

Oregon's Tax Situation Gets More Complicated

By Ralph Wat... revenue before starting to take any pickets off the 6 per cent fence.

Sometimes he wonders, Tompkins suggests, whether the 6 per cent limitation hasn't worked in reverse to what the original intention of its sponsors may have been, whether the continual fear of "losing their base" has not kept tax levying units everywhere stepping their levies up to the limit year by year. But the demands on property are increasing; the fiscal needs of a rapidly expanding state are straining at the 6 per cent fence surrounding the budget makers, so that Mr. Tompkins has reached the place where he is almost persuaded that the old fence needs fixing. Caution delays conviction for another two years.

And, while Tompkins discusses the 6 per cent barrier, the excise tax tangle and its \$60 million surplus—which is the \$60 million question now bothering the legislature—he also raises the question of what is a "cushion," what is a "back log" and what is the difference between the two.

Those who have hung around the legislature in years gone by wouldn't expect Senator Dean Walker and George Master Tompkins ever to get within shouting distance of each other about taxes and how to handle them. No one ever would conceive that the latter ever would be more conservative about laddering out tax revenue than the former. But such a thing can happen, so it seems.

Walker Plan Passed

Back two or three sessions ago Senator Walker fixed up what has been called the "Walker plan," one of the high points of which

Mt. States Plant Readies Boiler

SPRINGFIELD—A new type steam boiler, capable of developing 80,000 pounds of pressure per hour, will be fully installed at the Mountain States Power Company's local steam plant by Feb. 25, W. K. Barnell, company manager, announced Saturday.

Installation work under general supervision of G. McClellan, chief engineer, is now in its final stages. Company officials estimate construction costs, including labor and new equipment, will exceed \$145,000.

The new boiler will furnish power to two turbo-generating units; a 2000 kilowatt unit and a 500 kilowatt unit, previously installed. This will bring the plant up to its capacity output of 7000 kilowatts.

Company officials said when the boiler is operating under a full head of steam fuel consumption will amount to 13 units of hogged fuel per hour. The fuel will be dumped into a hopper and fed to a duct-oven type furnace by means of a mechanical conveyor which can be regulated to produce the amount of steam required for any given period.

The new boiler can produce a head of steam capable of operating the turbo-generators within 15 to 30 minutes. Only for cleaning and repair purposes will the boiler be allowed to become cold. Starting cold, the boiler would require two hours before it could operate properly the turbo-generators.

Barnell said the increased 5000 kilowatts would be of considerable benefit to the Springfield area, especially during a period when hydro-electric generation is producing at a minimum.

Sub-conscious Element Rises Designer Sees New American Theater

By Anita Holmes

American theater is moving toward the sub-conscious element, believes Robert Edmond Jones, one of the world's foremost theatrical figures. Picasso, James Joyce, Dali, and others have explored the sub-conscious mind in several art forms, starting a trend the theater will follow, Jones said in an interview Friday afternoon.

He spent the weekend in Eugene at the Northwest Drama conference, which was sponsored by the speech department of the University of Oregon.

Speaking before art students Friday afternoon, the theatrical designer mentioned "a new kind of American theater that isn't a carry-over from the European stage." He said our version of "show business" seems to be vanishing.

New Drama Seen

Last week Jones saw a beginning of this new drama in Fargo, S.D. The play was "Around the Dawn" by a young Fargo playwright. It showed words of the leading man's sub-conscious mind around light rays and other unusual stage effects, the conference guest remembered.

"The sub-conscious mind is the fundamental discovery of our time," according to Jones who has been in the theater more than 20 years. He is the best known as the designer of sets for such plays as "The Iceman Cometh," "Hamlet," "Richard III," "The Lute Song," and "Green Pastures."

Several secrets of his set for

"Green Pastures" were told in the interview. He used a treadmill, originally made for the "boop-boop-a-drop girls." The burning bush of the play was a Christmas tree with a few electric light bulbs on it, Jones pointed out.

He enjoys designing for "plays for which you can use simple settings." "Green Pastures" was one of his favorites, because it could be done "in such a naive way."

"Beginning stage designers should forget New York—try the theater somewhere else in the country," Jones advised. He said the market is shrinking for designers on Broadway, with 20 or 30 times as many designers as stages right now.

Rose Is Tough

A show for Billy Rose is one of the toughest assignments for New York designers, he said. Working for him "takes the skin right off your bones."

Jones supervised several color movies when they began. He feels that movies are popular because "we Americans like gadgets—that's why we take to movies and television." He compared the American emphasis on films to Russian emphasis on the theater.

"The Theater of the Future" was the topic Jones discussed at the drama conference Saturday afternoon.

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Ernst to Speak On Ibsen Play

Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll House" will be the subject of the fourth weekly lecture-forum of the Association of Patrons and Friends of the University of Oregon library featuring Dr. Rudolph H. Ernst, professor of English at the University.

Scheduled for 7:30 each Thursday evening in the library Browning room, the lecture-forums are based on ten great books of history, government, philosophy, literature, biography and sciences as they are related to the current world scene, according to Miss Bernice Rise, university readers' consultant and circulation librarian.

Following Dr. Ernst's lecture, the Rev. Wesley Nicholson of the Eugene Congregational church, will lead a group discussion. The series of lecture-forums are open to students of the university and members of the Friends and Patrons' Assn. Information about membership in the association is available in the University of Oregon library office.

China Expert Named '49 Condon Speaker

Condon lecturer for 1949 will be Oregon-born Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, authority on Oriental history and missions. Announcement was made this week by Condon Lectureship committee chairman, Dr. L. S. Cressman, head of the University of Oregon department of anthropology.

Dr. Latourette will speak on "The China That Has Been" and "The China That Is To Be" in a two-lecture series to be given on the University of Oregon campus March 1 and 3, in Portland on March 8 and 10, and at Oregon State college, March 15 and 17.

The Condon lectureship, named for the university's late Dr. Thomas Condon, is sponsored by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. Purpose of the series is to acquaint the layman with the results of scientific research. The late Dr. John Merriam, member of the university staff at the time of his death, was instrumental in the establishment of the lectureship.

Committees Named For UO 'Weekend'

Initial steps in the planning of the annual Junior Weekend were made on the University of Oregon campus this week when nine student chairmen were selected to head committees for the weekend.

General chairman of the weekend events will be Malcolm MacGregor, Eugene, junior class president. MacGregor will be assisted by Robert L. Weber, Salem, class vice president.

Committee chairmen are Sara Waller, Eugene, and Mary Lou Weston, Corvallis, all-campus sing; Marjorie Petersen, Portland, and Larry Davidson, Molalla, all-campus luncheon; Phillip Patterson, Portland, float parade; Helen Sherman and K. Don Fair, Portland, publicity; and William Lance, Albany, promotion.

Robert Sanders, North Bend, traditions; Mary Stadelman, The Dalles, sunlight sirenade; Suzanne Michel, Prineville, and Dorothy Orr, Sherwood, queen selection; and Paul Johnston, San Jose, Cal.

Springfield Man 'Good' After Poisoning

SPRINGFIELD—Claude Crabb, East L. St., was reported in "good" condition at Sacred Heart Hospital Saturday after swallowing an unidentified substance Friday evening.

Cliff Pryor, chief of police, said Crabb's wife, discovering her husband had taken something, notified police headquarters. The stricken man was hurried to the hospital by police. Treatment was administered before the unknown ingredient could take full effect.

Volunteer Funds Buy Equipment

SPRINGFIELD—Volunteer firemen of this city have purchased equipment valued at more than \$2000 during the past three years without city financial aid. Harry Melson, Fire Chief, said all items had been paid for with volunteer funds.

The most costly purchase—a resuscitator—cost \$715. Melson said the expensive machine had proven extremely valuable to the department. "In the past 18 months," he added, "we have saved six lives while making 16 calls."

Following is a list of items purchased with price of each:

Refrigerator	\$205
Radio	\$ 89
Table and Chairs	\$125
Davenport and Chair	\$125
Four Steel Chairs	\$ 20
Kitchen Cabinet	\$124.85
Short Wave Radio	\$142.35
Coca Cola Machine	\$200.97
Florescent Light	\$ 12.50
Electric Heater	\$ 25
Dishes and Utensils	\$ 50
Electric Fan	\$ 9
Hot Water Tank and Heater	\$165
Linoleum	\$ 35
Steel Shower Cabinet	\$ 65
Plumbing	\$ 63.45
Resuscitator	\$715
Paint	\$ 15

Springfield C of C Sends Questionnaires

SPRINGFIELD—Chamber of Commerce questionnaires were mailed this week to nearly 80 Chambers in Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama to secure information on TVA and its impact on states coming under its jurisdiction.

Lew Garbutt, chamber manager, said the questionnaire idea had been inspired as a result of a two-day meeting for Oregon-Washington Chamber executives that he attended in Portland Feb. 7-8. At this session, he said, managers agreed to look into the question of TVA.

Garbutt said the Springfield chamber was interested in accurate information on TVA because the tremendous project closely paralleled proposed features of the much-discussed CVA project now under governmental consideration for the Northwest.

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