

# Oregon School Board Group Mobilized To Ward Off Defeat Of State Tax Bill

The Oregon School Boards Association has mobilized to fight off possible defeat of the \$60 million state tax increase proposed for this biennium by the state legislature. But it was evident Thursday night that not all local school boards will be offering their support.

After flitting past some preliminary subjects at the fall meeting of the Douglas County School Boards Association at Fremont Junior High, the spotlight moved irresistibly to the subject of the Oct. 15 referendum vote on the tax measure.

Tom Rigby, executive secretary of the Oregon School Boards Association, officially introduced the subject by citing the association stand that education would be hurt by the rejection of the tax bill.

Rigby's statement that the executive committee of the state as-

sociation couldn't pinpoint specific reasons for the success of petitions for referral was a cue for questions from the audience.

Marion Krebs from the Winston-Dillard School Board said a satisfactory explanation was necessary of the flat \$5 tax for reporting minimum income and elimination of federal income tax deduction under the new tax schedule.

Dr. Neils Lindell, former chairman of the Roseburg School Board, said the reason for the success of petitions was obvious—the federal income tax deduction elimination. He called it "a tax on a tax."

Dudley Walton, former Roseburg School Board member and present attorney for the Riddle School District, said the state is facing a taxpayer revolt. Contributing to this revolt, he said, is the "alarming" action, as he called it, of

government bodies and legislators "seeming to be making threats."

**Reaction Noted**

Another audience participant added that the referendum is a reaction "against waste at the federal level." He said he expects to see the same voter reaction at the federal level in the near future.

But the cries were just as loud from the other side of the question. Ray Mullen, superintendent of the Sutherlin School District (considered one of the county's poorest districts), said his district was finding it difficult to make ends meet as it is so his board is supporting the tax increase. One of his board members backed him by saying he felt "we have a wildcat by the tail, so we're stuck with the bill whether we like it or not."

Bob Taylor, chairman of the Myrtle Creek School Board (another comparatively poor district) said he agreed with many that the tax legislation was "very bad" but steps should be made to correct it at the next legislature, not now.

**Federal Aid Threatened**

Eugene C. Fisher, former chairman of the state School Boards Association, and present chairman of the state Board of Education, indicated approval of the bill was necessary because "if we don't do the job at home, somebody else (the federal government) will."

But Sedley Stewart, second vice president of the Oregon School Board Association, and a member of the David Douglas District near Portland, was most outspoken for approval.

"We're fighting for our lives," he said. "It makes no difference what we think about the bill; the question is what are we going to do for the next two years?"

He indicated that if the tax increase is turned down it would go to the legislature in a special session. "But if we call the legislature back, what will it do?" he asked. "It might try the sales tax. It might try the cigarette tax. But both will be referred."

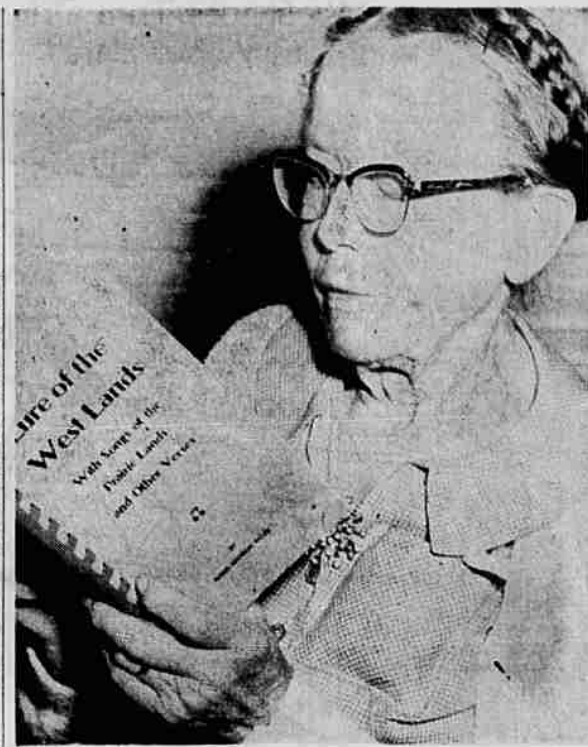
He insisted that the state should take the package now and turn its reforming guns on the legislature at the next session.

**Fund Jeopardized**

Rigby didn't add any high hopes to beating back the opposition. He said the basic school support fund is "now in serious jeopardy." He noted that 60 per cent of the increase goes to education, and most people agree that the fund would be the first target in a cut.

The result, he said, would be (1) a cutback in quality of local school programs; (2) shriveling of opportunities for special education programs; and (3) increase of local property taxes.

He also quoted Gov. Hatfield as saying a defeat of the bill would set educational progress back 20 years and would hurt the state's program of trying to attract industry.



A BOOK WRITTEN by Mabel Madison Rader, Kellogg resident, is an interesting tale of pioneer life in Douglas County. Mrs. Rader is pictured above examining a copy of the book. (News-Review photo)

## Kellogg Author's Book Recalls Personal Early-Day Adventures

Recollections of a Douglas County pioneer are the ingredients of an interesting book written by Mabel Madison Rader of Kellogg.

Title of the book is "Lure of the West Lands, With Songs of the Prairie Lands and Other Verses." Mrs. Rader's book is a narrative of personal adventures which involve herself and her family in the days of the Early West.

It is interspersed generously with favorite "prairie" poems.

"It is a history of my life and the life of my parents, and covers all I know and remember," she explains.

**Excellent Memory**

Mrs. Rader, 83, remembers quite a bit, as the book attests. The story takes the Madison family (the author's parents were Siren and Isabelle Madison) through homesteading days on the Little Blue River near Hastings, Neb., across the plains to Oregon in prairie schooners and finally to Kellogg and a new life on the Umpqua River.

The author states the family arrived in Roseburg on Sept. 12, 1893.

"After nearly four months of travel, my father had reached his goal," the story relates.

Madison was lured to Oregon by an article appearing in a Roseburg newspaper which found its way into

the Nebraska settlement that was their home.

"The fabulous things it told of that far country was stirring to every homesteader-heart. How could anyone want to miss knowing the wonderful climate described, no electric storms, very little ice, or snow or frost, no hail storms; nor exceedingly hot weather; vegetables growing in the gardens all the year around; roses, strawberries, at Christmas. Well, my father had to go!"

**Move To Kellogg**

Mrs. Rader said she and her family moved into a rental farm at Lookingglass. In the fall of 1898, the Madisons moved into a big log house on the Umpqua River at Kellogg. Later, Mabel was married and moved deep into wilderness country, away from Kellogg.

Mrs. Rader's book was printed by the Swordsman Publishing Co. of Los Angeles. It is on sale at the Roseburg Book Store and House of Uniforms.

Title page shows that the story is dedicated to a brother, Edgar John Madison. "The only one left who can share with me those wonderful memories of those virgin prairie lands and also of that long, long trek, from there to here."

# Democrats Plan Action Against Inroads Of John Birch Society

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SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Democrats in the growing West are becoming increasingly concerned about inroads of the John Birch Society (JBS).

And they're laying plans to fight what they consider the JBS "menace."

The first interstate volley will be fired at a 13-state Western States Democratic Conference Sept. 19-21 in the shadow of the Mormon Temple.

Lucy Redd, Utah's vivacious red-haired Democratic national committeewoman, showed her concern about the Birch Society in an interview.

"In Utah, we've got a real problem with the Birchers," she said. "I call it a sleeping, creeping situation. They've had a stream of speakers and some well staged productions."

In the 1960 presidential elections, Republican Richard M. Nixon won all but three western states—and he lost Hawaii, New

Mexico and Nevada only by an eyelash.

Democrats hope for a more favorable result in 1964, when they expect their candidate to be the same man—President John F. Kennedy. They feel he's popular in the West.

But even though he only won three western states, Kennedy did better than Adlai Stevenson, the Democrats' presidential nominee in 1952 and 1956. He didn't win a single western state either time.

"Certainly we have a rough row to hoe," said Miss Redd. "But we're not counted out by any means—despite what news media say about it."

Roger Kent, California's party vice chairman and head of the western conference, said in an interview that the Democrats need the West.

"In order to carry these states we must be aware of particular western problems and get at the solutions," he said.

That's what the 1,000 or more Democrats expected to attend the Salt Lake City meeting plan to do—hear the problems and suggest solutions.

Miss Redd and Kent left no doubt that the JBS and civil rights—they combine the two—will be one of the major topics of the conference, the largest such political get-together in the nation this year.

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# School Board Members Hear Talks On Oregon Education

Although most of the emphasis at the Thursday night meeting of the Douglas County School Board Association was on the tax referendum (see other story), three speakers had other comments on the state of education in Oregon.

Leading the list was Eugene Fisher of Elkton, chairman of the state Board of Education.

He explained the activities of the state board and emphasized that the board is designed to offer "leadership without dictation."

He said the state Department of Education is set up to assist "in making a climate in which you at the local level can educate your youngsters. We're dedicated to local control," he insisted.

ified. He said the investigation was not designed to secure an indictment against the department.

**Stand Defended**

Flegel defended his stand on a decrease in the amounts to be allowed by the state in building and maintaining community colleges by saying the previous percentage amounts had been greater than the state could handle. He said the interim committee would try to determine more specifically where colleges are needed and the kind of programs needed.

Concluding on the reclassification study, he said the purpose was to streamline and update school law so it will be more easily applied and understood.

**Cause Advanced**

Tom Rigby, executive secretary of the Oregon School Boards Association, listed some of the most significant legislation coming from the last session of the legislature. He said despite claims by some that the 1963 legislature was a "do-nothing" group, it had "advanced the cause of education in many cases."

Rigby then called on Roseburg's Sen. Al Flegel, chairman of the state Interim Committee on Education, to outline the purposes of the committee this interim.

Flegel said the three biggest areas of investigation will be (1) the state Department of Education, (2) the community college program and (3) reclassification of school laws.

He said the investigation of the state department is merely designed to determine that maximum necessary services are being offered and that all personnel is just-

## Driver Education Set At Sutherlin

A driver education class for students is being organized for Sutherlin High School and will be held on Saturdays, beginning Sept. 21, according to Raymond Mullen, superintendent.

Because of lack of funds the course normally offered in the summer was not offered this past summer. The present course was authorized by the Sutherlin School Board to make up for this cancellation. Students will be re-registering for the driver course at the high school prior to the start Sept. 21.

All youngsters, to be eligible, must have either their learning permit or a driver's license before beginning actual driving sessions. Those students who registered for the summer course will be given a preference in re-registering.

The car is being furnished by Harry Held Ford of Sutherlin and will be a 1964 model. Cy Perkins, of the high school staff, will be the instructor. He has qualified under regulations set up by the state Department of Education to teach the driver education course through special classes he attended while in college.

There will not be a student fee charged as the State of Oregon reimburses the school district up to 90 per cent of the costs per student, not to exceed \$50.

## Bay Angling Slow; Diamond Lake Good

PORTLAND (UPI) — The weekly fishing report prepared by the State Game Commission:

**Northwest:** Salmon still being taken from ocean in Tillamook-Nestucca area; offshore salmon angling from Depoe and Yaquina bays picked up at midweek; Siletz and Alsea tidewaters fair to good for sea-run cutthroat; angling in Clackamas system should be fair to good; McKenzie and upper Willamette are low and clear.

**Southwest:** North and South Umpqua poor for trout; Diamond Lake should be good; Winchester Bay salmon angling has been slow; Howard Prairie Reservoir producing fair catches on flies in evening; mouth of Rogue slow for salmon, but lower Rogue has been good for fall steelhead.

**Central:** This is last weekend before chemical treatment of Big Lava Lake on Sept. 19; East and Paulina fair; Wickiup good for browns and kokanee; Lake of the Woods fair trolling deep for rainbow.

**Northeast:** McKay Creek Reservoir improving; Columbia fair in McNary area.

**Southeast:** Delintment Lake and Beulah Reservoir slow; Ana Reservoir fair to good at times.

## Yoncalla PTA Approves Budget

The Yoncalla PTA held its first meeting of the year this week and approved a budget of \$501 which was prepared earlier by the executive committee. Mrs. Ben Emry, immediate past president, conducted the meeting in the absence of president — elect Ted Benedict who has moved to Florence to teach since his election last spring.

Mrs. Stacy Adams, chairman, and Mrs. Eldon Lee, Mrs. Felix Latham and Mrs. Emry, of the program committee, were in charge of the program which featured discussion of school policies by school administrators and school board members.

Taking part were Donald Dick, superintendent, who outlined the duties performed by the school board, and Eugene Gustafson, elementary principal, who spoke on new teaching methods in the grade school. Gustafson also covered insurance and other student requirements. Board members Quentin Rychard and Donald Kingery spoke briefly, according to Mrs. Fred Lee correspondent.

Mrs. Emry called for volunteers for the office of president but no response was reported to date, Mrs. Lee said.

All PTA meetings will be held at the high school this year, it was reported.

## 'Old Fashioned Sunday' Set By First Christian Church

An "Old Fashioned Sunday" will be featured at the Roseburg First Christian Church this Sunday. The day's worship services and a special congregational picnic will be geared to the theme. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Buchanan will serve as hosts for the special activities.

The Bible School and church staff will be dressed in clothes appropriate to the occasion and it is hoped that many of the members will also wear "Old Timer" apparel. James Smith, minister, will continue the theme with his morning message "Give Me That Old Time Religion" and the church choir under the direction of S. Clarence Trued will sing a medley of old favorite hymns. Nellie and Loydeen Bailey will sing an appropriate duet.

Following the morning church service, the congregation will go

## Roseburg Church Slates Rally Day

This Sunday will be the annual Rally Day in the Sunday School of the First Conservative Baptist Church, 1138 NE Lincoln St. Each of the six departments and 20 classes has an attendance goal, with the winning Sunday School class to have its name inscribed on the permanent plaque in the foyer of the Church.

A number of surprise events are planned for a general assembly during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:45 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

Pastor Roy H. Campbell announces the sermon topic for the morning worship service at 11 as "Greater Than the Temple," and in the evening gospel hour at 7 o'clock he will give the first in a series of messages on "Great Words of The Faith." In addition, the fall program of the church is now underway, including "Family Night" on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 with a capsule study of Bible books for the adults, and King's Sons, King's Daughters, Kings Jewels and King's Gems groups for children of all ages.

Registrations Still Open For Yoncalla Kindergarten

There is still time for children to register for the Yoncalla Kindergarten, according to Mrs. Leroy Hopkins, teacher. All supplies and refreshments are furnished. The kindergarten, now in its first week, runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Mrs. Fred Lee, correspondent, reports.

Further information may be had by calling Mrs. Dale Bessett or Mrs. William Foster.



"PARSON" SMITH AND "DEACON" BUCHANAN are shown on the steps of the Roseburg First Christian Church enacting scene that will be a reality Sunday when the church hosts an "Old Fashioned Sunday" for members and guests. "Parson" Smith is the Rev. James Smith, minister of the church and the "deacon" is Willard Buchanan, who is actually a deacon of the church. It is hoped that many of the members will also attend services wearing old fashioned clothes. (News-Review photo)

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