

Final Consideration of Public Library Budget Requests Due This Week

Final consideration may be given Tuesday to the \$139,711 requested by the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county for 1962-63, according to the Jackson county budget committee Friday. The county's share of the budget total would be \$81,735, an increase of \$17,951.

Most of the requested budget would go to salaries, compensation, retirement, social security and insurance, \$94,396, or an increase of \$16,007. The proposed payroll includes \$8,400 for Head Librarian Omar A. Bacon, for an increase of \$564; \$5,520 for reference librarian, a drop of \$101.64 due to reclassification; \$2,955, or \$75 raise for one children's department librarian, and \$3,420, or a \$84 raise for the other.

Requested salaries and raises for members of the circulation department are: \$4,440, \$120 raise; \$3,240, \$180 increase; \$1,440, \$80 raise for part-time help; \$2,880, \$1,500 raise for part-time help.

Five student workers would receive a total salary of \$3,785, or \$200 increase. An additional \$1,200 would be allowed for two new student workers.

Salary for the extension department would be \$4,200 or a \$240 increase.

Processing department would include salaries of \$4,440, a \$120 increase; \$3,690, a \$174 increase; \$2,970, \$150 increase; \$3,330, a \$363 increase and addition of new clerk-Typist I for \$2,760.

The library budget would also include \$4,320 or \$240 increase for one office staff member, and \$3,240, or \$420 increase for the other. Custodian's salary is \$1,980, or \$42 increase and new half-time custodian would be \$1,200.

Sixty dollar increases have been requested for all branch librarians except one new one at \$1,320 annual salary.

Book Expenditures

Figures were presented by representatives of the library board to show that Jackson county ranks near the bottom of the list, according to volumes provided per capita when compared to some other counties, in book expenditures per capita, total budget expenditures.

Richard Travis, a library board member, remarked that the library program was a

marginal one when he first became a board member. "One county branch library withdrew and others threatened to because of the lousy service," he remarked. "Then Omar was hired for \$3,000 a year less than what he was making. He accepted the big reduction in salary because he thought this situation presented a challenge. Last year he was offered a salary of \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year to be head librarian of the new state of Hawaii. What he wants here is a real good library program."

Answering objections of the county budget committee to the automatic pay increases provided library personnel under the city program, Travis said the library is essentially a city library and comes under its pay system.

Depressed Area

County Commissioner Chester Wendt objected strongly to Travis' statement that the local library was granted a \$25,000 loan by the state library because "this is a depressed area for libraries."

Travis explained that last year he said the board would not be back for a similar increase this year. But, then he didn't realize the total budget allocation included "some wash - out items" - money which had to be reimbursed, so the library did not get the entire benefit reflected in the increase.

Better Service

Travis admitted that bookmobiles would be cheaper to operate than branch libraries, but the latter give better service and are a bargain at the requested expenditure of \$2.05 per capita in the county.

"City Councilman Fred Robinson is the only one I have talked to who does not think the library should expand its services," Travis remarked.

"The library provides the only facilities for adult education in the county. You must read a heck of a lot to keep up with modern developments," Travis said. "It all adds up to the fact you get

the library services you pay for."

Commissioner Wendt introduced Josephine County Commissioners Bruce Davidson and Louis Ringette. "We heard pretty much the same thing going on when we dropped out of the Josephine county budget session with their library board members," Wendt grinned.

Warning Issued on Highway Bonds Sale

Salem - (UPI) - A New York banker has told State Treasurer Howard Belmont that the sale of Oregon highway bonds would be jeopardized if a clause in the Oregon Constitutional forbidding diversion of highway funds is removed.

Senior vice president D. K. Pfeiffer of New York's First National City Bank, also told Belmont in a letter that such removal could also result in the state paying a higher interest rate on its highway bonds.

The Oregon Constitution now says that motor vehicle tax funds are to be used only for highways and parks. But the Oregon Commission on Constitutional Revision has voted to remove this provision. The action would give the legislature power to spend highway money for other things.

Union Not Placed In Receivership

Portland - (UPI) - Multnomah County Circuit Judge James Crawford Saturday refused to place Local 701 of the Hoisting and Portable Engineers Union in receivership, but he did not evain court jurisdiction over the local.

Judge Crawford, in ruling for court maintenance of the local, said conditions as charged by plaintiffs in a court trial, led to "suspicion and distrust."

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Who Would Run for Office If County Home Rule Passes?

Under the Home Rule Charter, an elected Board of seven commissioners will govern and administer our county affairs. Will we get better candidates for these offices under the Charter? To get some indication, members of this committee interviewed a few well known and respected county citizens. The results are below.

If a Home Rule Charter is adopted by the voters, and if I were requested by my neighbors of Jackson County to run for the Board of Commissioners, I would be pleased to serve if elected:

C. F. Davies	Teacher	Eagle Point
Mrs. W. J. Miller	Housewife	Medford
R. W. Courtright	Attorney	Medford
Anna R. Scott	Rancher	Jacksonville
Clarence H. Young	Banker	Medford
John W. Snider	Dairyman	Medford
Joe G. Cowley	Reporter	Medford
M. R. Gibson	Construction	Shady Cove
Ted Flury	Rancher	Eagle Point
Bereth P. Hopkins	Housewife	Central Point
George M. Joyce	Trainmaster	Medford
Chester H. Wendt	Farmer	Jacksonville
John Niedermeyer	Farmer	Medford
Don Geren	Farmer	Eagle Point
Hugh P. Jennings	Insurance Man	Medford
M. J. Lattie	Orchardist	Medford
Cecil Kee	Construction	Shady Cove
James C. Miller Jr.	Rancher	Medford
Arnold Bohnert	Farmer	Central Point
Dunbar Carpenter	Farmer	Medford
Mrs. Stephen Nye	Housewife	Medford
Raymond L. Shafer	Businessman	Prospect
Mrs. Irving Lord	Housewife	Ashland

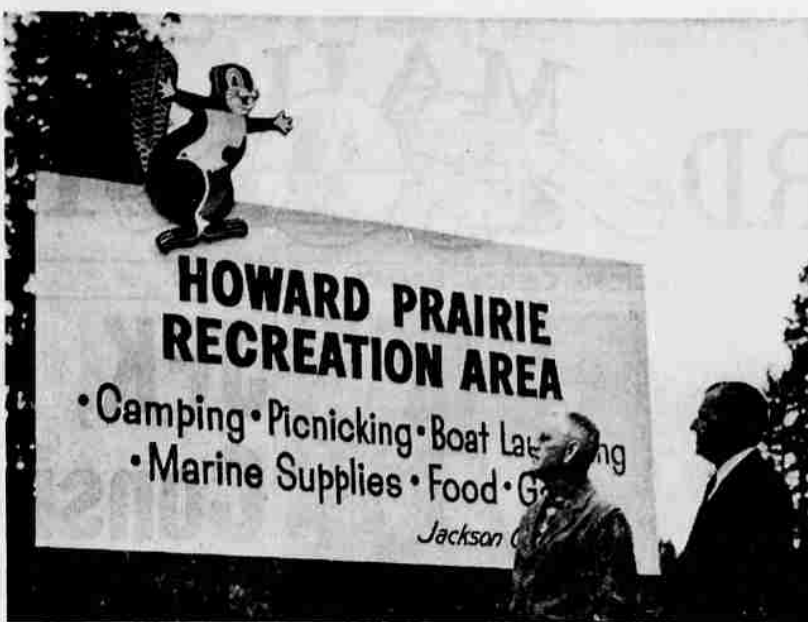
The list above includes only a few of many outstanding citizens who would be willing to serve us under Home Rule.

Even so, has there ever been such a distinguished group willing to serve in county office, if elected?

When we choose Home Rule, we can choose our commissioners from among our most able county citizens.

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NEW SIGNS—Topped by the welcoming Oregon beaver, billboards have been placed at six highway locations directing visitors to the Dead Indian Recreation area, the Howard Prairie recreation area and Hooper Springs. The Pacific Power and Light company sponsored project designed to call attention to area tourist attractions. The Jackson county phase of the northwest program was completed late last week in time for Saturday's fishing season opening. Inspecting the sign are Laurance Espy (left) Copco division rate engineer and Frank Benesh, Medford district manager, Copco Division, PP&L. The signs vary from four feet square to four by eight feet. Lettering is black and red against a yellow background. Neal Ledward, Jackson county parks and recreation director, and the county court selected subjects, sign copy and locations in this area.

Revision Commission Votes To Abolish Two Elective Offices; Balloting Close

By DOUGLES GRIPP

Salem - (UPI) - Oregon's Constitutional Revision commission voted Saturday to abolish the elective offices of secretary of state and state treasurer and have the governor as the only elective executive officer provided for in the state constitution.

The vote was 9-6, a bare majority. The motion was made by State Sen. Walter J. Pearson (D-Portland).

If the commission's recommendation gets through the 1963 Legislature, it will go on the 1964 ballot for approval of the people.

Pearson argued that while the present secretary of state and state treasurer are fine men, as were their predecessors, they don't have enough to do. In addition, the governor's office needs strengthening, he said.

Was Defeated

Former Gov. Charles A. Sprague, Salem, tried to get an amendment retaining the two offices in the constitution - and keeping them elective - but this was defeated 4-11.

Sprague said there is little enough public interest in politics and government now, and to do away with the two offices would further dry up the springs of interest.

Pearson said that the legislature could retain the secretary of state and state treasurer, creating them by law instead of by constitution. But if this was done, he said they should be appointed by the governor and "assigned some duties" by him.

As appointive by the governor, they should be capable of being fired by him, and their terms of office should coincide with the governor's elected term, Pearson said.

Group May Check Infante Activities

Salem - (UPI) - State Sen. Loyd Key (D-Milton-Freewater) said Saturday his legislative interim committee on agriculture will investigate the Oregon activities of Mark M. Infante if three hurdles are cleared.

Key listed them as: -Agreement by a majority of the committee to conduct the investigation.

- "Clearance" from the state attorney general.

- Approval of funds by the state emergency board, since the interim committee is on a limited budget.

Key has two requests for the probe of Infante, who stirred up a controversy while a field man for migrant worker conditions in the Oregon Labor Department from 1937 to 1960. Infante is also the Marcanonio Diaz-Infante who has threatened a revolution in Mexico and is now in Los Angeles charged with violating some local laws.

SMELLY FIRE

London - (UPI) - Firemen had some tall explaining to do when they went home to their wives smelling of perfume. But it was perfectly okay - they had fought a fire at a cosmetic firm.

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Steelworkers Committee Votes to Back Hatfield In His Re-Election Bid

By United Press International

A labor endorsement flew Gov. Mark Hatfield's way Friday as Oregon delegates to the Western District conference of Steelworkers of America voted to back Hatfield's bid for reelection.

The legislative - education committee, which makes the Steelworker endorsements, voted to support Hatfield after considering both Democratic contenders, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton and State Sen. Walter Pearson.

"I am proud that a Republican can get endorsement of labor if his record merits it," Hatfield said.

Need Not Fear

Hatfield addressed the conference Friday night. He said "labor need not fear automation" but should make the most of the opportunity it presents.

He urged government, business and labor to pull together to "train, retrain and organize" to meet automation. He recalled a statement by Samuel Gompers, the founder of the AFL, that "no member can stop machines and no machines made working conditions worse."

Hatfield also paid tribute to unions. He said that "skilled, responsible labor is Oregon's greatest drawing card for new industry and job opportunity."

About 400 delegates attended the speech.

At Eugene, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Robert Y. Thornton said if he is elected one of his most important aims will be improvement of opportunities for education.

He advocated an increase in both the quantity and quality of college facilities, and said making more education available to more youngsters is one of the state's biggest chores.

Thornton announced in Salem that his Democratic campaign for governor will swing next week into Lane, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties.

The two-day sweep starts Monday with appearances in the Coos county cities of Coquille, North Bend and Coos Bay, hitting Port Orford and Gold Beach in Curry county Monday night.

Luncheon Speech

Tuesday appearances in Douglas county include a non-political day luncheon speech in Roseburg before the

Douglas County Bar association. He returns to Salem that day via Lane county.

In Multnomah county, Democrats top Republicans by more than 41,000, registrar John D. Weldon announced.

Final figures showed 155,374 Democrats, 114,000 Republicans and 4,029 registered under miscellaneous other headings.

Conservative Factions

Republican Senate candidate R. F. Cook charged Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) with spurning the conservative factions of the Democratic party.

Cook, retired teacher and rancher from Scotts Mills, said in Roseburg that conservative Democrats circulated petitions in 1960, making Morse a presidential candidate in Oregon that year. "They put him on the ballot," Cook said, "and then Morse ignored them in his organization."

Morse was defeated by John F. Kennedy in the 1960 Oregon primary.

Cook said Morse is in the liberal camp and this is a "golden opportunity" for the Republicans to win conserva-

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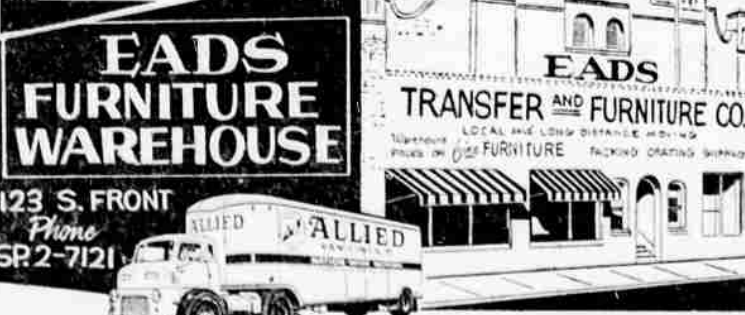


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