

Regents Okay Refinance Program

By J. B. Holmes
 Billings — (AP) — Regents of Montana's university system today approved a revenue bond refinancing program that will save \$1,700,000 through 1980.

The procedure will save \$1 million in financing a new skyscraper dormitory at Montana State College in Bozeman and \$700,000 on a new dormitory at Montana State University in Missoula.

The main question before this meeting of the regents is whether to authorize a four-year lib-

eral arts program for Eastern Montana College of Education at Billings. That subject is scheduled to come up later Monday.

The regents also approved plans for a new \$350,000 dormitory for 110 men at Western Montana College of Education in Dillon. The building plans were outlined to the board by the architect, Edward F. Moyle of Butte. Moyle said it would be three stories and have a red brick exterior.

Dr. James E. Short, Western president, said the plans "incor-

porate all the ideas and experiences we have had from operating the other dormitories."

Sent to the University Committee for study was a request from Custer County Junior College in Miles City for permission to hold another summer session in 1964.

The session last summer was described as successful and operated as a resident extension center for Eastern Montana College of Education.

Also referred to the committee was a protest from state Sen. Henry B. Hillings, R-Yel-

lowstone, that Eastern is competing with tax-paying entertainment facilities in Billings.

The regents took time out prior to lunch to tour the Montana Center for Cerebral Palsy and Handicapped Children. This was after Dr. Walter H. Hagen of the center said improved laboratory facilities are necessary if the center is going to be able to train teachers to handle handicapped children.

A precedent could be set in

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HELENA CENTENNIAL INSIGNIA — Mrs. Paul Melvin, 405 Madison, is the designer of the official Helena centennial coin. The souvenir coin shows the city's famous fire tower (top) on one side and the city's seal (bottom) on the other. A gold coin for collectors will be issued while a nickel silver coin will be available for others. The Centennial Commission said 1,000 gold and 2,500 nickel coins will be ordered.

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County Has Pay Troubles

Court Admits Confession in Falls Ax Case

Great Falls — (AP) — Dist. Judge R. V. Bottomly today admitted as state evidence an alleged admission by 16-year-old Dennis White that he committed the ax-slaying of a 78-year-old man last July 13.

White is charged with the murder of Godfrey Johnson and selection of a jury to hear the case began today shortly after Bottomly's ruling.

Defense attorneys for the boy had asked Bottomly to rule out the confession police say the boy made after his arrest July 23. The defense contended the boy's constitutional rights were violated.

At a pre-trial hearing Friday, White testified he wasn't telling the truth when he first admitted the slaying. He said he did so because investigators promised to "go easy" on him if he confessed. He also said he feared his mother would suffer a nervous breakdown. He later denied the slaying.

Johnson was fatally beaten and his 73-year-old wife severely injured in the bedroom of their home in Great Falls.

Plentywood Construction Project Labor Chief Says Firm Is Underpaying Workers

By Lyle Downing
 Atty. Gen. Forrest H. Anderson was asked today to launch an investigation into alleged violation of state wage laws by a North Dakota construction firm building a \$210,000 flood control dam near Plentywood.

The probe was requested by State Labor Commissioner J. Maurice Jones who charged the Oil Fields Service Co., Inc., a North Dakota corporation, had underpaid workers on the Montana project nearly \$17,000.

The firm is building the flood control dam on Box Elder Creek, one-fourth mile north of Plentywood. The project is financed jointly by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Montana Fish and Game Department and the City of Plentywood.

Frank Dunkle, State Fish and Game Department director, said that agency provided \$15,000 for completed it will provide a new the project. The city of Plenty-recreation area.

General Fund At Low Ebb, Officials Say

Lewis and Clark County appeared to be in trouble today with only \$25,060 in its general fund and two payrolls of approximately \$29,000 each plus more than \$12,000 in current outstanding bills, payable from the fund, to meet before November tax payments are due.

Acting County Commission Chairman Ed Lamb and Commissioner Al Gaskill admitted that the general fund has never been so low but expressed confidence that county will meet all its obligations.

By an involved bookkeeping process, County Clerk and Recorder Helen Kovich who is also clerk for the commission, explained that county warrants will be validated by November tax payments and will be cleared at the end of November.

She said that because of this routine bookkeeping procedure of County Treasurer Ginny Berg, it is possible for the county to be in the "red" one day and the debit erased the next day by tax collections.

County Auditor William J. Manning said the September payroll amounted to \$29,188. Approximately the same amount will be due county employees at the end of October.

In addition, Manning said approximately \$12,000 is outstanding in bills payable from the general fund for services rendered in September.

"No bills incurred by Lewis and Clark County in September have been paid at this time," Manning said.

Manning, who has served as county auditor since 1939, said he could not recall a time when the general fund was as low as it is this year. However, he indicated that possibly during the depression of the early 1930s, general fund warrants had to be registered because the county coffers had been depleted.

Mrs. Kovich also recalled that from time to time in recent years, warrants from other county funds had to be registered when funds were exhausted. Some of these included the poor fund, county agents funds and others.

Lamb and Gaskill said the county road crew payroll would be met on Oct. 25 as usual and according to agreement. How-

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State Records Second Hunt Fatality of '63

Billings—(AP)—Montana recorded its second shooting fatality of the 1963 hunting season Sunday.

Theodore Haymen, 19, Ballantine, died in a Billings hospital about 11 p.m. Sunday. He was shot in the head by a slug from a .22 caliber weapon.

Haymen was in a group hunting pheasants near Ballantine. A member of the party shot a pheasant. The sheriff's office said Haymen ran after the bird and his cut-down rifle-type weapon discharged.

Haymen was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Haymen of Ballantine, 25 miles east of Billings.

Sunday was the opening day for pheasant hunting.

The first fatality of the general hunting season was a California man. He was shot several weeks ago in the Bitterroot area of western Montana, the Fish and Game Department reported.

Montana Law

According to Jones, the contractor failed to comply with a Montana law which provides the prevailing wage scale in an area must be paid on all public works projects.

"I personally audited the firm's payroll," the commissioner added. "In some cases I found workers were receiving as little as 50 per cent of the prevailing wage scale. Under Montana law on any public works projects the contract shall include a provision that the contractor must pay the standard prevailing wage."

Jones claims also the firm was working men as heavy equipment operators and listing them on the payroll as laborers.

"Our audit shows," he declared, "that between the time the project was started last May and up to Sept. 21, the workers had been underpaid \$17,000, according to prevailing wage scales."

Jones says the corporation, which has a license to operate in Montana, lists the following officers: L. E. Minor, president; C. E. Pratt, vice president; Foster Parker, treasurer, and Herbert Frensel, secretary. They all are residents of Houston, Texas.

An aide to Atty. Gen. Anderson

Jurors Now Get \$10

Fall Jury Term Opens Here; Dismiss First Case

More than 80 prospective jurors reported this morning for the opening trial scheduled on the fall calendar of the first judicial court but were discharged by District Judge Lester H. Loble when the action was dismissed.

Only one other criminal action is listed for trial during this term of court and is scheduled for trial Oct. 24, also before Judge Loble.

The case was continued over from the January court term by Judge Loble and involves charges of grand larceny against Sylvia LaPier.

The 27-year-old defendant who listed her address as 1013 Broadway was charged with grand larceny in a complaint filed Jan. 9 by Gilbert Johnson. She was alleged to have taken \$200 from Johnson's wallet when both were patrons at a Helena tavern.

Miss LaPier has been free on bond since January. Rosa Cannon will represent the defendant at the trial.

Civil cases for this term of court are not scheduled to begin until Oct. 28 when the Montana Highway Commission will appeal the price tag placed on described properties of the Kelly Dairy and Ranch Co., and others needed for Interstate 15 construction.

Two Die, Many Hurt in Crash Caused by Fog

Kearny, N.J.—(AP)—Two women were killed and 41 other persons were injured today when an interstate bus was smashed in a chain collision on the fog-blanketed New Jersey Turnpike.

The smashup pinned passengers in the wreckage for up to two hours.

Algeria Invaded By Morocco

Algiers — (AP) — Moroccan troops supported by tanks and planes invaded Algerian territory in the Sahara during the night and fighting continued throughout the day, the Algerian government announced tonight.

List Reduced

In September, Judge Loble drew 150 names of prospective jurors but the list has been cut to slightly more than 80 persons. The remainder were excused temporarily or permanently for court approved reasons.

The first trial scheduled today but dismissed involved an appeal filed by Allen (Yo Yo) Burton from a justice court conviction on second degree assault against Charles Leo Dyll.

Justice of the Peace A. J. White found Burton, 27, guilty of the charge and sentenced the defendant to six months in the Lewis and Clark County jail.

Represents Defendant
 Hubert Massman represented Burton in court and County Attorney Thomas J. Hanrahan, who prosecuted Burton in justice

Trains Collide

Rutherford, N.J.—(AP)—A commuter-jammed three-car passenger train smashed into the rear of a nine-coach train in dense fog today, injuring an estimated 40 persons. None of the injured was reported seriously hurt.

A railroad spokesman said the trains were traveling at restricted speeds of about five miles an hour because of the heavy fog that blanketed the area.

State, National Weather

Forecast, Helena and vicinity—Fair and warm through Tuesday. Low tonight 36. High Tuesday 72.

The official Helena temperature at 1 p.m. was 64.

Station	H. L.	National	H. L.	
Billings	64	60	Bismarck	63
Bozeman	65	57	Calgary	74
Butte	71	42	Chicago	73
Butte	62	34	Denver	78
Cut Bank	72	43	Las Vegas	71
Dillon	68	38	Los Angeles	83
Drummond	67	37	Madison	71
Great Falls	72	48	New Orleans	86
Hayden	74	42	Phoenix	88
Helena	76	59	Pittsburg	85
Kalispell	62	33	St. Louis	80
Lewistown	70	41	Salt Lake	59
Livingston	65	45	San Fran.	73
Missoula	66	49	Seattle	63
Missoula	66	25	Spokane	66
W. Yellowstone	45	25	Washington	67

State precipitation: Billings, trace; Broadus, trace; Missoula, trace; National precipitation: Portland, Ore., 11; Seattle, 46.

Girls School Fire Probed

Members of the Board of Public Institutions toured the State Vocational School for Girls near Helena today and inspected fire damage in Canady Hall, a dormitory.

Miss Elaine Hoover, school superintendent, said a tentative cause of the fire has been determined. However, she declined to disclose the cause until insurance investigators view the damage.

Destroyed in the Saturday night blaze was the interior of a recreation room for staff members. From the appearance of the damage, the fire spread rapidly over

walls and furniture including an upright piano.

No one was injured. Twenty-one girls were led to safety by Mrs. Martin Wolestine, the housemother. They were housed for one night in a new dormitory at the correctional institution.

Miss Hoover said damage probably will be several thousand dollars. There was some smoke and water damage in the dormitory, a two-story brick building built in 1924.

Firemen from the Helena Valley Fire Department fought the blaze. Bob Ellis, assistant fire chief, said the blaze may have started from a cigaret left in a couch.

From Helena, the public institutions board travels to Boulder to tour the state training school.

Clayton Herron, a board member, said the board plans no official business and will conclude its meeting after the tour.

Aberdeen Now Calls Self 'Quint City'

Aberdeen, S.D.—(AP)—This jubilant community which now calls itself "Quint City USA" put on a festive one-month birthday party today for the Fischer quintuplets, the babies who made Aberdeen famous.

Successor Already Named

Secretary of Navy Korth Turns in Resignation

Washington — (AP) — Secretary of the Navy Fred Korth, who last week protested a tentative Pentagon decision to deny the Navy more nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, is resigning and will be succeeded by Paul Nitze, now an assistant secretary of defense.

The White House announced today that President Kennedy accepted Korth's resignation on Saturday. The resignation will take effect Nov. 1.

In a letter to Kennedy dated Friday, Korth said he was submitting his resignation "with the utmost regret . . . so that I may return to private business and attend to my pressing private affairs."

Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, said Korth entered the Naval hospital at Bethesda, Md. Sunday night for an ear operation. He is expected to be hospitalized about a week.

Salinger did not indicate whether the need for surgery was a factor in Korth's resignation.



Fred Korth

Korth could not be reached immediately for comment. An aide said the surgery was minor and would be performed Tuesday.

Earlier last week, Korth persuaded Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara to delay a decision against placing nuclear power plants in planned super carriers. McNamara agreed to delay the decision so Korth could present additional arguments in favor of nuclear engines for the carriers.

There was no indication in the exchange of letters between Kennedy and Korth that the policy dispute between the Navy and McNamara was a factor in Korth's resignation.

White House sources also said there was no connection between the resignation and the contro-

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U.S. Helicopters Remove Villagers

More Evacuated From Italy Disaster

Belluno, Italy — (AP) — U.S. Army helicopters have snatched 200 residents from a village in a hazardous position on the banks of the Vaiont Dam reservoir, Italian officials reported today.

The officials asked help from Army helicopters stationed in the area Sunday night because the village of Casso had been undermined by the catastrophic overflow of the reservoir last Wednesday. Officials feared the whole village might crash into the reservoir.

The Italian government formally convened a technical commission in Rome to investigate the disaster that may have taken 3,000 lives.

Public Works Minister Fiorentino Sullo ordered the inquiry body to check every person and paper connected with the dam since it was first planned years

ago. He told the commission to prepare its report by Dec. 15.

There were recurrent reports of threats of new landslides coming down from the 6,000-foot Mt. Tocco, on the south side of the reservoir. But officials at Erto denied that any new landslides had broken loose. Erto, like Casso, is on the northern side of the reservoir, opposite the mountain.

No New Menace
 Provincial authorities in Belluno and Italian Army officials on the shores of the reservoir said there was no new avalanche menace beyond earth slides that have been threatening since the catastrophic avalanche hit the reservoir Wednesday night.

Most residents of villages in the area who escaped the flood generated by the first avalanche were taken out last week.

There were reports today that the threatened landslides had started moving and that full evacuation had been ordered. But

authorities denied these reports and said villagers had actually been authorized to return briefly to their homes this morning to pick up belongings.

The man who built the Vaiont Dam said today the giant barrier could still furnish electricity after repairs.

"I see no reason for not using the dam again," said Giuseppe Torno. "It's not badly damaged and can provide hydroelectric power again with repairs. With part of Mt. Tocco in the middle, the reservoir will be much smaller, of course, but still very large."

Dig for Bodies
 Thousands of soldiers still dug in the mud for bodies, and the exact casualty toll was not known.

President Antonio Segni, touring the area Sunday, was told by Interior Minister Mariano Rumor that at least 1,800 persons

were dead in Longarone and other villages below the dam.

He said at least 300 were presumed dead from villages around the reservoir. Rescue officials said the final figure could reach 3,000.

Torno said the fact that the dam held despite the gigantic landslide was proof of its excellence. He said that if the 873-foot high concrete dam had given away, thousands more would have died.

"From a geological point of view, no man in the world could have forecast such a tragedy," said his assistant, Alberto Zanone.

Most of the nation was still not convinced.

A government commission pressed an investigation to determine whether authorities knew the side of rain-soaked Mt. Tocco was slipping and whether evacuation warnings would have averted the loss of life.