

## \$3 Million Per Year Needed to Keep Up with Space Demands in Institutions, Aiken Asserts

A probable \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 per biennium would be required for several years to enlarge Oregon's state institutional facilities to cope with actual demands, State Budget Director George Aiken estimated Saturday. This capital outlay would be in addition to funds for operating costs.

Only hope of reducing this capital outlay estimate, Aiken continued, would be a reduction in the state's population which he said was unlikely.

Gov. John H. Hall said he had advised Aiken to prepare as nearly a balanced state budget for the 1949 legislature as possible. "Aiken and I have discussed the state's financial status, the budget requests of various state activities, and other angles of the existing setup and it appears that demands during the next biennium starting next July will be greater than ever before," Governor Hall averred.

### Balanced Budget Out

Aiken told Governor Hall that a balanced budget was out of the question although it would be possible to reduce materially most of the budget requests received up to this time. Governor Hall said the board of control, which must pass on budgets of all state institutions, would hold a series of conferences with institution superintendents starting within a few days.

The budget director said he already had informed a number of state department heads that their budget requests were being reduced before being sent to the 1949 legislature.

"Slashing of these budgets is the only solution of the state's current financial problem," Aiken said.

### Vocational School

Particular mention was made by Aiken of the budgets of several state activities including the Oregon vocational school at Klamath Falls. The said the original legislative appropriation for this institution for 1947-49 was estimated at \$695,555. There actually has been expended \$957,519.43, Aiken continued.

For the 1949-51 biennium the vocational school is asking for \$1,818,704.40, of which a substantial part is state money.

Aiken said he had not determined definitely how much money will be required to operate the new state institution facilities provided under the state building program. He said some of the new buildings at the state institutions already were completed while others would be ready for occupancy early next year.

### May Require Vote

"I hope some of the surplus state income tax revenues may be recaptured for governmental expenses but this probably will require a vote of the people," Aiken declared. "The state supreme court recently held that these surplus revenues could be used only for the reduction of property taxes."

Further relief might result, Aiken said, from a change in the current laws placing capital outlay funds outside the 6 per cent limitation amendment.

Revenues from miscellaneous sources, such as the state corporation commission, state insurance department and state real estate division, were not expected to increase materially during the next two years, Aiken said.

Governor Hall made it plain that he had given Aiken full authority to prepare the state budget for the next legislature and to make any cuts in budget requests he may deem advisable.

## At Salem Schools . . .

**James Cooke**  
Statesman School Correspondent  
**FARRISH JUNIOR HIGH**  
Student body elections at Parrish Friday elected 11 "Liberator party" candidates to 7 for the "studenteers," but Melvin Govig, "studenteer" party candidate was elected student body president.

Others elected to student body offices are: Vice president, Bob Riggs; secretary, Jean Hartwell; treasurer, John Bone; sergeant-at-arms, Don Hansen; yell kings, Lee Archibald and Michael Church; song queens, Helen Callaghan, Loyce Taylor, Norma Stewart and Naydeen Taylor.

Larry Keppinger will be eighth grade representative; and Larry Fowler, seventh grade representative.

Girls League officers will be: President, Roberta Sjoding; vice president, Sharon Campbell; secretary, Jackie Jones.

Jerre Dobyns was elected Boys League president; Larry Sharp, vice president; and Wallace McCoy, secretary.

**LESLIE JUNIOR HIGH**  
A special activities schedule will be organized next week to include model building, dramatics, journalism, boxing, wrestling, handicrafts, cooking for boys, and shop for girls. Students may participate in any one of these activities at semi-weekly meetings.

Leslie students will bring cloth-

ing to school next week to be sent to European children.

**BUSH SCHOOL**  
"Safety" was stressed in a school assembly at Bush Friday which featured a movie entitled "Safety from Home to School."

New students and teachers were introduced whose home states represented nearly all the 48 states and Alaska.

The program, held in two sec-

tions because of lack of auditorium space, was concluded with assembly singing.

**MCKINLEY SCHOOL**  
McKinley grade school went over the top on its 1948 Community Chest drive quota Friday as pupils subscribed to \$91.96—\$31.96 more than the \$60 goal. Mrs. Dorothy Rea, school principal, said that 275 of the school's 312 pupils participated in the campaign.

## Group Organizes In Opposition to Power Franchise

Formal organization was announced last week for the Salem Development committee which declared its avowed purpose was to defeat a move for a franchise on

the part of Salem Electric. Officers of the committee are Ernest A. Miller, president of State Finance company, chairman; Henry Crawford, former postmaster, secretary, and Paul Wallace, treasurer.

The committee in its "statement of facts" declares the proposed franchise has no time limit and attempts to bind the city perpetually; that it is in contravention of the law of 1931 which sets a limit of 20 years; that under the status of "cooperative" Salem Electric would avoid payment of most taxes; that the franchise sets no standard of service; and that duplication of service means higher rates.

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	50 kwh.	200 kwh.	500 kwh.	750 kwh.	1500 kwh.	6000 kwh.
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PGE Regular Rate	1.65	3.85	6.05	14.70	24.57	80.37
PGE Special Rate (Salem Only)	1.57	3.67	5.77	Same as above (See schedule 32)		

Comparison of the above rates shows monthly contributions to PGE over Salem Electric sufficient for them and their SALEM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE to put on a good campaign against SALEM ELECTRIC without additional donations by the public.

The question has been raised "Were those recent letters by the SALEM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE addressed on the same machines as PGE power bills?" COMPARE THAT. TOO! What? Another Wall Street hoax!

Pd. Adv. by Board of Directors, Salem Electric, Dr. O. A. Olson.

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# Where Does The Oil Strike Stand Today?

With the oil strike now in its sixth week, you should know just what the situation is today. Here's a quick round-up:

## Production Now Nearly Back to Normal

When the strike began, gasoline production was cut sharply but our reserves lasted until we could get back to producing in the quantities the west needs. In October a year ago, the average rate of crude oil being processed in the Coast's refineries was about 870,000 barrels a day. Right now it's better than 800,000 barrels. So you can see that motorists are in no danger of having their cars tied up for lack of fuel.

## The Oil Strike Can Be Settled Fairly to All Concerned

### Oil Workers Get Good Wages

It's an oil industry policy to pay good money—in every category, from casual labor to highly skilled craftsmen, oil workers' wage rates are as high or higher than those in other manufacturing industries. Including our offer of 12½ cents an hour increase, average daily pay of oil workers would amount to \$14.39—NOT including overtime.

### Oil Workers Have Job Security

Along with pay that has gone up steadily, workers enjoy security on the job that's really enviable. It's the kind of work that people can count on—and plan ahead on. And, too, oil is a strongly competitive business with room for advancement. Key oil men have come up through the ranks.

### Our Offer More Than Meets the Cost of Living Rise

The 12½ cents an hour increase offered—and rejected by OWIU-CIO—is a good bit beyond the cost of living increase. The latest government figures show the cost of living is up 73% since 1941. The wage schedule offered is actually up 83% above 1941 rates.

The offer amounts to an increase of a full dollar a day more. It would bring total wage increases of \$5.22 a day since the end of the war. It's equivalent to increases accepted by the same oil workers' union in other parts of the country during the same period.

### Wage Increases Boost Inflationary Spiral

To agree to an excessive and inflationary wage increase in one industry exerts pressure on all other industries. Everyone is painfully aware that increases in wages are followed by further increases in the prices of all the things we buy. It would be a disservice to the public—and to our employees who are part of that public—to contribute unnecessarily to the inflationary spiral.

### Our Offer Was Carefully Considered

We didn't just pull that 12½-cent-an-hour figure out of the air. We studied these items carefully:

- 1—The increase in living cost today.
- 2—Oil industry wages compared with other industry.
- 3—Latest oil industry wage increases in other parts of the country.
- 4—The effect of inflationary wage increases on the public.

Check those items against the facts we've outlined above. You can see that we approached the problem reasonably and considered all the factors involved. We think we came to a conclusion fair to all—to the public and to our employees.

## Central Howell Extension Unit Begins Program

**CENTRAL HOWELL**—First fall meeting of the Central Howell home extension unit was held at the home of the new president, Mrs. Milton Kephart.

Committees appointed for the year are: membership-hospitality, Mrs. John Anglin; recreation, Mrs. Clyde DeSart, Mrs. Clarence Simmons, sr., and Mrs. Clarence Simmons, jr.; publicity, Mrs. Emory Goode and Mrs. Lee Dow; 4-H club, Mrs. John Cage and Mrs. Earl DeSart; finance, Mrs. Theodore Kuenzi, Mrs. Clarence Johnson and Mrs. Earl DeSart; standard unit, Mrs. Ray McKibbin; Azalea House, Mrs. Frank Way, and A. C. W. W., Mrs. Leonard Hammer.

Mrs. Kephart was assisted by Mrs. Harley Stillion, Mrs. Ray McKibbin and Mrs. Leonard Hammer, with a covered dish luncheon at noon.

Party planning was the project studied with Mrs. Lewis Patterson and Mrs. John Schafer in charge.

Members present were Mesdames George Flane, Clarence Johnson, Leonard Roth, Harold Roth, Clarence Simmons, sr., Clarence Simmons, jr., Will Roth, Samuel Eshleman, Lewis Patterson, Clyde DeSart, John Schafer, Harley Stillion, Ray McKibbin, Leonard Hammer, Elton Watts, Lee Dow, Martha DeSart and the hostess.

## Work Starts on Cabinet Shop

Erection of a one-story cabinet shop and used furniture store at 654 Norway st., has been started by Ben Lambert, who was granted a city building permit Saturday, listing cost at \$4,000. The foundation is laid, and completion is expected in a few weeks for the frame structure, which will be stuccoed.

Lambert has been in business here for about 10 years, as owner of Lambert's Antique and Gift shop, which will remain at 220 N. Liberty st.

A permit was also issued Saturday to James Jones to alter a dwelling at 2201 W. Nob Hill st. at a cost of \$800.

## Presbyterian Club To Hear Speech on 'Germany Today'

First fall meeting of First Presbyterian church Men's club will be a dinner at the church Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Wesley Rennie of the world committee of the YMCA will speak on "Germany As It Is Today."

During the past summer Rennie was in Germany and attended meetings of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam. Officers of the club for the year are Sam B. Harbison, president; Arthur B. Bates, vice president; Robert T. Stanley, treasurer, and George Gabriel, secretary. The dinner will be served by a committee of church women.

## Community Chest Is Organized Near Jefferson

**JEFFERSON**—The Community chest annual drive is under way. Jefferson's quota is \$500 as is the Sidney-Talbot district.

The Rev. George Richardson is chairman of the Jefferson drive and will be assisted by Mrs. Virgil Balles and Mrs. Gilbert Looney.

Mrs. E. B. Henningsen is chairman in the Talbot district, assisted by Loren Hoven and Mrs. Gordon Turnidge. Mrs. Louise Johnston is chairman of the Sidney district aided by Mrs. Edwin Lehner.

Jake Gilmour of Sidney is one of the county vice chairmen.

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