

# Build-up Plan Proposed For Unemployment Fund

## \$63 Million Floor Slated For Reserve

SALEM (AP) — The Senate Labor and Industries Committee today approved a bill providing only a slight increase in unemployment compensation taxes for employers.

The committee favored the measure by Sen. Carl Francis (R-Dayton) that would tax the first \$3,800 of a worker's wage or salary, but only until the unemployment trust fund gets built up to 6 percent of the total payrolls of the state. This figure, under current economic conditions, would be about \$63 million dollars.

When the fund reaches that point, then only the first \$3,800 would be taxed.

The present law taxes only the first \$3,600. The Unemployment Compensation Commission's advisory council recommended that the first \$4,200 be taxed.

The tax rate would be 2.7 percent of payrolls until the fund reaches the \$1 million dollar mark. Then there would be a sliding scale of rates ranging from 1.5 to 2.7 per cent. Employers who maintain stable employment would benefit by the lower rates.

The four Democratic members favored the minimum 1.5 rate, but the three Republicans voted for a minimum rate of 1.2 per cent. However, the current 2.7 per cent rate will remain in effect for four or five years, because it will take at least that long for the fund to be built up enough to justify the merit rates.

**Employers Pay Tax Rate**  
The rate now is 2.7 per cent. Before a year ago, it varied from 3 of 1 per cent to 2.7 per cent, but all employers were forced to pay 2.7 per cent when the fund fell below the \$1 million dollar "floor." This occurred April 1, 1958.

The committee feels that the fund eventually will be built up by keeping the 2.7 rate in effect. The fund, now totaling \$17 million dollars, totaled \$5 million 10 years ago.

The committee delayed action on bills to tighten up on qualifications for jobless benefits. These bills also will stop the drain on the fund.

It approved a bill to permit the governor to borrow federal funds when the fund shrinks to a dangerously low level. Ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes tried to borrow \$14 million dollars of federal money a year ago, but was blocked by an attorney general's opinion that he could not do so under existing law.

**Other Proposal Tabled**  
The committee tabled the proposed payroll decline system, under which employers with stable employment would get credits against future taxes. The same result, however, is accomplished by adopting the merit rating scale of 1.3 to 2.7 per cent.

The committee voted to disqualify women who become pregnant and who leave work from the date she leaves work until six weeks after her baby is born. Under present law, a woman can quit work prior to her expected confinement and draw benefits up to six weeks before the baby is born.

## Medal Of Honor Recipient Talks To Adventist Youth

Desmond T. Doss of Rising Fawn, Ga., believed to be the only and first Seventh-day Adventist and conscientious objector to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor, related his war experiences Monday at the Milo Academy.

The war hero is on a three-week tour of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana to encourage young men of the church to take advantage of the church's Medical Cadet training program which trains the church's noncombatants for medical service in the armed forces.

Doss, a company-aid man, told the Milo students how he won the Congressional Medal of Honor by lowering 75 wounded men down the face of a cliff while under heavy enemy fire April 29, 1945 on Okinawa. Members in Doss's regiment assaulted a jagged 400 foot high cliff and as the troops gained the summit heavy artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire afflicted heavy casualties.

Doss remained in the area carrying the wounded to the edge of the cliff and lowering them on a rope-supported litter down the face of the cliff. He continued this work even after he himself was badly wounded.

This is his first tour for the church to relate his experiences. Doss said, a married man with a 12-year-old boy, farms five acres of land at Rising Fawn. He has a 90 per cent disability discharge from the Army.

Before receiving the Congressional Medal he was awarded the Purple Heart, Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Star. Doss was featured on Ralph Edwards' "This Is Your Life" television program Feb. 18.

## Thursday Meeting Set By Roseburg WSCS

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church in Roseburg will hold its regular meeting Thursday in the social hall.

The executive board will meet at 10:30 a. m., followed by the prayer period and business meeting. A 12:30 luncheon will be served and at 1 o'clock the program will be presented by Mrs. H. James Jenkins, featuring the Rev. Cyril Dorsett, minister of the Canyonville Methodist Church and formerly of Jamaica.

Members of the society are asked to bring items from various countries for display, including Alaska, Canada, Hawaii, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean area. The program also will include reports from circle chairmen on various countries.

## Fred Leroy Verrell

Funeral services for Fred Leroy Verrell, 59, resident of the Roseburg area for the past 37 years, will be held at the Roseburg Memorial Gardens on Thursday at 1:30 p. m. The Rev. H. James Jenkins will officiate, and ritualistic services will be under auspices of Laurel Masonic Lodge. Arrangements are in charge of Long and Orr Mortuary. He died on April 3. Survivors include a niece, Mrs. Stanley Farnsworth of Eugene, and two nephews, Arthur Verrell of Myrtle Creek and Edwin H. Verrell of Roseburg.



DESMOND T. DOSS relates war experiences

## High School Grads Found On Welfare

SALEM (AP)—Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Eugene), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, asked for a legislative investigation today to find out why many new welfare cases are of young people who cannot be employed because they have no skills.

Asking the Education and Ways and Means Committee to investigate the school system and the Department of Education, Skelton said:

"To think that we spend millions of dollars yearly on education, only to find that some of our high school graduates are so under-trained that they can't get a job, is a real revelation."

He said that a reorganization in the Department of Education must be started by this Legislature.

"We should," Skelton said, "provide incentive money for high schools so that they will willingly expand their programs of vocational education within the high school curriculum. We must provide for more vocational education after high school on a regional level."

"The lack of imagination and leadership given by the Department of Education is reaping bitter fruit."

## Centennial Job Filled

PORTLAND (AP)—An exhibitors' service coordinator for the Oregon Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair was named Monday by H. Quentin Cox, managing director for the exposition.

Cox picked Ralph Riels of Oswego. It will be Riels' job to help exhibitors get materials or labor locally.

## RUMMAGE SALE SLATED

North Umpqua Home Extension Unit will meet Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. in the Glade Community Building.

Mary Fletcher, county extension agent, will present the program on better weight for better health. A potluck luncheon is planned.

## Roseburg To Host Campers' Meeting

Roseburg will host the Southern district of the Oregon section of the American Camping Assn. Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church.

The program will be divided into two interest groups. The session on day camping will be led by Ruth Kilbourn, executive director of the Medford area Girl Scouts. The session on trip and specialized camping will be led by the Rev. Larry Merrill, Christian education director of the Roseburg First Baptist Church. Included in the program will be a visit to the First Baptist Church day camp site and to that of the Roseburg Camp Fire Girls from 3:30 to 5 p. m.

The meeting will conclude with a dinner at 6 p. m. at Carl's Haven. Charles Kofawa, associate executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest area council of YMCA, will be dinner speaker. His subject: "Making Good with Our Campers' Parents," will approach the camping program through the ideas of parents and what they expect of our organized camps.

Reservations for the dinner may be made by calling Mrs. O. E. Amundson, executive director, Roseburg Council of Camp Fire Girls, at OR 3-8277.

Membership of the association is open to all those interested in organized camping, such as the camping programs of the local churches, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and the YMCA.

## Spokane Girls To Go In Pairs

SPOKANE (AP)—Girl Scout officials laid down strict ground rules for the annual Girl Scout cookie sale Monday, just one month after 8-year-old Candy Rogers disappeared while selling Camp Fire Girl mints.

The Girl Scouts start their cookie sale Wednesday and the scout council warned leaders that the girls must sell in pairs under adult supervision.

No sales are to be made after dark and older girls and adults must work with the younger Brownie scouts, the council said. Candy left her home alone to sell mints door to door in her neighborhood on the afternoon of March 8. She was found strangled in the woods 16 days later.

The skin-tight red leotards she was wearing when she disappeared were found Saturday by a search party near the spot where her body was located. The discovery was the first real development in the extensive search for her killer.

The tights were sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation laboratory in Washington, D. C., Monday for tests that might produce some clues.

Meanwhile, school officials said Candy's mother, Mrs. Elaine Rogers, has resigned from her teaching job at Mead High School.

## Man Slays Children, Dies In Own Fire

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—An ailing father strangled his three children and his wife Monday, then died in the home he set afire.

Kirk Kraus, 47, strangled the four with a clothesline. Then he met his wife at the front door as she came home from work.

"Our worries are over," he said. "I killed the kids."

He hit her and grabbed her throat. She twisted free and fled to a neighbor's house where she gasped out the alarm.

Before help came, flames burst from the three-story home. Firemen found dead or dying on every floor, starting at the basement.

They were Linda, 12, Donald, 9, and Richard, 8, and Kraus' sister, Elizabeth, about 50.

On the top floor, near the flames, lay the 200-pound, six-foot Kraus, dying of smoke inhalation in the house where he was born.

## Norman B. Kendall

Norman B. Kendall, 64, Albany, died at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Roseburg Saturday.

He was born in Oregon, Oct. 11, 1894. He was a veteran of World War I.

He is survived by his wife, a brother, Hillard Kendall, Salem, and five step-sisters. (Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a. m. Wednesday at the Veterans Administration Hospital Cemetery, Roseburg. Gans Mortuary, Myrtle Creek, has charge of arrangements.)

## Births

Forest Glen Hospital  
MOAN — To Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Moan, Myrtle Creek, March 31, a son, Frederick Merrill, weight 9 pounds 7 ounces.

## Wasco Water Supply Short

THE DALLES (AP) — North Central Oregon agriculture can look forward to a fair irrigation water supply this summer, a water supply forecaster for the U. S. Department of Agriculture and Oregon State College said here.

Manes Barton, the forecaster, said a near normal increase in the mountain snow pack measured only 61 per cent of average.

Water flow in Hood and White rivers will be nearly average early in the season if April to June rainfall is normal, but will be less than normal later, Barton said.

Rock, Gates and Badger creeks also will have nearly normal spring flow, but will taper off several weeks earlier than normal. The Mile creeks, Mill Creek and Clear Creek also are expected to taper off sooner than usual.

Roger Wilhelm, Wasco County water master, said much of the snow in the watersheds had fallen recently and still was soft. "This means," he said, "it will melt quickly and while there should be good flows through June, water supplies probably will drop sharply early in July."

John Fritzell, Wasco County extension agent, suggested local farmers start irrigating soon to store water in their soil for later season use. After June, farmers will want to irrigate only their better lands, he added.

Lee Foster, Hood River County extension agent, said Hood River County lands are mostly well filled with water.

## Chain Collision Results From Dillard Accident

A collision about 11:30 a. m. Monday at Dillard set off a chain reaction in which two parked vehicles were damaged.

Drivers of two trucks involved were Edward Barrett North, Edley Rd., Box 30, and Thomas Joseph Curran, Box 48 Winston Star Rt. The accident on Highway 42 happened when Curran started to turn into a service station and North's truck collided with his vehicle, police said.

After the collision Curran's 1958 model logging truck went out of control and collided head-on with a parked wrecker, bounced off the wrecker and collided with a parked 1941 model sedan, state police said. Both of the parked vehicles were registered to the service station and garage operator, Frank Rapp. Investigation into the accident was continued today by state police.

## Canyonville Citizens To Study School Budget

Patrons of Canyonville school district 8 will be given an opportunity to study the proposed school budget in detail at a meeting tonight at 7 reports Helen Colvert, school clerk.

Total general fund expenditures budgeted for amount to \$202,643.46, as against last year's figure of \$182,478.58. Nearly every item shows some increase, but the bulk of the added \$20,000 is in teachers' increases, insurance and retirement premiums, equipment for the science room and other needed furniture, repair on the gym and instruction materials.

## Young Arsonists Pay For Burning Of Cabin

Two youths have completed restitution for burning a log cabin at Glade in March of 1957, Julian A. Hellick, Douglas County juvenile officer, said.

The cabin burned belonged to Mrs. Esther LaBoote of Glade. The court gave the youths, one 18 and the other 19 years old, three years to pay \$250 apiece. They completed payment in about a year and a half. The 18-year-old still resides at Glade, but the other youth is now living in California, Hellick added.

## Policeman Promoted

SALEM (AP) — State Police Lt. Lyle H. Harrell, head of the criminal section of the department, was promoted to captain today by Supt. H. G. Mason.

Harrell joined the department in 1936, and served in Coquille, Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg and Baker. Harrell was transferred to headquarters several months ago.

## Check Forgery Charged

Verna Caroline Wimmer, 41, of 320 S. E. Pine St., was held to answer a charge of forgery, Mrs. Wimmer is charged in a district attorney's information of forging a \$25 check about Dec. 24, 1958.

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## South Douglas Boys Put On Probation

Two youths were placed on probation by Circuit Court Judge Charles S. Woodrich during juvenile court Monday.

A 15-year-old Canyonville boy accused of petty theft was declared a delinquent, made a ward of the court and placed on probation. He was arrested in January by Douglas County resident deputy sheriff Lyle Dickinson after the boy was accused of shoplifting in a Canyonville business establishment.

The other youth placed on probation was a 13-year-old boy from Myrtle Creek. He was not made a ward of the court. Myrtle Creek police arrested the boy after he was found fighting in February in front of a cafe at Myrtle Creek.

Two girls and two boys, whose mother was accused in a petition initiated by the Douglas County Welfare Department of leaving her children with someone for six days, were made wards of the court and ordered to continue their care in foster homes. The girls are 13 and 7 years old and the boys, 12 and 6.

## Maybe Men Are Tall

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP) — Vancouver city police cannot believe all those ads about head room in new automobiles. A new ruling effective Monday allows police officers to remove their uniform caps if they do not have sufficient head room in police cars.

## 1,000 Students Participate In Roseburg Science Fair

Directors of the "Science Fair" held last weekend at Roseburg High School today called the seventh annual event "by far the largest and most interesting ever presented in Douglas County."

A total of 324 projects prepared by nearly a thousand pupils in county schools from elementary through the senior high grades were displayed, it was reported by Albert C. Lindquist, Roseburg High School science instructor, who handled arrangements.

"The projects this year were original and well presented. The general quality was much improved in the 1959 show, and there was a marked increase in the number of youngsters of intermediate grades who participated," Lindquist said.

The Science Fair drew approximately 2,500 visitors at the high school auditorium where it was shown April 4 and 5. Although this year's program marked the seventh consecutive Roseburg fair, it was the third event in which schools from all over Douglas County took part.

Lindquist was assisted in programming the school fair by Arthur Judd, assistant Roseburg school district superintendent. Judging was done by several laymen, unnamed. They all are professional men engaged in science or engineering, according to Lindquist and Judd.

The judges awarded 32 first places from the 324 displays entered at the fair. All individuals or groups receiving one of the coveted first place certificates are eligible to enter their displays at the Northwest Science Exposition sponsored by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry at Portland, April 19-26.

Entry of local projects will be left to classroom teachers, Lindquist said.

"The Roseburg show was nearly twice as large this year as any previous program," the director stated.

He said the emergency of the space age has "stimulated a broad field of interest in scientific achievement on the part of school pupils at all the school grade levels."

"This was evidenced by the scores of projects which concerned space objects, astronomy, electronics and general scientific subjects," the director added.

Recognition for second and third place in the various scientific categories were awarded along with honorable mention citations for work of the school pupils who entered projects in the show.

## St. Joseph's Parents Club Sets Spring Event

The annual spring benefit luncheon and card party, sponsored by St. Joseph's Parents Club, will be held Wednesday at the Roseburg Woman's Clubhouse on Mosher St. at 12:30 p. m.

The luncheon and card party are open to the public. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. A. J. Murray at OR 3-5664; Mrs. Arnold Murray at OR 3-5401; or Mrs. Eldon McLaughlin at OR 3-3424.

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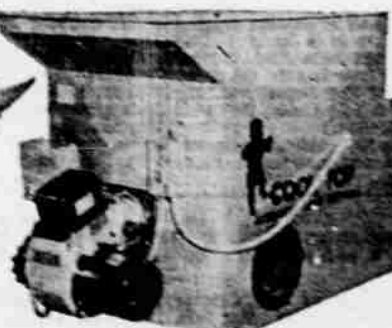
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