

## Vets' Benefits Freed Of Income Tax Obligation

The Oregon bonus is exempt from state and federal income taxation, along with most other benefits payable to war veterans or their survivors, the state Department of Veterans Affairs reports. Other items excluded in computing federal and state tax returns are:

- Bonus paid by other states; GI insurance dividends; all Veterans Administration benefits including educational subsistence, compensation, and pensions; insurance proceeds paid on death of the insured; mustering-out pay and jobless benefits paid under the Korean GI bill; and social security benefits, workmen's compensation and sickness benefits.

Retirement pay for length of military service is taxed both by Uncle Sam and the State of Oregon.

Disability retirement pay is exempt from federal taxation, while Oregon taxes any amount in excess of \$3,000 with this exception: If the Veterans Administration paid during annual National Guard summer camp or Reserve courses or maneuvers of two weeks or more.

Servicemen must pay federal taxes on their military income except for periods of service in Korea or adjacent waters, or for periods of hospitalization as the result of service in Korea. Any income taxes owed by a serviceman who dies on active duty as the result of service in Korea are forgiven by Uncle Sam.

## Ellsworth's Secretary Dies From Pneumonia

Congressman Harris Ellsworth reports the death, Feb. 22, of Miss Ursula Leopold, a secretary in his office at Washington.

Miss Leopold made many friends in Roseburg when she spent several weeks here during the summer and fall of 1952 while in charge of the Congressman's local office during the vacation season.

Her death resulted from an attack of double pneumonia.

## Closer Check Provided On County Expenditures

The Douglas County Court issued a resolution Monday to provide a closer check on county expenditures.

The resolution provides that expenses, other than salaries, in amounts of \$100 or more shall be approved by the court in advance. Special written permission may be given to individual county executives to exceed that amount.

Purpose of the move, the resolution states, is to improve the method of conducting county business and to give a better check on expenditures.

County Judge Carl C. Hill termed the move merely a "bookkeeping" matter.

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## County Planning Group Elects Felt President

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Carl Hill and Commissioner Lynn Beckley offered the services of Carmen Custer, a secretary in the County Road Dept., to do any immediate secretarial work.

Chairman Felt set the next meeting for Thursday, March 18, in the same place. An effort will be made to bring in two Lane County men connected with county planning to explain the problems and processes of setting county planning operative.

Senior Sanitarian Claude Baker drew a sketchy outline of the situation he found in a tour of the four counties which now have county planning.

He said the general consensus of opinion was that all had started to late. Major problems of zoning and land use have already taken place because of the heavy population growth, he said.

He listed the four other counties as Wasco, Lane, Marion and Multnomah. They have all formed commissions since 1948.

He reported that the counties have all hired planners to do the preliminary work of mapping and assisting in pinpointing problems. Baker said the best estimates given him as to the cost of putting county planning into effect would be between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

After the preliminary plans have been completed, voters of the incorporated areas of the county will determine whether the commission shall have the power to set up zoning and land use regulations.

It was reported that the commission will get plenty of help from other planning commissions and the Oregon Assn. of Architects. Additional cooperation was promised by the two members of the court present. They stated the court plans to hire a full time employee aid in the work of the commission.

Only Tom Lillebo of Reedsport failed to attend the first meeting. Beside Felt and Franks, other members present were: George Churchill, Drain; C. C. Fosback, Dillard; D. W. Gill, Canyonville; and George A. Wilcox, Oakland. Among the non-voting members, only Assessor Ned Dixon was not on hand. Both County Engineer Ben Irving and County Agricultural Agent J. Roland Parker attended.

## Christmas Tree Growers' Meet Set For March 10

Douglas County Christmas tree growers will take up all phases of the new industry March 10 at the county fairgrounds.

Four speakers, one movie and illustrated slides have been lined up by Ed Gliden, county extension forester, for the gathering, which gets under way a 8 p.m.

It will be the first county-wide meeting of the growers. Discussions are to center around talks by four local speakers. They are: William Stein, research forester for the Siskiyou-Cascade Forest Research Center, Roseburg, who will describe methods of seeding and planting Christmas trees.

Bill Magnus, Roseburg, who is to discuss tree species best suited for plantings in Douglas County.

George Sells, Roseburg, who will outline marketing methods. Sells is a Christmas tree wholesaler and retailer buying locally and selling in California.

Ivan Edwards, Roseburg, who will tell objectives and functions of the new Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Assn. Edwards is a member of the board of trustees of the organization.

The move on the agenda shows methods of Christmas tree marketing and selling in Washington, where the industry first started. The slides will be displayed during a discussion of methods of pruning, thinning and scarring of natural stands of trees.

The meeting will be held in the pavilion at the fairgrounds. Gliden said a big turnout is expected.

## SOCIETY TO GATHER

The regular meeting of the Douglas County Humane Society will be held at 8 p.m. tonight in the city hall. A board meeting will precede the business meeting at 7:30, according to Mrs. D. E. Brodahl, president. Times announced Monday in the News-Review were in error.

## PTA Protests Retention Of Peress' Wife

NEW YORK (AP)—The wife of a Queens dentist, a mother fire from Sen. McCarthy (R-N.Y.) was shot down at a Parent-Teacher Assn. meeting Monday as she defended her record as an officer.

The meeting discussed whether Mrs. Elaine Peress should continue on the organization's executive board and in the post of editor on the PTA newspaper at the school.

Mrs. Peress's husband, Irving, recently was called a "fifth amendment Communist" by McCarthy. Peress' honorable discharge from the Army led to the current controversy between McCarthy and Secretary of the Army Stevens.

About 200 persons attended the regularly scheduled PTA meeting at Public School 49 in Queens. The Peress' children are enrolled at the school.

The meeting was adjourned by the school principal when it got so out of hand that the behavior of some of the parents was disturbing the children in class. The action of the principal, Mrs. Anna R. Bigall, came before any decision had been reached.

## Congressman Angell Nearly Struck By Bullet

PORTLAND (AP)—Rep. Homer D. Angell (R-Ore) was right next to Rep. Alvin M. Bentley (R-Mich) who was hit in the House shooting in Washington, D. C., Monday, but Angell was unhurt.

He told the Oregon Journal here by telephone, a few minutes after the shooting, that he was in the line of fire from the gun that felled Bentley.

"When the shooting, which sounded like firecrackers, began, I stood up and I remained standing to try to see what was going on. Some of the lawmakers fell to the floor, or crawled under desks, but there was really no way to escape the firing mob," said Angell.

He said of the assailants, "Some of them emptied their guns, reloaded them and began again. Some reloaded three times before they were overpowered by a civilian and guards who closed in on them."

"At least one bullet pierced the ceiling; others hit the side walls. Halleck of Indiana, the majority leader, and Arends, the whip, had splinters in their heads when two bullets struck the desk or table in front of them. It was much too close to them to be comfortable."

"The entire floor turned into pandemonium when we realized it was guns and not firecrackers. Women in the gallery screamed; I think some of the men did, too."

"We did not adjourn at the time," Joe Martin finally sounded the gavel, and he adjourned the House. I have just come from the room, which was clearing fast."

## CBA To Present Concert March 5

The Canyonville Bible Academy will present its semi-annual concert at the Gospel Tabernacle on March 5 at 7:30 p.m. The program will be directed by the Rosabelle Groth and Esther Shaffer, who will be varied and will offer both vocal and instrumental numbers.

The concert will be a public performance. The program is listed below:

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Norma's Dream                      | Bennett            |
| Venezian's Medley                  | Kreider            |
| The Thunderer                      | Sousa              |
| The Green Cathedral                | Hahn               |
| My Johann                          | Grieg              |
| Girls' Glee Club                   |                    |
| Parade of the Wooden Soldiers      | Duet               |
| Betty Gail Willis, Esther Shaffer  |                    |
| Autumn Leaves                      | Piano solo         |
| Betty Gail Willis                  |                    |
| Min Dance                          | Piano solo         |
| Indian Love Call                   | Vocal solo         |
| Betty Marie Florence               |                    |
| Melody in F                        | Horton Harmon solo |
| Walter Thorpe                      |                    |
| Organ solo                         | Tom Elwood         |
| Cradle Song                        | Brahms             |
| Simple Airs                        | Piano solo         |
| Devotion                           | Carmichael         |
| Sylvia                             | Speaks             |
| Girls' Glee Club                   | Pierpont           |
| Kings Review                       | Piano duet         |
| Patty Sondenaa, Esther Shaffer     |                    |
| Argentine                          | Piano solo         |
| Pale Moon                          | Piano solo         |
| Mrs. Carter                        |                    |
| Song of India                      | Piano solo         |
| Tom Elwood                         |                    |
| It's a Wonderful Night for Singing |                    |
| Rock-a-bou-Sou                     | Sticker            |
| Froggie Would-a-Woogie Go          | Howarth            |
| Aeolian Choir                      | Wolker             |

## ROOF CATCHES FIRE

A roof fire at the M. F. MacBee residence, 1306 E. Douglas St., did about \$20 damage Monday before it was extinguished. Rural firemen report it was believed the fire started because of a cracked flue. The home is owned by Mrs. Bess Hassmussen, firemen said.

## CLUB WILL MEET

The Green Livestock Club will meet Wednesday at the Green School at 8 p.m., reports Correspondent Mrs. Percy Myers.

## AWOL SOLDIER HELD

An AWOL soldier from O'Brien, Ore., gave himself up to Roseburg police Monday and is being held in the county jail for military authorities from the President, San Francisco. He is Floyd Elmer McGuire, 21.

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STUDENT LIBRARIANS AT WORK—Pat Callahan, left, student librarian, charges out a book to Gary Hilbert as part of her duties as a student librarian. At right, Sally Adams checks some of the 200 books turned in during the morning. Both girls will take part in the first Douglas County Student Librarian Conference here March 6.

## Idleld Man Is Treated For Accidental Wound

An Idleld Park man, Cyril Emlow, was in good condition at Mercy Hospital Tuesday, following treatment for a knife wound in the back.

Sheriff Cal Baird said a deputy who investigated the case said that the injury was incurred accidentally. Emlow said he slipped and fell against a drain board in his home Sunday night. He said the knife, sticking out from the top of the drain board, hit him in the back.

Emlow and his wife were home at the time, he told officers. He came right in to Roseburg for treatment.

## Copco Stock Offered For Sale

A nationwide syndicate jointly headed by Blyth & Co., Inc., and the First Boston Corp., is offering publicly today 300,000 shares of common stock of the California Oregon Power Co. at a price of \$26.50 per share.

Proceeds from the sale of the common stock, together with the proceeds from the proposed sale of \$10,000,000 of first mortgage bonds, series due March 1, 1984, which the company expects to offer at competitive bidding later this month, will be used to partly refund outstanding bank loans totaling \$21,000,000.

Giving effect to the issuance of these common shares, the proposed \$10,000,000 of first mortgage bonds and the repayment of \$17,500,000 in bank loans, the company's long-term debt and capital stock will be as follows: \$48,000,000 principal amount first mortgage bonds; \$7,416,000 par value preferred stocks; and 1,600,000 shares of \$20 par value common stock. Dividends are currently being paid on the common stock at the rate of 40 cents per share.

The California Oregon Power Company is an operating public utility incorporated under the laws of the State of California. Its principal offices are in Medford. The company furnishes electric services at retail to 72 communities and adjacent rural areas in Oregon and California. The total population served is estimated to be approximately 229,000.

## Benson PTA Asks More Crossing Protection

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that school boy patrols have no business on a heavily traveled street, where they might be in danger.

Deller also said there has been some protest raised by Rose School PTA.

City Recorder Mildred Hennessey said that the police protection offered now is coming during busy times of the patrolling officers. No other cash is budgeted.

Olson added that a patrolman is at school crossings as often as possible during the hours between 8:30 and 9 a.m., 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. and 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

Members of the committee PTA include: Chairman Kelly Bennett, Mrs. Carl E. Roslund, Mrs. Dorothy Laurance, N. L. Lerbach, Leonard W. Tyler, Alfred Meyer, Mrs. William D. Graham, McKee, Mrs. Elvis D. Yow, Mrs. W. L. Bertsch, Delmer Crowley and Warren T. Robinson.

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## Bring Records, Data, Income Tax Aides Request

Taxpayers visiting the local Internal Revenue Service office at 209 Pacific Building for help with their federal income tax returns should bring all necessary data and records with them, H. A. Shult, Roseburg branch office head said today.

Shult explained that Internal Revenue agents, when asked to help prepare a return, must have all data and records pertaining to the taxpayer's 1953 income, exemptions, and deductible expenses.

"It is especially important that the taxpayers also bring all tax withholding statements they receive from employers," the official said.

"Our agents will render as much service to each taxpayer as time and personnel limitations permit," he assured the public. "But taxpayers can do their part by filling out as much of the tax return as they can and bringing with them full and accurate data and all withholding statements."

Shult stated that the aim of the taxpayer assistance program is "to help the taxpayers to help themselves." He added: "Of course, we cannot give a blanket invitation to all taxpayers to have their returns prepared by our personnel."

He advised taxpayers who seek some assistance at the Internal Revenue office to bring mathematical correct data. If some expenses are part business and part personal in nature, the taxpayer may deduct the business portion on Schedule C of Form 1040, but he may not deduct the personal portion of those expenses in Schedule C. Some personal expenses are, however, deductible on page 3 of the return, Shult said.

Taxpayers whose income consists entirely of wages often do not have any allowable business deductions, he said, in which case they are limited to deductible personal expenses only.

The tax official listed the principal kinds of personal expenses which may be deducted, as follows:

1. Contributions to recognized religious and charitable organizations.
2. Medical expenses of the taxpayer and his dependents, which are deductible in full if the taxpayer is 65 or over, and otherwise are deductible to the extent that they exceed 5 per cent of his adjusted gross income, subject in all cases to maximum limitations.
3. State and local taxes and automobile license fees, but not federal taxes.

Interest paid on personal indebtedness.

Nonbusiness losses due to casualties such as accidents, fire, storm, and shipwreck, or due to theft.

Alimony payments made periodically and reported as taxable income by the person receiving them.

## President Eisenhower Given Additional Guard

WASHINGTON (AP)—Increased security precautions to protect President Eisenhower were evident at the White House Tuesday as a result of the Capitol Hill shooting affray.

On the main Pennsylvania gate leading to the President's office, for example, four uniformed White House policemen and a secret Service agent were stationed.

Ordinarily there are only two uniformed men at the post and they usually remain in a small office just inside the gate. Tuesday there were two men outside the gate and two inside.

A guard house at the Pennsylvania Avenue end of West Executive Ave., which runs alongside the White House, was manned for the first time in months.

## Supreme Court Rules Reapportionment Valid

SALEM (AP)—The 1952 constitutional amendment reapportioning the Oregon State Legislature was ruled valid by the State Supreme Court Tuesday in a unanimous decision.

The high court, upholding Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell of Marion County, rejected every contention of Rep. David Baum, La Grande, who brought the case.

The decision means that the 1955 Legislature will be reapportioned for the first time since 1910.

## Woman Rescued In Stricken Boat By French Ship

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—A French ship last night rescued a woman who had fought for five days alone against the sea in a leaking sailboat.

Mrs. Vera Olive Rideout, 46, who had set out from San Pedro Feb. 20 on an attempt to sail around the world, was picked up about 15 miles south off San Diego by the French training vessel Maurier Christmas. She was transferred to a Coast Guard cutter, returned here and hospitalized for treatment of a dislocated spinal disc.

Her 25-foot sailboat sprang a leak off Guadalupe Island south of here. "Then I threw my back out when the mizzen boom hit me," she told newsmen.

She planned to leave to sail the island for two or three weeks until my back got better. But I woke up with the water 10 inches above the floorboards in the cabin.

"I began pumping every 15 minutes and then had to make it every 10. I decided to try to make San Diego before she sank."

She said she pumped for at least 120 hours and manned the sails while attempting to reach San Diego.

## Graham Preaches To Huge Throng

LONDON (AP)—Evangelist Billy Graham opened his 12-week crusade for a spiritual reawakening in Britain with a revival service Monday night that drew a full house of 12,000 into London's Harrington Sports Arena. Thousands were unable to get in.

The 35-year-old American, in a blue lounge suit with a small microphone at a lapel held, the throng spellbound with an impassioned sermon in which he repeatedly asked, "Does God matter?"

He led the gathering in Bible recitations and hymns.

Toward the end he called for persons ready to acknowledge Jesus Christ to come forward. Between 500 and 600 filed down the 25 aisles to confess their faith in a separate auditorium.

"So many, so many, thank God," said Graham, with head bowed.

## Three Teachers Resign At Days Creek School

The resignations of three teachers at Days Creek were "regretfully" accepted by Supt. Marlin Yoder Monday.

The three are Mrs. Olive Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rice. Mrs. Brown resigned because her family has moved to Tri-City. She will teach in the Myrtle Creek school system. Mr. and Mrs. Rice are moving to Tiller. Rice will be the administrator of that school, and his wife will be a first-grade teacher.

Meanwhile, News-Review Correspondent Jean Yoder reports that three-year contracts were tendered to grade school teachers Mrs. Shirley Lee and Mrs. Alice Lerwill, and to high school teachers Loren Shelton, Joe Harvey and George Marquess.

Supt. Yoder will serve his second year of a two-year contract during 1954-55.

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