

Senate Tax Agency Okays Sales Levy

Referral Voted For 1960; House Proposals Scuttled

SALEM (AP)—Oregon's Senate Taxation Committee voted Tuesday night for a three per cent sales tax that would be referred to the people at the general election in November, 1960.

It also scuttled House-passed proposals for a tax of three cents a package on cigarettes and 15 per cent on other tobacco.

And it rejected the House bill to revise income tax rates and eliminate most deductions. Instead, the Senate committee amended the present income tax law by merely reducing the \$600 personal exemption to \$500.

Four members of the committee favored the plan. Sen. Monroe lone dissenter, said he would fight the plan on grounds it violates the constitutional provision that revenue bills must originate in the House.

The Senate plan provides that if the people vote for a sales tax, then the personal income tax exemptions for single persons would be increased to \$1,500, and for married persons to \$3,000. The exemption for dependents would then go back to \$600.

Tax For General Fund

The sales tax revenue would be used for general fund purposes, with any surplus being used to increase basic school aid to local districts to a maximum of \$140 per pupil per year. Basic school aid now is \$105.

The people have rejected sales tax proposals six times, the last time having been in 1947.

The Senate income tax proposal would amount to a 10 per cent average increase. The House bill would achieve a 9.5 per cent boost by eliminating all deductions except for medical expenses and contributions.

The House bill also would have adopted a rate schedule of one to seven per cent. The Senate version would retain the present

three to 9.5 per cent schedule.

The House also did not approve Gov. Mark Hatfield's plan for a one per cent tax on gross income in order to bring in many taxpayers who now pay no tax.

The committee did not take final action on the bills, as it wants to get them printed first.

Four Vote Changes

Committee members voting for the amendments are Chairman Ward Cook (D-Portland), Boyd R. Overhulse (D-Madras), Donald R. Husband (R-Eugene), and Harry D. Boivin (D-Klamath Falls).

Absent were Sen. Mura (D-The Dalles) and Anthony Yurri (R-Ontario), but both were reported to be in favor of the plan.

The sales tax measure was placed by amendment into the House cigarette tax, except that the cigarette tax was removed. This originally was Gov. Hatfield's cigarette tax bill, and it still bears the legend "at the request of Gov. Hatfield," even though it now is a sales tax bill that Hatfield vigorously opposes.

There is some question whether the Senate—with 19 Democrats and 11 Republicans—would approve the committee's program, because most Democrats have long fought sales tax proposals.

If the Senate does pass it, there then would be a close question of whether the House would pass it. The House has 33 Democrats and 27 Republicans.

Labor Opposes Taxes

The committee acted only a few minutes after representatives of organized labor vigorously attacked sales and cigarette taxes.

Oregon's cities would get a windfall of \$700,000 a year under a bill passed 23-3 by the Senate and sent to the House. It boosts cities' 10 per cent share of state liquor profits to 15 per cent.

Another measure sent to the House would amend the constitution so the Legislature could pass laws to require public officials to resign when elected to other offices.

This is an echo of the argument over whether Mark Hatfield should have resigned as secretary of state last January before he became governor.

The Senate sent to the governor a bill to create a state Beef Council of seven members, appointed by the governor. This council, financed by taxes of 10 cents a head per year on cattle and dairy producers, would promote research and sales of beef.

Law Given Teeth

The House completed legislative action on a bill to put teeth into the law that requires relatives to contribute to the support of inmates of all state institutions except the penitentiary, reformatory and the blind and deaf schools.

A mandatory retirement age of 75 for judges would be provided in a measure passed by the House. It will appear on the 1960 general election ballot.

The retirement measure would permit the Legislature to fix a retirement age as low as 70.

A bill passed by the House to the governor would disqualify pregnant women from getting unemployment benefits from the time they quit work until six weeks after the baby is born.

Congratulations Given To Two Newest States

WASHINGTON (AP)—Alaska and Hawaii, the newest of states, were welcomed Tuesday night by Oregon, which is celebrating its centennial of statehood this year.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce did the welcoming at its annual dinner, held in connection with the national Chamber meeting.

Among special guests were members of the Alaska, Hawaii and Oregon congressional delegations, Honolulu Chamber President and Mrs. J. Dickson Pratt, and National Chamber President and Mrs. William A. McConnell, St. Louis, Mo.

Rotary Leaders Caught In Huddle



PRINCIPALS guiding action at the four-day convention of District 511 Rotary clubs in Roseburg are shown above during a business session. From left, they are: E. B. Lemon of Corvallis, probable next district governor; Leslie White of Albany, present governor; Dave Geddes, president of the hosting Roseburg club; and Rilea Doe, past Rotary International director, who was the featured speaker at a banquet Tuesday night. The convention ends today. (Paul Jenkins)

National Plywood Co. Pet Of Local People

National Plywood, Inc., which has just purchased the properties of Umpqua Plywood Corp. at Green and Tiller, is a closely knit Douglas County corporation, according to A. W. Standley, president and general manager for the new company.

Aside from Thomas T. Clark of Roseburg, who will be secretary-treasurer, Standley did not name the other directors in the corporation. He stated, however, that all are residents of this county.

Standley stated that only a brief closure of the two plants is contemplated. Umpqua Plywood will shut down operations with the close of work Thursday, with National Plywood taking over as soon as complete inventories have been taken.

Standley stated that plans are to reopen the Tiller plant the first of the week, Monday if possible. The Green plant will be reopened later in the week. He said he was not certain what day, but that this would be as soon as necessary arrangements can be made.

No Changes Planned

No changes are contemplated in the physical plants of the two operations at this time, said Standley, indicating that existing facilities are adequate at present.

A native of Douglas County, Standley has worked in logging most of his life, starting at the age of 16 years. He started in the logging business in 1930 and is a partner in the Standley Logging Co. of Camas Valley. He has made his home in the Glendale area since the early 1940s.

Clark has lived in Roseburg since 1949 and resides at 1134 W. Brown Ave. He has been manager of the timber department of Roseburg Lumber Co., which will be superintendent of the Plywood plant at Green, comes here from Portland, where he has been superintendent of the Dwyer Lumber & Plywood Co. He at one time lived in Myrtle Creek.

In charge of the Tiller operations will be George Rittenhouse, who has served in a similar capacity for Umpqua Plywood. The Tiller plant is known as the Lake Pleasant operations.

William F. Pattison

William Francis Pattison, 88, died Tuesday in a local hospital following a short illness.

Born May 26, 1870 in Scott County, near Davenport, Iowa, he married his wife, Mae, Aug. 24, 1893 at Holstein, Iowa. He was a retired farmer and moved to Roseburg 12 years ago. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Pattison is survived by his wife in Roseburg; a daughter, Mrs. Lewis (Vivian) Neumeyer, Le Mars, Iowa; three sons, Homer F. and W. Howard, both of Roseburg and Harold of Bakersfield, Calif.; and 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at William's Chapel of the Roses Friday at 2 p.m., with the Rev. H. James Jenkins of the Roseburg Methodist Church officiating. Concluding services and vault interment will follow at the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Gasoline Prices Skid In Portland

PORTLAND (AP)—Gasoline prices skidded to 27.9 cents a gallon at southeast Portland stations of two major oil companies as a new price war picked up tempo Tuesday.

That was a one-cent drop from the low on regular grade gasoline reported Monday.

The cut prices were confined still to only a limited number of stations, but the number was increasing.

When the price cutting started a week ago, regular grade gasoline was selling from 32.9 to 34.9 cents a gallon.

Service Said Key To Rotary

The Rotary organization exists and prospers because it has practical aims of human service.

Tuesday night at the conference banquet of Rotary District 511 by Rilea Doe, past director of Rotary International, who represented the organization's international president. He was the featured speaker at the banquet in the Umpqua Hotel.

For Doe, it was a return to Roseburg after many years. He helped organize the first Safeway Store in Roseburg in the late twenties. He is now vice president of Safeway Stores Inc., with offices in Oakland, Calif.

Doe said the prosperity of Rotary is due to the fact it really works at the job of activating the four services, to club, community, vocation and international work.

He said the organization now has almost half a million members in 112 countries and geographic locations. Rotary's growth, he said, is due to aims which develop the man, dignify his vocation and urge use of his time and energy for community service. In addition, he said, international service has become one of the strongest keys to the Rotary bulwark.

The organization has granted 1,202 Rotary Foundation Fellowships to students of college-graduate standing from 64 countries. It has also sent American students to many countries, he said.

About 300 people turned out for the final banquet of the four-day convention in Roseburg. Tying in with Doe's comment on international service, three foreign students from the University of Oregon spoke briefly during the evening on conditions in their own countries and their reactions to the United States.

They said their visit to the United States had given them a considerable insight into the American way of life.

The three were Julia Tiempo of Manila in the Philippines, Gerhard Laub of Vienna, Austria, and Eduardo Rodrigo of Lima, Peru.

The Eugene Gleemen furnished entertainment for the evening.

Klamath Falls Accident Fatal

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—A car overturned near Beatty late Tuesday night and killed Walter M. Thorne, 20, of Klamath Falls, state police said today.

Sgt. Bruce Lattin said the vehicle apparently went out of control on a curve on Highway 66 east of here, overturned and then rolled over several times.

Thorne, the son of a Klamath Falls policeman, was thrown out of the car and then crushed beneath the vehicle, Lattin said.

Lattin said a passenger in the car was Eleanor Hutchenson, 20, Beatty, who was taken to a Klamath Falls hospital.

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Week Set Aside In Conservation

An extensive educational program in the observance of Oregon Conservation Week has been developed, according to Bert L. Allenby, Allenby was selected by Gov. Mark Hatfield to act as Douglas County chairman of the affair, scheduled for May 3 to 10.

Allenby is president of the Douglas County Chapter of the Farm Bureau Federation and is active as a sheep rancher in the Whistler's Bend area.

He said that Supt. Kenneth F. Barneburg of the Douglas County schools and Supt. Harry Harvie of the Glendale School District are directing classroom and extra-curricular activity commemorating the conservation week.

In addition, said Allenby, an attempt has been made to enlist the support of every organization which might be active in such a campaign. For example, he pointed out, the Campfire Girls have a two-year conservation program and are enthusiastic about any such event.

Civic groups, sportsmen's clubs, public and private agencies and business concerns are joining in the Douglas County observance, and radio and television broadcasts and telecasts are planned.

During the week special attention will be given to support of programs for clear waters in lakes and streams, wider acceptance of approved soil and land use practices, decrease in the number of man-caused fires, increased public knowledge of conservation problems and need of fish and wildlife for improved and adequate habitat.

Cancer Fliers Aim For Nevada

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP)—Two fliers altered plans slightly today and delayed for six hours the takeoff on a projected 66-day endurance flight across the country.

Low Becker and Gene Tanner of Seattle said they planned to leave this Southern Oregon town at noon and head for the Linden-Tahoe Airport between Reno and Carson City, Nev.

"That should be about three hours flying time," said Tanner. "Twice before the men have begun endurance flights. The first ended after 12 hours. The second was halted by a fuel pump failure last Thursday after 11 days in the air."

The flights have been part of a promotion stunt for a cancer fund drive.

Tanner said today "The engine has been completely overhauled. But additional checkups on the engine delayed us."

"The weather is fine, a little hazy, but otherwise all right. We just decided to wait until noon. In the air, the fliers get fuel and food by hauling up containers by rope from a speeding automobile."

"We're a little nervous, the same as the other times," Tanner said. "We have more confidence, though. We learned a lot in that 11 days and things that weren't working then are working now."

Vital Statistics

Divorce Suits

Blanche M. vs. Theodore A. R. Resner. Married May 27, 1955, at Roseburg. Cruelly charged. Plaintiff asks property division, restoring to her the surname of Boyer.

Beatrice vs. Everett Boye. Married Aug. 9, 1955, at Elko, Nev. Cruelly charged.

Soren vs. Mary Lee Buus. Married March 19, 1953, at Coquille. Cruelly charged. Plaintiff asks awarding to her a tavern business at Reedport.

Grace vs. Arnon Lemmer. Married Jan. 28, 1951, at Reno, Nev. Cruelly charged. Plaintiff asks awarding to her three minor children.

Earle F. vs. Annie L. Conrath. Married Nov. 26, 1954, at Stevenson, Wash. Cruelly charged. Plaintiff asks restoring to defendant her former name of Annie L. Hall.

Joseph F. vs. Jacqueline M. Guse. Married March 18, 1956, at Lewistown, Idaho. Cruelly charged. James Melvin vs. Pearl L. Lindsey. Married April 29, 1958, at Reno, Nev. Cruelly charged. Plaintiff asks property division.

Jewell vs. Hershey A. L. McBroom. Married May 6, 1936, at Littleton, Colo. Desertion charged. Plaintiff asks custody of two minor children, awarding plaintiff miscellaneous household furniture and furnishings and real property described in complaint.

Glendale Students Plan Friday Centennial Dance

Glendale High School student body will sponsor a centennial dance at the school Friday from 8 to 11 p.m.

There will be no admission charge and each student must wear old-time clothing to attend.

Organization Plan For Schools OK'd

Roseburg's School Board Tuesday night adopted plans for organization and operation of the district's financial structure submitted by John Paul Jones Associates, Inc.

Lance Pruitt, representing the San Francisco consulting firm hired by the district to make a study of its business operation, reviewed the duties of each position under the new plan.

Major changes included the hiring of a business manager, which the board has already taken steps to implement, establishment of the officer of cashier which will not amount to a fulltime job, and a wholesale reduction of the maintenance department.

Buildings and Grounds Supt. Guy Davis, head of the maintenance department since 1953, presented a report regarding the department's operation.

Maintenance Costs Noted

Davis noted that when he came to Roseburg, the maintenance section of the budget allotted \$119,164.50. Since that time, maintenance budgets have ranged from \$85,197.96 to \$115,531.64, all of them below the 1952-53 maintenance budget.

In addition, Davis pointed out, additional maintenance responsibilities have been added at Green School, eight rooms at Fullerton, the high school shop building, high school gym, Riverside gym and cafeteria, Rose Primary School, Josephine Junior High School, Hurst and Eastwood schools and lawns, football fields.

Davis also pointed out additional work done by the maintenance crew in recent years for which the time allotted and material costs were not computed.

Board Praises Work

The board complimented Davis and his department on the maintenance work that has been accomplished on the district's buildings and grounds.

Under the new plan, custodians in the various buildings will handle minor maintenance such as glazing, roof patching, plumbing, electrical and carpentry. Major work would be done on a contract basis under the supervision of the maintenance supervisor. The consulting firm has estimated the change will save the district \$26,000 in labor costs.

School lunch funds and other cash sums originating within the district would be handled by the district clerk who would account for the money and be responsible for it once it is deposited to the district's account as prescribed by Oregon law.

A definite accounting procedure was outlined for the school lunch money so it would pass through as few hands as possible before being deposited. Accounting procedures and forms dealing with stock and fuels were also outlined.

The board noted that adoption of the new system was not a reflection on the present system. In handling cash sums in the past, but that it felt the proposed system would be better.

Pruitt told The News-Review that his firm should be finished with its study by the end of next week.

Portlander Admits Airline Bomb Hoax

PORTLAND (AP)—Norman Lewis White told a federal commissioner here Tuesday he soundly ed the false bomb warning Monday that forced a San Francisco-bound airliner to turn back to Portland.

White, 36, gave no reason for the action, which delayed the United Airlines flight more than three hours.

Telephone reports that a bomb was aboard the plane, carrying 64 passengers and a crew of four, were received by San Francisco and Portland police, and at Moffett Field near San Francisco.

Police here traced the phone calls to the home of White, a dental technician, and arrested him.

A search of the plane when it returned to Portland yielded no bomb. Passengers were then put on another plane for San Francisco.

White waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to a grand jury with bond set at \$1,500.

Seattle Planning Monorail System

SEATTLE (AP)—Lockheed Aircraft Corp. was named prime contractor Wednesday to construct a 5 million dollar high-speed monorail system to link downtown Seattle with the Century 21 Exposition grounds.

The mile-long system will have three 96-passenger air trains capable of speeds up to 60 miles an hour. The overhead route will run from the center of town to the 74-acre fairgrounds overlooking Puget Sound to the north.

The monorail is expected to be completed about six months before the May, 1961 opening of the fair.

Selection of Lockheed was announced by the Seattle Transit System which will join Century 21 in underwriting the cost.

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Central Junior High Band Slates Concert

The Central Junior High School band will give a public concert Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The concert band has just completed a successful trip to the Southern Oregon Music Contest held in Ashland last Saturday. The band received a rating of superior, which is the highest rating given at music festivals.

The band is directed by Gary Wilson.

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