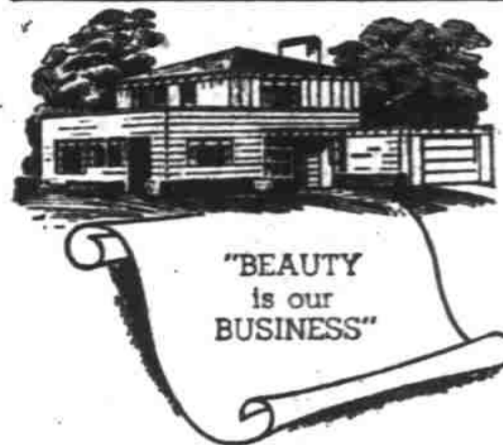




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Record Number of Bills and Knotty Financial Problems Will Face 1949 Legislature

Oregon's 1949 legislature, with its near-record number of newcomers, probably will face some of the knottiest problems in the state's history, and be called to consider a record number of bills, veteran statehouse attaches said last week.

Many of the senators and representatives already have been in Salem conferring with respect to legislative duties and seeking housing accommodations. The latter are slightly easier to obtain than during the latter years of the war but complaints of prices have been voiced in some quarters.

Letters were sent from Salem Saturday to a number of high ranking legislators urging that they confer with the State Budget Director prior to the 1949 legislature with a view of obtaining first-hand information in connection with the state's financial condition.

Such a conference, the letter read, would tend to speed up the work of the legislative ways and means committees.

It was learned Saturday that several legislators already have asked the attorney general George Neuner to draft a number of bills for introduction early in the legislative session. Neuner said one of these requests came from senator-elect Richard Neuberger, Multnomah County, but he would not comment on the nature of the proposed legislation.

There appeared no doubt that the joint Ways and Means Committee would fall heir to some of the most intricate and important problems of the 1949 session. This committee passes on all appropriation bills before they are sent to the floor of the house and senate for final consideration. Senator Dean Walker, Polk County, predicted the joint committee would continue its previous practice of appointing sub-groups to investigate and report on various budget requests.

Walker Likely Choice
While the presidency of the senate is still in doubt, many legislators predicted that Walker, long chairman of the senate Ways and Means Committee, would be retained as ways and means chief, regardless of senate leadership.

Another committee slated for a big job, legislators averred, is the roads and highway group, which must consider the report of the 1947 legislative interim committee report on state highway development. The engineering report, dealing with this project has already been released along with some of the recommendations included in the proposed financing program.

Reports have indicated that some opposition already has developed to the recommendations for an additional one cent a gallon gasoline tax and increasing the motor vehicle license fee from \$5 to \$10.

Three proposals are being discussed in connection with the use of surplus corporate excise tax revenues and surplus state income taxes.

Changes Proposed
One is that the 1949 legislature pass a bill making future corporate excise tax revenues, now being received at the rate of \$13,000,000 a year, available for payment of general fund expenses.

Another is legislation referring to the voters an amendment transferring to a special fund at least a part of the surplus state income taxes to cover capital outlays and part of the maintenance costs at state institutions. Officials said such a proposal could be referred at a special election soon after the legislature adjourns if a popular vote is deemed essential.

Third proposal is that all surplus state income tax revenues and corporate excise taxes be used for property tax offset and reduction of the state income tax rate.

The Supreme Court recently held that surplus state income tax revenues could not be used for any purpose other than property tax offset.

It generally is agreed by state officials that the legislature has authority to transfer corporate excise tax to the general fund but that a transfer of the surplus state income tax revenue might require a vote of the people.

Discussion has been revived here on a proposal to enact a cigarette tax law at the 1949 legislative session. Officials estimated such a tax would raise approximately \$3,000,000 a year. A cigarette tax law previously approved by the Oregon legislature was referred to the voters and defeated.

Monmouth — The 1949 Grove, Oregon College of Education yearbook, will be edited by Ralph Gibbs, O.C.E. junior from Goshen, Ore. Bonnie Stock, sophomore from Westfir, Ore., is business manager.

Pringle Woman's Club To Be Held Wednesday

PRINGLE, Nov. 26 — Hostesses for the Pringle Woman's club Wednesday, December 1 will be Mrs. John Cottrell, Mrs. August Cegler, Mrs. John Fabry, jr. Plans for the Christmas party will be made and work resumed on the club quilt.

Pringle Mothers club will meet at the school house, Tuesday, November 30 at 2 p. m. when a discussion on playground equipment will be held.

Judge Murphy Speaker Tuesday at Jefferson

JEFFERSON, Nov. 27—Jefferson Chamber of Commerce directors this week voted to ask County Judge Grant Murphy to speak at the chamber Tuesday night, November 30. The public is invited to attend.

A bank in Jefferson was discussed and President Gerald Phelps was asked to write to a banker in Coos Bay about opening a bank here. Gerry Simpson and Phelps were named on the refreshment committee for Tuesday night.

Valley Obituaries

Polly Pearl Barton
WOODBURN, Nov. 27 — Polly Pearl Barton, 68, died Friday at her home in Broad Acres where she had lived for three years. Born in Russia, Nov. 25, 1880, she came to Oregon from Canada 25 years ago.

Survivors are the widower, Carl Barton, Broad Acres; sons, Fred of San Francisco; William of Portland; daughters, Elizabeth McKetch of Canada; Mollie Slinkard, Eugene; Nellie Knight of Broad Acres; six grand children and a brother and sister in Canada.

North Marion Hi School Sports Banquet Given

HUBBARD—Manton Carl, president of the chamber of commerce, was the speaker at the annual sports banquet for North Marion high school this week. It was given under sponsorship of the Girls League and included on the program was the film "Sports of '47."

The welcome was extended by Dolores Kiewer and the response

was made by Clifford Driver. Introductions were by Clare Keitner, Thelma Loop, Bonnie Bridge, Carol Kauffman and Ramon Vredenburg sang, an accordion solo was given by Veima Barendse and a skit "Ma and Pa Canova" was presented.

Decorations included a life-sized football player with "Welcome Boys" overhead.

Silverton — Henry Fritzlaff, able to attend Rotary Club this week, who submitted to major surgery some weeks ago, is out again although he is still in a cast. He was in the program for the local club though he is still in a cast. He was in the program for the local club though he is still in a cast. He was in the program for the local club though he is still in a cast.

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