

Small Cities Like Oakridge Expect Growth, But Major Taxation Problems Too

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(Fourth of five articles)

Critical tax problems of cities like Oakridge, which expects its population of 600 to grow to 4000 or 6000 in the next two years, were examined at the recent regional meeting here of the League of Oregon Cities. Demands for municipal services will increase tremendously but income to pay for these services will lag far behind.

Unless special levies or bond issues are voted, these cities will find almost their only source of relief will be business or occupational taxes and taxes on pinball machines, juke boxes and slot machines, it was explained by Herman Kehrl, director of the Bureau of Municipal Research and secretary of the cities league.

Population growth will bring new business enterprises but their taxable property values will not show up very soon on the tax

rolls, he explained. However, occupational or other business taxes, would make it possible to produce some additional revenue. Before such levies or taxes on pin ball machines, etc., can be made, city charters must contain authorization for such taxes, it was explained by Virgil Langtry, legal advisor for the league.

Kehrl discussed an idea of a league committee to the effect that the state could logically recognize the unusual situation faced by such cities as Oakridge and Sutherlin and provide financial aid. However, he pointed out, the governor's interim tax committee recommendations do not recognize this suggestion. The Washington legislature in 1945 set up a \$10,000,000 fund out of reserves, for allocations to help small cities on construction projects, and California has a \$45,000,000 fund to aid cities with sewage disposal

plants, Kehrl said. Oregon does not have reserves for such allocations.

Only federal aid now available is financial help on planning and engineering city projects, and this money must be repaid when such projects are built, Kehrl explained.

At Oakridge population is expected to zoom when Pope and Talbot launches a huge new lumber operation nearby. It was explained that the company is planning to help the city with its problems but how far this help will extend has not been made known. Oakridge will need new streets, sewers, water system, police and fire departments and larger schools.

Occupational taxes and taxes on pin ball and other machines have helped the city of Florence, it was reported by City Recorder Homer Severy of the coast city. In 1943-44 its revenue from licenses of various sorts was about \$1200, or \$2 per capita, he said. A tax on pin ball and other devices has boosted this to \$7 per capita, he reported, and occupational taxes will raise the figure to \$9 per capita. With property taxes the city will have a total of about \$14 per capita. This will give Florence more adequate funds for operation but will not solve the problem of getting money for new construction.

Kehrl summarized the problem by saying it will require a lot of statesmanship to get construction projects going in small cities like Oakridge, Sutherlin and those on the Columbia River which will expand rapidly when McNary Dam is built.

(Tomorrow: The State Program)

PLANE MISSING — (U.S.) — The Coast Guard reported Thursday that a DC-3 transport plane with seven persons aboard has been missing since Tuesday on a 600-mile flight from Kingston, Jamaica, to San Jose, Costa Rica, and said an intensive search for survivors was being conducted.

President Theodore Roosevelt was the youngest man ever inaugurated as President of the United States, at 42 years of age.

Tass Reports Iranian Action

MOSCOW — (AP) — A Tass dispatch from Tabriz asserted Thursday that Iranian government troops had slain hundreds of persons in Azerbaijan Province in the last few days and had convulsed in attacks upon Soviet institutions and citizens.

In Tabriz alone, Tass declared, more than 600 persons have been killed and 300 arrested by the troops, who were dispatched to Azerbaijan for the announced purpose of maintaining order during the forthcoming parliamentary elections.

"Bandit elements and detachments of soldiers under Col. Hashemi in Tabriz have been brutally mobbing democratic elements for several days, arresting hundreds of persons and shooting them on the spot," the dispatch said.

"Bodies of hundreds of Democrats are lying everywhere on the streets of the city. The building of the Central Committee of the Azerbaijan Democratic Party, editorial offices of local newspapers, the national museum and other cultural institutions of Azerbaijan have been smashed."

The dispatch added that "incited by elements hostile to the Soviet Union and under the protection of Col. Hashemi, bandits have broken loose, also attacking Soviet institutions and Soviet citizens in Tabriz."

Coast Highway Open; Temporary Bridge Used

The Oregon coast highway reopened Thursday with installation of a temporary bridge 12 miles north of Florence. One-way traffic is permitted during the day. There are no traffic restrictions at night.

Closed Thursday by a bridge washout was the North Santiam Highway, the State Highway Commission reported.

Otherwise, Oregon road conditions were improving. Santiam summit reported cold, clear weather and 32 inches of snow. At Willamette summit, the skies are clear, and there are 19 inches of snow. Roads through the state were generally frosty Thursday morning.

Scientists Use 'Flying Labs'

INYO KERN, Cal. — (U.S.) — A Nobel prize-winning scientist and his aides were observing cosmic rays—the greatest atom-smashers known—from flying laboratories 40,000 feet above the California desert.

The scientists emphasized that their studies so far were in pure science, with no attempt at practical application.

But they hoped the knowledge gained might ultimately broaden the usefulness of the atom from a weapon of war to power for a city's lights, ships and land vehicles and industrial machinery.

The Navy experimental ordnance base here disclosed Wednesday that its B-29s were flying scientific equipment and delicate electronic devices for observing and photographing cosmic ray movements.

Scientists directing the work are Dr. Carl E. Anderson, California Institute of Technology professor whose studies resulted in discovery of the positive electron, and Dr. Robert B. Brode, University of California cosmic ray authority.

"Cosmic rays are the sharpest set of tools that are available to physicists for research into the properties of matter," Dr. Anderson said.

Chlorinator Installed At McKenzie School

Installation of a chlorinator to purify drinking water at McKenzie School, near Blue River, was reported Thursday by W. J. Cloyes, Lane County senior sanitarian, who said that only four county schools are still using water which has not been approved.

The county health department has advised school boards in the districts concerned to take corrective action, either by installing chlorinators or by utilizing different water sources, Cloyes explained.

Water used at McKenzie School comes from Elk Creek, which the sanitary department has found to be infected, probably from sewage, Cloyes said.

Installation of a chlorinator has also been advised in connection with the new city standby well at Creswell, the sanitarian reported.

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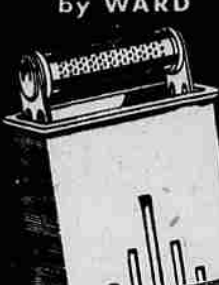
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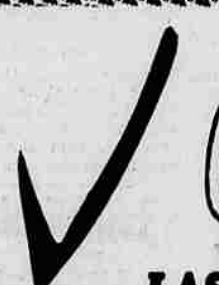
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