

1 1/2 Per Cent Tax Limitation Petition Drive to Begin

PORTLAND (AP)—New petitions for the 1 1/2 per cent property tax limitation will probably start appearing in all parts of the state some time in May.

There will be a headquarters in every county as the Oregon Homeowners Association makes its second drive to put into Oregon's Constitution a sharp limitation on property taxes.

The association got its program under way at a meeting Thursday night and officers said Friday things were already moving and requests for petitions were coming in.

But the legal work of getting a ballot title approved and the petitions printed is expected to take

two months or more.

The petitions failed to get the measure on the ballot last November because of a technicality in the filing of signatures.

The limitation measure will have two changes from last time, said Al F. Gildemeister, association president. It will provide that the limitation will not apply on any part of the tax levied to pay off an existing bonded indebtedness or the interest on it.

The other change would exempt from the limitation any tax voted by the people at a November election, opening the way to a vote once each year for purposes costing more than the 1 1/2 limitation on property value would permit.

At the Legislature

Thornton Feels Oath Not Needed

SALEM (AP)—Representative Lee M. Thornton (R-Milwaukie), the man who has questioned University speakers, says teachers should not be required to take a loyalty oath.

He urged the House Education Committee to delay a Senate-passed measure that would enact a new teachers' loyalty oath to replace the one that has been declared unconstitutional.

The new oath would only require teachers to say they will support the constitutions and laws of the United States and the state.

Thornton, a major in the U.S. Army Reserve said:

"It should not be incumbent upon them to prove their loyalty by an oath which, if they want to be subversive, they would take with mental reservation or rationalization."

The Senate Taxation Committee has ordered a public hearing at 1 p.m. next Friday on the House-passed tax bill.

It calls for a special election in April at which the people could direct the Legislature to pass a 3 per cent sales tax.

The committee's chairman, Senator Harry Boivin (D-Klamath Falls), has severely criticized the bill, which has little Senate support.

Senate President E. D. Potts told the committee Friday it should take a look at the entire tax structure, and decide if state taxes should be increased in order to provide property tax relief.

The sales tax would raise \$100 million a year, and reduce local property taxes by one-third.

Chairman Lee Johnson of the House Taxation Committee appointed a subcommittee to draft a bill that would let counties and cities enact income and sales taxes by vote of the people.

Two legislators say there isn't much chance that Oregon will have an ombudsman to represent the public complaints against state agencies.

Senate President Potts, (D-Grants Pass), said today he doubts if the bill to have an ombudsman could get through the Senate.

"Every member of the legislature is an ombudsman who takes care of public complaints. That gives us 90 ombudsmen, so why should we provide money to have another one?" Potts asked.

Senator Glen Huston (D-Albany), chairman of the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee, said his committee would hold a public hearing on the ombudsman bill late in February.

But he, too, predicts the bill will have a rough time in the Senate.

Governor Tom McCall recommended creation of the job of ombudsman, but legislative leaders said he doesn't care much one way or the other.

A bill to have the Forest Research Laboratory at Oregon State University study air and water pollution was introduced in the House today.

It would be financed by timber taxes. There is already a federal laboratory on the OSU campus that is studying water pollution.

The Senate Constitutional Revision Committee has recommended a new constitution for Oregon. It has only three changes.

It provides for the state's agencies and 115 boards and commissions to be placed under 20 departments, provides for membership increases in the Senate from 30 to 35 and in the House from 60 to 65, and prohibits college teachers from running for public office.

Left intact are the same elective offices, the line of succession, biennial sessions, the lottery prohibition, and the six per cent limitation on local government taxing districts.

The constitution now goes to the Senate for action.

Arts Commission To be Discussed

The background of legislation currently pending in the Oregon Legislature concerning the formation of an Oregon Arts Commission will be discussed by Jarold A. Kieffer at 7:30 p.m. today in a lecture sponsored by the Friends of the Museum.

Kieffer, who is assistant to University President Arthur Flemming, is also vice-chairman of the Governor's Planning Council on the Arts and Humanities. The planning council initiated the legislation, and also sponsored a state-wide survey of arts resources and activities.

The talk will be given in the lecture room of the Eugene Public Library. It is one of a series of winter term lectures sponsored by the Friends of the Museum on the theme, Art Discovered.

Festival of Arts Presents Speaker

A Reed College humanities professor will be the first speaker in the month-long Festival of Arts at 8 p.m. today in the SU Dads' Room.

Kasper Locher will discuss "The Inescapable Romantics." The central theme of the Festival is Romanticism.

Locher taught at Vanderbilt University and the University of Washington prior to joining the Reed College faculty.

He is now a Senior Research Fellow of the Rockefeller Humanities Institute.

Locher received his doctorate in Comparative Studies from the University of Chicago in 1949. He has also studied at the Universities of Zurich and Geneva, in Switzerland.

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PRESTON-COCHRAN

The engagement of Diana Preston of Sigma Kappa to Mark Cochran of Sigma Phi Epsilon was announced on December 12. Miss Preston is a senior in elementary education from Portland. Cochran is a first-year student at the University of Oregon Dental School from Medford. A June 24 wedding is planned.

KNOTT-JENSEN

Leslie Kay Knott, a graduate of the University now teaching in Seattle, announced her engagement to L. David Jensen, an off-campus student on December 25. Miss Knott is from Eugene. Jensen is a senior in sociology from Hood River. A June 24 wedding is planned.

HOSIER-BLANCHARD

The pinning of Jill Hosier to John Blanchard was announced on November 21 at the Alpha Phi house. Miss Hosier is a sophomore in art education. Blanchard, a member of Sigma Chi, is a senior in marketing. Both are from Sacramento.

KIRKPATRICK-HOLLAND

A candle passing at the Gamma Phi house announced the pinning of Pat Kirkpatrick of San Francisco to John Holland of North Hollywood on December 6. Miss Kirkpatrick is a senior in general social studies. Holland is a senior in business and a member of Chi Psi.

DAVISON-HOGAN

Nancy Davison of Gamma Phi Beta announced her engagement to Chuck Hogan at a candle passing on December 8. Miss Davison is a sophomore from Salem. Hogan is a junior and a member of Phi Gamma Delta from Redmond, Oregon. Both are sociology majors. No date has been set for the wedding.

BRUYER-EVANS

The engagement of Janet Bruyer of Alpha Gamma Delta to Gordon Evans, an off-campus student, was announced on November 20. Miss Bruyer is a junior in music education from Corvallis. Evans is a senior in math from Salem. No wedding date has been set.

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