

# Month by Month Review of Happenings in Area During Past Year

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 Candidates appear at Eagle Point political rally... O. H. Bengtson permanently disbarred by court... 35,741 registered to vote in Jackson county.

## April

Glenn L. Jackson named chairman of Oregon Highway commission... State Water Resources board recommends Congressional authorization of Rogue Basin project... Home Rule charter causes explosion in Democratic Central committee... State education project receives \$3.5 million in Ford Foundation funds... Skin rash reported afflicting children in county schools... Bids to be asked on new Medford High school grandstand... Water supply prospects improving... Indications show Medford will remain on standard time... Paving experiment planned on Medford-Ashland freeway... American Legion presents plan for ball park to Jackson county budget committee... Tame deer escape from Lithia park as result of fence slashing... Sen. Wayne Morse to speak at 12th annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner... Copies of Home Rule charter circulated... State Welfare commission plans regional session here... United Nations association sponsored peace center opens for duration of Holy Week... Orchard heating general in valley... Freeway construction stopped by strike... King and Queen of Pear Blossom festival selected... Grants Pass mill destroyed by fire... Families served by County food surplus center show no decrease... Bob Bosworth designs Oregon's representation at Seattle World's fair... City council approves off-street parking under freeway viaduct... Doug Robertson serves as mayor during Student Government day... Lakes jammed with recreation seekers... Budget request for detention home classes stalemated... Medford students honored at scholastic recognition dinner... First two floors of new Rogue Valley hospital wing now in use... First Sabin Oral Polio vaccine clinic slated in valley... Church-sponsored float wins first place in annual Pear Blossom Festival parade... Building fund campaign planned by local Salvation Army.

## May

Housing development for retired scheduled for construction in Ashland... Sab-in vaccine importance stressed by Dr. A. Erin Merkel... Dedication set for Rogue River-Grants Pass freeway section... Graff and James awarded contract for construction of new grandstand at high school... George F. Putnam Sr., long time Eagle Point resident, dies at home... Forest service range analysis criticized by Jackson county cattlemen... Job activity in county high, John J. Patton, local state employment service manager says... Hall storm damages about 100 acres of pears in Talent area... Two debates scheduled on county home rule charter... Finalists named in Miss Rogue valley pageant... Tentative county budget total proposed... 17,000 attend first day of Jackson county polio clinics... Early day Jacksonville houses raz-

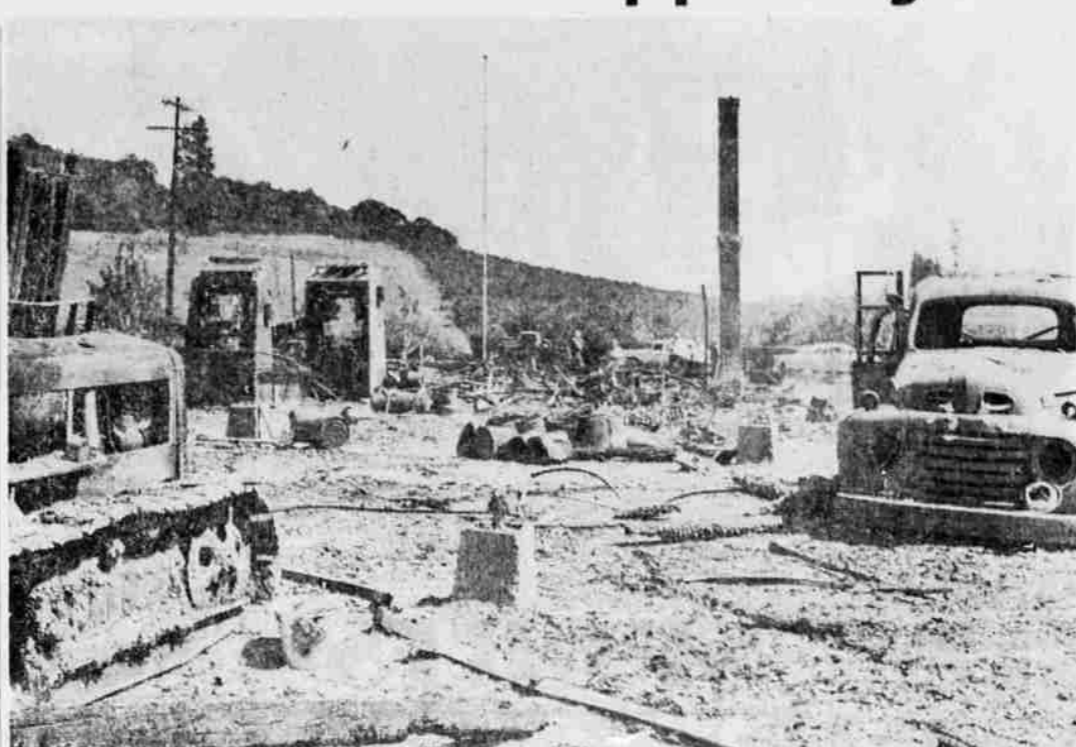
ed... All number calling system installed by Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone company... Policy on Mexican nationals in fruit harvest not to change... Voters select candidates at primary election... Charles P. Champlin urges salary raise for senior patrolmen... Garner T. Hauptert, Medford student, to live in Norway during summer under American Field Service program... City of Medford budget approved by committee... "Ride and Shop" proposal made by Medford Merchants... Evergreen bus lines... C. C. Breckman home, Jacksonville, to be opened to public... Continuous strip paving to be utilized for Medford-Ashland portion of freeway... Orchard labor situation declared "hopeful."

## June

Gov. Mark O. Hatfield dedicates Grants Pass-Rogue River freeway strip... Martha Louise Wyatt named Miss Rogue Valley... Sabin oral polio clinic series continues... Local swimming pools open for business, schedule classes... Final canvass made of May primary elections, winners stand... Rogue River State park to open July 1... Oregon Shakespearean festival season preparations begin... Freeway contractor to restore Bear Creek bank bordering Hawthorne park... 540 attend opening of Hawthorne Convalescent and Rehabilitation center... Rogue River National forest allowable cut tentatively increased... C. T. Jackson appointed director of Veterans Administration Domiciliary, White City... Secretary of Interior Stewart Udall recommends authorization of Rogue Basin projects... Five-year contract signed by county court and Bob Johnston, Howard Prairie commissionaire... "Gerónimo" is winner of annual Rogue River Rooster Crowing contest... Stage Coach Orchards packing plant destroyed by fire... Holiday House trailer manufacturing firm destroyed by second major fire... Raymond Reter, Wayne Morse to confer on harvest labor problems... School board approves plans for new Medford High school to be constructed by 1965... Hugh P. Jennings named chairman of Jackson County Republican Central committee... Jean A. Mills named chairman of Jackson County Democratic Central Committee... Vene Athanas, Ashland novelist, dies of heart attack... \$167,683 set as goal for Jackson County United Crusade... Paul Bettlin named interim sheriff... Public hearing held in Talent Sanitary district... Medford man arrested for splitting \$20 bills... Forest fire burns 200 acres north of Rogue River... Sears warehouse, White City, burns... Medford Gospel Mission holds last service... County budget increased following hearing... Strike called against Rogue Valley Creamery... "Goal Getter" days give public opportunity to contribute to Salvation Army building fund.

## July

Oregon state police crack down on illegal salmon anglers on Rogue River... Southern Oregon cities plan Fourth of July activities... Ned Langford appointed director for city planning... Medford High school The-



Fire took its toll of buildings in 1962, including the Stage Coach Orchards packing house shown here.

## August

Activities slated for annual Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee... Chester Wendt returns to county office after study tour of England and Europe... Mayor Snider proposes city park named "Park of Alba" proclaims Aug. 18 Alba day... Claude Walter Chase arraigned for setting fire to forest land... Children's parade culminates activities of Medford summer recreation program... "A Thieves Ballad" presented by Ashland Shakespearean festival... "Winter type" rain boosts precipitation above normal... McGrew Brothers Sawmill plans move to Ashland site... Moore Hamilton, 58, Medford postmaster, dies... Donna Wilson, Prospect High school junior, chosen as queen of annual Prospect Jamboree... E. Ron Rice elected 1963 Pacific Northwest Kiwanis District Governor in Yakima meeting... Harvest starts for Bartlett pears and area peaches... Dinner honors Pino Dutto, Alba lawyer... Medford youth sentenced to repair Rogue Valley country club golf course as result of vandalism... City council approves revised fire code, sets three year grace period... Candidate death noted in Central Point election... 4-H and Future Farmers of America county fair climaxes... Public hearing called on proposal to join Phoenix and Medford school districts... American Field Service foreign exchange students arrive for school year stay... Earthquake felt throughout area; no damage reported... Mexican Nationals arrive to aid in pear harvest... Fred Robinson joins Jimmy Dunlevy and Bill Singler as candidates for mayor... Poor-man's Creek fire burns 425 acres before controlled... Transient arrested after setting fire to box car; second transient burned... Crop-duster runs out of gas, lands in vacant field near city... Sacred Heart hospital awarded \$623,000 in Hill-Burton act funds... Large crop of Bartlett pears contains small pears... Mayor John Snider receives

## September

American Municipal association award in recognition of Sister city program... Mrs. Kay Crowell resigns as Jackson county juvenile officer... Eleven injured in multiple-car accident near Grants Pass... Martha Wyatt, Miss Oregon, starts official competition in Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, N. J... Shakespearean Festival ends season with plays viewed by 44,708... 503,118 people visit Crater Lake National park during year... Police recover three of five paintings missing from Mark Antony hotel in Ashland... Marty Wyatt among top 10 finalists in Miss America contest... Local bakers indicted for violation of balloon bread regulations... United fund campaigns to begin programs in Medford and Ashland-Talent area... Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsors seat belt program... Rural school board votes against annexation of Phoenix to Medford school district... Mrs. Ella Percy, resident of Jackson county farm home receives note of congratulation on 100th birthday from President John F. Kennedy... Grants Pass boy, 13, steals airplane, flies to Redding, Calif... Kenneth G. Donnan, local lawyer, dies at age of 38... Medford school district personnel to visit eastern schools as part of Oregon program... Thirty area residents to camp out, participate in activities before and after dedication of Winnemucca-to-the-sea highway... Twenty-four candidates for office accept invitation to Medford League of Women Voters' candidates fair... Southern Oregon college enrollment sets record of 1,592... Corporation of county citizens to be formed to construct ski resort on Mt. Ashland if entrance road is assured... Department of Health, Education and Welfare approves \$60,257 grant for construction of Jackson county health center... Five Jackson county high school

## October

Robert L. Ryles found guilty of setting fire to box-car... Oregon teen-agers run out of gas, money on way to fight Castro... Reichhold Chemicals, Inc., to construct \$500,000 plant in White City Industrial area... Fire guts apartment over Jacksonville market... Heavy rain shuts down construction projects, harvesting, and fire danger... Area lakes may be opened for bird hunting... C. C. Hoover calls on valley residents to help save pear crop... 600 attend Candidates Fair... City planners suggest off-street parking at new post office... Power outages reported in area as result of windstorm... Winds reported up to 58 miles per hour during near-hurricane storm... Red Cross reports emergency situation in northwest blood supply... United Crusade reaches 55 per cent of goal... Grants Pass woman, two sons, found shot to death in automobile... Final arrangements made for Lyndon B. Johnson's visit to Medford... Tentative groundbreaking ceremonies set for Sacred Heart hospital... Grants Pass woman admits being mother of child "abandoned" in Medford park... Bids to be opened on state highway projects in Jackson county for an estimated total of more than \$2.7 million... Two paintings missing from Ashland art exhibit recovered in Fairfield, Calif... U. S. Department of Agriculture to buy 51,120 boxes of Bartlett pears... Civil defense office receives inquiries about fallout shelters as result of Cuban crisis... Hart's Jewelry, Grants Pass, victim of \$10,000 jewel robbery... Fair grounds committee adopts name of Greater Jackson County Fairgrounds Planning committee, elects Hugh Jennings as chairman... General office building to be built at West Eighth and Ivy sts.

## November

Medford to host 16th annual convention of Oregon Dry Cleaners Association, Inc... Storm causes extensive damage in Rogue River National forest... Voter turnout expected to be 70 per cent... Hatfield, Duncan, Morse win state offices; Dunlevy wins mayor's post... Uniform daylight saving time approved by voters... Claude Warren Chase and Harry Stumbo change pleas to guilty in circuit court... Ralph Bates, Medford, state policeman slain near Arlington... Medford to receive \$14,700 federal grant toward purchase of Bear creek park land... Speakers stand in Medford Library park to be dedicated... Arrest of three juveniles may stop beginnings of teenage burglary gang... Norwalk, Conn., school officials tours Medford schools, presents Norwalk school plan... Chlorine added to Medford water to maintain purity since heavy October rains... Medford residents attend Mail workshop on rejuvenation of downtown districts at Pomona, Calif... Rogue Valley hospital ends fiscal year in debt for first time since construction of new building... Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone company pays \$289,000 in taxes to Jackson county... 350 young people expected to attend 15th Annual United Presbyterian Youth Assembly for Oregon here... Laurence V. Espey elected president of Oregon County Parks association, works on program for new year... Hunters, missing overnight, found by sheriff's deputies in Long Prairie area... Oregon Orchard, Inc., sues insurance firm for hail damage to pears... Possible lease of historic U. S. Hotel in Jacksonville considered by Siskiyou Pioneer Sites foundation... Oregon Reclamation Congress holds Medford conference... Oregon Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation draws about 250 men and women to 45th annual conclave... Exchange showing of 10 representative pieces of art arranged between Medford and Alba, Italy... James Callan, project engineer for Talent division, Rogue River Basin project, assigned to Snowy Mountains authority in Australia.

## December

Medford High school Black Tornado is victor over North Salem Vikings for state A-1 football championship... Storm causes extensive damage in Rogue River National forest... 3.77 inches of rainfall during week end... Mercy Flights transports 1,500th patient... Community Christmas tree installed at intersection of Highway 99 and Crater Lake highway... County Clerk Marvin Madden recommended to fill postmaster vacancy by Jackson County Democratic Central committee... Girl gang at Medford High school broken up; reports exaggerated, police say... County man arrested for possessing mash... Rogue Valley library to receive book-of-the-month club library cash award for second consecutive year... Guide dog raised by Ashland boy given to Musician George Shearing... Mercy Flights plane seeds airport fog with dry ice to land plane... Public meeting held in Eagle Point; initial plans to seek flood control measures on Little Butte creek... Annual allowable timber cut in Rogue River National forest increased by 38.6 million board feet... Lawrence L. Tweedy appointed director of Jackson county juvenile court and detention home... Jackson and Josephine counties designated disaster areas by Small Business Administration as result of Dec. 2 flood... Flood loss in county estimated at \$1,156,530... Asa Hanamolo, San Francisco public park planning specialist, arrives to study development of Barnett park site... Oregon counties to be served by medical investigators starting Jan. 1; Dr. A. Erin Merkel will assume post of Jackson county medical investigator... Fall-out shelters in valley marked with signs... Hatfield to dedicate 15.4 miles of Interstate 5... Claude Walter Chase placed on probation for part in case on setting fire to forest... Lake Creek family victims of holiday private airplane accident... Ashland woman among group of school teachers volunteering for Peace Corps... Population of Jackson county shows 7.5 per cent increase... Special committee recommends against financial compensation for elected city officials... Mercy Flights plane makes belly landing when pilot pulls gear lever by mistake... Lease of Rogue Valley Flying service cancelled because of non-payment of rent.

# Recreation Visits in District Increase

Recreation visits on the Butte Falls district of the Rogue River National forest increased this year, according to District Ranger Randall F. Perkins who recently evaluated recreation use on the district. Visitor registers were installed in each campground to gather information on distance people traveled to camp, type of use, length of stay, and suggestions for additional facilities. This type of information is of great value in long-term planning of recreation facilities. Perkins noted. Spot-checking showed that only sixty per cent of visitors will sign a register, however. The register at Whiskey Springs campground showed the season of use is 202 days, that there were more than 2,100 man-days of use, and that an average of 10 people used the campground each day. Other information was gained from the registers on the trails at the entrance to the Sky Lakes Limited area. The one on the Seven Lakes trail leading into the Seven Lakes Basin showed that the length of season was 103 days and that 766 persons used the facilities, or an average of 7.5 people per day, Perkins reported. Since it is over a five-mile hike into the lakes, this is considered a great deal of use. The Seven Lakes trail is only one of three trails into the basin. The other two routes are shorter, easier, and make the basin more accessible, he noted. The Blue Canyon trail register provided more information. The length of season was 116 days with 979 man-days of use. This is an average of nine people per day. The Blue Canyon trail is only one of three possible trails into the Blue Canyon area, with the Canyon most accessible from Four Mile lake. Perkins said. This amount of use is taxing the recreation and sanitary facilities to the limit, he said, and maintenance of facilities is becoming increasingly difficult. The Butte Falls district received \$3,400 for the construction of Four-Bit Ford and Snowshoe campgrounds. Six stoves and six tables were installed at Four-Bit Ford and Snowshoe campgrounds, he said. New toilets were placed in Four-Bit Ford

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TRAFFIC CONTROL - Control of traffic is necessary to prevent deterioration of recreation sites in the Butte Falls district of Rogue River National forest. Uncontrolled traffic soon creates dusty conditions and prevents new trees from becoming established. Parking spurs are provided by each camp unit.

CONVENIENCE - Stoves and tables at the campsites in the Butte Falls district of Rogue River National forest are arranged in such a manner that smoke will normally blow away from the tables. Tables are placed nearest the parking spurs to reduce the distance groceries must be carried.

Assessor's Office Mailing Statements The Jackson county assessor's office plans to mail 5,324 personal property statements Monday. County Assessor Thad Hatten has reported. This represents a total assessed valuation the value on which taxes are based of \$12,831,730. Total true cash value is \$50 million. Hatten said this means an increase in assessed valuation of 3 to 6 per cent over last year's \$10 to \$11 million. Hatten plans to attend the Western Oregon Assessor's association meeting at Gold Beach Thursday and Friday, Jan. 3 and 4.

Among structures completed, or started, during the year was the wing to Rogue Valley hospital.

