



State Capitol News Letter

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Taxes High

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SALEM—State and county aid for the poor, aged, dependent widows and mothers and indigent will cost each resident of Oregon approximately \$3.75 this year. In addition to the \$1,000,000 appropriated by the recent legislative session for relief budgets, the state will contribute for 1935 aggregate \$2,188,875. Of this amount \$976,120 has been budgeted for old age pensions, \$224,657 for care of the poor, \$290,392 for support of dependent widows and mothers and \$98,306 for care of indigent soldiers and sailors.

Gilliam county has been the most generous in the provision for needy citizens with a budget of \$16,500 or \$4.76 for each of the county's residents. Willowa county has set aside only \$6,450 for relief purposes, or \$1.80 cents per capita. Relief appropriations for 1935 for some of the other counties include: Baker, \$61,850; Clackamas, \$157,000; Columbia, \$49,100; Coos, \$79,025; Grant, \$29,900; Hood River, \$23,800; Jackson, \$82,175; Jefferson, \$31,350; Klamath, \$59,300; Lincoln, \$26,500; Malheur, \$37,000; Morrow, \$10,900; Polk, \$38,200; Umatilla, \$61,186; Union, \$43,850; Washington, \$45,900; Yamhill, \$41,000.

Two scholarships to the 4-H club summer school at Corvallis this summer will be awarded by the Washington county unit of the Farmers' Union, according to action taken by the organization Saturday night at the local Veterans' hall.

Local unit members discussed the compulsory student fees at the state college and university, and a post mortem of the recent legislative session.

Candidates for the scholarship awards will be obtained through the nomination of a boy and a girl from 4-H clubs by each Farm Union local. If no 4-H club is represented in the area served by the local unit, nominations may be made from other districts. All selections will be made from the ranks of the Farm Union organization. Candidates will compete for scholarships at the next meeting May 4.

That Oregon walnut growers are not discriminated against in the operations of the walnut control commission was the opinion expressed by the report made public this week by E. M. Graham, agricultural economist of the general crop section of the federal department of agriculture. The report was made by Graham after holding investigation meetings with Oregon growers last year.

Only possible cause for complaint by growers in this state is that Oregon growers are in a measure obliged to deliver better grade nut to the surplus board than California, the report stated. This results from the fact that Oregon has two grades and California has three. The grower is allowed to deliver as he pleases as to grade.

Administration recognizes that there is merit in some of the contentions of the committee as it may be possible for conditions to be set that would result in inequalities between growers of the different sections, the report continued. However, the information made available for the study thus far does not indicate that Oregon growers have been penalized by the operation of the agreement and licenses, it is said.

Selection of a sponsor for the annual Fourth of July celebration in Hillsboro still hangs fire. However, the city commission expects to receive proposals Friday from both the Hillsboro fire department and the local chamber of commerce and to make a decision Friday night.

Committee representing the fire department met with the commission Tuesday night to talk over a tentative program. Firemen expressed the opinion that they would be unable to make a definite financial guarantee to the city but stated that, if they were allowed to sponsor the celebration, profits from the sale of a sinking fund or used for the purchase of additional fire equipment.

Program outlined by the fire department included free acts in addition to the customary Fourth of July concessions. Other suggested features were a "Goddess of Liberty" dance on June 29, a walking contest, patriotic program, old-time fiddlers' contest, races of various kinds, baseball tournament, surprise free feature, horseshoe pitching tournament and free picnic grounds.

That the various local organizations be asked to sponsor some suggested in the program was suggested by the firemen and E. J. McNeill, fire chief, William Dillon, fire marshal, A. L. Brock and Andy Lentz.

Motion for judgment in the Washington county tax foreclosure suit will be sought in the circuit court sometime within the next week, according to the district attorney's office. Total of 1076 parcels of land involved in the action remains undredeemed.

Hearing on three demurrers to the suit are scheduled for this morning (Thursday). Motions for dismissal of complaints against all persons who have redeemed property since the suit was filed, for a default against others named and for a judgment will be made as soon thereafter as possible.

Following the judgment, a date for the sheriff's sale will be set and notice included in three public places in Washington county.

Action was mandatory against properties with delinquent taxes for the years 1925 to 1930, inclusive, the owners of which had not taken advantage of the installment payment program. Approximately 2200 certificates of delinquency were issued prior to the beginning of the suit and about 1328 parcels of property were included in the complaint. Total of 252 properties have been redeemed since the suit was started.

Bids on \$140,000 of refunding warrants will be called next week, according to plans announced by Donald T. Templeton, county judge. Action in refunding outstanding county general and road fund warrants was authorized in Washington and Yamhill counties by the last legislature.

The new warrants will be issued in denominations of \$500 each and will bear interest at five per cent. Judge Templeton said. Sale will be made to the highest bidder for blocks of 200 warrants on a premium basis.

Saving to be Made

Majority of the warrants to be refunded bear interest at the rate of six per cent, although those issued after February 25 of this year draw interest at five per cent. In addition to this saving, the county judge declared that he expected the premium to be paid would average approximately one per cent.

New refunding warrants will hold retirement priority over subsequent current vouchers issued. That the new issue would be called in within eight months was the opinion expressed by Templeton. Additional refunding may be resorted to if the warranted indebtedness of the county increases again.

Rural relief cases in Washington county will be closed on May 1, by order of the state relief committee, it is expected that those relief clients affected by the order will direct their attention at once toward securing jobs in private industry.

Commenting on the order, the following statement was issued by the local committee:

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Developments in the drive to have federal air bases established in Oregon and the Pacific northwest will be discussed at the local chamber of commerce Monday noon by Dr. Raymond R. Staub of Portland, regional director of the National Frontier Air Defense association. Several local organizations have been active in seeking designation of one of the projects for the Hillsboro area.

Dr. Staub has represented the interests of the Pacific northwest in the fight to obtain passage of the Wilcox bill which would appropriate funds for the construction of a number of air bases. His topic has been announced as "National Air Defense for Oregon and the Northwest."

Local Site Urged

Local interest in the project was aroused at the chamber of commerce January 14 when details of the Wilcox bill were outlined. Since that time the American Legion, city council and chamber of commerce have been co-operating in a drive to have the government take over the airport near here for such an air base. Expenditures estimated at between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 would be required if local designation could be obtained, it was said.

Utility corporations paid a total of \$6,661,251 in taxes in Oregon last year according to figures compiled by the state tax commission. This was approximately 17 per cent of the total property tax payments by the Portland General Electric group alone amounted to \$1,143,836. Whereas tax payments by power, telephone and water utilities have increased in amount over the past 12 years, payments by railroad companies, on the other hand, show a gradual decrease.

Report on progress relative to formation of a utility district in Washington county was given by Ferd Langer of Sherwood. P. Patton of Gaston took exception to the present set-up on the grounds that farmers were not given sufficient voice in the matter. The union then adopted a motion to have two members from each county local to the utility committee.

John Baldwin, 69, of Tobias was killed instantly Monday night when he was struck by an automobile while walking along the Tualatin highway near his home. Lloyd E. Anderson of Hillsboro, driver of the death car, was not held, investigators declaring that the accident was unavoidable.

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Federal housing campaign headquarters for county to be located here. Washington county will be opened Monday morning in the Wood building near the local postoffice. T. G. Bronleewe, county chairman, announced this week. Exhibits of building materials and household appliances will be shown at home planning books and information regarding the campaign will be available.

Reduction in the amount of outstanding warrants during the past year totaled approximately \$120,000, according to Templeton. A year ago the warrant indebtedness of the county amounted to \$280,244 while at present the total is approximately \$162,000.

Dr. and Mrs. William Chandlee of Scholls feared loss in the Buck lake district at Klamath county, were safe and on their way to civilization when met by searching parties Tuesday, according to word from Ashland. The couple had gone into the lake March 8 to trap muskrats for a short time and were unable to come out due to heavy snowstorms.

Resolution petitioning President Roosevelt to allocate funds to promote and develop the flax and linen industry in Oregon was adopted Monday night at the regular business meeting of the chamber of commerce. The resolution estimated that between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 would be required if local designation could be obtained, it was said.

The announcement by Frank C. McCulloch, public utilities commissioner, that harassing of public service corporations is to end is interpreted here as an abandonment of the old policy of utility baiting that has characterized former utility commissioners. McCulloch proposes to substitute negotiations for the long drawn out investigations of utility companies of which have led to still more expensive litigation with little or no relief for the rate payer.

Lively discussion followed the proposing of a resolution opposing compulsory student fees at the state college and university. No action was taken and the resolution was laid on the table. John Bullock, Albert Streiff, H. R. Huson, Fred Joyce, Cedar Mill and West Union requested additional time in which to report appointments.

Baldwin was walking along the south side of the highway and is believed to have attempted to cross to the other side, stepping in front of the car. That he did not see the man until just before the impact was the report given authorities by Anderson.

Commission, consisting of J. J. Wheeler, Harry Morgan, Jake Weil, J. R. Rushlow and E. J. McNeill, will receive the bids and then make recommendations to the city council. Final decision will be made by councilmen.

Contests to determine the boy and girl to represent the various high schools will be completed by May 3 and county representatives will be determined by May 17. National contest closes on May 25, and the national finals on June 15. The eight national finalists will give their speeches at Washington, D. C. Speeches are not to exceed 600 words.

Importance of considering the sire and dam of the calves as well as the records of its sisters and half sisters was stressed by Morse. The calf itself should conform to the breed type, have a vigorous constitution and good capacity, he said.

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Governor Martin has forwarded to the federal emergency administration of public works an application for a grant of \$4,200,000 for reconstruction of the Troutdale-Cascade Locks section of the Columbia river highway. Hopes for favorable action on the request are based on the fact that the huge expenditure is made necessary by the development of Bonneville dam which is a federal project.

Indictments against six persons were reported Friday by the county grand jury. Those indicted were Shirley E. Brown of Hillsboro, assault and battery; Arlie and James Flowers and James Wedding, all of Forest Grove, assault with a dangerous weapon; and Russell Crane of Forest Grove, statutory charge.

Baldwin's death marked the second traffic fatality in Washington county since the first of the year. Severe Venes of Beaverton route 2 having been killed in a similar accident near Beaverton on February 15.

Proposed under which county dairymen may raise Golden Bantam sweet corn as a cash crop for the cannery and have canes and corn being sought, according to this spring by the Ray-Maling canneries. However, the firemen are expected to submit written proposals by Friday afternoon.

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After 16 years of investigation and litigation the state has ultimately secured its claim for possession of the Malheur and Harney lake beds. The United States supreme court has held that the lakes are not navigable and therefore not state property. The long fight has cost the state more than \$10,000. Title to other lake beds will probably be affected by the court's adverse decision.

George Pierce of St. Helens entered a writ of habeas corpus to free himself from a public jail when arraigned in the circuit court Monday morning.

Funeral services for Henry Brooks, 88, of Hillsboro, who died at his home here Wednesday morning, will be conducted at the St. Matthew's church Saturday at 9 a. m. by Father J. T. Costello. Recitation of the Rosary will be held at 8:30 p. m. Friday and burial will be at the St. Matthew's cemetery.

Production would average about 2500 bushels per acre of sweet corn being sought, according to Dean G. Ray, who is in charge of the cannery field department.

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From the way income taxes are rolling in it begins to look as though prosperity had made it around the corner at last. Actual collections so far this year are more than \$400,000 ahead of those of last year.

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John Cooter, speaker of the house, seems to have put one over on the political prognosticators. While they have been speculating on the possibility of the Lincoln county legislator landing a state job he has been quietly angling for a federal berth. He now confidently expects to land Congress is out after the newly created post of farm relocation director for Oregon, an activity coming under the federal re-employment program.

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Reports reaching the capital from eastern Oregon would indicate that the bite which Clint Haight, editor of the Blue Mountain Eagle at Canyon City, suffered from the political bee is more serious than was at first suspected. It is now rumored that Haight is harboring an ambition to go to congress to put his legislative experience to use in a larger field. He may contest Walter Pierce for the democratic nomination from the second district next year unless a cure can be found for the fever which he is now said to be experiencing as a result of his 60-day stay in (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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