

Drain Area Voters Hear Debate On State Tax Referral Measure

State Rep. William Mosser of Hillsboro told a score of people in the Drain City Hall Tuesday night that a special session of the legislature is almost certain if voters reject the \$50 million increase to balance the state budget.

Mosser, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, was matched in a forum discussion, on the pros and cons of the tax referendum, against Dr. Roy Hanford of Roseburg.

Hanford took the opposition stand that no new taxes are needed. "If the budget is defeated... the executives and legislators should do away with all the federal, non-sense and plums and we will get a balanced budget."

Mosser replied that the line between "necessary and nice" programs was not clear-cut. He said the legislature made its decisions on the basis of "what we thought

the people were accustomed to" and what was "reasonably necessary."

He continued that if the legislature is recalled for a special session, he hopes it will stress cutting of the budget rather than instituting new forms of taxation. He said the cuts won't "permanently cripple" state programs but "you will feel it in loss of services." He said these squeezes would be felt in basic school support cutbacks, as well as in all other departments.

"We will have some good economy pressures, but I don't think we can stand that much of a cut without seriously hurting many of our programs," he said.

Mosser revealed trepidations about the length of a possible special session. "If we go back with a deep financial crisis again, it may mean another 141 days of wrangling."

Much of the discussion from both men pivoted around the cost of education.

Hanford noted that in the last decade, the increase in state population has been 16.3 per cent, while the state budget has increased 366

per cent. He said the taxpayer "hasn't been niggardly in education" and "the rest of government has shared in the plums." He cited colleges particularly as having "too much an appetite in time of taxpayer stress."

Among his suggestions for cutting educational costs was an increase in the number of children per teacher, and cutbacks on some programs such as physical education and driver training.

Path To Socialism

By its growth, Hanford concluded, government is leading people to socialism and totalitarianism.

Mosser agreed that the biggest increases went to education. In the last biennium, he said, the population generally has risen 1 1/2 per cent, but elementary and high school students have increased by 6 per cent and college students by 16 per cent. "Taxpayers haven't increased as fast as kids and old folks," he insisted.

One of the big additions to the budget, he said, was the basic school support fund, which was boosted \$145 million. "This would be an easy place for the legislature to cut," he said. "But we felt property taxpayers needed relief."

He also cited higher education operation and construction costs as major increases. He noted that operation increases of \$8 million amounted to 16 per cent, but enrollment is up 16 per cent. He defended the construction fund of \$11 1/2 million as being needed to build educational facilities such as classrooms and science buildings.

Turning to the tax structure itself, he said the big thing is the repeal of the federal income tax deduction. The alternative, he said, was to boost the state income tax 20 per cent and leave the federal deduction alone.

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Court Reopens Hospital Case

SALEM (UPI) — Noting it had recently discarded the rule of charitable immunity, the Oregon Supreme Court today reopened a damage action against Salem Memorial Hospital.

The high court reversed a decision by Marion County Circuit Judge George R. Duncan which had dismissed a damage action brought against the hospital by Minnie A. Wicklander.

The hospital had pleaded the defense of charitable immunity.

In a recent case the high court overthrew the charitable immunity rule, and said a charitable institution could be held liable for negligence of its employees.

Among other action today the high court:

Upheld a ruling from the Multnomah County Circuit Court that "Lift Parts Service of Oregon" had to give up use of the name which was similar to the name of the "Lift Truck Parts Service of Oregon."

Upheld the conviction, in the Klamath County Circuit Court of Judge David R. Vandenberg, of Boyd Julius Jackson for second degree murder, for which he received a life sentence.

Affirmed an award of \$10,000 to the River Bend Sand and Gravel Company, approved by Marion County Circuit Judge George R. Duncan, for its interest in land condemned by the city of Salem.

Affirmed a ruling in Klamath County Circuit Court by Judge Lyle R. Wolf, in an action for recovery of money due under three contracts for sale of furniture, that Adair's Hardware and Furniture was entitled to payment from Ben and Edith Adair in spite of the company's failure to sign the sales contracts.

Jet Boat Service Proposed On River

A "jet boat" service program for the Umpqua River similar to that established on the Rogue River was endorsed by the Port of Umpqua Commission at the October meeting this week.

The idea, long advocated by Reedsport merchant Frank L. Taylor, was introduced by him at the commission meeting. Taylor suggested exploring into the possibilities of help from public funds—federal, state and county—for the development of such a project.

After considerable discussion between Taylor and the commission, the commission instructed attorney Orin Collier to write to members of the Oregon delegation, advising them of such a recreational program for the Umpqua, correspondent Dawn Pesonen reported.

Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield requested further authorization for the airport survey which the commission had ordered earlier. The commission moved to grant the authorization and to approve the survey fee listed by the firm of consulting engineers. Under consideration is a beach site for a proposed air strip.

Sheridan Man Is Killed By Overturning Tractor

SHERIDAN (UPI) — Robert Wray, 73, was fatally injured when his tractor overturned on him at his farm two miles north of here Tuesday afternoon.

He died as a wrecker was lifting the tractor off him.



SIGNING UP "Associate Members" for the Douglas County Association for Retarded Children are Mrs. Donald Martin, left, and Mrs. R. T. Hughes, right. Mrs. Gene Kemp is the prospective member. The drive to raise money for a sheltered workshop fund will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday. (News-Review photo)

Port Of Umpqua Won't Seek U.S. Funds For Further Winchester Bay Projects

The Port of Umpqua commission will not continue attempts to obtain federal funds for further Winchester Bay development, reports Dawn Pesonen, correspondent.

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"The large scale benefits which could be credited as economic justification for this breakwater

extension would be derived in the main from the damage costs to commercial fishing boats which would be eliminated by construction of the breakwater extension," Dunn said.

"We have not been able to document any such benefits in the measure that would be required to justify the proposed improvement. So on this basis we would have no alternative but to agree with the previously announced position of the Port District Engineers' office that a negative report would be submitted by the Corps on the Winchester Bay project."

Dunn put the commission on record with the Corps of Engineers with the observation that "in our review of the project we find that the Port of Umpqua and the Douglas County Commission have together completed practically all of the improvements we requested of the federal government in 1956.

Spaghetti Dinner Set At Days Creek

A spaghetti dinner, open to the public, is scheduled Friday by the Ladies Aid of the Days Creek Community Methodist Church. Serving will be at the school lunch room between 6 and 8 p.m., according to Mrs. Robert Wheaton, president of the group.

Mrs. Durrin Swingley, correspondent, said the dinner, served family style, is a repeat event that has been well patronized before with its special family rates. The menu features spaghetti, choice of salads and home-made pies.

This is one of the major fund-raising events of the organization. Proceeds are used for improvements of the church building, with an improved heating system as the main item in the near future.

Other items in recent months have included new cement porch and steps, with new double doors at the front entrance, partial re-roofing and aluminum and a new kitchen door.

Mary R. Sagaberd

Mary R. Sagaberd, 84, died Monday at a Canyonville hospital. She had been in failing health for some time, and had made her home in Days Creek with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. Guy McGee, in recent months.

Mrs. Sagaberd was born Dec. 19, 1878, six miles west of Scottsburg, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Luders. Her father settled in the area in the early '70s, coming from Germany. Mrs. Sagaberd's mother came to Scottsburg as a German war bride following the German-Franco War.

She was married to Frank R. Sagaberd July 28, 1901, and came to Gardiner to live after her marriage. Her husband ran a river boat from Scottsburg to Gardiner for many years. He died Aug. 26, 1927.

A member of the Rebekah Lodge of Gardiner for 62 years, Mrs. Sagaberd was a long time member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Gardiner and was an active worker in church guild work.

Survivors include an only daughter, Mrs. T. Guy McGee of Days Creek; two granddaughters, Mrs. Harold (Jean) Grubb of Gardiner and Mrs. Robert (Florette) Lewis of Butte Falls; a great-granddaughter, Cindy Lou Grubb; a sister, Nora Mathis of Yoncalla; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are scheduled Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at Gardiner, with burial at the Scottsburg Cemetery. Unger Funeral Home in Reedsport is in charge of arrangements.

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Tax Referral Measure Debated At Women Voters League Meet

About 50 Roseburg residents attended a meeting at the YMCA Tuesday night to gain enlightenment on the tax referral measure.

Roseburg's League of Women Voters sponsored the event.

Speakers were Robert Prescott, Jr., a public relations man from Eugene who has been traveling the state as proponent of a "yes" vote on the tax ballot, and Stacy Adams, a Yoncalla resident who espouses opposition to the income tax bill.

Mrs. James Pratt, second vice president for the voter league, introduced the speakers and moderated a question and answer period which followed the talks.

Says Taxes Too High Adams, who is outspoken on a number of public issues and is an avid supporter of the John Birch Society movement, based his opposition on the argument that taxes are too high on all levels and it is time to start holding the line.

Prescott, whose remarks tagged him as an exponent of quality education, said Oregon's educational program is faced with the possibility of "demolition" if the tax bill is turned down on Oct. 15.

He said defeat of the measure will "knock out overnight" an educational program that it has taken Oregon 100 years to build.

Prescott said to vote for "mediocrity" in education at this time would be inconsistent with Oregon heritage which has traditionally sought quality education for its young.

Adams, on the other hand, said it is time to call a halt to spiraling government costs. He stated that federal government is involved in more than 1,900 businesses that should be owned by private enterprise.

Cites 'Real Issue' "The real issue is not city taxes, county taxes, federal taxes or even these state income taxes," Adams said. "The burden on the governed is the total load of all taxes combined. It is this total load that will increase."

Adams said the solution is to hold the line on the state budget and demand consideration of a plan which would get the federal gov-

ernment out of the 1,900 losing businesses it is, subsidized by the governed's federal income tax.

"The increased income from sound private enterprise added to the savings from these subsidies would give the states ample money for increased budgets, yet the total per capita tax... would be less."

Prescott said turn-down of the tax bill would imperil every school district in Oregon, since district budgets include an estimated sum for state basic school support.

Adams said it's time for an austerity budget.

Prescott said the bill at issue does represent an austerity program. He noted that \$100 million was trimmed from the budget before it received legislative approval.

In connection with the tax increase proposal, Prescott said "we're talking about peanuts."

Hospital News

Visiting Hours
2 to 3:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

Douglas Community Hospital

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Surgery: Willis McLain, Roseburg, Robert North, Glendale.

Medical: Winnifred Forrest, Mrs. William Perkins, Roy Burhart, James Witsell, Walter Amis, Martha Ball, Roscoe Parr, Dennis White, Roseburg; Mrs. Gerald Mock, Portland; Mrs. Edward Black, Coquille.

Discharged
Mrs. Sam Ferguson and daughter, Sheri Gene, Roseburg; Wade Sumpter, Glendale; Ellis Barklow, Sutherlin; Mrs. John Tinker, Winchester; Larry Schaub, Winston.

Mercy Hospital

Admitted
Medical: Mrs. Hubert Dunn, David Rubrecht, Knute Kershner and Mrs. LeRoy LeBlanc, all Roseburg; Redena Bates, Winston; Mrs. Eric Wilson, Riddle.

Discharged
James Hoonan, Mrs. Ernest Murray, Mrs. Stella Richardson, all Roseburg; Edward Hansohn and William Couch, both Myrtle Creek.

Malpractice Suit Draws Settlement

An alleged malpractice suit brought against a former Roseburg doctor, which was ordered retried on appeal to the Supreme Court, has been settled out of court. Nature of the settlement was not disclosed.

The case was that of Daniel Willard, by his guardian ad litem Jean Willard, vs. J. M. Hutson and A. B. Munroe. The case alleged malpractice against Dr. Hutson, at that time a partner with Dr. A. B. Munroe in the Roseburg Clinic, but now of California.

The original complaint asked damages of \$250,000, on each of two separate causes, then later was amended to a total of \$500,000 general damages. However, a fifth amended complaint just before the case went to trial scaled the amount down to \$50,000.

A jury verdict on trial awarded the plaintiff \$40,000. Judge Don H. Sanders, who tried the case, denied a motion of the defense to enter a judgment for the defense, notwithstanding the verdict of the jury, and also denied a new trial.

The defense appealed to the Supreme Court which reversed the Douglas County judge and ordered a new trial on the basis of errors in the trial.

The re-trial was scheduled for this week, but settlement was reached prior to trial. The doctor was accused in the complaint with not using proper care with Daniel Willard, an infant, resulting in bleeding which did not stop immediately. The plaintiff alleged permanent impairment of the child's physical condition.

Large Windows Broken

Mack Pyle of Nelson and Pyle Woodworking reported to city police Tuesday that two large windows in their place of business had been broken, each being hit by two rocks. Replacement cost will run about \$150.

Motorists Head, Throttle Open, For State's Worst Traffic Toll

SALEM (UPI)—Oregon motorists are headed, throttle open, for the worst traffic death toll in the state's history.

Nobody knows why.

In the first eight months of this year 420 persons were killed in Oregon highway crashes — 70 more than were killed in the same period last year.

Oregon's average toll for October, November and December has been 45 a month for the past five years.

This means the 1963 toll could top 550.

The present record was set in 1959 when 492 were killed.

For the same eight month period this year Idaho reported 150 highway deaths — down 49 from last year.

Washington recorded 451 deaths through Sept. 30 this year—down 12 from last year.

In Nevada the toll was up 19 to 139 for the first eight months of the year.

California Toll Huge

And in auto-crowded California, the toll for the first eight months of 1963 stood at 3,101, up 131 from last year's toll.

Contrary to popular belief, there has been more travel in Oregon

this year than last when throngs of motorists roared over Oregon's pavement enroute to the world's fair in Seattle.

The Traffic Safety Division of the State Department of Motor Vehicles said 6.2 billion travel miles were recorded during the first eight months of this year, compared with 5.9 billion for the same period a year ago.

The death rate — people killed for each 100 million miles of travel—for the first eight months of this year was 5.9, and for the same period last year was 5.1.

Vinita Howard, assistant manager of the traffic safety division, admits the odds are against Oregon's toll remaining below 500 this year. "She refused to predict how high it might go."

"We don't know why, we don't know what's causing the increase in deaths," she admitted.

"There have been more one-car crashes, but there has only been a 4.1 per cent increase in accidents. The accidents seem to be more severe. People seem to be driving at higher rates of speed."

She wouldn't speculate that speed was the cause, however. "We just don't know what is causing the increase in deaths."

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