

By FRANK JENKINS

Here in Klamath county—thanks to a wise policy initiated back in the early 1930's—we are remarkably free from public debt. Klamath county, as a political unit, has NO funded debt. That is to say, Klamath county has outstanding NO general obligation bonds.

Here in the city of Klamath Falls, there remains yet to be paid some \$360,000 of a bond issue of \$800,000 put out some years ago to pay for a new basic sewer system. It was felt at the time that \$800,000 was too much to take out of the taxpayers' pockets all at once.

It was a serial bond issue—meaning that so much of the total would be paid in installments each year. A total of \$240,000 has already been paid, leaving only \$360,000 yet to be paid.

Some years ago, the South Suburban Sanitary District, facing the same problem that had been faced by the city, voted a bond issue of \$1,800,000 to provide needed drainage and sanitary facilities.

This also was a serial issue, calling for payment in yearly installments. As of now, a total of \$134,000 has been paid, leaving yet to be paid a total of \$1,666,000. In this case, as in the case of the city sewer bonds, it was felt that the total of \$1,800,000 was too much to take out of the taxpayers' pockets all at once.

The two big school districts, District No. 1 and District No. 2, have NO outstanding bonded debt. They continue to pay their way as they go.

Looks pretty good, doesn't it? But wait a minute. It isn't quite as good as it looks.

Klamath county is a part of the United States. Its share of the federal debt of the United States is \$75,960,000.

How is that figure arrived at? Like this:

The per capita debt of the United States is \$1900. At the 1960 census, the population of Klamath county was 47,475. Sixteen hundred dollars times 47,475 persons comes to a total of \$75,960,000.

So, you see, Klamath county isn't practically free from debt. It owes nearly seventy-six million dollars.

That's a lot of money.

One more figure—for comparison:

The assessed value of all the property in Klamath county is \$38,121,971.

Which is to say:

Klamath county's share of the federal debt of the United States amounts to 86.4 per cent of the assessed value of all the property in Klamath county.

Thousands Hunt Missing Girl

NAPA, Calif. (UPI)—Thousands of policemen, military personnel and civilian volunteers extended Saturday a painstaking "inch by inch" search for a missing 5-year-old Napa girl who already has covered 100 square miles of Napa County.

About 3300 men blanketed the Napa area, including the Napa River, in a vain attempt to find Doreen Heskett, missing since Monday. Undersheriff Wesley Gardner of Napa County said the county had been covered in an "inch by inch" search.

Police were checking on known deviates in the area on the theory the blue-eyed blonde girl who failed to return home after visiting a friend's house had been kidnapped. Officers said a young man who once lived near the Heskett home was being sought in the Oroville area.



MERRILL LIONS DONATE—A pledge of \$500 was made to the Intercommunity Hospital Fund drive by members of the Merrill Lions Club at their recent meeting. Shown here offering their pledge are, left to right, Bill Gasser, "Tailtwister," Bob Dragono, one of Merrill campaign captains; Jim Chance, president of the Merrill club and Lloyd A. Henderson, Merrill campaign chairman.

Weather

High Saturday	52
Low Saturday	41
High year ago	45
Low year ago	30
High past 14 years	47 (1953)
Low past 14 years	31 (1953)
Precip. past 24 hours	trace
Since Jan. 1	2.78
Same period last year	4.31

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Full Crews OK'd On Oregon Rails

SALEM (UPI)—The third brakemen on Oregon freight trains were assured of their jobs for two more years Friday, but railroads and unions were told to get together on a more permanent settlement.

The Senate Committee on Commerce and Utilities voted to leave Oregon's full crew law on long freight trains as it is, with one exception.

The committee accepted a union proposal to update the 50-year-old law by deleting the reference to "steam" trains, making it clear the law also applies to diesel trains.

The law requires a crew of six, including three brakemen, on freight trains in Oregon over 40 cars traveling more than 15 miles.

The railroads had asked for elimination of the requirement for a third brakeman, saying he was no longer needed on modern trains.

The unions replied he was necessary for safety.

The railroads noted they were

losing \$1.7 million a year by paying for third brakemen in Oregon, one of only six states requiring them.

The unions replied several hundred men would lose their jobs. Committee Chairman Alfred Corbett, D-Portland, made it clear there were two separate questions: Safety, and jobs. He said the legislature was unequipped to make a safety judgment, and the job problem should not be written into a law.

The vote to kill the bill for a reduced crew was unanimous, as was the vote to delete the steam reference in the law.

The committee decision came after railroad spokesman Randall Kester said the railroads were willing to accept an attrition clause so that third brakemen positions would be eliminated only when there were vacancies in the positions held by present brakemen.

On the other side, union attorney Alex Parks said the unions were willing to have an impartial study of safety factors.



FRIENDLY GREETING—Gov. Mark Hatfield, left, is greeted warmly by two of the delegates to the Second Annual Building Trades Council meeting here Saturday at the conclusion of his address. Smiling in congratulations are Asa T. Williams Sr., center, president of Carpenters Union 226, and R. Anderson, delegate from the Albany Carpenters Union 2133. Governor Hatfield left immediately after the address for Salem.



COOPERATION POINTED UP—Gov. Mark Hatfield, above, in his address to the Building Trades Council underscored the need for continuity in labor-management relations to lessen misunderstandings. The governor also pointed up the need for study by labor of the automation problem.

Construction Trades Hear Hatfield Talk

Gov. Mark Hatfield in an address Saturday afternoon before the Second Annual Convention of the Oregon State Building Trades Council held here, appealed to the people to help "snatch higher education from the jaws of devastation in this session of the legislature."

Noting a "serious probability of a \$5 million cut in that budget," he said the legislature faces two choices.

"It can by its inaction make Harry Truman's 'do nothing' charges about the 80th Congress pale by comparison," he said.

"Or it can move out of committees and onto the floor some of its enlightened, progressive proposals which further humanity and prepare for the future."

Appealing to the people, the governor declared, "Your voice can still be heard. Make it known."

"Failure of friends of education to react would be tragic," he said. "Failure to react by those who abhor the individual abrogation of responsibility would be unconscionable."

He said the legislature's treatment of higher education threatens "the teachers, researchers, and the facilities from which come our doctors, our improved agriculture productivity, the professions."

Hatfield said cuts at the medical school, hospitals and clinics could curtail treatment of some 131,000 patients. He said agricultural experiment stations could be closed, research curtailed drastically, and 4-H programs immobilized.

"If Oregon is to achieve major league status in the eyes of the nation, we cannot tolerate public officials who do not know the meaning of team play, cooperation and dedication," he said.

The governor praised the building trades for a high rate of employment this winter.

Turning to a familiar theme, he said Oregon is "far ahead of the Pacific Northwest states in new jobs," partly, he said, because of labor interest in productivity.

Hatfield reiterated "the need for continuity of labor-management relations before and after contract negotiations."

Hatfield noted the growing problems raised by automation, and added, "No greater investment could be made by organized labor today than expending part of their treasury funds in attacking this problem."

The governor arrived here early Saturday afternoon in time for the address and left immediately following.

Rain, Winds Slap Nation

By United Press International
Spring rains and gusty winds pounded the nation Saturday from coast to coast. The Midwest basked in near-record warm temperatures.

Wind gusts of 32 miles an hour shattered windows and collapsed a wall of a new church on Chicago's South Side Friday, the city's warmest day since Oct. 15, 1962.

U.S. Moves To Block Exile Raids On Cuba

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The government took intensive steps Saturday to prevent anti-Castro refugees from conducting hit-and-run raids against Cuba from U.S. territory lest they provoke armed conflict.

The State and Justice Departments announced the tougher new moves that will involve the Coast Guard, the FBI, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Customs Bureau.

Officials said this meant more men, ships and planes would be used to insure that attacks such as the recent ones that blasted or strafed Soviet ships in Cuban ports do not stem from U.S. territory, including Puerto Rico.

The joint State-Justice department statement said the United States sympathized with the desire of Cubans to see their country freed from Castro's Communist control.

But the agencies said this country could not allow violations of U.S. laws or "tolerate activities which might provoke armed reprisals, the brunt of which would be borne by the armed services of the United States."

Officials said the following actions would be taken immediately to make certain that none of the attacks was "launched, manned or equipped from U.S. territory":

The Coast Guard, which carries out both sea and air patrols, will step up operations checking all suspect vessels putting out from Florida or nearby U.S. territory for Cuban forays.

The FBI will increase its investigations among Cuban refugee groups in the Miami area, particularly the more militant elements, to see who may be supplying money or other assistance for the raiders.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service will add more manpower to check the movements of Cuban refugees who might become involved in military assaults against their homeland.

Officials said they were acting under two laws:

The Neutrality Act which prohibits groups organized as military or naval expeditions from departing the United States to take action as a military force against a nation with whom the United States is not formally at war.

The Motorboat Act of 1940 which empowers the Coast Guard to stop and search any craft to see

that it has the proper safety equipment and meets other requirements for putting to sea.

The State and Justice departments stressed that the recent raids which brought protests from both Russia and Cuba "have not in fact been launched from the territory of the United States."

But the crackdown obviously was aimed at preventing the recent Cuban shooting incidents from boiling up into a new crisis with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

The U.S. policy was made public two days after Soviet-built Cuban MIGs fired on an American freighter the *Floridian*, in international waters off Cuba.

The Castro regime, in an unusual move, claimed the shooting was "probably" an error.

Major Measures Near Floor Of Legislature

SALEM (UPI)—Committees were showing signs of sending a few major pieces of legislation to the floor soon as the Oregon Legislature Saturday rounded out its 11th week.

The Ways and Means Committee, scrutinizing budget after budget, gave overwhelming approval to one of the most disputed proposals of the session: A reduction in the state civil defense staff from 18 to 3.

The House Tax Committee indicated it was about ready to kick out some of the measures needed to raise the money to balance the state budget for the coming biennium.

Here is how major legislation stands:

Budget—Ways and Means continues its efforts to reduce Gov. Mark Hatfield's proposed \$403 million budget by \$15-20 million. Of about 100 budget bills, some of the smaller ones already have passed the two houses and been signed by the governor. Review of the biggest and most serious budgets—those dealing with education—goes on.

Tax—The House Tax Committee, source of all major revenue-raising bills, indicated it will start sending some of the smaller tax measures to the floor soon "to see how they go." The committee

is proceeding with discussions on what its major revenue measures—a new income tax law and a cigarette tax—should contain. The Senate Tax Committee is waiting for the House to act.

Education—Higher education's legislative activity centers on its budget. The amount of basic support for schools and high schools probably will be one of the last matters taken up. The House has called for some changes in Basic School Fund procedures. There has been little decision on community colleges.

Labor—The House Labor and Industries Committee has suggested employee contributions to the unemployment compensation fund, along with better benefits. The Senate committee still is trying to write a new workmen's compensation law. Railroad unions won retention of Oregon's present full crew law, but were told to get together with management to seek a more permanent solution.

Highways—A bill reducing fuel taxes for heavy trucks won Senate Highway Committee approval. It raises taxes for lighter trucks. A bill for traffic arrests on "probable cause" was sent to the House floor. The House voted to clamp down on drivers who try to flee an officer. Other traffic safety measures are still in committee.

Modified Split Schedule Plan Considered For KU

A modification of the split schedule was proposed by the school administration Friday afternoon at the high school during a meeting of the recently formed parents' committee and school administrators.

Willard McKinney, KU principal, announced the administration was considering a plan in which qualified students would be able to take a sixth subject.

McKinney said it may be possible for sophomores, juniors and seniors to attend school during the morning session and the freshmen attending in the afternoon.

Qualified students attending in the morning might be able to take the sixth subject by staying for the first period in the afternoon.

Mob Jeers JFK Remark

VALENCIA, Spain (UPI)—A mob of 300 students chanting "Yankee go home" demonstrated in front of the American Consulate here today to protest President Kennedy's "insulting references" to Spanish history in a recent speech in Costa Rica.

The students demonstrated for 15 minutes. One student threw a stone that broke a window.

The embassy was all but closed for the weekend. Only three employees were in the building.

A note delivered by the students said they were angry over Kennedy's "insulting references" to Spanish colonialism in Latin America. They said he made the insults in his speech to the Intra-American Presidents' meeting in Costa Rica.

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There will be further study on the proposed modification in the next few weeks and a detailed announcement concerning the proposal will be made after careful study.

McKinney stated that all present realize that this situation is not ideal, but may be the best workable arrangement under the circumstances until a new building or reorganization is achieved.

Vote Planned By Engravers

NEW YORK (UPI)—Striking photoengravers vote Sunday on what New York City publishers say is their "unconditional" and "final" contract offer. The strikers were expected to ratify the pact, ending the city's 113-day newspaper blackout.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner announced Saturday that the publishers accepted certain non-monetary revisions worked out by Frank J. McGowan and other leaders of photoengravers union Local 1.

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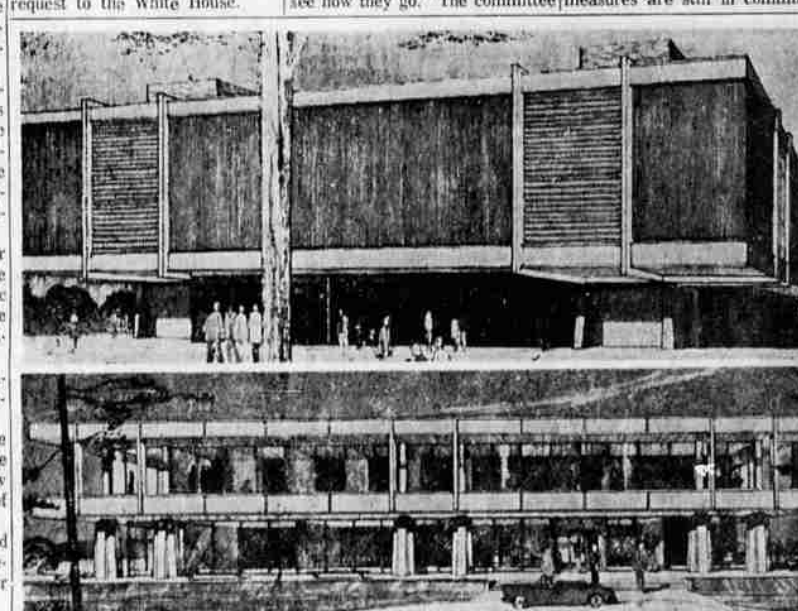
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Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview—Partly cloudy, windy and cold with a few brief showers today. High Sunday 48. Clearing and colder tonight with lows of 18-22. Partly cloudy and warmer on Monday. High 55. Northwest winds 10-20 m.p.h.; light and variable tonight and Monday.



NEW OTI BUILDINGS—Pictured here are two of the five new buildings which have been authorized for construction under the Phase II development program for the new Oregon Technical Institute campus. Upper drawing is of the physical education facility which will provide a main gymnasium plus activity areas with movable partitions. Lower drawing is the library-commons building. The type of construction will be the same as the structures now under way at the campus site.

Bids Sought For Five New Buildings At Oregon Tech

Bids on five new buildings and road and parking area paving have been asked by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education for the new Oregon Tech campus.

These bids are to be opened at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30. The bids are to cover construction of a shops building, a physical plant building, an administration building, a physical education building, and a library-commons building, in addition to the paving of roads and parking areas on the campus.

Separate prime bids will be received for the general construction work, the mechanical construction work, or a combination of these divisions.

Construction of these buildings plus the paving work in the area will prepare the campus for the move from the old OTI site in the fall of 1964.

Architectural firm for the Oregon Tech campus project is Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, Portland.

which will provide a main gymnasium plus activity areas divided by movable partitions will cover about 32,350 square feet.

The library-commons building will have a total area of 19,800 square feet. Similar construction is planned for both units, including concrete columns, steel roof system, wood window wall and stained cedar siding.

Not estimated cost of these projects was announced by the architectural firm, pending the opening of bids.