

VARIANCE SHOWN IN SCHOOL COSTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—School costs vary as much as 500 per cent between states, the president's advisory committee on education said yesterday.

During the 1935-36 school year the variance ran from \$12.16 per pupil in Arkansas to \$75.67 in California. The committee recommended a broad program of federal aid for education to equalize opportunities.

The committee listed by states the unit expenditures during the 1935-36 school year and the ratio of present expenditures to the revenue which would be obtained if the taxpayers' burden for education in each state were the same.

In Oregon the expenditure per unit was \$49.69 and the ratio of expenditure per unit to estimated revenue 74. California was \$74.67 and 59; Washington \$49.23 and 104; Idaho \$38.86 and 147.

LACK OF HARMONY STIRS DEMOCRATS

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thority that led to the meeting today. Republicans have been showing up in force at the daily house sessions.

The party meeting proceeded by a few minutes a session of the house at which an important phase of the president's national defense program was the scheduled business.

As the house debated the measure, to provide both personnel and equipment increases for the army, democratic leaders predicted the chamber would approve it without alteration, despite republican efforts to spread airplane purchases over the next three years.

HOOVER RAPS NEWS DEAL'S POLICIES

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torv, through unity."

He was introduced with a burst of pipe organ music and the singing of "America."

Much of his speech was devoted to developing the assertion that the republican party was the party of "true liberalism." From this he went on to say it was his own republican administration which, in 1929, was "the first to announce the national obligation to American through no fault of his own should go hungry or cold, and first to organize nationwide relief for the unemployed."

"And," he said amid shouts from the hall from where he spoke before a crowd officially estimated at some 2,000, "it organized relief in a fashion which excluded corruption, waste and demoralization of community responsibility. And it is high time to return to a system that does not play politics with human misery."

The other major speakers, Governor Ralph L. Carr of Colorado, Frank Fitzgerald of Michigan, Harlan Bushfield of South Dakota, Julius P. Hill of Wisconsin, and Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut, all took up, in one way or another, the slogan proclaimed by the banner at their backs.

U. S. Tired of Dynasties

"The people of Wisconsin," said Governor Hill, "and the people of this country are tired of family dynasties in government."

"There is no place nor need in America," he added, "today or ever, for one man government. What we need is more representative government; better representative government."

Governor Fitzgerald, saying he spoke with "the happy conviction that our country is on the way back," added: "We want to get rid of the tax-to-spend-to-elect era. We want to be American citizens, marching straight ahead in the American way and that we shall be."

Governor Carr contended the action of the voters in Kansas, Wyoming, Idaho and Colorado during the last campaign in electing republican governors was "a forecast of what is going to happen in 1940 when a similar platform is offered the country at large."

Forward Guidance Accepted

Governor Baldwin of Connecticut, commenting he was "proud to be a part of the united republican front," added wherever the "message" of "forward-looking republican leadership" had been offered to the public "the people's acceptance of it has been instant and unmistakable."

Governor Bushfield, in a reference to a phrase once uttered by President Roosevelt, said "the people of the middle west look with disfavor upon the 'new instruments of power' which had been formed by those in authority."

"We do not subscribe," he said, "to the proclamation that our frontier is in France."

November Vote Interpreted

However, referring to the November elections, said Americans had "again spoken their demands that the safeguards of liberty be maintained."

"The people," he added, "have restored much independence to congress. They have returned to office men who fought staunchly for the independence of the courts."

Turning to his definition of "true liberalism," he declared it sought "freedom from both bureaucracy and private privilege in the confident belief that without such freedom the pursuit of other blessings is in vain."

It was the republican party or republican administrations, he added, which first "initiated regulation against monopoly and business abuse in the states," which had created "seven of the ten greatest federal regulating agencies of today," which had first proposed the child labor

amendment; and which had first "declared the right of collective bargaining through the creation of the mediation board."

New Deal Flayed

Turning to his attack upon President Roosevelt, the former president asserted that "millions of our people have had to stand aside for six years in unemployment and destitution to make way for ill-fated experiments."

The punctuation points in the administration's budgets, he said, had been living "a sad and hectic life wandering around among re-estimated ciphers," and he added that under the fiscal "hallucination" of the new deal "all administrations for 70 years, except the war years, would have shown a surplus."

BILL RAISING TRUCK WEIGHT LIMIT DIES

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that a bill to prohibit advertising of debts for sale would be constitutional.

To Revive Road Law.

The house highway and highway revenue committee introduced a referendum today to re-enact the market road law, repealed in 1931 and succeeded by the secondary highway act.

The bill would permit the people to vote in a state-wide election in November, 1940, to levy a one-mill tax outside the six per cent limitation. Counties taking advantage of the proposed law would receive all the proceeds, estimated at \$1,000,000 a year.

It was introduced in the behalf of Judge Fred Phillips of Dallas, representing the Association of Oregon counties, who said the bill would permit counties to do much-needed work on their roads.

Billboard Advs. Rapped

Several speakers criticized highway billboard advertising as a driving hazard at a hearing conducted by the senate roads and highway committee last night.

The hearing was on a bill regulating billboards and other roadside advertising. Clayton Lewis, Portland, said other states had taken the lead in eliminating advertising signs and that Oregon should follow suit.

O. C. Roehr, chief of the bill's drafting measure, said the signs diverted the attention of drivers from the road.

Tax Diversion Opposed

The League of Oregon Cities' bill to divert approximately \$800,000 a year of state gasoline tax money to the cities for street maintenance received an unfavorable report yesterday from the house highway and highway revenue committee.

Roy E. Carter said he would recommend passage in a minority report.

The committee deferred action on a request by Judge Fred Phillips of The Dalles that a one-mill tax for support of market roads be sponsored in a referendum. The bill would enact the market road law which was effective from 1919 to 1931.

Insurance Tax Rejected

The house killed the firemen's pension bill by a 40 to 20 vote. The measure would have provided pensions and disability benefits for firemen and disability benefits for volunteer firemen. It would have taxed fire insurance premiums three per cent.

Rep. Frank J. Loneragan said the measure represented the "just debt owed the firemen by the insurance company," and that fire losses in Oregon had been cut \$7,000,000 in the last five years through the efficiency of the fire departments.

Rep. A. S. Grant said he approved of a pension for firemen but declared the principles of the bill wrong inasmuch as the measure would tax only the man who carried fire insurance.

Utility Buying Advised

R. W. Beck, chief electrical engineer of the Bonneville dam project, warned a senate committee that it would be impossible to make material rate reductions in most proposed people's utility districts until the districts began retiring outstanding bonds. He declared the proposed districts would "provide cleaner power for the next generation" rather than the present one.

He recommended the districts acquire private utilities through direct negotiations rather than through competition or condemnation.

Beck said loss of taxes through elimination of private utilities would be counteracted by provisions in the proposed PUD law creating the districts which permitted the collection of equal taxes from the new power dispenser.

He urged revenue bonds be issued to finance PUD's rather than general obligation bonds because "public utility district commissioners could use their discretion and would not have their hands tied."

He said there never had been a case of utility revenue bonds in default even during the depression.

The senate assessment and

FLAPPER FANNY



"This one's from Skinny. I kinda expected it because lately he's been trippin' me every time I go past his desk."

taxation committee voted to re-adopt favorably a bill providing that the county judges and commissioners of counties not having boards of county commissioners comprise the county equalization board.

A group of relief bills that would appropriate approximately \$22,000,000 were considered today. Half of the money would be paid by the federal government, half by the state and counties. Relief authorities originally asked \$30,000,000.

Bakery Board Bill Slumbers

Sen. L. C. Wiperman asked what had become of his bill to abolish the bakery board and when informed it was still in committee suggested it be introduced on the floor of the senate without recommendation.

Sen. Rex Ellis put through a motion giving the ways and means committee another week for consideration of an interim committee to pass on rules and regulations of state departments.

JAPS LAND FORCE ON HAINAN ISLAND

HONGKONG, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Japanese naval and aviation units landed today at Yulinan, at the southernmost tip of Hainan, the Chinese island near British and French empire holdings, whose preliminary occupation Friday brought French and British diplomatic inquiries about Japanese intentions.

The landing placed the Japanese navy in a potential base 750 miles west of Luzon, the principal island of the Philippines.

(Hainan is about 200 miles from the Indo-China coast and 300 miles from Hongkong, a British crown colony. In Tokyo Foreign Minister Arita assured the British and French ambassadors the occupation of Hainan would not exceed military necessity and was done only to curb Chinese shipping.)

MYSTERY SHROUDS FATE OF 2 PLANES

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ground crews struggled back to the airport last night and reported no success. Last of the search planes had long since reported entire lack of clues.

"I'll never give up hope until I see him dead,"

"But I've been afraid for him," she added wearily, "and fearing this for 15 years. There's Mrs. Mamer, Mrs. Livermore, Mrs. Bigelow and Mrs. Axberg. I wonder if I'll join them now."

(Shreck learned to fly from Nick Mamer when he came to Spokane 13 years ago and later was Mamer's partner in the Mamer-Shreck Air Transport company here. Mamer was killed over a year ago at Bridgeport, Mont., and Shreck carried on alone. The other women listed are also widows of prominent Spokane pilots who crashed.)

SHIPPING STRIKE AT SEATTLE ENDS

SEATTLE, Feb. 14.—(AP)—A 10-day dock officers' strike that halted all Alaska shipping here and caused a fresh foods shortage in the territory was ended today, but grievances which caused the walkout remained unadjusted.

Members of the local masters, mates and pilots union, concurring in a recommendation made by their executive committee, agreed by an undisclosed vote last night to return to work today.

Operators of the three steamship companies, who have maintained the walkout violated an agreement with the union, announced they held to their decision not to negotiate grievances until the officers returned to their jobs.

The union sought increased pay for part of its membership, a guarantee of 11 months work a year, and separate staterooms for officers. No negotiation plans were announced.

W. FITZPATRICK OF MYRTLE CREEK DIES

MYRTLE CREEK, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Word was received here this morning of the death at Albany hospital of William C. Fitzpatrick, 31, a resident of Myrtle Creek. Surviving are his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brill, of Albany, and a sister, Mrs. Jagne Mott, Gunter. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

VALLEE ACQUITTED OF ASSAULT CHARGE

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 13.—(AP)—Rudy Vallee was acquitted today of an assault charge filed by Rodney Jordan, 17, bus boy in a night club, who said the orchestra leader struck him when he accidentally brushed his back with a tray.

RETIRED ADMIRAL COLLAPSES, DIES

WORCHESTER, Mass., Feb. 13.—(AP)—Admiral Ralph H. Earle, 64, (U. S. N., retired), president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute

AFL OFFER MADE IN LUMBER STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The national labor relations board today considered an offer by the AFL Sawmill and Lumber Workers union to return members to their jobs at the Red River Lumber company plant at Westwood provided the board delayed an election to designate the bargaining agent at the plant no longer than 30 days.

Mrs. Alice Rosseter, regional director of the board, forwarded the AFL offer to Washington last night without comment following a conference here with attorneys for the California State Federation of Labor, and Jack Granger, AFL organizer at Westwood.

The offer countered the NLRB's proposal to call an election within 60 days after the union had thrown picket lines around the plant February 6 to purge it of CIO unionists and later closed the plant by refusing to work when a truce was called as requests were made for national guard mobilization to prevent strike.

JACK BENNY GETS TRIAL POSTPONED

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Trial of Jack Benny, comedian, on charges of buying smuggled jewelry, was postponed today until March 6. The postponement was granted to give Benny time to complete a motion picture. He did not appear in court.

LINCOLN JUDGMENT HELD NEED OF U. S.

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cans the following "personal observations" of the election:

1.—It "recovered" belief in a few fundamental principles of political self-government and economic common sense after six years of new deal visions that had proved alluring but delusive."

Frank, who said he was not "attempting an inside smear" on the party's past, warned the election was more of a revolt against the Roosevelt administration than a return to the republican party and that the "acid test" would come in 1940.

2.—The November election smashed the "legend that the subsidized vote is unbeatable."

3.—"Decisive republican victories occurred where the new deal was taken head on... not where candidates were apologetically republican."

4.—"Basic principles" may be more important than "engaging personalities" in 1940; a return to "reason" is underway.

5.—"The election was a 'revolt of the masses of Americans' in moderate circumstances" who dislike "to drift into increasing dependence upon the government."

6.—A rural "revolt" against the "more futile and dangerous drifts of the new deal."

POLITICAL BAN PUT ON WPA OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—WPA officials said today some state administrators have ordered aides who filled political posts as county committeemen to resign from these committees, or give up their WPA positions.

"These orders, they said, were in line with instructions from Washington for complying with the "no-politics-level" provisions of the act congress passed in appropriating an additional \$725,000,000 for relief this year.

The instructions from Washington laid particular stress, officials said, on sections prohibiting WPA administrative workers from participating in or directing any political activity.

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work for better labor laws.

His nomination to the supreme court brought opposition from financial interests and a number of attorneys. Seven former presidents of the American Bar association, including William Howard Taft, said he was "not a fit person" to sit on the court. Among his supporters was David I. Walsh, now a Massachusetts senator, who said:

"The real crime of which this man is guilty is that he has exposed the iniquities of men in high places in our financial system."

Important Decisions Recalled

Justice Brandeis delivered two of the supreme court's major decisions during the present term.

One of them gave the states virtually unlimited power to prevent sale of intoxicating liquors. The opinion upheld Michigan and Missouri laws barring importation of alcoholic beverages from other states which enact discriminatory legislation.

The other held that if a patented invention is applicable to different uses, the owner may restrict a licensee to a particular field and exclude the product from other uses.

WESTERNER FOR HIGH COURT URGED

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common man and vigorously supported social experimentation. He voted to sustain much of the New Deal legislation which a majority of the court held unconstitutional.

Mr. Roosevelt now is entangled in a half dozen senate controversies over appointments to federal posts, and his designation of Brandeis' successor may show whether he intends to listen to senatorial recommendations. The appointment will be the president's fourth to the court.

Western senators are certain to look askance at any appointee who does not come from their region, and were quick to suggest candidates.

There was speculation whether Justice James C. McReynolds, 77-year-old dean of the court, might follow Brandeis into retirement. Some friends, however, predicted he would serve until after the 1940 presidential election.

Senator Norris called Brandeis "one of the ablest jurists that ever sat on the supreme bench." Chief Justice Hughes said Brandeis' retirement brought "a most serious loss to the court."

Champion of Labor

Brandeis was the Kentucky-born son of Czechoslovakian-Jewish parents. After graduating from the Harvard law school, he practiced first in Louisville and then in Boston. He fought in the latter city for reduced premiums on industrial life insurance and for public ownership of the subway system. In fact, he gave up a lucrative private business to battle the utilities and to

Stock and Bond Averages

Compiled by the Associated Press, Feb. 13:

	30	15	15	60
Tuesday	71.7	20.5	37.6	59.2
Prev. day	71.8	20.8	37.5	59.2
Month ago	74.0	21.9	37.1	51.6
Year ago	63.0	19.3	30.7	43.8
1939 high	77.0	23.8	38.0	53.4
1939 low	67.8	18.9	35.5	47.3

	20	10	10	10
Tuesday	59.8	99.3	94.2	62.1
Prev. day	59.0	99.1	94.3	61.9
Month ago	60.5	98.9	93.4	62.0
Year ago	65.2	96.5	89.5	65.0
1939 high	61.7	99.2	94.4	62.7
1939 low	57.5	98.7	92.2	59.4

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