

Railroads Win Rate Cut on Lumber Shipments To East

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PRACTICE RACE - Women of Liberal, Kan., run down a street while practicing for the 14th annual International Pancake Race. The race, which will take place next Tuesday, is run each year between women of Liberal and Olney, England. Olney has won 7 of the 13 races since 1947.

The race is run over a 415-yard course with women carrying a skillet and a pancake. The record time is 1:52.2, set by Olney last year. The race is said to have originated in Olney in 1445 and was revived in 1947. (UPI)

Kennedy Presents 36-Point Program Of Medical Care for Senior Citizens

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy today asked Congress for sweeping legislation to help the aged. His 36-point program for the country's 17.5 million "senior citizens" featured an expanded version of medical care.

Administration officials put a price tag of nearly \$10 billion on the over-all program for its first five years.

To pay for hospital insurance for virtually all Americans over the age of 65, Kennedy asked that Social Security contributions by both employers and employees be increased one-quarter of one percent.

He also requested that the annual earnings base from which Social Security taxes are collected be raised to \$3,200 from the present \$4,800. The medical plan would start Jan. 1, 1965, and require an extra \$13 contribution yearly from both employee and employer.

The President in a 16-page message to the House and Senate called his hospital insurance plan "our number one objective for our senior citizens" and "the most important health proposal pending before the Congress."

Health Dominates Message
The health section dominated the message, Kennedy asked for federal power to require states to provide for all persons receiving old-age assistance medical protection equivalent to care provided for those only medically indigent.

Other benefits for the over-65 section of the U.S. population proposed by the President were covered to a large extent in earlier messages to Congress. Kennedy regrouped almost every prior proposal involving older people under the single tent of today's message.

These plans included the \$300 tax credit for each person over 65, establishment of the national service corps and federal assistance for housing developments which include special aids for the elderly such as facilities for group dining, recreation and health services.

The President called again for measures to protect the elderly from fraud in sales of "health foods," devices and nostrums. He also proposed

plans to facilitate employment opportunities for older workers.

The purpose of his over-all program, the President said, was "to enable our senior citizens to achieve both a better standard of life and a more active, useful and meaningful role in a society that owes them much and can still learn much from them."

Apparently hoping to counter in advance charges of fostering socialized medicine, his message pointed out that the insurance plan, known last

Bill Would Reduce State Contributions To Area Colleges

Salem—UPI—Measures cutting community college funds and calling for a study of Oregon's system of higher education were introduced in the Senate today.

A bill by Sen. Al Flegel (D-Roseburg) would reduce state contributions to community colleges from 2 1/2 to 1 1/2 of the operating expense, and from 3 1/2 to 1 1/2 the building construction expenses.

Sen. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) submitted a bill calling for the Legislative Fiscal committee to study the higher education system. The probe would be aimed at budget and accounting systems, methods of cost allocation,

Dock Damage Is Being Repaired

Parks and recreation department personnel are repairing dock damage caused by the wind storm two weeks ago at Howard Prairie lake, County Parks and Recreation Director Neil Ledward said today.

Ends were torn out of some of the docks as they smashed together by the winds. Six concrete tub anchors are still missing, he said.

At Emigrant lake work is being done on restrooms. A crew is seeking to put a boom around the main boat launching ramp to keep debris from hindering boat launching activities.

as medi-care, would pay for "hospital and related services" for those over 65, but "would not interfere with the way treatment is provided."

"It would not hinder in any way the freedom of choice of doctor, hospital or nurse," he said. "It would not specify in any way the kind of medical or health care or treatment to be provided by the doctor."

A variable medical benefit program would be available to all aged Social Security and railroad retirement beneficiaries with costs paid from new funds provided by the new Social Security rate.

The "Senior Citizens Hospital Insurance Act" was to be formally introduced in Congress, probably shortly after transmission of Kennedy's message, by Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.) and Rep. Cecil King (D-Calif.).

The medicare program founded in Congress last year, being blocked in the House and rejected by the Senate on a narrow 50-46 vote.

Chances for a favorable 1963 vote in the Senate improved due to the elections last November, but Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield (Mont.) has announced he will not schedule another Senate vote this year unless the House acts.

Two House measures directed at Congress were introduced. One memorializes Congress to provide money to widen the shipping locks at Bonneville Dam to conform with the width of locks at The Dalles and McNary dams. The other asks an increase in fire patrol and suppression appropriations up to \$20 million.

A bill by Rep. John Dellenback (R-Medford) would confer the power of eminent domain on the land board in acquiring real property in the Boardman Space Age Industrial park.

Another bill by Lang would change the date of the primary election from the third Friday to the fourth Tuesday in May, 1964, and biennially thereafter.

The Military Affairs committee introduced a bill which would exempt from liability, except for willful misconduct, owners of buildings designated as fall out shelters for injury, death or loss sustained by persons going into such a building to seek refuge.

Shady Cove Man Is Fined, Sentenced

Gerald LaGrave, 20, Shady Cove, this morning in Jackson county district court was sentenced to six months in the county jail and fined \$500 on a charge of driving while his license was suspended. He pleaded guilty.

LaGrave had been found innocent of charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor following a Jackson county circuit court trial.

LaGrave was arrested May 26 following a high speed chase. The charge of driving while license is suspended was pending at the time of the circuit court trial.

Administration officials said the hospital program for its first five years would involve expenditures of \$5.2 billion from Social Security trust funds plus another \$360 million to put under federal protection 2.5 million persons not now covered by Social Security.

The three-member division 2 of the Interstate Commerce commission, which acts for the full commission in rate cases, authorized railroads to trim lumber rates by 7 cents per 100 pounds on minimum shipments of 55,000, 70,000 and 75,000 pounds. The division action made permanent the reductions that went into effect Nov. 30, 1961 when the legal suspension period expired.

The rates were bitterly fought by intercoastal water carriers, by Southern and Southwest Lumber producers and various Port of New York interests.

Railroads said the rates were designed to encourage heavier loadings, to reduce the number of cars and car-miles required in the transcontinental movement of lumber.

The division found the rates reasonably compensatory and concluded "the dominant motive of the railroads was not predatory in character."

It said it was "unable to attribute the difficulty experienced by Southern shippers in competing with Western shippers to any transportation cause."

The division said the proposed "incentive" rates would boost net revenues of rail carriers by about \$10 million a year, even if traffic volume failed to increase.

The division noted however "the importance of lumber to the economy of the Pacific Northwest and the South and Southeast." But it pointed out that because the ICC had determined that the case was an issue of "general transportation importance," that "parties dissatisfied with the decision may petition for reconsideration by the entire commission."

An example of the new rates would be to reduce to \$1.54 the \$1.61 rate per 100 pounds from Portland, Ore., to New York City.

Extension of the street is awaiting a decision of the public utilities commissioner regarding a grade crossing of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks.

OFFICES CLOSED
Federal, state and county offices will be closed tomorrow, Washington's birthday. However, offices in Medford's city hall will be open.

ROCKET LAUNCH ABILITY
Moscow—UPI—The commander-in-chief of Soviet strategic rocket forces said today the Russians can launch rockets from satellites at a command from earth.

Cuban MIGs Fire on Unarmed American Ship

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Election Date Set for Vote on Proposed Budget

Patrons of School District 549C will vote April 3 on a proposed budget for fiscal year 1963-64 which is \$2,766,272.64 outside the 6 per cent limitation.

A general fund budget totaling \$4,683,457 was approved by the district budget committee earlier this week. The total represents an increase of \$429,165, about a 10 per cent increase over the present budget.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 15 in the speech room at Hedrick Junior High school. District patrons will vote on the amount of the budget exceeding the 6 per cent limitation.

Two Months Work
The completed budget is

the cumulation of about two months concentrated effort by school administrators and budget committee members to provide funds for the educational program next year. Budget committee members noted that the proposed budget is an austerer one, but one which will not weaken the academic program offered in the Medford district.

The largest increases in the budget are for salaries for teachers, \$219,416 and for capital outlay, (\$121,326), principally for new classrooms and additions.

The teachers' salaries were increased through a revision of the basic salary schedule, which brought the starting salary to a more equitable basis with districts of comparable size in the state.

It also provides for recognition of teachers who assume additional teaching loads, increased responsibilities, meticulous teaching and similar services.

The \$219,416 increase in teachers' salaries from \$2,360,853 to \$2,580,269 is for present members of the faculty and includes about \$72,000 for 12 additional teachers who will be needed next school year to help teach an expected increase of about 425 students throughout the system.

The capital outlay increase of \$121,326 (from \$89,779 this year to \$211,105) includes \$118,750 for new buildings and additions. This includes construction of five elementary school classrooms and four temporary classrooms and a book room at Medford High school.

Budgeted for the general fund next year are \$81,987 for administration, an increase of \$990; \$3,361,976 for instruction, an increase of \$303,413; \$28,656 for attendance and health services, an increase of \$4,722; \$119,535 for pupil transportation, a decrease of \$7,932; \$345,160 for operation of plant, a \$998 decrease; \$234,639 for maintenance of plant, a decrease of \$2,301; \$260,755 for fixed charges, an increase of \$23,084; \$14,943 for food services and student body activities, a decrease of \$10,071; \$1,853 for community services, a decrease of \$3,376; \$211,105 for capital outlay, an increase of \$121,326; and \$3,048 for payment to other school districts, an increase of \$508.

No change was made in an emergency fund of \$20,000. Of the total general fund, \$1,407,784.36 is the estimated receipts and available cash balances, and \$644,400 is within the 6 per cent limitation.

Local Man Pleads Innocent to Charge

Lyle Vernon Doty, 24, of 421 Oak st., Medford, pleaded innocent in Medford municipal court this morning to a charge of disorderly conduct. Trial was scheduled Monday, Feb. 25, with bail set at \$25.

Doty was arrested by Medford police about 2 o'clock this morning when an officer observed him disobeying a stop sign. According to reports, the officer followed Doty's vehicle through the residential area before stopping at a service station.

According to the police, Doty swore at officers and refused to cooperate with them prior to being arrested for disorderly conduct. He was lodged in the city jail.

Building Permit Is Issued for Sign
A building permit for another sign near Interstate 5 in downtown Medford has been issued by the Medford building department. The permit was issued to Medford Neon Signs Inc. to erect a sign, valued at \$10,000 at 427 East Main st. The address is that of the Clark Walker real estate agency, just at the west end of the Bear creek bridge.

Earlier this week five permits were issued to erect signs in other areas adjacent to the Interstate 5 freeway overpass through the city.

One sign has already been constructed on 10th st. adjacent to the freeway overpass.

The project will improve drainage along the streets, the highway department said. Present pavement will be removed eight feet from the curbs. The project is expected to take more than two months.



LEAVES WHITE HOUSE - President Kennedy escorts Venezuelan President Romulo Betancourt, with glasses, as the latter leaves the White House following their meeting. Kennedy pledged his full support to Venezuela to resist "the all-out campaign of the international Communists" to overthrow Betancourt's government. Betancourt went to New York today for a meeting with United Nations Secretary General Thant. (UPI)

Dellenback Favors Restoring Speaker To Hatfield's Desk

Salem—UPI—Several House members arose in a huff today and demanded to be tuned back in to the governor's office.

They questioned the action of the chairman of the House and Senate Rules committees Wednesday in visiting the governor's office to object to a six-year-old system by which the governor could listen to floor debates in his private office.

The governor responded to the visit from Sen. E. D. Poits (D - Grants Pass) and Rep. Katherine Musa (D-The Dalles) by handing them his speaker and saying "take it."

Rep. John Dellenback (R-Medford) brought the question up today on the House floor.

Confining his remarks to the House, he questioned the

flight of Mrs. Musa to appear to represent the House, or even the Rules committee, in the matter.

Dellenback said the speaker should be restored to the governor's office. He said the legislative and executive branches "should and must cooperate closely," and this in one way of doing it.

Rep. Joe Rogers (R-Independence), backed up Dellenback. Citing a rule, Rogers said a committee's action must be "purely advisory."

Mrs. Musa replied she was instructed by her rules committee "to hear what the governor had to say."

Dellenback responded, "I think it was made clear that this action was not taken on behalf of this body or on formal committee action."

Rep. Grace Peck (D-Portland) said she would prefer the governor to hear House debate over a speaker system, than from one of his aides or from news reports.

"The only discouraging thing is that he does not always listen," she added.

The argument broke up on a motion to adjourn. Dellenback said he will bring the matter up again.

Kennedy Orders Forces To Guard Against Repeat

Protest Demands Full Explanation

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy today ordered U.S. armed forces to take "all necessary action" against any repetition of Wednesday's Cuban MIG attack on an unarmed American shrimp boat in the Florida Straits.

The State Department, acting on orders of the chief executive, also fired a strong diplomatic protest to the Cuban government. It demanded a full explanation of the incident from the regime of Fidel Castro.

The Defense Department announced that two Cuban-based MIG jet fighters fired rockets in the vicinity of the shrimp boat about 2:30 p.m. (PST).

U.S. Jets Arrive
The Pentagon said the MIGs were chased off by U.S. supersonic jet fighters - Marine craft based at Boca Chica Naval Air Station, Key West, Fla.

Following Defense Department disclosure of the shooting incident, in which Russian-built planes fired rockets near the boat but did not hit it, the White House issued this brief statement:

"A strong protest has been sent forward through diplomatic channels against the attack by Cuban aircraft on an unarmed American fishing vessel."

"The United States government will expect full explanation from Cuba."

"Orders have been issued to the armed forces to take all necessary action against any repetition of such an attack."

Sent to Switzerland
The U. S. note was transmitted by the State Department to the Swiss government which is representing this country in Cuba during the current break in diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States.

The Swiss were to deliver the message to the Cuban government in Havana.

The Pentagon's statement announcing the incident did not say so outright but the implication was that the rockets were fired at the boat.

Council to Consider Request for Sign

An appeal by Standard Oil company to erect a 50-foot sign adjacent to the Biddle rd. freeway interchange will be considered by the Medford city council at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

The Medford planning commission voted last week to recommend against the sign. The oil company has appealed to the council for reversal of that negative recommendation.

A public hearing will be held on a proposal to withdraw the recently annexed Chestnut st.-Stewart ave. area from the Medford Rural Fire Protection district.

Jackson Reappointed To Highway Position
Salem—UPI—Glenn L. Jackson of Medford today was reappointed by Gov. Mark Hatfield to the State Highway commission.

Jackson is chairman of the commission. The new three-year term runs to March 31, 1966.

EXPLOSION ON TUG
Seattle—UPI—A flash fire exploded in the engine room of the Alaska-bound tug Tarter about an hour after it left Pier 16 in Seattle Wednesday night, but none of the 10 crewmen aboard was injured.

Possible Survivors of Sulphur Queen Sought
Miami—UPI—Marine investigators hoped today to get some clue to the fate of the missing tanker Marine Sulphur Queen and its 39 crewmen from a life jacket and debris found in an oil slick.

Discovery of the floats in the Florida straits Wednesday touched off a renewed air-sea search for possible survivors of the 524-foot vessel, last heard from Feb. 3 on a voyage from Beaumont, Tex., to Norfolk, Va., with a cargo of molten sulphur.

The search was concentrated in an area from Miami southwestward through the Florida Keys to Dry Tortugas, a group of small islands about 70 miles west of Key West.

A Maritime Union port agent told a Coast Guard hearing at Beaumont Wednesday that the Sulphur Queen had undergone a series of fires at sea on previous voyages and the crew had asked that provisions be made to control "spontaneous fires in the tanks" of the ship.

The life jacket plainly stenciled "Sulphur Queen," an oil can bearing similar markings, a conical shaped piece of debris which appeared to be part of a fog horn - also marked with the name of the missing ship - plus part of a broken life raft and other debris were sent to Miami aboard a Coast Guard cutter.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

FIRING SAID 'ACT OF AGGRESSION'
Washington—UPI—Speaker John W. McCormack today termed the MIG rocket firing on an American shrimp boat "an act of aggression." He said "strong measures" should be taken to avert any similar actions in the future.

HUMPHREY FAVORS APRIL DEADLINE
Geneva—UPI—Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) said today an April deadline should be set for an agreement on a nuclear test ban treaty with the Soviet Union.

JET CLAIMS DISTANCE RECORD
Scott AFB, Ill.—UPI—An Air Force jet pushed by 200-mile an hour "tradewinds of the skies" today flew nonstop from the Philippine Islands to McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. The flight was an unofficial world's distance record of 9,862 miles for cargo aircraft.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Variable cloudiness through Friday. Some patchy valley fog early in morning. Low tonight 38-42. High Friday 53-58.
Temp. 55
Lowest this morning 33
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace.
Sunset today 5:58 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:59 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow 6:19 a.m.
New Moon Feb. 22
PROMINENT STAR
Arcturus, rises 9:20 p.m.
VIBRANT PLANETS
Jupiter, low in west 4:55 p.m.
Mars, in the west 3:01 a.m.
Venus, rises 3:02 a.m.