

County Supt. Barneburg Testifies On Senate Bill For County Equalization

What might happen in the financing of Douglas County school districts if the county equalization bill, subject of a Senate hearing Tuesday in Salem, is put into law is illustrated in a table prepared by Kenneth Barneburg, county school superintendent.

But there's only a slim chance that the proposal will be put into effect, Barneburg said before he went to testify before the Senate Education Committee Tuesday.

The bill is in its first stage in the Legislature — study by the Senate committee. It still would have to go through a Senate vote, then be passed over to the House, where committee study and a House vote would be required before being sent to the governor for signature. And legislative adjournment is near.

The bill is designed to impose a county-wide school levy to be spread among all districts for operating budgets. About half the cumulative levies of the districts would be collected on the county level, with the local districts raising the rest for operation. Local districts also would be required to raise their own cash for capital outlays and bond retirement and interest.

The effect would be to increase the tax load on the richer districts in order to decrease the load on poorer districts.

A fairly complicated formula is contained in the bill to determine how the money would be collected. It would mean definite increases

in the tax load in the Glendale, Roberts Creek, Curtin and Ash districts, while the Roseburg, Glenfield, Dray Creek, Yoncalla, Elkton and Reedsport elementary districts would be the primary beneficiaries.

Other tax decreases and increases would be noted in other districts, but Barneburg said fluctuations in the budgets and economy of individual districts might prove advantageous, or vice versa, in different years.

Had the system been in operation during current school year, the county levy would have been 16.4 mills. That would have raised \$1,651,597 for distribution on the local level.

Other effects of the bill would be to set up a new county school board and to make the office of county school superintendent appointive.

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Oakland	30.0	32.4	2.4
Roseburg	46.1	41.0	-5.1
Canyonville	43.6	47.0	3.4
Gardiner	30.4	31.7	1.3
Glendale	14.4	26.2	11.7
Days Creek	32.5	21.1	-11.4
Myrtle Creek	39.4	40.1	.7
Canas Valley	25.5	21.1	-4.4
Drain	47.4	44.6	-2.8
Scots Valley	28.9	27.8	-1.1
Elkton	43.0	37.9	-5.1
Yoncalla	26.2	20.9	-5.3
Roberts Creek	38.4	35.3	-3.1
Unionpac	21.0	24.4	3.4
Curtin	39.5	32.9	-6.6
Riddle	31.6	33.6	2.0
Glenfield	55.4	49.7	-5.7
Gunter	41.0	41.0	0.0
Reedsport El.	48.7	38.6	-10.1
Tiller	39.6	40.3	.7
Dillard	44.7	41.9	-2.8
Ash	24.9	31.0	6.1
Sutherlin	33.2	36.5	3.3

The above figures represent combined levies for all school purposes, so they include the levies raised for union high school districts and the non-high school districts.

Senate, House To Take Up Basic School Bill

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sioners to help prepare cases and write opinions. The Senate passed it 23-6 and sent it to the House.

Democrats argued for a bill to permit addition of two justices to the seven-man court. Gov. Holmes charged that Republicans blocked this bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee to deprive him of the chance to name the two justices.

With Senate approval of the Democratic tax program, there is much optimism that the Legislature is in its final days. Senators President Boyd Overhulse and Speaker Pat Dooley plan to confer late Wednesday to discuss whether the Legislature should try to adjourn Saturday night or early next week.

Dooley is pointing toward Saturday, but Overhulse said he doubts the Senate can adjourn so soon because the House has sent scores of bills to the Senate in the past few days.

Legislation appropriating \$90,000 to help school districts finance community junior colleges was passed by the Senate and sent to the governor. The state would pay one-fourth of the operating costs of the colleges. The state's only junior college now is operated by the Berry school district.

The Senate completed legislative action on a proposed constitutional amendment to increase legislators' pay from \$600 a year to \$1,200.

Douglas High School choir members will present their annual spring concert tonight at 8 in the school cafeteria.

The concert will be under the direction of Irene McLaughlin, choral instructor. Sixty-two students will take part in the program. The freshmen girls quartet will sing Kern and Hammerstein's "Oh, Man River." Numbers by the choir will include "Mary, Mary, Where is Your Baby," "Rock-a-My Soul," "Don't Be Weary, Traveler," and "Un-Bel Di," from Madame Butterfly.

Refreshments will be served by the junior class.

Mrs. Andrus Dies Tuesday

Mrs. Mary Leah Andrus, 87, of 576 NE Chestnut St., died at a local hospital Tuesday after a short illness.

She was born at Duluth, Minn., March 17, 1870, and was married there in 1886 to Charles Walter Andrus.

The family moved to Roseburg in 1907. She made her home here continuously since. She was preceded in death by her husband, who was lost on a hunting trip in the Coast Range in 1943. His body was never found.

The couple celebrated its 50th wedding anniversary in 1936. Mrs. Andrus was confirmed in the Catholic Church.

Surviving are 12 children, Art, Ray and Fred, all of Roseburg; Lou of Albany, Roy of Oroville, Calif.; Mrs. Nellie Howard of Oroville; Mrs. Oliver (Edna) Jones of Cathlamet, Wash.; Mrs. LeRoy (Florence) Peth of Mr. Vernon, Wash.; Mrs. William (Mildred) Bowers of Wichita, Kan.; Joseph (Pat) of California; William of Salem and Mrs. Harold (Elva) Sprague of Ocean Park, Wash. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled in the chapel of Long & Orr Mortuary May 20 at 2 p.m. The Rev. W. Henry Peck will officiate. Concluding services and interment will follow in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Special Sunday school training conferences, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Uplift Davis, will continue through Friday at the First Conservative Baptist Church, 1138 NE Lincoln St.

Sessions begin at 7:30 each evening and continue until 9:30 p.m., with two class periods. In each period both the Rev. and Mrs. Davis conduct a class, with the Rev. Mr. Davis dealing with specific age groups in the Sunday school, while Mrs. Davis teaches courses which cover the general field of Sunday School teaching.

The Rev. Mr. Davis is considered an outstanding authority in the west in the field of Sunday schools and their problems. For many years his work included participation in, and planning for, many of the Sunday school conventions of recent years sponsored by the National Sunday School Assn. He is the field representative of the Evangelical Sunday School Assn., whose work is that of offering services in teachers' training, Sunday school consultation and general help to the local Sunday school.

For the rest of the week the classes will deal with the problems of the junior, junior high and high school departments, methods of lesson presentation and visitations.

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NURSES—Miss Barbara Peterson, left, gives information to a hospital visitor while Mrs. Helen Hanna works on patients' records. The nurses are staffing a nurses station at Mercy Hospital. Miss Peterson was graduated from nurses school six months ago and Mrs. Hanna has been a nurse for 25 years. (Staff photo).



LABORATORY TECHNICIAN Harold Shanks of Douglas Community Hospital, works in the hospital laboratory. Mercy and Douglas Community hospitals have invited high school students to tour the hospitals during National Hospital Week which has the theme of "Careers That Count." (Douglas Fir Printing photo).

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Atomic Series Opens Thursday

ATOMIC TEST SITE, Nevada, (U)—Three important new steps in atomic testing will be taken in the series scheduled to open tomorrow.

But the possibility of rain or a cloud ceiling today posed a threat of postponement for the planned pre-dawn blast.

A comparatively small atomic device, described as one-half of normal, will launch "the most extensive series of tests ever held in Nevada." It will be exploded from a tower.

Preblast briefing of newsmen by nuclear scientists and military experts disclosed these test plans:

1. The first air-to-air rocket with an atomic warhead will be fired.

2. The proposed infantry of the atomic age will be tested for the first time.

3. Pigs, the largest animals ever placed under an atomic test here, will be used.

The rocket will be fired late in the series, which is to end Sept. 1. It will be launched from a manned aircraft, but there was no announcement of what, if any, target there will be.

Broker Reaped Million Off Teamster Insurance

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replied. "It's a tremendous account."

Newell conceded his commission rate had been cut from 2 to 1 per cent since the Senate inquiry began. But he didn't agree there was any connection.

The senators turned to Newell's insurance business after seeking to pin it down that Teamsters President Dave Beck was not claiming any loans from his union until tax agents began checking into the source of his wealth.

They developed testimony that Beck did not list any loans from the union when he made a financial statement in 1951 when borrowing money from an insurance company.

And, it was brought out, Beck asked to have the possible telltale statement back about the time his income came under investigation.

The 62-year-old Teamsters tycoon is under indictment now on charges of evading taxes on his 1950 income.

Committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy said the effect of this testimony is "it would appear that the money was stolen rather than borrowed."

Kennedy referred to statements Beck had made to the effect that he borrowed between \$300,000 and \$400,000 from the union interest free.

The Senate committee contends its evidence indicates Beck misused at least \$320,000 of union funds. It has advanced the suggestion that Beck decided to call this money loans after income tax agents began investigating his tax returns.

A. M. Burke, a vice president of the Occidental Life Insurance Co. of California testified that he returned the 1951 financial statement to Beck in 1953 or in 1954. He said this was before Beck had paid off a \$273,000 personal loan from the insurance company on a note signed by Beck and Mrs. Beck.

Burke said the statement was returned at Beck's request.

He identified a memorandum he had written for his files in which he said Beck, in the financial statement, had listed assets of \$1,932,715 and liabilities of \$234,000, representing a loan he had obtained from the Security First National Bank of Seattle.

Burke's memorandum reported that Beck, in making the financial statement, had declined to list his "salary and benefits" from the union. He quoted Beck as having said that these were "small items" that he was "not dissatisfied because this was his life work."

That drew a laugh from the crowd of spectators in the big hearing room.

Burke testified that Beck telephoned him one afternoon just five minutes before the Occidental office was to close for the day, and asked for return of the statement. "He said it was very imperative that he had it that night," Burke said.

He said he mailed it to Beck that evening, without making a copy of the document for his files.

"Maybe I don't know business," McClellan said tartly. "But is that the way your company operates?"

"We did in this instance," Burke replied. He said that "generally" when someone current in payments on a loan asks for return of a financial statement this is done, Burke said he thinks there have been other occasions when no copy was made of the statement.

In the present phase of the hearings, the committee was turning its inquiry to big money insurance dealings by Beck and Brewster.

A horse and automobile collided near Knoxville, Tenn. The car was completely demolished. The horse's jaw had a slight fracture, nothing serious.

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Durkin To Head Civil Defense For Sutherlin

C. A. Petherick, mayor of Sutherlin, has appointed Francis Durkin Civil Defense director.

In other business transacted by the council this week, the last reading was given an ordinance which annexes approximately ten acres of property west of the city. The council elected to retain Young, Walpole and Co. of Roseburg to audit the city books at the end of the fiscal year.

The council transferred accumulated sewer fund money into a savings account and set up a fire equipment reserve fund on a savings account basis. Mrs. Ida Lehman, city recorder, presented a third quarter financial report.

The street committee recommended that the city try some double oil penetration paving on Terrace Lane between Central and Fourth streets, Umatilla Street between Central and Fourth streets, and on Umpqua Street from Central north. The recommendation was adopted.

The street committee also recommended that the city request the state to aid in a small cities project, to pave and construct gutters on Everett Street from Calapooia to Umpqua Street and Umpqua Street between Everett and Central streets.

Budget Appeal Made To Nation By President

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if anything, he has grown more conservative.

A House appropriations subcommittee was reported Wednesday to have agreed tentatively to cut the administration's military budget by about 2 1/2 billion dollars.

Committee members have insisted that security will not be sacrificed by their action.

Eisenhower, however, said in response to a question that he didn't see how the committee could have made an honest cut of that size.

Likewise, he characterized as a mistake congressional slashing of funds he said the U.S. Information Agency uses to wage peace. He was told that the House had voted a 40 million dollar cut in USA funds, and that a Senate committee is proposing to up the reduction to 90 million.

Eisenhower took the case for his budget to the people Monday night. He said the defense portion of it represents a proper dividing line "between national danger on the one hand and excessive expenditures on the other."

In support of his contention that he has grown more conservative during his years in the White House, the chief executive said he believes in protecting the value of the dollar, absolutely opposite to the Republican line of inflation, and believes all programs must be studied to see that we are not taking on more load than is necessary.

Still, he said, he believes that any political philosophy must face the needs of the nation today, not those of 1899.

The federal government, he said