

Midwestern Rivers Unchecked

Procedures for Housing Authority In Area Discussed

Council on Aging Hears R. B. Spaulding

Procedures for developing a housing authority in this area, to provide low cost housing, especially for the elderly, were discussed Wednesday afternoon at a meeting of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging.

Roger B. Spaulding, San Francisco, chief of management for the Federal Housing Administration, Pacific region, spoke to about 45 persons attending the meeting in the Red Cross building.

Also present was Don Byers, Portland architect and advisor to the Portland Housing authority, who represented Gene Rossman, president of the Northwest Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Gene Williams, council chairman, presided. Members of the council have discussed low - cost housing for several months and invited Spaulding here to explain.

Plans Announced

Plans were announced recently for the council and the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce to make a survey to determine the number of persons over 65 in this area who need low-cost housing.

Spaulding told the group that the 1960 housing census for Medford showed 3,000 renter - occupied units, including about 1,000 which were below standard.

Population in the United States has doubled since 1900, with that of the 45-65 age group having tripled, and that over 65 years or older having quadrupled. "About one-third of the country is ill-housed," he said.

Housing authorities are already providing low - cost housing in Oregon communities of Roseburg, Springfield, Florence, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Newport, Toledo and others.

Spaulding said the housing authorities are established through "local initiative," by appointment of five commissioners appointed by a group such as the Jackson county court. Each commissioner normally serves a five year term, with the first five appointed for 1 to 5-year terms.

Porter Appointed As Consultant

Washington - (UPI) - Former Oregon Rep. Charles Porter of Eugene today was named as a consultant in the Kennedy Administration's Food for Peace program.

Porter, a Democrat who was beaten last November by Dr. Edwin Durno of Medford, will receive about \$17,000 annually in his new post.

Technically, Porter has been named as a consultant to Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman and has been loaned by Freeman to George S. McGovern, the administrator of the Food for Peace program.

Porter's current appointment is for six months.

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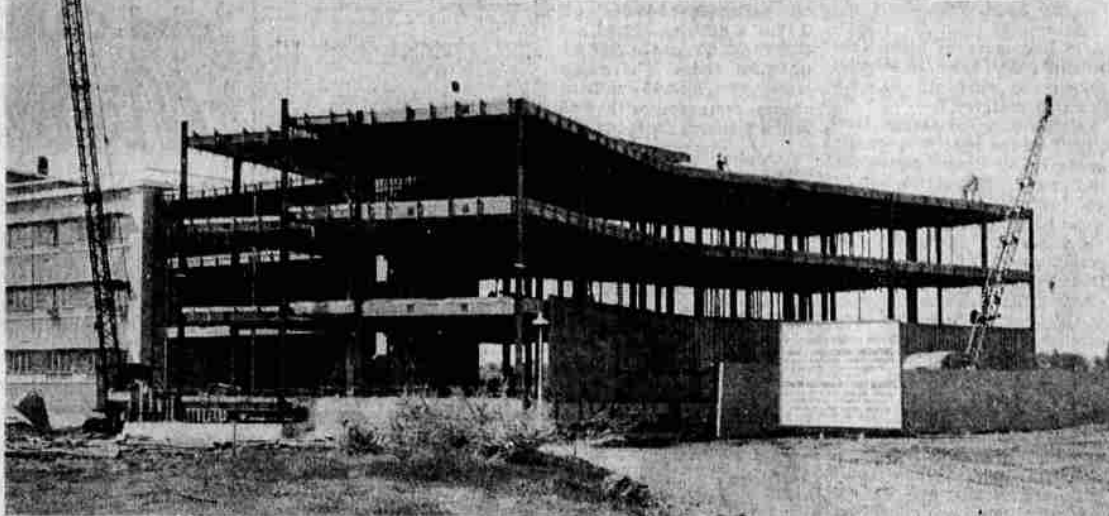
Salem - (UPI) - Oregon State university becomes the official name of Oregon State college Aug. 9.

Outlaw Work Stoppages On Missile Jobs Rapped

Washington - (UPI) - Chairman John L. McClellan of the Senate investigations subcommittee today denounced what he called outlaw strikes and concerted work stoppages on government contracts.

Conditions "Intolerable" The Arkansas Democrat made public a closing statement for the subcommittee's two-weeks of hearings on missile base labor troubles. He said the conditions disclosed were "intolerable."

"Wild cat strikes, work stoppages, slowdowns, featherbedding and a deliberate policy of low productivity on the part of some unions and workers may well be responsible to a substantial degree for whatever gap or lagging behind exists in our space and



MORE HOSPITAL BEDS—The 70-bed wing under construction at Rogue Valley hospital is about 30 per cent complete, and will bring to about 160 the total number of beds in the hospital when it is completed next year. The concrete and steel structure will cost about \$1½ million, including equipment, with \$550,000 coming from Federal government funds. An estimated 70 employees will be

added to the hospital staff when the new wing is opened. Administrator Charles Gustafson said some of the beds which will be available in the addition could be used now, because of the high occupancy already in the existing core. The new rooms are planned to meet increasing hospital needs of the next several years.

(Knackstedt photo)

Resubmission of Indictments Is Sought in Motion

Circuit Judge James M. Main will consider a motion Monday to resubmit the eight pending indictments against O. H. Bengtson, Medford lawyer, to the grand jury.

The affidavit and motion were filed this week by Paul Haviland, court appointed prosecuting attorney. The Monday hearing was scheduled in circuit court action yesterday.

The affidavit filed by Haviland said a heavy civil case schedule had previously kept him from checking into the evidence in the case against Bengtson.

Bengtson is charged with embezzling funds from the Medford Escrow company. He has been found guilty on two similar charges by juries in Jackson and Josephine counties and is scheduled to be tried on a third indictment Monday in Jackson county circuit court.

Including the indictment on which the Monday trial is based, there are eight indictments now pending against him. He is currently free on \$24,500 bail.

Haviland stated in his affidavit that "upon considering all the matters, it is my opinion that the best interests of Jackson county and Oregon will be served by resubmitting the pending indictments to the grand jury so that they may be consolidated and so that some of the same issues of law can be eliminated in subsequent prosecutions that may be based upon new indictments."

It continues that the two convictions "involved the same questions of law . . . so the grand jury should reconsider all of these matters and determine which prosecutions should be pressed."

ASSASSINATED

Vientiane, Laos - (UPI) - A top aide of Deputy Premier Phoumi Novasan was assassinated early today as he drove in a car through the downtown area of Vientiane.

BILLS DIE IN HOUSE

Salem - (UPI) - Bills to extend controls over drugs and to let counties license businesses died in the closing hours of the House Wednesday.

Proposed Building Code Referred to Planning Committee

The Jackson county planning commission last night referred back to committee the proposed county building code. A Rogue River man asked that the commission reconsider the requirements covering mobile homes.

Criticism of the proposed code ranged from "too many loopholes" and "covers too much territory," to the state-

ment that "state laws govern plumbing and wiring installations so there is no need for a county building code."

The code was referred back to committee with the recommendation that it meet with groups who have expressed constructive ideas regarding its formulation.

A. L. Wright, property owner near Emigrant lake, sought reassurance from the planning commission that the interim zoning ordinance recently approved by the county court would not change with the whims of the commission.

As a representative of the group recently formed by property owners in the lake area he obtained copies of the ordinance for some of the owners. It was understood that the committee, composed of three members and two alternates, plans to discuss with the lake area property owners the orderly development of that area.

Public Hearings on Commission's Agenda

Seven public hearings are on the agenda for the Medford city planning commission at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the city hall council chambers.

Four of the hearings concern requests for changes of zone and the other three are on requests for variances to the zoning ordinance.

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The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Episcopal church in Gardner. Dr. Durno will return to Washington Saturday or Sunday.

County May Set Hearing Date on Budget Today

The Jackson county budget committee hopes to set a date for a public hearing, and total the proposed budget this afternoon, County Judge Earl Miller said.

After conferring with County Auditor George Stacey yesterday afternoon a preliminary figure of \$4,146,153.70 was reached.

This includes \$80,000 for a county emergency fund, estimated at 2 per cent of the total budget. It also includes a required county allocation of \$10 per census child to school districts.

Stacey set the county's cash working fund for the fiscal year at \$101,000. This is outside of the county budget total.

Confronting Problems

One problem confronting the budget committee is how to include sufficient funds to complete two major county bridge projects next fiscal year. They were to have been completed before the new year starts July 1, but County Engineer Robert Carstensen said the work will not be finished because of unexpected delays.

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Flooding Delays Crop Planting In Much of Area

Boy's Death Brings Storm Toll To 37

By United Press International Swollen midwestern rivers rushed virtually unchecked into thousands of homes and plowed fields despite clearing weather today and threatened a serious planting delay for the nation's farm belt.

A U. S. Weather Bureau midweek forecast for clear and generally sunny weather south of the Great Lakes did little to ease the plight of routed families and distressed farmers in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.

In Indiana, clear skies meant the swollen White and Wabash rivers would take longer than originally predicted to reach crests on their southeastward movement and a Weather Bureau spokesman said it would be "several days" before they vanish into the Ohio river.

Planting Behind Schedule

Hoosier farmers lagged about two weeks behind in their planting. State agriculturist Robert Straszheim said the wet weather and last week's tornadoes cut field work by 50 per cent and saturated thousands of acres.

The nation's flood and tornado toll since last week ended rose to 37 dead Wednesday when a 5-year-old Indianapolis boy drowned in flooded Fall creek. The victim was identified as Jackie Eugene Harness.

The fair and warmer forecast had its exceptions in the South. Well scattered rain fell over a wide strip of south Atlantic and Gulf states Wednesday night and a tornado in South Carolina's Marion county ripped through a vacant school, uprooted trees and snatched a porch into its funnel.

Guns, Money Taken From Kennedy's

Burglars broke into the Bob Kennedy Furniture store in north Medford early this morning and took several guns and cashed off a small safe containing an undetermined amount of money and jewelry.

Police are looking for two men who were seen in the area of the store, located at 1603 North Riverside ave., by a passerby about the time the burglary is believed to have taken place.

A night watchman, Paul S. Jenny, 2624½ Merriman rd., told police that everything was all right when he last checked the building at 5:30 a.m. A state police officer discovered the burglary at 6:15 a.m.

Police said the safe contained an undetermined amount of rings, watches and diamonds. Included among the stolen guns were a .38 caliber revolver, a .30 caliber pistol, a .357 colt revolver and a .357 magnum. Ammunition for the guns was also reported missing.

Police said entry to the building was gained by "cutting" the lock on a door at the rear of the building with a bolt-cutter.

Hatfield May Veto Mental Health Bill

Salem - (UPI) - Indications today were that Gov. Mark Hatfield might veto the mental health bill which the Legislature finally sent to him in drastically amended form.

Instead of creating a division of mental health under the governor, it sets one up under the Board of Control. It also carries the \$200,000 appropriation for community mental clinics.

Sources said Hatfield has not yet made up his mind but feels the bill was "damaged considerably" by the Legislature.

REHEARING SOUGHT

Portland - (UPI) - An attorney for Levi S. McDonald indicated today a petition for rehearing would be filed within 20 days with the State Supreme Court, which Wednesday upheld McDonald's Multnomah County conviction in connection with dynamiting of newspaper trucks.



EDWARD WARMOTH To Speak at Dinner

Safety Patrols To Be Honored at Annual Banquet

Student members of school safety patrols for the 14 Medford elementary schools and St. Mary's school will be honored at the annual recognition dinner Friday, May 12, at Hedrick Junior High school.

The Medford Safety council is arranging the event, which will be held from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Awards will be made to individual safety patrol members, and pen and pencil sets will be given to each student. Pins designating the patrol rank of students are provided by the Oregon State Motor association.

Edward Warmoth, manager of the traffic safety division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles, will speak at the dinner. He was formerly with the Portland Traffic Safety commission and has participated in a number of Salem civic activities.

He also has served as executive secretary for the Oregon Traffic Safety commission since December, 1957.

Expenses for the annual event are borne by Parent-Teacher associations and by other local groups, including the Kiwanis, Rotary, Medford and Crater Lions clubs, Zonta, 20-30, Business and Professional Women's clubs, Knights of Columbus, Elks lodge and the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Hatfield Starts Blame-Casting With Attack

Salem - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield declared today the 1961 legislature "bogged down miserably" on traffic safety, spent too much money, and passed the buck on government reorganization.

The attack launched the political blame-casting that will increase from both sides now that the lawmakers and the governor no longer have anything to gain from each other.

Hatfield said the legislature "spent millions more than the administration budget proposals, provided no net reduction in the number of commissions, did little in the way of individual tax reform to remove inequities."

Recalls Remark

On the legislature's total junking of his cabinet system government plan, Hatfield recalled his remark at the start of the session:

"Should you choose to do nothing, then the buck-passing which now characterizes some administrative procedures must rest at your door."

On the constructive side, Hatfield added, the legislature provided a start in medical care for the aged, benefited education "considerably," and enhanced economic development.

648,000 HAVE JOBS

Salem - (UPI) - Employment in Oregon as of mid-April reached 648,000 and there were 48,800 without jobs, Oregon Employment Commissioner David H. Cameron said today.

Legislative Session Ends

122 Days Second Longest In History of Oregon

By DOUGLAS GRIPP

Salem - (UPI) - The 1961 legislature, a "sane and stable" session in the words of Senate President Harry Bolvin, reached final adjournment late Wednesday and went down as the second longest in Oregon history - 122 days.

Only the 128 days of 1957 surpassed it. Adjournment sine die came at 8:01 p.m. after hours of haggling over last-minute compromises.

The session settled on about a \$366 million 1961-63 budget, \$7 million more than the

blat from Sen. John Hare (R-Hillsboro) that the next time the Senate will "not be sold down the river by the House Labor Committee." The House committee successfully derailed the original Little Landrum-Griffin Bill which the AFL-CIO opposed.

A \$50,000 appropriation creating two summer forest work camps for those between 15-19. The pilot program, for youngsters who volunteer, would be operated by the State Forestry Department and would involve about 50 boys.

Duncan said he is sure that "in spite of disappointments the 1961 session will measure up well as a session which did much to make Oregon a better place in which to live."

Education Gains Listed

Sen. Monroe Sweetland, considered the legislative "dean of education," said both public schools and higher education have "major gains" despite alarms at the start that education would fare badly.

The Milwaukie Democrat cited the new community college law with nearly \$2 million to back it up, new scholarships and student loans, nearly \$10 million for new higher education facilities, a graduate school of social work at Portland State, and faculty pay increases which he described as "modest." They total 14.4 per cent over the next two years.

Nearly everyone got a pay raise from the governor on down. Circuit and district judges, state police, and district attorneys and their deputies won more money, too.

Sweetland said the "major defeat" for education was an increase in basic school support of only \$109 per census child to \$120 a child by 1963, or \$127 million versus the present \$107 million. He said it should have been millions of dollars more.

The House, in other last-minute action, killed a bill setting a 70-mile-an-hour maximum speed limit and the Senate killed the probable cause bill. Both traffic safety measures were wanted by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

The probable cause bill would have allowed an officer to arrest for such violations as drunken driving without actually witnessing the violation.

The House killed Sen. Walter J. Pearson's bill appropriating \$250,000 to plan an addition to the Capitol Building. He originally asked for \$1.5 million and immediate construction. The vote to kill the compromise amount was 34-24.

Foreman Fire School Planned on Saturday

Annual fire school for foreman of logging and lumbering firms will be conducted Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon at the southwest district headquarters of the state department of forestry on Table Rock rd.

Sponsors of the school are the state forestry department and the Rogue River and Siskiyou National forests.

Duncan Chairman Of Emergency Board

Salem - (UPI) - The state emergency board, made up of Senate and House members, today elected House Speaker Robert B. Duncan (D-Medford) chairman.

Sen. E. D. Potts (D-Grants Pass) was named secretary.

The board does just what its name implies - rules on emergency allocations of funds for state agencies between legislatures.

The board was given \$1.3 million, including \$300,000 for emergency pay increases for higher education.

Proposal To Move Clocks Ahead Spreading Throughout Oregon

By United Press International

The idea of going to work an hour earlier to conform with the Portland metropolitan area's daylight saving time was spreading in the rest of Oregon today.

McMinnville Switches

The latest area to announce it would adopt fast time unofficially was McMinnville. Business, professional and industrial firms there and in Sheridan will jump on the daylight bandwagon at midnight Sunday.

Newberg Chamber of Commerce officials said the change there would go into effect at 1 a.m. Monday. Schools will

observe it, opening an hour earlier with clocks staying at the same.

Astoria was one of the first cities outside the five-county daylight area to join the movement to fast time on an unofficial basis. But many Willamette Valley and coastal cities have indicated they will adopt the change by advancing working schedules an hour.

Favored in Eugene

In Medford, Manager Don McNeil of the Chamber of Commerce said the Retail Merchants Association would consider the plan at a meeting next week. He said Grants Pass also was considering it. Most Eugene businesses fa-

vor changing to fast time June 1, according to Ralph Robinson, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce retail merchants division. He said there was one holdout, a department store, Meier & Frank, also has said it plans to maintain standard time hours.

Technical Violation

The legislature passed a bill allowing Multnomah, Hood River, Columbia, Clackamas and Washington counties to go on fast time. Technically it's against the law for the rest of the state to adopt daylight time but no one can stop people from going to work and quitting earlier if they choose.