

Oregon's Hot Tax Question Takes Legislature Spotlight

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM — Oregon's hot tax question, which might result in a special election late in the spring, took the spotlight in the Legislature's first week. It will hold it during the next 100 days or so that the session will last.

Gov. Paul Patterson, after asking for higher property and income taxes to provide needed revenue in the next two-year budget period, suffered a jolt when the Republican leadership tossed cold water on his plan.

The governor's attitude is that if the Legislature can find a better way to raise money, and program that the people would accept, it can go ahead and do it. So far, the leaders haven't any idea as to what new taxes they will support.

The House Tax Committee, where all tax bills come from, will be busy until Feb. 11 learning about taxes in daily "school" sessions. The committee needs this instruction, because eight out of its nine members never have served on a tax committee before.

The men who run the Legislature want to have a special election to vote new taxes. If the people turn them down, the Legislature would

come back in special session to make drastic cuts in school, welfare and other appropriations.

The first week was much busier than usual. There were 98 bills introduced, and the committees already are at work.

Nine measures to carry out the governor's recommendations already are in the legislative mill. One of them, asking Congress to maintain an existing construction schedule, on Chief Joseph, McNary and The Dalles dams, was passed by the House.

The others call for immediate construction of John Day Dam, and Green Peter and Cougar dams; a convention to write a new state Constitution, create a state water resources board, provide for regulation of water taken from wells, make Portland State Extension Center into a college, repeal the exemption given to some building owners under the corporation excise tax, and provide for a \$19,000,000 bond issue for new buildings at state institutions.

The week's business included introduction of several pieces of legislation that will incite more warfare between the two parties. present 3.2 to 3.5 or 3.8 per cent. picketing law, which was considered by the Supreme Court Wednesday. Another would reduce the powers of Democratic Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton by taking away his right to appoint attorneys for state agencies.

Another controversial bill, although not a party matter, would provide for state meat inspection. Many slaughter houses in Oregon now aren't inspected at all.

The Senate voted to ask Congress to grant statehood to Alaska and Hawaii, and sent the two measures to the House.

Carrying out the terms of a constitutional amendment voted by the people last November, a bill was introduced to split Multnomah, Marion and Lane counties into subdistricts to elect legislators. It looks, however, that Marion and Lane counties will be removed from the bill.

Other important new measures would give higher minimum salaries to school teachers, make big changes in the public employees retirement law, and compel state boards and commissions to hold their meetings in open sessions.

The Senate's Portland State College bill will be given a hearing Monday at 1 p. m. before its Education Committee. While this subject was very controversial two years ago, the bill now looks like a cinch to be passed.

A similar bill, signed by of the 60 members, was introduced in the House.

WCTU Speaker At Umpqua Meet

By MRS. GEORGE MUNSON
Mrs. Fray of Roseburg, who works with WCTU, spoke at Umpqua Sunday evening at 7:30 a varied program and a film which interested old and young alike. Mrs. Fray is prominent in the work of young people.

The March of Dimes drive will get under way immediately in the Umpqua District. Persons desiring to help should contact the proprietors of the Umpqua Store of School Principal Genevieve Murphy.

Mrs. Margaret Hanan arrived by plane on Monday from California where she has been spending the past several weeks visiting relatives in Oakland and Albany. Most of the time she was the guest of her brother, George Bacon, and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Haines spent Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lamereaux in Oakland. Pictures were shown of the recent trip to the East that was made by the two couples.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Swinehart and family, have moved into the Umpqua District, and will make their home on the Lulu Gorrell place.

Lynn Leonard received a bad cut on his foot Sunday, when he stepped on a nail. He was unable to attend school on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bacon were guests at the Ed Lamereaux home on Tuesday evening. Card playing occupied the time, with refreshments served at a late hour by the hostess, Mrs. Lamereaux.



BROTHER ACT—Five pairs of brothers carry papers for The News-Review in Roseburg, which must be some kind of record for a town of its size. A check on local brother teams was made by Circulation Manager Fuller Johnson after he noticed another paper "bragging" about two brothers carrying papers. Left to right, brother teams in Roseburg are Paul (rear) and Steve Chitwood (front), Bradley and Wally Wiles, Ernie and Jerry Knigge, Frank and Jim Webster and John and Richard Sylwester. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

CIRCUIT COURT

Suits Dismissed
Maxine Floch vs. D. E. Hendrick. Accident injury suit settled by parties.

Thomas Perry and Laura Belle Mallory vs. C. R. and Dorothy Clumpper, Harry C. and Clytie Bell, Delbert I. and Mona Combs.

Stipulation made by plaintiffs and defendants.

Judgment Order
Vero P. Borden vs. State Industrial Accident Commission. Plaintiff found to be entitled to award for permanent partial disability

equal to 25 per cent loss of use of right leg, an increase of 15 per cent. Claim remanded to SIAC for compensation conforming to finding.

Complaint Filed
State Unemployment Compensation Commission vs. Jim E. Knight, doing business as Jim Knight Loggers & Contractors. Plaintiff seeks \$306.53, plus interest and penalty, alleging the money is due in contributions under unemployment compensation law.

Green Community Cub Scout Pack Re-Chartered

By MARY WEIKUM
Cub Scout Pack Committee 36 held a meeting at the home of Joe Sork, packmaster, on Wednesday evening. At this time the group re-chartered. Attending the meeting were Joe Sork, John Cornison, Emil Flink, and Carl Weikum, committeemen, and Bernice Flink, Betty Pack, and Bernice Van Atten mothers. The next pack meeting will be on Jan. 28, with rail-roading as its theme.

B. A. Ferguson, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnson, has returned to his home in Bremerton, Wash. Ferguson is Mrs. Johnson's father.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McAllister and children, Susan, Sharon and Rene, have returned from Los Angeles where they visited his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Durham. On their way home they stopped at Richmond to visit his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Tomm Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Worsley and sons have been visiting Worsley's

Legalized Gambling Proposed in Colorado

DENVER — Legislation to legalize gambling on a local option basis may be offered in Colorado's 40th General Assembly.

brother and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Worsley of Pasco.

Darrel Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Myers, has enlisted in the Army Engineer Corps, and will be stationed at Ft. Ord, Calif. The Green School Mother's Club will meet Jan. 18 at the home of Gertrude Hunter. All mothers are urged to attend this important meeting to make final plans for the hard-time party and the rummage sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Dow Keasey and children have returned from Tigard where Keasey was attending school. While in Tigard they stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Tigard. Mrs. Tigard is Keasey's sister.



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Roseburg Group Leaves On Mexico Air Flight

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Those taking the vacation trip were: Frank von Borstel, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Carter, Art Pearson, H. R. McTaggart, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turley, Dr. and Mrs. Horace Miller and Dr. Harvey Krings.

ADMINISTRATRIX NAMED

Marian Yount, widow of Lloyd D. Yount, has been named administratrix of his estate. He left personal property with an approximate value of \$30,000, plus real and personal property not subject to probate. He died Sept. 9, 1954, at the age of 39.

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