

Sales Tax Iniquitous, Says Forum Speaker

The principal speaker on a taxation panel in Springfield Junior High School Friday night left no doubt about his opinion of a sales tax for Oregon.

He called it "The most iniquitous—and I might say, the most iniquitous—tax ever devised by the mind of man."

The speaker was James H. Gilbert, retired dean of the University of Oregon's college of liberal arts and former head of the college's economics department.

Speaking of the sales tax idea now being pushed by a number of Oregon legislators, Gilbert explained that the state's voters have defeated the tax five times in the past and said that "Surely enough, if they propose it again, it will go down to glorious defeat again."

Dean Gilbert was one of three panel members at a taxation forum sponsored by the Lane County Democratic Central Committee.

The proposed civic center development in Eugene was also discussed. About 60 persons attended.

Panel members with Gilbert were P. O. Foss, candidate for a Ph.D. in political science, and George Balliot, Carnegie Fellow in economics. Both attend the university.

They were only prompters for Gilbert however because of Gilbert's eloquence and authority in the field.

Gilbert, a Republican, explained that he has been asked whether he is a Wayne Morse follower. "It have answered 'no,' I preceded him; I was disillusioned long before he was," Gilbert said.

Gilbert then explained that he does not favor a property tax. One of his reasons is that "no state system has ever reached more than half of all property."

School Board Invites Views Of Architects

Architects currently engaged in designing elementary and junior high school construction plans for the Eugene Public School have been invited to discuss architectural fees and other matters at a regular Eugene School Board meeting Monday night.

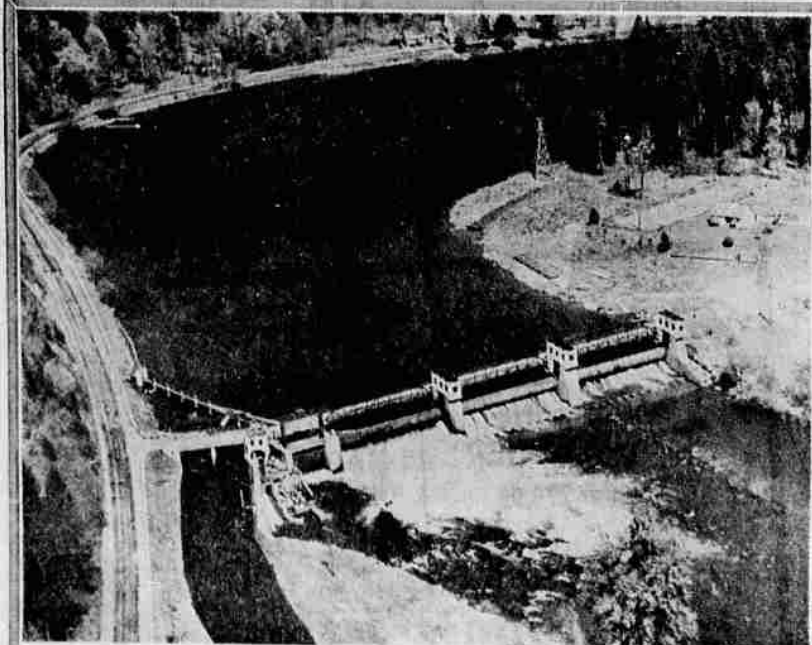
The board also will discuss further a request by the Lincoln School PTA that they be permitted to remodel a shop at the Lincoln site for use as a kindergarten to replace the portable kindergarten there.

The meeting will start at 8 p.m. in the central school office at 275 E. 7th Ave. The public is invited.

Board members have given preliminary study to the possibility of hiring one architect to do all the district's designing work, as a method of saving money. This topic will be among the issues to be talked over with the architects. At present, several architectural firms from Eugene and Portland are retained by the board.

Also to be discussed will be a request from the Howard PTA for the board to hold its Feb. 14 meeting at Howard School with PTA members present.

An Industrial Accident Commission ruling which would raise the payment rate for teachers who accompany children away from school will be studied; and the board will also probably take action toward acquiring several future school sites, including part of the Airpark, owned by the city.



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Fairview Home Official Cites Waiting List of 280

The assistant superintendent of Fairview Home, a state institution, told a Eugene group Friday the institution has a waiting list of about 280 persons and that one-half of these are under eight years of age.

Dr. D. L. Callier, who is also in charge of the home's Division of Patients, spoke to members of the West Central District of The Oregon Conference of Social Work regarding operation of the institution.

Callier said that approximately 50 per cent of the patients committed to Fairview are eventually rehabilitated and returned to society.

COMMITMENT FOR LIFE

The home, he said, admits only patients who have been committed by a circuit court or county court. This commitment is always for life, Callier explained, but a patient can always be discharged from Fairview whenever the institution deems such action advisable.

There are 1,750 patients ranging from 2 to 93 years of age, the assistant superintendent said, as compared with only 1,100 patients eight years ago. In the next two months, an additional 100 patients will be admitted because of the completion of a new "cottage," Callier pointed out.

By 1961, he said, patients are expected to number 3,000.

Operation of Fairview is divided into four major categories: Division of Patients, Division of Services, Division of Maintenance, and Division of Accounting (including personnel, supplies and the like).

PATIENTS' DIVISION

Callier said the patients' division includes five categories: medical, school, cottage, social and psychology.

The medical department provides special services for the mentally deficient and operates a 60-bed hospital which can handle general surgery. There are 50 employees in this department.

The school department, operated by 18 teachers and a principal, offers such specialized courses as music, shop work, home economics, and the like.

Callier said 375 patients attend school daily and that 500 more participate in portions of the school program without attending daily classes.

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

A battery of personality and mental tests are given each patient by the psychology department. This department also offers individual counseling services for the patients.

The social division, which Callier said is "greatly understaffed," performs liaison work between the patient and the parent. Social workers investigate a patient's home situation and do "follow up" work for patients who have been released from Fairview.

UO Radio Forum To Mull Politics

The University of Oregon Radio Forum will present a panel discussion on "November Elections and the 84th Congress" Jan. 24 at 8:30 p.m. over state-owned Station KOAC. Herman Cohen, assistant professor of speech at the University, will be the moderator.

Panel members will be Philip Hitchcock, former state senator from Klamath County and now on the public relations staff at Lewis and Clark College; Monroe Sweetland, state senator from Clackamas County and Democratic state committeeman; and Lester Seligman, assistant professor of political science at the University.

Firemen Called In Springfield

Springfield firemen were called to a residence at 464 West M St. Friday afternoon, when an overheated fireplace set fire to nearby floor sills.

Firemen did not estimate the damage. The home was occupied by Mrs. M. H. Harwood.

The Springfield department made a second run Friday at 8:54 p.m. to give resuscitator aid to Rex Gunder Carlson, of 850 K St. Carlson suffered a heart attack, according to the firemen's log, and was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital by Eugene Ambulance.

Double Duty

BERN, Switzerland (U)—Railway station masters double as merchants on rainy days in rural areas of Switzerland. They are stocking up with oiled paper umbrellas for sale to passengers caught without better protection from the rain. The price is two Swiss francs (46 U.S. cents).

Lane Pomona Play Schedule Set for 1955

In a letter to all Lane County granges, Mrs. Mary C. Arne, newly elected Lane County Pomona grange lecturer, has announced the Play Festival schedule for 1955.

In order to develop talent and provide entertainment, each Lane County grange chooses a one-act play and presents it three times, once in its own grange hall and twice in neighboring halls.

No charge is made for attendance at the plays. The Home Economics Clubs always serve refreshments and there is a small charge for this.

All community residents are welcome to enjoy the performances.

Mrs. Arne asks that each grange stay within the schedule. Further, she asks that if a play cannot be presented for any reason, the grange prepare some other form of entertainment taking up 30 minutes' time, since a change in schedule causes great confusion.

No changes are anticipated in the schedule, except in case of an error having been made, in which case the public will be notified.

The schedule is as follows:

Long Tom and Mohawk McKenzie—to Goldson, Feb. 22.
Santa Clara and Elmira—to Walterville, Feb. 23.
Willakenzie and Central—to Jasper, Feb. 24.
Lorane and Goshen—to Creswell, Feb. 25.
Spencer Creek and Irving—to Central, March 1.
Elmira and Lorane—to Willakenzie, March 2.
Junction City and Junction—to Mohawk McKenzie, March 4.
Creswell and Walterville—to Hebron, March 7.
Coburg West Point and Long Tom—to Dorena, March 8.
Walterville and Four Oaks—to Long Tom, March 9.
Hebron and Crow—to Franklin, March 11.
Jasper and Santa Clara—to Lorane, March 12.
London and Franklin—to Goshen, March 14.
Mohawk McKenzie and Willakenzie—to Irving, March 15.
Four Oaks and Hebron—to London, March 16.
Dorena and Thurston—to Junction City, March 19.
Irving and Dorena—to Crow, March 21.
Mohawk and Coburg West Point—to Elmira, March 22.
Goldson and Jasper—to Thurston, March 24.
Central and Goldson—to Mohawk, March 25.
Thurston and London—to Spencer Creek, March 28.
Crow and Junction City—to Four Oaks, March 29.
Franklin and Spencer Creek—to Coburg West Point, March 30.
Goshen and Mohawk—to Santa Clara, March 31.

The Play Festival is quite an event to Lane County granges, so much so that Lane County granges are considering a similar program.

Instruction in Radioactivity Will Begin This Thursday

The first in a series of classes on determining the danger of radioactivity in case of an atomic attack is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Lane County Co-op Bldg., 1715 Franklin Blvd.

Representatives of several Lane County electric utilities met this past week to discuss emergency plans for repairing facilities in event of an atomic attack on this region.

Personnel from the Springfield Utility Board, Lane County Electric Co-op, the Eugene Water and Electric Board, and Pacific Power & Light Co. attended the meeting.

The training classes will be held in connection with the disaster plan. The classes will be for "survey monitoring teams" who in turn are expected to conduct later classes for personnel of the utilities they represent.

Training will consist of a full course in the detection of radioactive materials, the use of Geiger counters and other detection apparatus, and instruction in intensity and extent of contaminated areas.

Trainees will also receive instruction in the monitoring of food, water and other vital supplies to determine if they are safe to use after an attack.

The training course is free and is open to all interested persons, although it is being given primarily for the training of utility operations personnel.

Fewer Convicts

MADRID, Spain (U)—Spain's prison population is officially reported at its lowest level since 1930. The Information Ministry said 21,015 prisoners of all kinds were on hand Jan. 5. A high point was 34,526 held in July, 1936, when the Spanish civil war broke out.

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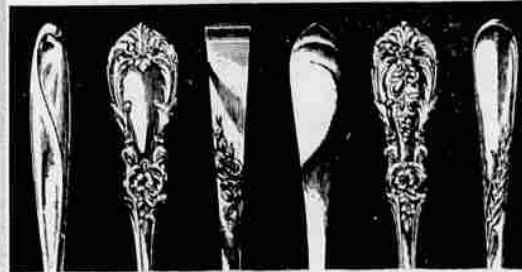
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