

Tax Relief Approved

SALEM (AP)—The Senate, with six dissenting votes, passed and sent to the House today a bill to give property tax relief to persons over 70 years old.

The bill would give them \$5,000 exemptions on their homesteads if they have less than \$2,500 annual income.

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International Paper Water Reservation Keeps County In Running For New Industry

By LEROY INMAN
News-Review Business Editor

Information that International Paper Co. has completed application for water rights on the North Impqua River east of Winchester keeps central Douglas County in the running for possible location of one of the company's huge pulp and paper plants.

Two other water rights for which the company has filed applications with the state engineer's office would be on the main Umpqua River west of Scottsburg and on the Williamson River in Klamath County. Applications are for 60 cubic feet per second of water to be allotted for manufacture of pulp and paper.

International filed preliminary applications for these rights last Nov. 5. Reasonable time was given for filing of necessary maps and plans showing uses to which the water would be put. This information has now been filed for all three sites, the state engineer's office reported Tuesday.

The engineer's office reported that fees had not been paid, but that company officials, who called at the engineer's Salem office late last week, stated that the fees would be paid as soon as an authorized check from the head-

office in the East had been secured.

Action Expected in May

C. L. Wheeler, assistant to the state engineer, told The News-Review Tuesday the State Water Resources Board would act on the applications probably in May. They would be acted on in a group, along with other similar applications.

If granted, the company would be given a year to start development, after which the permits would automatically be canceled, but the company could refile after that period.

While the company has made no commitments, it is understood to be considering establishing two plants near its water rights application sites. The third permit to be chosen remain in doubt with the three filings.

International's completed application would move its proposed water right upstream about a quarter of a mile from that requested

in the original plan. The location is on the Stanley L. Short property about two miles upstream from Winchester.

Pipelines Would Carry Water

The original application called for a 2.7-mile-long pipeline to convey the water to a point north of Wilbur, where the plant presumably would be built. It is known that the company has made extensive exploration in the vicinity between Wilbur and Sutherlin for possible location of a site fronting on the Southern Pacific tracks.

The main Umpqua water withdrawal site would be just below Mill Creek, west of Scottsburg. From here a 16½-mile pipeline would carry the water to a river-front location at the northwest corner of Gardiner. This would be near International's plywood plant. The company is now building a large new addition to this plant to produce sheathing.

The Williamson River withdrawal would include a mile-long pipeline to a site near Chiloquin.

School Budget Board Pares \$18,000 From Fiscal Guess

The Budget Committee of the Roseburg School District slashed some \$18,000 Tuesday night from the administrative estimate of the 1959-60 budget submitted by Supt. M. C. Deller.

The trimming dropped the estimated budget to \$1,541,393.63, or some \$336,376 over the estimate for the current fiscal year. Deller's original estimate amounted to nearly \$360,500 over this year's estimate.

The committee will meet again tonight in continuing its consideration of the budget estimate. Time of the session will be 7:30 p.m. in the superintendent's office in Central Junior High School.

Differences Noted

The committee discussed ways of getting around possible wide differences between the budgeted item and the eventual transportation bid to be submitted this month and opened April 29.

A suggestion by committee member Dudley C. Walton that \$10,000

be subtracted from the item, making the total budgeted item \$105,000, finally was agreed upon. Under the adopted policy, money will be taken from other items in the budget, where it is available, should the transportation bid exceed the budgeted amount.

Also sliced from the estimated budget was \$7,460 which had been ticketed by Deller for improvement of the Wilbur School gymnasium. The move came after a Tuesday morning inspection of the plant by a special committee of budgeters.

Don Reed, chairman of the inspection group, told the committee that it would seem "hardly advisable" to expend the money on the gym. The inspection and report was set in Portland night when it was revealed portions of the structure are in advanced stages of dry rot.

Building's Life Limited

Guy Davis, district maintenance supervisor, had told the committee the building "might last another year."

In eliminating the item, the committee advised that construction of a new building be considered for next year's budget.

Subtraction of \$3,900, destined for a federal appraisal which the committee felt unnecessary, and \$820, for shower doors at Central Junior High School which are not needed under recent interior changes, accounted for other deletions made by the committee Tuesday.

Added to the estimate was \$3,610, the sum Davis submitted as needed for work at Riverside School in connection with widening of Garden Valley Blvd. The committee requested Monday that Davis submit an item-by-item estimate.

Another \$268 was added to a \$192 item for construction of a new floor in the girls' dressing room at Wilbur School. The board felt the budgeted amount was not adequate for the job.

Check Count Continued

Charles Dewey Wimmer, 38, of 320 SE Pine St., Roseburg, was held in district court Tuesday on a charge of forgery.

He is accused in a district attorney's office information of uttering and publishing a \$25 check on or about Dec. 12, 1958, at the Food Mart, Roseburg.

Aerial Blast Jolts Southeast Portland

GRESHAM (AP)—A blast centered here and felt throughout southeast Portland alarmed residents and touched off a flood of calls to fire, police and sheriff's offices Tuesday.

"Reports that people have felt it came from as far east as Pleasant Home to Eastmoreland... so it has to be jet planes," Sgt. Joe Quinlan at the Multnomah County Sheriff's office near Gresham said.

"I heard a couple of jet planes go over shortly before we got the flood of calls," Quinlan said.

Other calls came to newspapers and radio stations in Portland from all through southeast Portland and out as far as Oswego.

A spokesman at Portland Air Force Base said the blast was heard at the base.

He said it was believed to be that of jets crashing the sound barrier, but he said the planes were not from the base, but were passing through the area.

RHS Physics Teacher Wins Alaska U. Bid

Alfred Land Jr., Roseburg High School physics instructor, has been accepted by the University of Alaska faculty as one of 50 teachers from 20 states to participate in the university's third annual Science Institute.

The eight-week course, slated to run from June 15 to Aug. 7, is designed to improve the subject matter competence of high school teachers of biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics and aid instructors to motivate able students to consider science careers.

The program is staged under a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Knights Templar Masonic Chief Dates In Roseburg

Louis H. Wieber of Cleveland, grand master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, will visit in Roseburg next week.

He will appear at the annual convocation of the Grand York Rite Masonic Bodies of Oregon, which will be held here from April 12 to 16. It is his official visitation.

One of the outstanding masons in the United States, he has served in officiating capacities in various Masonic bodies for over 40 years. Wieber served as grand commander, Knights Templar, of Ohio in 1938. In 1940 he was appointed in line in the Grand Encampment, serving in various offices until 1958. Then he was elected grand master of the Triennial Convocation in Indianapolis.

By virtue of his office he is the administrative leader of all commanderies of Knights Templar in the United States and its possessions as well as Mexico and the Philippines.

He achieved the distinction of being chosen honorary 33rd-degree Scottish Rite Mason for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States in 1936.

Wieber is a member of Al Koran Temple of the Shrine and served as its illustrious potentate in 1938. He is a knight companion of the Red Cross of Constantine and has served for many years as a trustee of the Ohio Masonic home.

In private life he is an attorney, having practiced since graduating from Western Reserve University Law School.



LOUIS H. WIEBER
... April visit slated

Picnic Day Set For Centennial

A county-wide religious observance, highlighted by an "old-fashioned Sunday school picnic," will be staged July 12 as a feature of Oregon's Centennial Celebration, an inter-denominational church group has announced.

The Subcommittee on Religious Activities, a Douglas County Centennial Committee organization will sponsor the religious fare on the July Sunday.

Announcement of the "Festival of Faith" came from the Rev. John E. Adams, pastor of Roseburg Presbyterian Church and chairman of the committee.

The committee, which has held periodical meetings to plan for the special Sunday and other events, has requested all Douglas County churches to emphasize their church's history and other background during services July 12.

The picnic tentatively has been set for the Fairgrounds, with a historical pageant scheduled for later in the afternoon in the Fairgrounds Community Building.

The Centennial religious group, numbering representatives of both Roman Catholic and various Protestant churches in its membership, also will sponsor a special display in the county's building at the Centennial Exposition in Portland.

Dick Turley, manager of the Douglas County Fair, also has agreed to include a replica of a frontier church in the "Frontierland" portion of the 1959 Fair, noted the Rev. Adams.

County Home Rule Passed By House

SALEM (AP)—The House passed and sent to the Senate Tuesday the county home rule bill, under which the voters in any county could choose their own form of government.

The bill sets up machinery under the county home rule constitutional amendment that was approved by the voters last November.

It provides that county charters would be drafted by committees in each county. These committees would be appointed by the county courts or commissions, and by state legislators.

Only four members voted against the bill. They are Reps. Stafford Hansell (R-Athens), Fred Meek (R-Portland), Keith Skelton (D-Eugene), and Ed Whelan (D-Portland).

Klamath Tracts Slated For Sale

PORTLAND (AP)—Eleven units of the Klamath Indian forest in Oregon were designated Tuesday for sale over a 16-month period, to begin April 20, the Bureau of Indian Affairs office here announced.

The sale will involve more than 617,000 acres with the tracts ranging in size from 35,000 acres to more than 91,000 acres. The volume of timber is from 69 million board feet to more than 548 million board feet.

The units will be advertised April 20, three units July 1, and the final four on Nov. 1.

The designation resulted from joint action by the Interior and Agriculture departments. They specified that purchasers must follow minimum sustained yield management requirements of the Klamath Termination Act of 1954 as amended.

The units may not be sold at less than their realization value, established in a recent review of a 1957 appraisal. The total value of the units to be offered is \$70,352,873.

The proceeds of the sales will be used to pay members of the Klamath Indian Tribe who have elected to withdraw from the tribe.

Any units unsold by April 1, 1961, will be bought by the government and added to the national forest system.

Senate Committee OKs Uninsured Driver Bill

SALEM (AP)—The Senate Financial Affairs Committee has unanimously approved the House-passed uninsured motorist bill.

The bill requires companies writing automobile liability insurance to insert clauses protecting the insured motorist from bodily injury caused by uninsured or hit and run motorists.

There also is a bill in the Senate to require all automobile owners to have liability insurance, but there has been no action on it.

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Plumbers Sign In Rogue Area

MEDFORD (AP)—Plumbers went back to work in Medford and Grants Pass Tuesday, following settlement of contract negotiations. The plumbers had been idle since April 1.

The plumbers did not report to work after April 1, demanding a settlement similar to that reached in Portland last month.

That settlement provides a 15-cent hourly increase, plus 10-cent hourly increases on Sept. 1, next March 1, and Sept. 1, 1960.

A meeting to try to settle a similar work stoppage in Klamath Falls was postponed Monday night because of the illness of one of the employers. The meeting was rescheduled for tonight.

Work on the largest project in

Klamath Falls was not halted. That was the 93-unit Rickfalls apartments. Plumbers outside the affected area had been hired for the job.

George Beltz, business agent for Local 318 of the United Assn. of Plumbers and Fitters, said the agreement includes a 15-cent hourly pay increase retroactive to April 1. This brings the plumbers wage up from \$3.55 to \$3.70 an hour.

In addition the 45 plumbers involved were granted a health and welfare plan to which employers will contribute 10 cents an hour per employee.

The agreement provides for added hourly pay increases of 10 cents Oct. 1; 10 cents April 1, 1960; and 10 cent Oct. 1, 1960.

'Taxes' To Go By Right Name

SALEM (AP)—The 2.7 per cent unemployment tax that employers have to pay on their payrolls soon will be called what it is—"taxes."

It now is called "contributions." But the House sent to the governor a bill to change the name to "taxes."

Sponsors of the bill feel that the term "contributions" indicates that it all is voluntary on the employers' part.

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