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Kennedy Inks Bill Raising Postal Rates

Washington — President Kennedy today signed a bill which will raise postal rates by one cent on first class letters, air mail and post cards next Jan. 7.

The double-barreled measure also carries a \$1 billion pay raise for 1.6 million federal employees, starting with their next payday.

Kennedy said he was "delighted" to sign the legislation. On hand for the bill signing ceremony at the White House were House and Senate Post Office committee members and officials of federal postal employee unions and associations.

The President said that the postage increases, to produce about \$605 million a year in new revenues when fully effective in 1963, would represent an "important step toward a self sustaining postal system."

The price of a stamp for a regular first class letter will be boosted from 4 cents to a nickel. Air mail stamps will cost 8 cents, regular post cards 4 cents, and airmail post cards 6 cents.

He said the employee pay increases would help reduce turnover of federal employees, improve morale and make the salaries of government workers more on a par with pay in private enterprise.

Rates also will raise for publications using second class mail and advertisers using third class. The piece rate for bulk third class mail, the subject of much controversy, will increase from 2.5 cents to 2 7/8 cents over a three-year period.

The new rates will not balance the postal budget even though Congress wrote off \$373 million in post office expenses as "public service" charges.

But if the Interstate Commerce Commission grants the post office its request for \$145 million in parcel post increases and postal officials can make promised savings through efficiency improvements, the gap may be nearly closed despite the additional burden of \$275 million in pay

Morse Promised Move To Restore Funds for Oregon

By United Press International

Sen. Wayne Morse said Wednesday the White House and Democratic congressional leaders have promised to see what can be done about restoring funds cut from certain Oregon water projects.

Morse said President Kennedy assured him the White House would support inclusion of the Oregon projects in a supplementary appropriation bill.

Rep. Michael Kirwan (D-Ohio) led the battle to knock funds for the Blue river, Yaquina Bay and Columbia river channel projects out of the Public Works bill after Morse and Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) opposed his bill for a national aquarium in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Green returned to Oregon Wednesday and said she was confident funds would be restored.

Douglas To Campaign

It was announced that Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill.) would campaign for Morse Friday and Saturday. He scheduled Friday talks at Portland State, Oregon State and Lake Oswego and Saturday talks at Eugene and at Reed College in Portland.

Gov. Mark Hatfield told the Oregon Nurses Association in Salem Wednesday the number one aim of his administration the past four years has been to provide more job opportunities. "During the past four years we have experienced success," he said.

Atty. Gen. Robert V. Thornton said in Eugene today if he is elected governor he will seek repeal of the three times tax bill passed in 1961 and signed into law by Hatfield. He said because of these bills property owners in all timbered counties can expect "sharp boosts" in their county tax bills.

Burglaries Are Reported in Area

Two buildings in Rogue River and Talent were entered during the night, Jackson county sheriff's deputies reported today.

Entered in Rogue River were the high school and elementary school buildings. Considerable damage was done in the offices at the high school where less than \$50 was taken.

The Rogue River High school was entered earlier this week. Deputies said that filing cabinets were torn open and the offices ransacked.

Offices in the elementary school also were reported to have been entered. Several filing cabinets were opened, one of them pried open since it was locked, but nothing else in the building was disturbed.

Rear doors had been pried open for entry in both of the Rogue River schools as well as the Talent city hall.

In the city hall two filing cabinets in the police office were pried open with nothing reported missing. The office was not ransacked, deputies said.

The other Talent entry was the elementary school where burglars got a little more than \$13.75 in change from the principal's desk and a pencil and paper vending machine. Nothing else in the building was reported disturbed. Deputies are not certain how entry was made, but pry marks were discovered on several outbuildings at the school where entry had not been made.

County Voter List Is Sent To State

The list of Jackson county's registered voters was sent Wednesday to the secretary of state in preparation for mailing of the voter's pamphlets, according to E. E. Madden, county clerk.

Madden said the pamphlets are expected to be mailed from Salem to local registered voters to start receiving them next week.

The county elections department is starting to mail absentee ballots. Madden stressed that requests for absentee ballots must be early enough so that the ballots may be received by the elections department by 8 p.m. Nov. 6.

Sample ballots are expected to be ready sometime next week, Madden said.

At the present time the county clerk is organizing the schedule for distribution of roll booths.

Reward Offered for Missing Californian

Roseburg — The family of Herbert W. Warden Jr., 66, missing Santa Barbara, Calif., man has offered a \$500 reward for his discovery. Warden's car was found last week off the North Umpqua Highway stuck on a logging road.



AND MORE RAIN — The drip splash pitter plop of the rain drops continued in the Rogue River valley for the third straight day, but so far the dry earth has absorbed much of it and no serious flooding has been reported. Brisk southerly winds that came up during the night

brought quantities of leaves from the trees and some storm drains, like the one above, on Crater Lake ave., were not functioning as they should. For most people (except for orchardists, loggers, farmers, construction workers, and people with holes in their roof) the rain is doing little harm.

Festival Names Five Directors; Receives Reports

Ashland — Five area residents were elected to the board of directors of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association at its annual meeting last night in the Mark Anthony hotel here.

Elected for three year terms were Frank Bash, Medford, Mrs. John Cotton, Archie Fries and Robert Reinhold, all of Ashland, and Rudolf Vest, Yreka.

At a meeting of the board of directors following the regular association meeting, Mrs. Cotton was elected president of the board, Bash was elected vice president, Frank Pincock was reelected secretary, and Vest was reelected treasurer of the board.

Financial Report

A financial report for the previous year's activities was presented to the association. Receipts from all sources totaled \$131,376.34, while total disbursements were \$130,216.26. A net cash gain of \$1,160.08.

Operating expenses for the association totaled \$110,816.75. Ticket sales for the past season totaled \$104,937.20, it was reported.

Annual reports of the producing director and the general manager were presented to the association, in which a resume of the past season was made and future needs were outlined.

Mrs. Vida Zupan, representing Beta Sigma Phi, presented a check for \$1,200 to the association scholarship fund. The Soroptimists club donated a check of \$300 for a scholarship.

Mrs. Flora MacCracken, representing Tudor Guild, told the association her group hopes to donate a check for \$3,500 for scholarship purposes.

A proposal was made to establish a trust fund for receipt of gifts and sale of memberships to perpetuate scholarships for actors.

Medical Society Endorses Measure

A resolution endorsing the fluoridation measure on the November ballot was unanimously passed at the monthly meeting of the Jackson County Medical Society last night at the Rogue Valley Country club.

According to Dr. Ralph Hibbs, president of the society, a committee was appointed to work to inform the public in Jackson county about fluoridation and its beneficial qualities.

"We want to do everything we can to bring the true facts about fluoridation before the public," Dr. Hibbs said, "and to encourage the people of Jackson county to pass the measure in November."

WEATHER

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with showers tonight. Cloudy Friday with rain and gusty southerly wind Friday afternoon and night and Saturday morning. Low tonight 40-45. High Friday near 60.

Highest Yesterday	Lowest This Morning	Precip.
57	45	0.0
To 10 a.m. Today		
57	45	0.0

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise today	Sunset today	Moonrise today	Moonset today
5:27 a.m.	6:28 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	Full Moon (Hunter's Moon)

PROMINENT CONSTELLATIONS

Visible Planets	Visible Planets
Venus, high in the east 10:45 p.m.	Jupiter, low in the southwest 10:24 p.m.
Saturn, low in the southwest 10:24 p.m.	Mars, high in the east 10:39 a.m.

Rainfall Total in Area Continues to Mount; More Seen

The Medford area rainfall total continued to mount today as the October aggregate passed the five-inch mark at the U.S. weather station at the airport.

The weather bureau reported a precipitation total of .61 of an inch from midnight up to 11 o'clock this morning, bringing the overall amount for this month up to 5.22 inches.

And, forecasts indicated more rainfall. Weather is expected to be cloudy with showers tonight. Rain and gusty winds are foreseen from Friday afternoon into Saturday morning.

Most of the rain this month, 4.40 inches, has fallen since Monday evening. Yesterday's total was .84. Heaviest day of rain was Tuesday when 1.95 inches fell — more than the 1.91 average for October.

More Than Normal

The 4.61 inches which had fallen up to midnight last night were 4.11 more than normal. A total of 5.37 from Sept. 1 up to last midnight was 4.22 more than normal for the season.

The weather bureau reported sustained winds up to 21 miles per hour here this morning with gusts up to 31 mph.

Small limbs were blown from trees, and part of the service station at the Toy Deer restaurant south of Ashland was blown down. Winds in the Ashland area were reported stronger, resulting in more damage in that area than in other areas.

County roads crews were reported patrolling to check

on possible danger spots, but the office has received only a few calls on flooded drain pipes and ditches, County Engineer Robert Carstensen said this morning.

A tree was reported across Thompson Creek rd. about a mile from the end of the pavement, but crews were checking to see if it was in Josephine county.

A snowfall, sweeping down from the mountains after 36 hours of rain dumped a blanket of heavy, wet snow across the Klamath Basin. It brought a temporary halt to the potato harvest.

Most of the snow was gone today except in the higher elevations where 16 inches was reported at Sycan Butte northwest of Klamath Falls.

Elsewhere, Lakeview reported 1.6 inches of rain, giving it more than 3 inches in 48 hours.

Johnson, Morse To Attend Rally

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson has tentatively agreed to attend a Democratic night rally in Medford, Friday, Oct. 19, according to Sen. Wayne Morse.

Scheduled appearances this Friday for Senator Morse in the Grants Pass-Medford area have had to be postponed due to Congress remaining in session possibly into next week.

Senator Morse hopes to keep his commitment for the Jane Jefferson dinner in Grants Pass at the Josephine county fairgrounds at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

The events scheduled for Friday which had to be cancelled were an appearance before the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, a night rally and breakfast in Medford, and the dedication of the Grants Pass Plywood project. The plywood project dedication has been rescheduled for Friday, Oct. 19.

TO ASK REHEARING

Newport, Ore. — Eugene Richardson, attorney for condemned slayer Larry West Shipley, 21, said today he plans to ask the Oregon Supreme Court for a rehearing of its decision affirming Shipley's first degree murder conviction.

Tentative Plans for Amendment to Subdivision Ordinance Are Approved

A resolution and tentative plans for an amendment to the county subdivision ordinance were approved by the Jackson county planning commission last evening.

It also referred three cases of violation of the subdivision ordinance to the county court for action by the district attorney's office and discussed sanitation regulations for building homes.

A legal opinion was sought to determine if the county planning commission can use numbers as names for identifying subdivisions under the present state law.

The resolution requested the county court to state the planning commission's position in planning county buildings and facilities.

Commissioner G. I. Peoples in commenting on the use of numbers instead of names for subdivisions explained the lengthy location descriptions now used on deeds and other legal land descriptions.

He cited duplication of subdivision names in the county

and cities. Peoples explained that he had talked to county officials in various parts of the state as well as Jackson county cities. All appeared enthusiastic about the suggestion.

In discussing the building of county government offices, commissioners mentioned that the group had not been consulted regarding an over-all plan.

President C. O. Lovejoy cited the civic building development plan that was prepared for Medford by the bureau of municipal research. It was felt that a study of county building expansion plans, including a new fairgrounds, should be made in relation to the city's plans.

Commissioners authorized the planning staff to prepare an amendment to the present county subdivision ordinance. It would give the county jurisdiction over subdivisions including lots in excess of five acres and those which include less than four lots.

The amendment will be presented at the November meeting for further discussion.

Also referred to the November session was the discussion of a permit system requiring new houses be checked for sanitation requirements prior to occupancy. The use of such a permit setup will be referred to the county court for a legal opinion of the district attorney.

The commission approved the referral of three subdivision violations to the county court for action by the district attorney.

Additional information regarding two other subdivisions was asked by the commission.

The commission also approved proposed roads in the White City subdivision area requested by Bud Hoover. One is the continuation of Merry lane east to Lake View dr. and on east of Kershaw rd. and the other, the extension south of Lake View dr.

The board of adjustment reported that an illegal billboard in the south Talent interim zoned area had been removed Monday by the National Advertising company.



CATHOLIC COUNCIL OPENS — This is a general view of the main nave in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City showing Vatican Council II looking towards Altar Major where Pope John's throne is situated. Council Fathers are seated on stands on both sides for the 21st Ecumenical Council. (UPI)

Cuban Ransom Report Brings Probe Demands

Washington — A Republican House member today demanded a congressional investigation of reports that the U. S. government might pay part of the ransom for Cuban invasion prisoners.

Rep. William C. Cramer (R-Fla.) asked for immediate hearings on negotiations between New York attorney James B. Donovan and Cuban Premier Fidel Castro for release of the prisoners.

He made the demand in identical letters to Chairman Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.) of the House appropriations committee and Thomas Morgan (D-Pa.) of the House foreign affairs committee.

Deeply Disturbed

Cramer said he was deeply disturbed by the negotiations, especially by reports of proposals to pay some of the ransom in dollars from CIA funds.

"This is about the greatest abuse of presidential discretion as I can remember in the history of this country," Cramer wrote. He said he never had voted for any bill "that would permit the President to give in to blackmail threats by an enemy government and, in particular, Fidel Castro."

"If Congress does not stop this unwholesome, degrading and humiliating blackmail deal, the prestige of the United States will be forever irreparably harmed," he said.

Speech in House

Cramer later voiced the same demands in a brief speech on the House floor, bringing an acid rejoinder from Rep. Barratt O'Hara (D-Ill.), the only surviving veteran of the Spanish-American War left in Congress.

O'Hara suggested that Cramer might be a good man "to lead the army" if an American force ever should have to go into Cuba.

"If he shoots as loud as he talks," O'Hara told the House, "Lord help the enemy!"

21st Ecumenical Council Opened In Church Rites

Vatican City — Pope John XXIII, 80, a portly, fatherly figure in white, today opened the 21st Ecumenical Council of the Roman Catholic Church that he said may pave the way for the "unity of mankind."

With the scene and the pontiff's words broadcast through space by the Telstar satellite, the church in a 4-hour and 33-minute ceremony began the task of attuning to the nuclear age.

From the great Basilica of St. Peter's the Pope addressed his words to all peoples as well as to the 3,000 Roman Catholic leaders and about 50

observers from other Christian faiths assembled for the council.

Pope John spoke for 37 minutes after an inaugural mass and a magnificent procession of richly garbed prelates which made its way through St. Peter's Square to the sound of pealing church bells and the cheers of more than 150,000 spectators.

"Long live the Pope," they cried in a multitude of languages.

The Pope, who descended from his portable throne to enter and walk down the aisle of the ancient church converted into a modern council chamber with electronic novelties, was buoyant in the enthusiasm of opening the 21st Ecumenical Council in almost a century.

Williams Store Is Destroyed By Fire

Williams — Fire of undetermined origin last night destroyed a seven bedroom home, store and service station at the intersection of Williams highway and East and West Fork rds. here.

Known locally as Varner's store, it was reopened about a month ago by Ken Roebbers, who operated a second-hand store and service station.

Roebbers, who lived alone in the house, was not at home at the time of the fire, according to reports. The fire was reported to have started at the rear of the structure about 8:30 p.m. yesterday.

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SITE PURCHASED

Portland — Crown-Zellerbach Corp. officials said today the firm had purchased an industrial site at the Columbia River town of Wauna, about 30 miles east of Astoria.

NEWS BRIEFS

CUBAN PRISONER TALKS BOG DOWN

Havana — Negotiations for the release of 1,113 captured Cuban invaders bogged down Wednesday night in discussion of undisclosed "details," and it appeared the talks might continue for some time to come.

INDIAN, COMMUNIST FORCES CLASH

New Delhi — A Foreign Ministry spokesman today reported "severe" fighting between Indian and Communist Chinese forces in the disputed border area between Tibet and India's Northeast Frontier Agency.

SOUTH VIET NAM STAGES OFFENSIVE

Saigon, South Viet Nam — The South Vietnamese government threw several thousand troops today into what was described by informed military sources as the biggest offensive to date against the Communists.