# Board Rejects Bids for Houses, Makes School Personnel Shifts

Preparations for the fall opening of schools in District 4 were made at a meeting of the school board Monday evening in the city hall.

Purchase of a school bus was authorized, contingent on body type, delivery date and ability to secure a good used bus. Bids submitted were $7904 by the Charles Humphrey Co., for delivery Oct. 1, 1947, and $7442 by the Ed Lorance Co., for delivery Sept. 1, 1948.

The board approved payment of dues to the State Assn. of School Boards to the amount of ten cents per census child to support the program of the association to employ an executive secretary to coordinate the action of school boards over the state.

**Assign Pupils**

Also approved by the board was the assignment of elementary pupils from the Gardenway elementary district to Washington School for the year 1947-48; assignment of pupils from the Spencer Butte elementary district to the Condon School; and an agreement with Earl E. Simon to transport the elementary students from Dillard Road in the Spencer Butte district to the foot of the hill where they will be picked up by the regular school bus.

Resignations accepted included those of Herb Armstrong, vice-principal of Roosevelt Junior High School, to accept position as principal of the North Bend High School; Phoebe Hawthorne, teacher at Roosevelt Junior High School, to be married; and Louise Homewood, teacher in Dunn School, to be married.

**Positions Given**

Elected to positions for the year 1947-48 were: Anne Moses, to be acting principal of Condon School in place of G. H. Good, who was granted a year's leave of absence; Wilfred Sutton, vice-principal of Roosevelt Junior High School, replacing Armstrong;

Genevieve H. Denbroder, Joyce Jansen, Jean Anne Spencer, elementary teachers; and Howard J. Weddle, boy's health and physical education instructor at Roosevelt in place of Sutton.

**Reject Bids**

The board rejected each of two bids received for houses owned by the district at 1638 and 1654 Charnelton St., as too low, and authorized advertising of the houses for sale.

Bids were submitted by K. L. Hall, $1011 for the house at 1638 Charnelton, and by Mrs. T. J. Robinson, $1001 for the house at 1638 Charnelton and $1201 for the house at 1654 Charnelton. Offers will be considered at the next board meeting, Aug. 25.

TWO QUEENS that upset Hoyle are Miss Shirley Hileman, 18, left, Cottage Grove Regatta crown-wearer, and Miss Jo Ann Amorde, Sutherlin schoolma'm better-known as Miss Oregon. The rule book says two queens are a poor hand, but these two drew a big hand at Cottage Grove's weekend festivities. (Clark Studio photo, Wiltshire engraving).

# Economist Gives Viewpoint On New Labor Regulation

By JEAN WORTH

Characterizing the Taft - Hartley act as "a labor union control bill," Dr. Edwin E. Witte, labor-relations authority who spoke before a Eugene and University of Oregon audience Monday night, said that the act is "not the most drastic that is conceivable but representing a hitherto untried policy in this country."

Dr. Witte, who was introduced by one of his most famous pupils, Wayne L. Morse, directed the searching light of scholarly analysis on the law, pointing up many questionable aspects in the light of the United States constitution, and hazarding the opinion that the act would not remain long unchanged.

**Three Points**

In the years ahead lie the crucial tests, he indicated, "but the last six weeks have already proved the following three things:

(1) the act is a very fundamental change in the prior law, and not merely a modification of it in minor respects.

(2) The exact meaning of many of the provisions of the new law is uncertain and probably will not be clarified for a long time.

(3) The final effects of the law are likely to be very different from those anticipated by either friend or foe while the measure was under consideration in Congress.

**'Geared to Conflict'**

The act greatly increases government interference in labor-management relations and complicates the problems of plants in which satisfactory relations have long existed, Dr. Witte told his listeners, "because it is geared to industrial conflict rather than to the development and maintenance of mutually satisfactory labor-management relations through the process of collective bargaining.

"However," he pointed out, "the harmonious relations need not be destroyed if both principals desire their maintenance."

**Changes Concept**

One of the basic changes brought about by the act and questioned as to its constitutionality by Dr. Witte is the change in the law of agency in its application to suits for damages against unions for breach of labor-management agreements.

"The new law," said Dr. Witte, "apparently makes a union suable in both federal and state courts and provides that the ordinary tests of the liability of a principal for the acts of an agent shall not apply where unions are sued for breach of contract."

**Unions Liable**

The apparent purpose of this provision, according to Dr. Witte "is to make unions liable in damages for all unauhorized strikes, although there is no proof that they were responsible for the strikes. This amounts to applying to the unions a different rule of law than applies to corporations or to individuals in actions upon contracts.

"Whether it is constitutional to thus subject union treasuries to liability for damages will have to be determined. But it is this provision which explains why the that they will sign no more agreements with no-strike clauses."

The Wisconsin educator gave his view that furtherance of industrial peace will not be brought by the act. "The new law may even increase strikes," he said. He saw this as perhaps leading to more drastic governmental restrictions, possibly to compulsory arbitration or government control of bargaining, "which means," he said, "compulsory unionism."

The new law "will not insure victory to employers in their fights with unions," he said, and "it is very doubtful whether it will prove effective in curbing conduct of unions which is declared to be unfair labor practice."

# Engineers Plan Flood Controls

PORTLAND —(AP)— The Army Engineers Tuesday disclosed details of two flood control projects for which Congress recently appropriated money.

Bids were called for a third project in which a revetment will be repaired on the left bank of the McKenzie River at Armitage Location, a mile south of Coburg Bridge. The bids will be opened here Aug. 25.

The other projects are on the Coquille and Nehalem Rivers. Col. O. E. Walsh, district engineer, said a $131,000 appropriation for the Coquille work would be used on bank protection at Mile 9, closure of washes at the heads of Beaver Slough and Fat Elk drainage sloughs, and levees to protect tidal lands between Mile 9 and the mouth of the Coquille. Local interests are to provide $25,000.

The Nehalem project will have $23,000 for levee construction around 904 acres east of Nehalem. Local interests will contribute $10,000.

# Zoning Plans Deadline Set

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Portland and Salem reportedly will be prepared to oppose the rate increases. Eugene will be represented by City Attorney William G. East, who has been instructed to observe the hearings and protect the city's interest.

**Sales Licensed**

The new ordinance requiring the licensing of firearms dealers was passed over the opposition of Councilman Calvin Crumbaker, who held that charging a $25 license fee was government control and would merely drive the undesirable type of dealers in deadly weapons underground.

Chief L. L. Pittenger asked for the ordinance, and got it, on the grounds that the police should know who's selling pistols and to whom.

**Detectives**

The licensing of detectives will require all private operators to pay a fee of $25 per year and agencies of three or fewer operators $125 per year. Larger agencies will be required to pay annual license fees of $200. All must be examined by the police chief as to character, integrity, and competence, and will be bonded.

The council also referred to the planning commission petitions to rezone property as follows:

**Rezoning**

Chris Jensen, 1940 Eleventh Ave. W., single family to business; D. W. Barker, Lawrence and Thirteenth (S. W. corner) from multiple family o business; C. A. Service, 25 N. Polk St., single family to light industrial; Frank Wills, Twelfth Ave. between Lincoln and Lawrence Sts., from multiple family to any number of apartments; Henry Byers, 2263½ Fifteenth Ave. E., from residential to business.

The council approved an application by the Snappy Service Cafe, 453 Willamette St., for a Class "C" retail beer license.

The petition of Roy St. Dennis and 12 others for street lights was added to the list of some 40 other property owners awaiting installation by the Eugene Water Board.

W. W. Calhoun got approval for a second hand dealer and pawnbroker's license.

The Organized Reserve Corps, (Army) was granted authorization for a five year lease for property at Thirteenth and Chambers St., across from the Navy site, for a reserve headquarters building.

# Waldport Woman Killed in Accident

PORTLAND —(AP)— Mrs. Lula Evans, 81, Waldport, was killed Tuesday when the car in which she was riding left the road and struck a tree west of here.

William R. Stickney, 22, The Dalles, driver of the car, told police the steering wheel locked, acusing him to lose control of the car. He said Mrs. Evans' head apparently struck the top of the vehicle.

# 'Red Tide' Kills Tons of Fish, Causes Desertion of Beaches

CLEARWATER, Fla. — (U.P.) — Some 30 miles of Florida Gulf Coast resort beaches were virtually abandoned by vacationers Tuesday—left to the whims of a sea micro-organism, 1-900th of an inch wide. Sweating crews of workmen buried tons of dead fish.

Beach property owners estimated the latest attacks of the "red tide" has cost them a million dollars worth of business.

**Pinellas County health authorities have warned bathers to stay out of the brackish red waters that have dealt instant death to an estimated billion fish.**

County Engineer W. A. McMullen said he had spent over $3000 in the last 10 days cleaning beaches. He used 35 men, road scrapers and two bulldozers.

But all along the sand, stretching from Pass-A-Grille, the southern tip of the Pinellas Peninsula to Clearwater Beach, volunteer crews pitched in to help. The fish carcasses, miles of them, and nets were stretched offshore to keep the smelly debris from the beaches in hopes it would drift away with the next tide. On isolated stretches the dead fish were sprayed with DDT to keep down insects.

Fishermen claimed that the fish-killer and "bad publicity" were ruining the gulf area's multi-million dollar fishing industry.

## Bob Feller Announces Barnstorming Tour

**CLEVELAND, Aug. 12—(AP)— Bob Feller announced Monday night a post-season barnstorming tour of 10 games in the United States, to be followed by five games of pitching in the Cuban League.**

**When asked for comment on the barnstorming plans, Indians Business Manager Rudy Schaffer disclosed that after the Cuban League became a part of organized baseball, an arrangement was made whereby U. S. players could appear in Cuba.**

**Schaffer, who is handling the Cleveland club's affairs while President Bill Veeck is recuperating in a hospital from a recent operation, said the question of Feller obtaining permission from the club for his tour would not arise.**

**"Commissioner Chandler ruled that ball players could engage in 30 days of post-season competition beginning Oct. 8, so there is no question on that score," said Schaffer.**

Handbills announcing gladiatorial shows in ancient Rome were posted on public buildings and sold in the streets, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.


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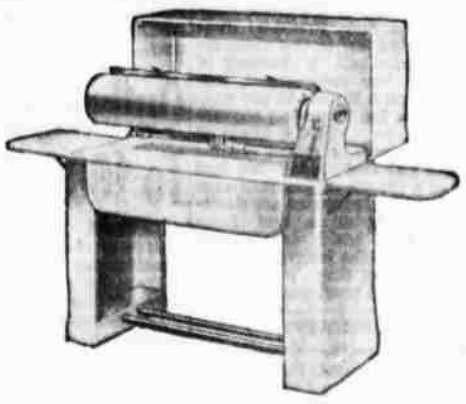

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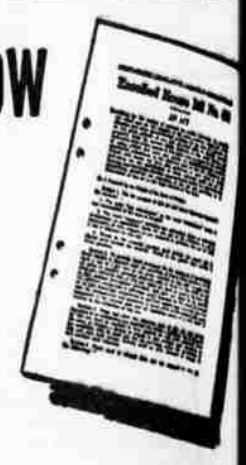


The Sales Tax Measure—

TO BE VOTED ON BY THE PEOPLE IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION, OCT. 7, 1947

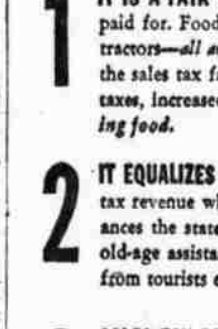
*H.B. 460 is modeled after the most equitable of the sales taxes now in effect in 27 states of the Union, including Washington and California. It is neither confusing nor complicated. Every Oregon voter should know its four principal features—*

1 IT IS A FAIR TAX, levied only on money spent *after* the basic necessities of life are paid for. Food, rent, doctor's bills, personal service, gasoline used in cars and farm tractors—*all are tax-free.* (Section 4, H.B. 460.) It is a "pay as you go" tax which—if the sales tax fails of adoption—will otherwise be raised through increased property taxes, increased income taxes and *more hidden taxes on everything you buy, including food.*

2 IT EQUALIZES OREGON'S MOUNTING TAX BURDEN by providing a *new source* of tax revenue which will halt the upward spiral of property and income taxes. It balances the state budget, aids counties, cities and school districts and *guarantees* the old-age assistance program. An estimated $2,000,000 in sales taxes will be collected from tourists each season—a direct aid to every Oregon tax-payer.

3 SALES TAX REVENUES WILL IMMEDIATELY RELIEVE PROPERTY TAXES. This fact is not clearly understood by many voters. One-sixth of sales tax revenues will go directly to counties, one-sixth to cities and one-sixth to local school districts, a total of $11,000,000 annually; and the law specifically requires (Section 28, page 9) that this money shall be "fully applied" to reduce local property taxes. This means an average property tax reduction *of more than 25%* for county and school purposes throughout the state.

4 EVERY FARMER WILL BENEFIT BY THE SALES TAX, since the farmer heads the list of property owners of Oregon. According to the last (1945) Agricultural Census, almost *90 percent of Oregon farmers own their farms,* and then cannot escape the mounting cost of government which *must* be paid through increased property or income taxes if the sales tax measure fails of adoption. An authoritative analysis of farm expenditures, outlined fully in "The ABC of the Sales Tax", demonstrates that any Oregon farmer who owns his land (89.9% of Oregon farmers) and whose gross income is more than $2,000 (87% of Oregon farmers who made state income tax returns in 1946) will pay *less* taxes under the "pay as you go" sales tax than he will pay in increased income and property taxes if H.B. 460 fails of adoption. *The farmer's most important purchases... FEED, SEED and FERTILIZER... are tax-FREE!*

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