

Travis Discusses Work of Capital Improvements Group

"The City Council has directed the Medford city administration to analyze ways to cut costs of operation," Richard Travis, Medford City Councilman and chairman of the now dissolved Capital Improvements Committee, told the Monday luncheon meeting of the Medford Chamber of Commerce Roundtable.

Several months ago, Mayor James Dunlevy appointed Travis to head a committee of nine Medford residents to study the capital improvement needs of the city.

The committee held several meetings and recommended to the City Council that capital improvement priorities be accomplished in two phases. The first phase included projects that should be completed in the immediate future, and the second phase recommended projects to be accomplished within three to five years.

Top Priority
Top priority was given to acquisition of land for a Civic Center, including a site for a city hall, a public safety building site and property for other agencies. Acquisition of property for city parks adjacent to existing schools, acquisition of land at the airport, improvement of an arterial street program, which includes the Bidle Road right-of-way, and an overpass at the 10th Street railroad crossing, were included in the first phase.

The second phase stipulated construction in a Civic Center, including a city hall and a public safety building, development of city parks, improvement of corporation yards to house city vehicles and maintenance crews.

Travis' statement that the city administration analyze ways to cut costs of operation was an outgrowth of a paragraph at the end of the Committee's report to the city council, which stated in part: "... it is the feeling of this Committee at this time that the total cost of the improvements cannot be added to the existing tax load of the City of Medford, and would urgently recommend the City Council take action to reduce existing city expenditures to a point more in line with comparable communities in Oregon before any of the above projects are undertaken."

In Good Condition
Travis further stated that the city is in good condition financially, can be bonded easily, and the only problem that arises is how to pay for the needed capital improvements.

The need now exists for a new city hall, he said. When the city's administration first occupied the former Jackson County Courthouse in 1930, the city hall was "less than efficient," and it is now extremely difficult to operate as it should, due mostly to its physical size. Each time a new office is needed, it is constructed by moving a wall, which lessens the space of existing offices, Travis noted.

The speaker concluded his remarks by impressing the audience with the need to institute an austerity program in the city government. The city government has taken steps to implement an austerity program, he said, by instructing Gilbert J. Gutjahr, assistant city manager, to study ways to reduce the cost of Medford city government.

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MT. ASHLAND PROJECT — A PP&L construction worker drills a hole for a power pole along the snow-cloaked route of Pacific Power's new 12,000-volt distribution line to serve the Mt. Ashland winter sports resort.

PP&L Crews Push Installation Of Power Line to Mt. Ashland

Power line construction crews of Pacific Power and Light Company are fighting Old Man Winter in their task of completing a \$117,000 electric service distribution line to serve Mt. Ashland winter sports resort.

It's become a race against deepening snows that are needed for skiing, but are no help to the crews working on the mountain. Along with other workers who are building the lodge, roads and ski facilities on the mountain, Pacific Power's are striving to finish their work before deep snow and ice bring their tasks to a halt.

"The first heavy snows of the season have come to the mountain," reports Frank Benesh, Medford district manager for PP&L. "Whether the work on the resort project is completed this year depends on the effort of our crews as much as the capricious whims of Old Man Winter."

Resorts' Power Supply
Pacific Power's distribution circuit will be the power supply for the new Mt. Ashland line. Crews recently finished installations needed to boost the capacity and voltage level of the main Siskiyou line to provide the additional energy needed to handle the new extension, Benesh reported.

The new line will extend six miles northwesterly from the summit of the Siskiyou and U.S. 99 to the Mt. Ashland resort area and will serve the new lodge, ski lifts and water pumps.

The final mile and a half of the distribution circuit is being installed underground, Benesh reported. It will reduce hazards to skiers in the resort area and

will eliminate the problem of having poles, lines and cross-arms exposed to damage by strong winter winds, ice and snow at the higher elevation.

"Providing inclement weather doesn't upset our schedule, work on the new line should be completed by the middle of December," Benesh said.

Hoover School To Get Equipment

Two schools, one in Medford and the other in Northwestern California, have been selected to receive \$3,000 each in teaching equipment from the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, St. Paul, Minn.

The schools, which will receive the visual communications equipment, are Hoover

Elementary School in Medford, and Rio Dell Elementary, Rio Dell, Calif.

The grants are part of a \$1 1/2 million assistance grant to education program sponsored by the 3M Company to encourage more creative teaching in schools.

Schools were selected on the basis of their proposals on how they would use the equipment if they were to receive a grant. The awards consist of a \$3,000 model visual communications system including 11 classroom overhead projectors, two transparency makers and transparency film and copy paper. The system enables teachers to produce transparencies from a variety of source materials such as newspaper articles, textbook materials, student homework or class assignments.

The 500 winning schools were chosen from more than 14,000 schools in the U.S.

New Era Seen For Seed Growers

PORTLAND (UPI) — A farm crops specialist at Oregon State University said Monday that the state's \$25 million seed growing industry was moving into a new era.

Dr. J. R. Cowan spoke at the 23rd annual convention of the Oregon Seed Growers League.

"Our biggest challenge is the strong tendency toward complacency," he said. "Unless we are aware of the new era we can stand to slip back substantially."

Dr. Cowan urged the seed growers to produce varieties which the markets demand.

The convention runs through Wednesday.

Duck Hunters Pay Violation Fines

PORTLAND (UPI) — U. S. Commissioner Louis Stern Monday fined 10 duck hunters a total of \$595 after they pleaded guilty to federal hunting violations.

They were Gerald Nelson, 61; Oliver Dunsford, 65, and Franklin Bay, 66, all of Astoria; Gary Lowery, 21, Salem; Ernest Morris and Carl Holbrook, both 21, and Causy Mattox, 40, all of Dayton; Herbert Dalike, 20, Portland, and Richard Thurin, 37, and Edwin Meyer, 62, both of Beaverton.

Company Completes Refinancing Plan

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Evans Products Co. Monday announced completion of a \$20 million refinancing program.

Involved were a \$17 million unsecured note due in 1969 and a \$3 million unsecured bank loan due in 1969.

The note was placed with the Prudential Insurance Co. of America and the bank loan with the U.S. National Bank of Portland, Marine Midland Trust Co. of New York, Security First National Bank of Los Angeles and National Bank of Commerce of Seattle.

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Oil Firm Plans Reorganization

NEWARK, N.J. (UPI) — Another firm connected with the bankrupt Allied Crude Vegetable Oils & Refining Corp. of Bayonne filed for reorganization Monday under chapter 10 of the federal bankruptcy laws.

In filing the bankruptcy petition, in U.S. District Court, Harbor Tank Storage Co., of West New York, N.J., said its debts could total more than \$225,000 and its "contingent liabilities" could go as high as \$40 million. The firm subleased 41 storage tanks from Allied Crude in Bayonne.

Harbor Tank's action was one more blow to the edible oil industry which captured little public attention until Allied Crude went bankrupt last month when it was unable to meet more than \$18 million in margin calls.

That led to the liquidation of Ira Haupt & Co. of the New York Stock Exchange and to the absorption of J. B. Williston & Beane, Inc. and suspension of another commodity house.

Several investigations are being made to try to find 690 million pounds of edible oils which are missing or never existed except on paper.

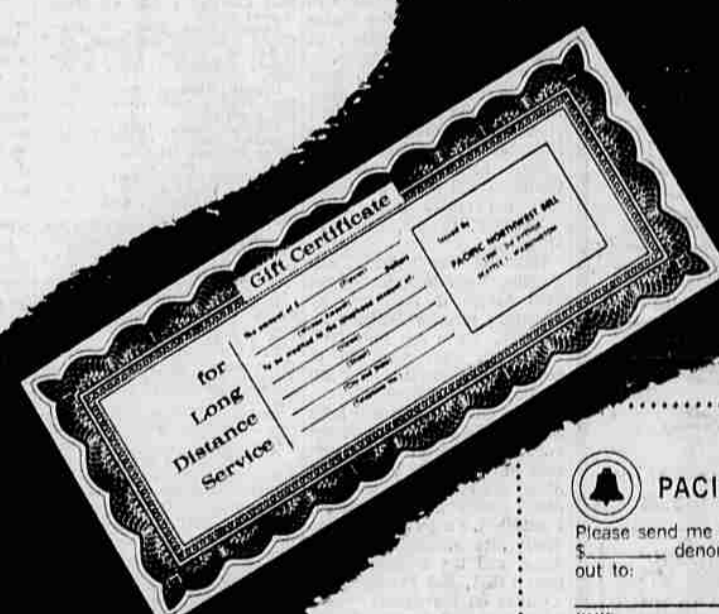
Johnson To Press For Zanzibar Rights

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson has told the African nation of Zanzibar that he will press for equal rights both at home and abroad.

In a message of greeting to the nation on its Independence Day Monday, Johnson said he "will continue to press for equal rights for all."

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