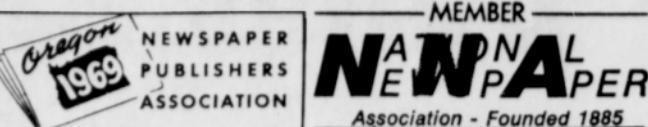


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EDITORIAL

To Take a Boat ...

By WARREN STRYCKER

The apparent recent decision by the Coast Guard command comes to Bandonians with real concern. How the Coast Guard can take a "high performance" boat away from the Bandon station which serves boaters from well north of Bandon to south of Port Orford is hard to understand.

It would seem to us that if any area needed a "high performance" vessel such as the 44-footer, it would be an area like this which must patrol and rescue boats over a wide stretch of sea. This would especially be true, it would seem, when the Bandon station must also be responsible for the growing number of boats at Port Orford.

The Brookings district covers about the same amount of miles as the Bandon district but has a 36-footer at Gold Beach so does not have to send the "high performance" 44-footer over long distances. When a fisherman or tug boat is in trouble, time is critical and the facts show a far greater need at Bandon than exists at the Chetco River.

The infrequency of calls in the Port Orford-Bandon district may be the reason for such a curtailment, but one does not sell the fire truck just because the fire statistics show a reduction over a given period of time ... nor does the Bandon Hydro-electric Company send home its electric crews now that the snow has disappeared.

Fishermen who fish the Port Orford-Bandon areas join with other users of these harbors in asking that this decision be reversed.



Salem Scene

by Everett E. Cutter

House Taxation Group Studies Two Main Plans

Some wags here suggest that the reason recordings are made of committee meetings is so that each successive legislature can haul out the tapes and not have to discuss the same old issues.

But while problems often tend to be the same and proposed answers may sound familiar, the legislative process is far from instant replay. One big difference this year is that Oregonians almost certainly can expect to vote on that foremost issue of legislative and public concern: tax reform.

Four main ideas have been put out before the House Committee on Taxation according to its chairman, Rep. Floyd H. (Hank) Hart, R-Medford. Only two, however, have been presented in bill form, and they are getting most consideration now.

The two packages have been introduced in the House, where revenue measures originate, one at the request of Gov. Tom McCall and the other by Rep. Joe Rogers, R-Independence.

Both have that ring of familiarity. The governor's plan is very similar to the property tax relief bill which was defeated by one Senate vote in 1967. Rep. Rogers' is virtually the same as legislation he introduced in the regular session two years ago.

Both plans would limit local property tax growth. Then they propose to reduce property taxes by about 25 to 30 per cent through raising state aid to local school districts to 50 per cent of their operating costs. This goal, Rep. Hart notes, would require about \$100 million annually in additional revenue to the state.

Gov. McCall's plan would raise such an amount through a 3 per cent retail sales tax and 16 2/3 per cent increase in corporate taxes. Rep. Rogers' package would give the people a choice between a 3 per cent sales tax or increased income tax—an increase which would amount to about 60 per cent.

"Our job in committee is to come up with what we think is best and most equitable for everybody," says Chairman Hart. Public hearing sessions are being extended since weather snowed out the committee's plans to travel for hearings to several communities around the state.

Leadership still wants to get a proposal out soon, Rep. Hart says, but decisions will not be made until the bulk of testimony is taken. Both the Senate president and House speaker aim for a special election in the spring, "to give the legislature direction while still in session," according to Rep. Hart.

There still is some question of Constitutionality concerning Rep. Rogers' bill, and it is being investigated, the com-

mittee chairman says. It involves the wording of proposed ballot language, which offers a choice instead of a specific yes or no vote on the revenue portion. "The Rogers" plan would give the voters two questions, explains Rep. Hart. "One allows them to adopt a new property tax limit and relief program; the other asks whether the first should be funded by an income tax increase or sales tax."

Perhaps more troubling is the possibility that either of the revenue programs could be adopted by a minority vote. According to the bill, the one receiving the most votes would become law.

But if a significant number of voters left the ballot square blank, for example, a remaining split of 40 percent - 30 percent would allow a revenue measure to be instigated at the will of only 40 per cent of the people. (This would be valid only if the portion calling for the relief program received a majority vote.)

Rep. Hart, 37-year-old Medford insurance man named "most promising freshman legislator" two years ago by the Oregonian, believes either the governor's program or Rep. Rogers' would pass the full House. Probably Gov. McCall's package stands a better chance in the Senate, he concedes.

Asked about the anti-sales tax forces now being mustered around the state by Sen. Vern Cook, D-Gresham, and former Democratic Rep. Beulah Hand, Rep. Hart says to look at the record:

"I think it's interesting to note that Sen. Cook, one of the most vocal proponents of increases in welfare and other social services, thinks there is enough fat in the state budget to raise basic school support to 50 per cent."

The two other main property tax relief plans heard by the House Taxation Committee—but not yet in bill form—were presented by House Minority Leader Jason Boe, D-Reedsport, and by John Mosser, State Sanitary Authority chairman former representative with impressive taxation knowledge.

Rep. Boe's plan would raise limited revenue to afford tax relief only for residential and farm property. Mr. Mosser proposes to raise the \$200 million annually through a combination of a 2 per cent net receipts tax and 2 per cent payroll tax. A net receipts tax basically is a gross income tax, taking its bite from the first dollar earned; the other would be a dollar-matching levy on employers, similar to social security withholdings.

"The Mosser plan raises valid points and certainly is worth consideration," says Rep. Hart. "As a program it may be too late, though, it

From The Office of: Sen. Sam Dement

Controversy was the key word of the session this week ... controversy stemming from four potentially explosive bills: fluoridation, sex education, abortion and gun control.

By the printing time of this column, fluoridation, the brain child of the Dental Association and the scourge of thousands throughout Oregon, will probably have received a violent going-over from its first hearing Friday, Feb. 7.

The bill, which would require fluoridation of all domestic water supplies, was introduced as the Senate's first measure during the 1969 session by Sen. Ted Hallock of Portland, chairman of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee. The bill authorizes the State Board of Health to administer the application of the fluoridation in the state's water supply.

According to the chairman of Health and Welfare, the committee is expected to pass out the measure to the floor of the Senate, where it will receive stiff opposition.

This measure is the first one of its kind introduced in the Senate. In earlier sessions, the House has tried five various times ... one to prohibit fluoridation ... but failed on each attempt. The last effort, House Bill 1700, was introduced during the 1967 session.

Proponents for statewide mandatory sex education in public schools received two severe blows this week. The first of the two set-backs came Monday during the Senate Education Committee's hearing when nearly 75 persons emerged to lend vocal support to opponents of the proposal. The second came later in the week when House Speaker Robert Smith announced his firm opposition to the bill on the grounds that he does not favor placing the legislature in the business of influencing or dictating curriculum in school districts.

As a result of the opposition, the bill has been modified by the Senate Education Committee leaving the question of teaching sex education to local school board control.

The abortion issue came alive again this session with the introduction of two measures, Senate Bills 193 and 182. The bills, similar to those introduced last session would liberalize the existing statutes that already permit abortions under certain circumstances.

Senate Bill 193, the more conservative of the two measures, would allow termination of pregnancy under three specific situations ... if the pregnancy endangered physical or mental health of the mother or child, if the child would be deformed, and if pregnancy was caused by criminal assault.

Senate Bill 182 goes a little further by allowing the decision for termination of pregnancy to be made by the woman alone.

The outcome of these bills is unknown, however, the feeling of acceptance for Senate Bill 193 is more favorable than it has been in the past.

Gun control, the issue that plagued many lawmakers in the Nation's capitol last year, has worked its way into the legislative scene in Salem with the introduction of Senate Bill 178, which requires all owners of concealable firearms to obtain permits from the state police. The bill would also prohibit the transfer of a gun to anyone without a permit.

STILL IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Walter Gorsuch, Ilene Fisher and Roger Yegge went to Roseburg Veterans Hospital on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Homer to visit Walter Gorsuch of Langlois. They found him improved, but he will have to be in the hospital for some time. He is very grateful for the cards he has received.

represents a major shift in Oregon's tax structure, and we may have gone too far."

Whatever may come out of the committee, Rep. Hart is confident its members will devise the best all-around plan for the people to make the ultimate decision. He is a serious young man with an exceptional sense of responsibility, but he laughs easily:

"I can assure you we are not listening to the tape recordings of sessions past," he says. "What we are doing is giving old problems a fresh look, and with the concrete, positive solutions we have before us, we are not going to let Oregon citizens down."

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Overheard in the barber shop Saturday: "We're really gonna have one heck of a summer if all this winter south wind comes back!"

My apologies to Frank Morris who is the REAL president of the North Curry Recreation ... not Don Dewey as I reported last week. However, I'm not sure if Don brought this to my attention because he didn't want to be considered responsible for the lousy TV ... or if he didn't want Frank to think he was trying to hog the glory as N. C. R. head. On the other hand, Frank DIDN'T point out my error ... which makes me wonder if HE didn't want anybody to know he was connected with N. C. R.

Course the TV problems are not the fault of either of these gentlemen, really, or any other member of N. C. R. It's just the weather and aging equipment raising havoc with the transmitter installation as usual.

To find out what you can do to ease some of the problems ... attend the meeting set for 8 p.m. Friday, February 28, at the city hall. In the meantime ... you can send in your \$10 membership. That'll at least let N. C. R. know you're on their side.

Oregon State University has announced the development of a new product for a table ... a frozen brown and serve sausage ... made from fish. Said to be higher in protein than pork sausage and lower in fat, which is unsaturated, the chief ingredients are ground shad and rockfish fillets, smoke flavoring and typical sausage seasoning. The new product is not on the market yet but developers say that commercial fish processors have shown a keen interest in it ... which means they may soon be available at your grocers.

Did you ever stop to figure out how much it costs you to eat? According to Oregon's Agricultural Progress publication, Oregonians spent \$1 billion for food in 1967, including meals in restaurants. Which amounts to an average of \$500 per person for the year.

Students will be excused from school Monday while teachers attend an in-service session in "The Art of Learning and the Science of Teaching" at Gold Beach.

Dan McCann, formerly with the Jensen Music Co., here and at Pony Village, is back in the city and setting up a musical instrument repair shop in the Jensen Center, north city limits. Dan will also tune pianos and carry some supplies. Watch for his advertisement when he gets his phone in.

Don't know how many of you remember it, but Dan is the man who came through in a pinch at the dedication of the city hall a few years back and performed the National Anthem on his violin after it was discovered a recording of the song could not be found anywhere in town. And a beautiful job he did, too ... besides getting me off the spot.

The local sheriff's posse unit will meet at 8 p.m. next Monday night at the city hall. Sheriff Allen Boice expects to attend and bring a first aid instructor with him.

PLAN CLUB FUTURE

Mrs. Herb Geer, Hazel Hofess, Mrs. C. L. Lang and Mrs. Art Sweet met at the Louis Kreuter home on Thursday to make plans for the future of the Floras-Willow club. The club will meet today (Thursday) at the Sportsman's clubhouse in Langlois at 1 p.m.

Your Best Valentine!



Dellenback Lauds Nixon Decision On Merit Postal Appointments

Washington, D. C. - Representative John Dellenback (Rep. Oregon, 4th District) has applauded the Nixon Administration for its announcement last week that postmasters and rural carriers will be appointed on a nonpolitical basis. The Congressman referred to his earlier statements on postal appointments in explaining his support of the new procedure. "My position has always been that political considerations should have no part in postal appointments, and that they should be based on experience and ability," Dellenback said. "So I heartily approve of President Nixon's decision."

The Congressman pointed out that Postmaster Blunt's announcement still left open a number of details. "Certainly an examination for a position as important as a postmaster must be at least partially

oral," he added. "The experience and ability to be judged should include not only the field of postal procedures, but also the ability to deal effectively with people."

"The provision of rapid regular postal services is vital to all of us, and our Nation needs the best possible postal masters and rural carriers," he explained. "And I feel the use of open, competitive Civil Service examinations will help ensure that the most qualified candidates succeed to the positions."

Dellenback concluded by noting that postal appointments have been part of the political patronage system for over 100 years. "Obviously this reform is long overdue," he added. "I think we can expect noticeable improvements in our entire postal service as a result of the President's new policy."

Log Exports From Washington-Oregon Total 2 Billion Board Feet In 1968

Softwood log exports from Washington and Oregon ports totaled 2.0 billion board feet, Scribner says, in 1968. This volume represents a 25.6% increase over exports in 1967 according to data currently being assembled by the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station for its quarterly marketing report, "Production, Prices, Employment, and Trade in Northwest Forest Industries."

Fourth quarter 1968 log exports totaled 450 million board feet, down 14.9% from the third quarter volume but 10.4% above fourth quarter 1967 shipments.

Washington Customs District shipments totaled 1,321 million board feet in 1968, up 23.5% from last year. Shipments from the Oregon Customs District rose 29.5% to a 1968 total of 653 million board feet.

Japan received 1,860 million board feet of the log exports, 24.5% more than 1967 receipts. Exports to Canada were 46.6 million board feet, 2.8% more than last year. Shipments to South Korea more than doubled, from 29.8 million board feet in 1967 to 61.8 million board feet in 1968.

Douglas-fir made up 18.6% of the shipments, Port Orford cedar 1.6%, and other softwood species, primarily western hemlock and true firs, 79.8%. The total value of 1968 log shipments was \$202.0 million, a 44.6% increase from last year. The average value of all logs exported was \$102.37 per thousand board feet. Douglas-fir exports averaged \$98.21 per thousand board feet; Port Orford cedar \$318.49; and other softwood species \$99.04; all up from last year.

Lumber exports from Wash-

ington and Oregon rose from 357.2 million board feet in 1967 to 377.4 million board feet in 1968, up 5.6%. Softwood plywood exports were 36.8 million board feet, down 38.1% from 1967. Pulpwood chip exports totaled 1,012,334 cords, more than double 1967 shipments. The Washington Customs District shipped 93,443 cords in its first year of chip exports and 918,891 cords were shipped from the Oregon Customs District, up 82.8% from 1967.

Log exports from northern California totaled 212 million board feet in 1968, almost five times the 1967 volume. 1968 lumber shipments from this area were 83.7 million board feet, down 11.5% from last year. Alaskan log exports to Japan totaled 47.1 million board feet in 1968, up 32.1% from 1967. Softwood lumber exports from Alaska totaled 245.6 million board feet, also well above the 1967 level of shipments.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday
C. W. F. Com. Church, 7:30 p.m.
Friday
Sunset Garden, 1 p.m.
Valentine's Day
Saturday
Wrestling, District, Gold Beach, 10:30 a.m.
Eastern Star, 8 p.m.
Beachcombers, 8:30 p.m.
Monday
Job's Daughters, 7:30 p.m.
Sheriff's Reserve, 8 p.m.
No school
Tuesday
St. Christopher's Gld., noon
Rotary, 12:10 p.m.
Am. Legion 6 Aux., 8 p.m.
PTO, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
P. O. Lions, 7:30 p.m.
P. O. Bridge Club, 8 p.m.

Dad's Weekend At Oregon State

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY--A full weekend of education and entertainment will be combined Feb. 28 and March 1 when fathers of Oregon State University students are honored on campus.

Started in 1934, the annual Dad's Weekend gives fathers of university students the opportunity to learn of academic programs, view two home basketball games and take part in other special events.

Education will draw emphasis Saturday afternoon when major academic buildings will be open for inspection. Special displays will be set up in many.

Dr. James H. Jensen, university president, and Dr. Roy E. Lieuallen, chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education, will be featured speakers at the annual Dad's Club general meeting Saturday morning.

Campus living groups will host their dads that day for luncheon and a special luncheon for fathers of commuter and off-campus students has been planned for the Memorial Union Ballroom.

The Beaver basketball squad will play home games with the University of Washington and Washington State University that weekend. Campus tours and a special Saturday afternoon student production also are scheduled.

Showings of Centennial films throughout the day will give dads the chance to review OSU's 100 years as Oregon's oldest state-supported institution of higher learning.

During the past year, the OSU Dad's Club has awarded 22 full-time tuition scholarships to outstanding students, including four entering freshmen.

In addition, OSU dads last year contributed about \$1,500 to help establish a special counseling-tutorial program as well as providing a \$1,000 fund to the office of the deans of men and women for emergency needs of students. A \$9,000 student loan fund is also maintained.

Tickets On Sale For 'My Fair Lady'

Tickets are now on sale for "My Fair Lady," the latest Little Theater on the Bay production which is set to open Friday night, Feb. 21, and run for three consecutive weekends with 11 performances. Reserved seat tickets may be purchased at Jensen's Music Store in Pony Village or at The Hub in Coos Bay. Reserved seat performance dates are Feb. 21, 22 and 23; March 1, 6, 7 and 8; and curtain time is 8 p.m. Family nights at LTOB will be on Wednesday and Sunday nights with a curtain time of 6:30. The price will be \$6, regardless of the number of children, and tickets will be on sale at the LTOB box office on those evenings. Students will also be admitted for a reduced rate on the four "Family Night" performances of Feb. 23 and 26; March 2 and 5, at a special student rate of \$1.

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