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## Teachers Air Request For Salary Increases

By JOHN GUERNSEY

Salary increases amounting to nearly \$185,000 were requested when school employees appeared before the joint budget boards of the city school districts. The boards advised that the material will be studied and that decisions on the requests will be handed down at some date in the near future when the state has advised the school boards as to how much the individual school districts will receive in state aid for the 1953-54 school year.

The bulk of the requested increase was presented by the 204 school teachers of the two city systems. Requested modifications of the salary schedule would result in a \$162,558 pay hike for the teachers.

Teacher spokesman Francis N. Scappellato pointed out that the teachers are asking that the beginning rate for three-year teachers be upped from \$3,430 to \$3,900, and that the top bracket be extended from \$4,830 to \$5,500; that the base rate for teachers with bachelor credentials be upped from \$3,700 to \$4,200, and that the top bracket be increased from \$5,400 to \$6,200; that the base rate for "fifty-year" teachers be increased from \$3,970 to \$4,500, and that the top bracket be lifted from \$5,770 to \$6,600, and that the base rate for teachers with masters credentials be hiked from \$4,100 to \$4,600, and that the top bracket for the masters teachers be upped from \$6,000 to \$6,600.

The automatic salary raises provided in the present teacher salary schedule call for \$200 raises during the first four years, and \$100 raises through the remainder of the schedule. The teacher requests ask that the \$200 annual increments be extended through the first eight steps instead of the present four.

Scappellato told the budget group that the starting salaries should be increased as a means of combatting the current teacher shortage. He added that the increase would attract capable beginning teachers to Klamath Falls, would encourage young persons to enter the teaching profession, and would stop the transfer of Oregon teachers to California where the minimum salary for bachelor teachers is \$4,200 annually.

Increasing the maximum salaries is designed to retain the experienced teachers and to stimulate interest in teaching as a career.

The teacher presentation further pointed out that Klamath Falls is among the most wealthy school districts in the state and financially able to compete with other school districts for good teachers.

At the suggestion of school board member, Wyatt Padgett, the joint budget boards agreed to send a questionnaire to all teachers and other employees of the school districts asking for suggestions as to how money could be saved in the school operation without lowering the teaching and operational standards. The questionnaires would be completed and returned unsigned by all employees. Padgett and board member, Jack Linman, were named to the committee in charge of the project.

Padgett said that numerous teachers have approached him with reference to duplication and waste in the school operation; and that one teacher said he could outline a program whereby \$50,000 could be saved while retaining the teaching and operational standards at the same level.

In other proposals for salary increases:

1. The instrumental music instructors asked that their hourly rate for outside activity time (such as special classes or weekend work) be increased from \$2 per hour to \$3 per hour. The added cost to the school operation would be approximately \$666.

2. The 11 elementary and junior high coaches asked that their hourly rate for after school and weekend coaching and supervision be increased from \$2 to \$2.50 per hour. The increased cost would amount to about \$1,842.

3. The 26 cooks and helpers within the system requested 15 paid holidays (including spring vacation), or a 10-cent hourly wage increase above the present \$1.50 for cooks and \$1.25 per hour for helpers. The increase would amount to approximately \$3,900 per year.

4. The bus drivers and janitors requested average raises of \$35-20 per month, or a program whereby they would work 40 instead of the present 44 hours per week at the same monthly pay. The annual cost of effecting the increases would be \$15,105. In addition, the bus drivers requested that their hourly rates for out of town trips with school teams or activities be increased from \$1.92 to \$2.01.

5. The 16 clerical workers requested that the elementary clerical rate be upped from a base of \$1 to \$1.07, and that the top rate be increased from \$1.50 to \$1.63. In addition, the special clerical workers and the administrative clerical employees would receive the same percentage increase as might be granted the teachers. The increase would amount to approximately \$900 in addition to the percentage increases.

Additional budget hearings will be held in the immediate future.



**BROTHERS IN ARMS** are David, left, and Jerry Kirkpatrick, sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kirkpatrick, 1981 Harrison Street. David is attending the language institute of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He enlisted in the Air Force in August and was sent to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas for basic training and later sent to the university which he entered in December. Jerry, who enlisted the same time as his brother, is at Fort Bliss, Texas, studying electronics. Both boys are expected home on leave shortly.

## KF Council Hears Report On Canal Fence Drive

Next move in the campaign to fence the canal was outlined to the city council last night by Fred Robinson, 1160 Crescent, chairman of the Fence The Canal Committee.

Robinson appeared before the regular Monday night session and told the council that Congressman Al Ullman will introduce a slightly different bill in the current session of Congress, and informed Robinson he would need some additional information as ammunition in his fight to get canal survey funds.

Robinson reported that the committee is compiling a photostatic series of Herald and News editions which listed some of those accidents which claimed lives in the canal, and that they also were collecting 20 pictures of the canal at various times of the year to be included in a collection to be sent to Ullman.

The city council agreed to appropriate \$100 to cover one-half of the proposed costs. Robinson the county court to appropriate the other half of the money required.

In presenting his summary, Robinson said, "We have been fortunate in having gone two years without any drownings, but we face the law of averages, and there could be two or three drownings this year alone."

Cliff Sanders, acting city engineer, reported that as yet the Great Northern Railroad had not cleared his request for an easement across their property so he could construct a drainage ditch to ease the water situation on Adams Street. He reported there was nothing he could do on the project until the easement was granted by the railroad.

Meantime, he said, the department is keeping a careful eye on the area, and using a pump to keep the water level down whenever it appears to be rising to dangerous levels.

Another step in the current evaluation of the city police department was activated Monday night when Councilman Walter Fleet, chairman of the police commission, requested and was granted permission to advertise for bids for two new police cars. One of these would replace two of the department's motorcycles, a change recommended by Inspector Richard Young of Berkeley who is conducting the department survey.

Bids for the two autos will be asked for by March 3.

Robert Heath, 2404 Radcliffe, appeared before the council to ask what had happened to the plan to change the traffic pattern in Mills Addition. He was informed that the problem was still in the hands of the Traffic Safety Committee, that they had three separate plans under consideration, but had not yet arrived at a single solution to the problem.

In street activity, the council approved a petition signed by 20 property owners asking that Warden Street from Delta to Lytton be paved. Sanders was instructed to commence the preliminary planning and investigating.

The final reading was heard on the resolution to pave North Second Street from McKinley to Roosevelt and Roosevelt to California Avenue.

Final reading was heard of the resolution transferring title to all city roads from the county to the city. Investigation some weeks ago revealed that a number of roads inside the city limits had never been officially transferred to the city although the city had assumed possession. The resolution was a blanket one shifting title of all roads within the city limits to the city.

## New Rain, Wind Storms Expected In California

SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — The weatherman ordered gale warnings hoisted along the Northern California coast today for a storm that promised to bring heavy amounts of rain.

Heavy rainfall was reported Monday night north of Ukiah and Red Bluff. Fort Bragg reported 1.10 inch in 12 hours, while Eureka reported 2.6 of an inch.

The storm was expected to spread as far south today as Santa Maria and Visalia and throughout Central and Northern California tonight and Wednesday. Snow will fall in the high mountains.

Gale warnings flew along the coast north of Half Moon Bay for winds of 30 to 50 miles an hour. Small craft warnings flew between Half Moon Bay and Monterey for southerly winds of 20 to 35 miles an hour.

The weatherman said the storm would taper off to showers Wednesday.

Meanwhile, a huge slide closed U. S. 101 south of Garberville near the Humboldt - Mendocino County line. The slide wiped out a 200-foot section of the highway a half-mile north of another slide that had blocked the highway since last Thursday.

However, up to Monday highway engineers had permitted one-way traffic through the slide area in the daytime. The latest slide closed the highway "indefinitely" according to state highway engineers.

The Coast Guard Cutter Avoyel stood by a tug and tanker in heavy seas off the Humboldt County coast, prepared to place food, water and butane gas aboard the tug sometime this morning.

The tug Tillamook left Portland Feb. 5 with the tanker Mission Santa Ana for San Francisco, the Coast Guard said, but ran into heavy seas and strong winds that prevented it from making any progress. As a result, the tug ran low on supplies. Seventeen men were aboard the tug and seven were aboard the tanker.

The Coast Guard in San Francisco said no one was in any danger.

In San Francisco, tons of rain-loosened rock fell during the weekend from the northeast slope of Telegraph Hill, endangering a meat - distributing plant at the base of the hill.

Some of the debris fell from an apartment garden, leaving the building only 15 feet from the edge of the cliff. Dr. Roland P. Seitz, one of the owners of the building, said he was "somewhat apprehensive."

Another apartment building nearby appeared to be threatened but the owner, Dr. Collin Dong, said piers of the building carry from 20 to 60 feet down to "solid rock."

The rock slides broke windows at the Consolidated Meats plant below, Abraham Alpert, president of the firm, said if the slides had occurred on a week day, they might have caught several of his trucks and some of his employees.

### LIVESTOCK

**KLAMATH FALLS LIVESTOCK AUCTION MARKET**  
Feb. 17, 1953.

Receipts: Cattle 370. Hogs 96. Compared last Monday slaughter cattle 50-100 higher; stocker & feeder cattle steady.

Fed Steers: good 23.00-24.10. Fed Heifers: choice, 23.50-24.00; good, 22.10-23.50; std. 21.10-21.80.

Cows: std., 19.75-21.70; cmel., 17.40-19.60; utility 15.50-17.70; canners and cutters, 11.90-15.30.

Bulls: utility and cmel., 19.50-22.40; feeders, 14.10-19.40.

Veal Calves: hv. killer calves, 23.50-24.00; baby calves, 13.00.

Stockers and Feeders: steers, medium, 21.25-22.00; heifers, medium - good, 20.10-22.35; steer calves, medium 23.50-26.00; heifer calves, good-choice 24.00-26.40; one lot medium, 79.00 per head; feeder cows, 13.25-15.00; stock cows, com-med, 147-186 per head; pairs, 217.00.

Hogs: U.S. 1&2 (180-220 lbs.) 21.00-21.85; weaner pigs, 17.00-22.50 per head; feeders, 19.50-22.30.

Reported by Ray Petersen, county agent.

### Obituary

**KASPEREIT**

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Bertha Kasperreit, Oklahoma City, after a long illness. She was the sister of John Schneebarger, Klamath Falls, and the cousin of Mrs. Stella Persell also of Klamath Falls. She had been a visitor in this city. Services will be held Wednesday, February 19, at the Pennsylvania Avenue Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. Schneebarger was with his sister at the time of her death. Friends who would like to send cards may send them to John Schneebarger, 513 Southwest 57th Street, in care of Mrs. W. A. Tuck, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### SMALLEY

William Joseph Smalley, 63, a native of Kennewick, Washington, and a resident of this city for 18 years, died here February 17. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Vera H. Smalley; a daughter, Valora I. Slites; and two grandchildren, Dole B. and Dean A. Stites, all of Klamath Falls. Funeral services will be held in O'Hair's Memorial Chapel Wednesday, February 19, at 2 p.m. Interment will be made in Klamath Memorial Park.

### Gun Accident Injures Youth

A "porkie stalker," 13-year-old Bruce Chandler, is a lucky boy. Late Monday afternoon he took his .22 caliber rifle and went out to hunt porcupines on the hillside near his home on Lakeshore Drive.

Bruce stumbled, discharging the gun and the slug passed through the flesh of his lower left leg without touching a vital spot. He is a student at Fremont School and son of H. J. (Bud) Chandler, manager of Radio Station KFLW and Mrs. Chandler.

The injured boy is making a satisfactory recovery.

### Auto Smash Injures Three

Three Tulelake men are in Klamath Falls hospitals as a result of a Friday evening accident on Highway 130 about three miles south of Tulelake.

Injured are E. R. Howe in Hillside Hospital with multiple rib fractures; Bill Macy in Klamath Valley Hospital, receiving treatment for a deep cut in his right leg and his passenger, Denny Singleton, with severe scalp lacerations.

According to California Highway Patrol Officer William B. Shelton, Macy had driven to the scene to bring gasoline to the car of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Paul Macy, who was returning home with a carload of youngsters. She had pulled her station wagon into a side road and he parked nearby. In the downpour of rain, Howe attempted to go to the right of Bill Macy's parked car.

## End To Gas 'War' Sought

EUGENE — Gasoline dealers from five Willamette Valley cities voted here Monday night to take immediate steps to bring a gasoline price war to an end.

Some 45 service station operators from Eugene, Springfield, Albany, Junction City and Corvallis attended a meeting here to discuss the effects of price cutting.

Charles Goforth, Portland, president of the Oregon Gasoline Dealers Assn., told the operators that a "majority of the oil companies and their stations are expected to co-operate" in settling the price war which has resulted in gasoline reductions of up to 12 cents per gallon.

Retailers indicated their profit margins are down as much as 50 per cent, even with subsidization by wholesalers.

Goforth recommended a "price clearing" plan which he said was used successfully last fall by some 1,500 Portland stations.

Retail dealers will be requested by their local associations to sign a pledge agreeing to removal of all large gasoline price signs and to adjust pump prices to a normal profit above tank-wagon prices.

The pledge requires the retailers to hold the adjusted prices for 48 hours to give the association time to contact "stragglers."

### Weather Table

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Tuesday

Max.	Min.	Prep.	
Baker	49	39	.01
Redmond	57	47	T
Eugene	60	50	.15
Lakeview	51	41	--
Medford	63	57	.02
Newport	69	54	1.17
North Bend	59	54	1.24
Pendleton	69	51	.20
Portland AirP	54	49	.38
Roseburg	70	54	.02
Salem	57	51	.34
Spokane	43	38	.07

## Dog Handling Class Stated

A new obedience training class for dog owners will open tonight under the tutelage of Pat Montgomery, veteran dog trainer of Shasta Cascade Kennels.

The class, open to all interested persons, will be held at the South Sixth Community Hall at 8 o'clock tonight and each Tuesday night until completion of the course.

The class is primarily intended to show the dog owner how to train his dog and how to work with him. Advice will also be given on care and feeding.

The course attending should bring their dog, a chain collar and a five or six foot leash.

The hall is located at 5645 South Sixth Street.

## Discussion Set On Manager Plan

The council-manager plan will be discussed Wednesday, February 19, by a panel of men and women under the sponsorship of the Klamath County League of Women Voters.

The meeting, in the lecture room of the Klamath County Library, will open at 1 p.m.

Appearing on the panel will be Mayor Lawrence Slater, Councilman Floyd Wynne, Murdo Morrison, Mrs. Charles Alward, Mrs. John Ormiston, and Mrs. Frank Kohl. Mrs. Truman Johnson will serve as moderator.

### Funerals

**MATTS**

Funeral services for John Sam Matts will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 19, 1953 at 10:30 a.m. Monsignor T. P. Casey officiating. Military honors in Klamath Memorial Park will be conducted by Pelican Post No. 1383, VFW.

### Two Men Killed In Gas Explosion

KIMBERLY, Idaho (AP) — A natural gas metering station exploded yesterday, killing two men. A third pipeline worker escaped serious injury.

The victims were Donald Burdett Eatehell and Lowell Melvin Preestwich, both 33 and both of Salt Lake City. Clifford M. Turner, 45, also of Salt Lake City, was shaken up by the blast and was hospitalized. There was no resulting fire.

The men were employed by Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. and were checking equipment along the company's big gas transmission line which runs into Oregon and Washington.

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## Young Skiers Tell Ordeal

CHEWELAH, Wash. (AP) — Two young skiers who wandered 40 hours on snow-covered, fog-shrouded Mt. Chewelah before a search party found them are recovering today from their ordeal.

John May and Gale Wuesthoff, both 18, were rescued late yesterday. They helped find a missing 14-year-old Boy Scout Saturday night and then got lost themselves after leaving the scout with other rescuers.

May said there was a terrific blizzard near the top of the mountain Saturday night. He and Wuesthoff waited it out standing under a tree.

Their matches were soaked after they'd built one little fire. All they had for food was a candy bar. They shared one cigarette. It was so cold their gloves froze around their ski poles.

"We kept prodding each other with ski poles to stay awake," May said. "We'd been done for, I guess, if we'd slept. It got down to about 10 above zero."

"I kept seeing mirages after the first 24 hours or so. First I saw a dog, then a cow, then some men and some things like that. Sunday night I walked up to six men playing cards in the snow—and they just disappeared."

Neither of the youths seemed to have suffered any serious ill effects.

## New Task Goes To 'Conelrad'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conelrad, the radio and television signal designed to broadcast warning of an enemy attack, is getting a new job—alerting listeners for emergency storm and flood warnings.

Announcing this today, the U.S. Weather Bureau said the Conelrad attention signal will be employed, however, "only in the most serious emergencies."

As examples, the bureau listed hurricane's suddenly changing course, a tornado approaching a city or a flash flood building up from torrential rains and sweeping down a river valley.

After the warning signal has been sounded, the weather bulletins will be broadcast on the station's regular frequency, rather than on special Conelrad frequencies.

The bureau said it will take several months to complete arrangements with radio and television stations but that it expects the new storm warning system to be in effect in most areas in time for the 1958 tornado and hurricane season, presumably by late summer.

Under an actual defense alert, radio and TV stations must go off the air and any transmissions are broadcast only on the special Conelrad frequencies of 640 and 1240 kilocycles.

### UNCONSCIOUS BIRTH

LEEDS, England (UP) — A woman who has been unconscious since she was injured in a highway accident six months ago has given birth to a healthy four-pound girl, Mrs. Rita Nemeth, 30, became a mother by Caesarian Monday.

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Season's Total	5632	5987

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