

Tax Refunds Come To Oregon People

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Tax refunds made in the year ended last June 30 were reported to congress by the treasury department today as required by law. The Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway and its affiliates received the largest refund in Oregon—\$1,542,480 for overpayment of income taxes.

Included in a group of persons and companies in Oregon receiving refunds of more than \$5,000 were Chester A. Downs, 2121 S. High st., Salem, \$9,519; James C. and Lillian Compton, McMinnville, \$5,718; Louis Courtemanche, jr., McMinnville, \$5,709; Ben Ellis, Corvallis, \$7,187; Hazel Harris, Corvallis, \$9,835; and J. A. Hanson, Corvallis, \$6,004.

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Oregon Teacher Pay Exceeds Average; Training Still Low

Twenty-five per cent of Oregon school teachers are under-trained and have less than one year's training more than a high school education but are better paid than the national average, Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, stated Monday.

Putnam made his statement in commenting on a recent report by Oscar R. Ewing, federal security administrator, which stated that 8 per cent of American school teachers are undertrained. Ewing's figure is conservative, Putnam said.

Ewing's report fixed the overall average annual salary of teachers over the nation at less than \$2,000 annually as against the average of \$2,909 for Oregon educators.

Elementary teachers in Oregon receive an average salary of \$2,750 a year, high school teachers \$3,207, and one and two - room school teachers \$2,553. These salaries include instructors in the Portland schools, which boasts the state average. The range of salaries in one and two - room schools is from \$1,500 to \$3,200.

Under the existing setup, Putnam said, approximately 2,500 Oregon teachers are employed under the emergency certification law which permits them to teach without complying with the pre-war qualifications in this state.

"Because of the larger salaries averaging in excess of \$3,000 a year, paid in Washington and California, there is a continual drain on the Oregon teaching staff," Putnam averred.

Putnam made it plain that Oregon teachers' salaries compare favorably with those in many states of the union and that this year's staff shows some improvement over that of the past few years. He predicted that the teaching situation would continue to improve as more teachers are graduated from the Oregon colleges of education.

Teachers qualifying under the

emergency certification plan in Oregon are approximately 25 per cent of the total number of teachers employed. Many of them, Putnam said, are now taking additional training and eventually will be able to qualify under the normal teaching program.

Putnam said he agreed 100 per cent with Ewing that increased salaries would go far toward improving the school system. Records show that a large percentage of teachers receiving emergency certificates in Oregon are from the eastern and middle - western states.

"In referring to undertrained teachers I do not mean that they are not competent," Putnam said. "In fact virtually all of these teachers are doing a splendid job." Putnam said undertrained teachers are those who have been unable to comply with the high prewar state qualifications.

Fund Drive's Heads Chosen

Appointment of several division chairmen to work on the American Red Cross fund campaign opening here March 1 was announced Monday by L. A. Ballmer, general chairman.

Frank Test is to head the general gifts division, and Preston F. Doughton, educational; Loring M. Grier, mercantile; Wesley Stewart, professional; Lawrence M. Flagg, utilities.

Other chairmen listed previously are H. R. Maille, industrial; Mrs. Floyd Utter and Mrs. Guy N. Hickok, women; Paul Shepard, rural chairman; Mrs. Mike Steinbock, suburban chairman.

Overall quota for Marion county is \$55,000.

President Order Held Supreme on Airline Routes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The supreme court ruled in a 5-4 decision today that the courts have no power to interfere in the awarding of overseas air routes.

This power belongs solely to the president, the court held — because congress gave it to him and because national defense and other high public matters require that he should have it.

The decision upholds the civil aeronautics board's policy against letting surface ship lanes go into the foreign air travel field.

Cooperative Shows Rise in Members, Business Volume

STAYTON, Feb. 9.—Membership in the Santiam Farmers Union Cooperative increased 141 during the past year with a total membership of 500 at the close of 1947, reports given at the annual meeting here today showed. The gross investment of the cooperative now stands around \$84,000 with total volume of business in 1947 of \$371,414.11 as compared to \$219,884.32 in 1946.

Net profit this year was \$20,561.62, or \$15,212.95 over 1946, the audit submitted by W. G. Stacey of Salem showed. Of the total volume of business \$252,329.75 was supplies, with actual sale of seeds at \$119,084.36.

Irvin Schumacher, chairman of the board, presided at the business session with M. J. Martin giving the manager's report. The group voted to change from the calendar year to a fiscal year which will probably have April 30 as the time to close its books.

Cooperative Talks New Locker Plant

Salem's Producer-Consumer cooperative last night instructed its board to investigate opportunities for establishing a frozen food storage plant here. Among possibilities cited at the group's annual meeting in Knight Memorial Congregational church was acquisition of a never-completed locker plant on South Commercial street.

The cooperative re-elected Dr. Henry Winiacki a director and elected A. M. Church and H. S. Keeler to succeed A. M. Moon and H. D. Smithson as directors. The new board will meet this week to elect officers. Smithson is the retiring president.

COLUMBIA TOLL 15 BECOTA, Colombia, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Press dispatches said today the death toll in political clashes in Manizales and Pereira on Saturday had mounted to 15.

In Salem for Church Conclave



One of the principal speakers at the Oregon Council of Churches annual state convention now in Salem is Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, president emeritus of Union Theological seminary, New York York, shown above at left with Dr. Chester Hamblin, Oregon council president and pastor of First Presbyterian church here, as they chatted in Salem Chamber of Commerce just before the luncheon which Dr. Coffin addressed Monday. Some 200 Protestant pastors and laymen are expected to attend the three-day conference which began Monday. (Photo by Don Hill, Statesman staff photographer.) (Story on page 1.)

Crash Hurts 2; Disaster Forum Due; Red Cross Plans Safety

A Portland man and woman were in Salem hospitals Monday with injuries suffered Sunday night when two cars met in a head-on collision two miles north of Woodburn, state police reported.

Mrs. Leland V. Dickson, 248 S. E. 53rd ave., Portland, is in Salem General hospital with serious head injuries, and Arthur Knight, jr., 1880 S. W. 5th st., Portland is in Salem Memorial hospital with cuts and bruises. Mrs. Dickson's condition Monday night was described as "fair" and Knight was in "good" condition, according to hospital authorities.

Mrs. Dickson was a passenger in a car driven by her husband which crashed head-on with another driven by Knight. Dickson and her young daughter escaped with minor injuries, police said.

Knight was placed under arrest by state police following the accident, on a Woodburn justice court warrant charging him with driving under the influence of liquor, police stated. Investigating officers said Knight was being based southward by a Canby constable, Don C. Dempster, when the accident occurred, and was driving in the wrong lane when the cars collided.

Dempster, Police stated, signed the complaint against Knight. His bail has been set at \$500 pending trial, which will take place when he has recovered from his injuries.

YM Launches Member Drive

Salem YMCA's 56th annual membership campaign was airborne today, with 16 crews competing in a seven-day "round-the-world" flight. The drive was launched Monday night at a dinner for which Al Loucks, Salem civic leader, was the speaker.

At least one new membership was added during the evening, toward the goal of 240. First report luncheon will be Wednesday noon, according to Robert O. Smith and Charles Barclay, flight commanders.

Mayor R. L. Elfstrom, in a statement Monday, urged Salem citizens to back the drive. "As mayor of Salem," Elfstrom said, "I heartily endorse the work of this chest agency in our community and invite you to join in its varied program of activities."

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City to Pursue Deals on Street Extension Plan

(Story also on page 1.)

The city administration will pursue negotiations for right of way to extend North Commercial street into the new residential section of Tryon addition, it was decided by the Salem city council, which met last night in the chamber of commerce.

Aldermen deferred action on a resolution authorizing the extension north from Hickory street to Tryon avenue by accepting property donations from several citizens interested in the street and by buying other right of way at offered prices totaling \$4,200. Negotiations remain to be completed with three property holders of the area, City Manager J. L. Franzen reported.

Action also was left pending on the city manager's recommendation that John W. Cunningham & Associates be employed as consultant firm in planning for a city disposal plant. The contract with the firm which was retained in 1941 for Salem's original estimates of a sewage treatment plant would now call for payment of \$2,500 for work preliminary to placing an \$815,000 bond issue before the voters and, if the bond issue passes, continuing work which would cost the city an estimated \$25,000, based on standard percentage fee.

Sewer Appeals Heard Several appeals from the new sewer service rental charges were received by the council, with relief granted to those property owners who are not within 200 feet of a city sewer. In one such case, where Western Paper Converting Co. successfully appealed from the first month's charge of \$11.82, the action brought comment from City Engineer J. H. Davis that a sewer line soon would be extended to that part of North Front street because "that institution is too big to be dumping its sewage into the river."

Only two new bills appeared last night, Alderman Albert H. Gille bringing in a measure to ease residential zoning restrictions to permit two-family units on North Capitol street and Alderman David O'Hara sponsoring a bill to limit to 3 per cent the interest rate paid by the city when endorsed warrants are negotiated through banks.

Schools Present Bill Claim was made against the city by Inez Fullerton, 62, of 423 N. Winter st., for cost of medical attention and lack of employment caused by a sidewalk fall in downtown Salem January 22. She said she incurred a broken right leg when she stumbled on loose cement. Her claim was referred to the city manager for investigation.

Another claim was made by the Salem school district which submitted a bill for \$2,773 representing the city's share of the Salem recreation program (co-

sponsored by city government and school district) from Oct. 1, 1946, to June 30, 1948. City's share has been paid since then, but for the period in question no bill was on file with the city, Recorder Alfred Mundt stated. The council decided to incorporate the unexpected expense into the next city budget.

Aldermen turned down a request for opening of South 23rd street between Lee and Mission, upon recommendation by the city manager that cost of a bridge over Shelton ditch was not warranted because only a few houses would be served and another bridge is only one block west. Alderman Howard Maple sought to have the street opened.

Street Work Stated The city granted fire protection to the Harold C. Walling industrial property near southeast city limits, in an area seeking annexation, on the basis of \$50 for the first hour of firefighting and \$25 for subsequent hours, with any city fires receiving priority.

A resolution was passed noting National Security week and urging citizens to support the Reserve Officers association in its observance.

Street improvements were earmarked for Lettelle between High and Winter streets, Jefferson between Cottage and Fairgrounds road, Woodrow between Fairgrounds road and the railroad and River street between Commercial and 4th streets. Plans and specifications were approved for improvement of the following

streets: 23rd from Mission to Claude, Rosedale addition alley between 16th and 17th, Nebraska from 21st to 22nd, McCoy from Madison to Erickson, Pine from 5th to Church, Madison from Fairgrounds to Summer, Hickory and Shipping from 4th to Broadway, Columbia and Academy from Hazel to Laurel and Norway from 5th to Cottage.

France-Spain Border Opens

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Tuesday, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The French-Spanish frontier was reopened at midnight for the first time in almost two years.

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