friday, weather permitting.

Miami, Fla. — (UPI) — A two-masted sailing ship being used as a floating classroom for high school boys sank in a violent wind storm Tuesday with the probable loss of six lives, the Coast Guard said today.

Washington — (UPI) — The Fire Force today blamed a "one in a million" moisture leak for the accident in which a runaway Sidewinder missile shot down a B52 bomber over New Mexico April 7.

Havana — (UPI) — The top leader of the ill-fated Cuban invasion, former Army Capt. Manuel Artiles, has been captured, the government announced today.