*'Round the State*

# Hatfield Criticizes Boat Tax Proposal

SALEM (AP)— Gov. Mark Hatfield urged Thursday an investigation by Congress of President Kennedy's proposal for a federal tax on pleasure boats.

"I would hope for complete and thorough investigation by Congress of the President's proposal to federally tax pleasure boats," Hatfield said.

"This is akin to requiring a U.S. license on motor vehicles. Extension of federal bureaucracy into this field would be most unfortunate.

"Oregon has pioneered in the enactment of state boating laws, which provide for local use and control of such funds as are derived from boat licensing. Our 1959 act is a model throughout the nation.

"I feel certain Oregon boaters will join me in objecting to this new federal tax scheme," Hatfield's statement concluded.

## D.A. Withdraws

COQUILLE (UPI) — Coos County Dist. Atty. John M. Eaton has informed the county board of commissioners that he is withdrawing from the suit of Sheriff Charles Strawn and Assessor Francis Flanagan vs. the State Tax Commission.

County Commissioners Wednesday asked Eaton to withdraw so they might choose their own attorney. The trial is set for April 20 at Coquille before State Tax Judge Peter Gunnar.

Strawn and Flanagan are trying to get the Tax Commission to change the evaluation on railroad cars owned by the Coos Bay Timber Co.

## Woman Killed

PENDLETON (AP) — A woman was killed late Wednesday when a car plunged down an embankment on Birch Creek road eight miles east of Pilot Rock.

The victim was Frances Louise Weatherford, 42.

State police said she was riding in a car driven by her husband, Mark Vernon Weatherford.

## Five-Year Sentence

PORTLAND (UPI) — Ernest Nelson, 29, Silverton, was sentenced to five years in the Oregon Penitentiary Wednesday for unarmed robbery. Nelson was arrested by police in Portland Feb. 13 following a robbery at a grocery store.

## Bridge Bids Asked

PORTLAND (AP)—Army Engineers called Thursday for bids on a bridge over Whitcomb Creek, 10 miles northeast of Foster.

It is part of the Green Peter-Foster Dam project.

Col. Sterling K. Eisiminger, district engineer, said it will be a reinforced concrete bridge costing about a half-million dollars. He said it will be the fifth major contract on the project.

Bids will be opened at 2 p.m., May 4.

## Murder Charged

PORTLAND (UPI) — Mrs. Cornelia Mason, 44, Portland, was charged with second degree murder here Wednesday night following the death of Lummie Sergers, 39.

Sergers died at Emanuel Hospital after he had been stabbed in the chest.

Police said the victim and Mrs. Mason had become involved in an argument at a party.

## Justice Promoted

SALEM (UPI) — Justice Alfred T. Goodwin of the Oregon Supreme Court has been promoted to colonel in the Army Reserve. Goodwin is civilian property control officer for the 364th Civil Affairs Area Headquarters "B" Group.

## Bond Sales Drop

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Savings bonds sales in the first three months of this year totaled $1.2 billions, a 7 per cent drop from the same period last year, the Treasury Department said Thursday.

# Land Board To Consider Oil Leases

SALEM (UPI)—Action may be taken April 24 on oil and gas lease applications covering 91,251 acres in Western Oregon, the State Land Board office said Friday.

All applications are for onshore sites. A number of major oil firms have expressed interest in Oregon's 600,000 acre offshore lands, but no applications have been filed.

T. G. Barnard, board clerk, said the state's new oil lease form is shaping up, and all pending applications may come up for action at the board's April 24 meeting.

Farnham Chemical Co., Portland, is applying for the most land—83,826 acres. More than 81,0000 acres are in the Elliott State Forest in Coos and Douglas counties, and the remainder is in the Willamette Valley.

Other applicants to date include:

Gulf Oil—2,298 acres in Linn, Marion, Benton and Polk Counties.

Dontld F. McDonald, Eugene—3,232 acres in Linn, Marion, Lane, Yamhill, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Benton and Tillamook counties.

Humble Oil & Refining Co.—1,021 acres, Linn and Marion.

Superior Oil Co.—874 acres, Lane and Marion.

In addition, oil lease applications for several thousand acres of other state lands are pending before the Oregon Board of Forestry and Oregon Highway Department.

# Pack 69 Cubs Receive Awards

A number of boys from Cub Scout Pack 69, sponsored by Ellis Parker PTA, have won advancement awards.

They include:

Bobcat pins—Ricky Swenson and Ricky Plouvier.

Wolf badges—Steven Tupper, Carl Meyers, and Milton Dalton.

Bear badges—Eldon Holland, John Joiner, Steve Pellegrin, Jimmy Speer and Larry Stout.

Webelos badge—Jim Heidenrich, Richard Kaegler, Jimmy Robertson and Vernon Cammack.

Both Richard Kaelger and Vernon Cammack graduated into Boy Scout Troop No. 68.

# Agencies Agree On Basin Policy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The secretaries of Interior and Army have agreed to divide responsibility for planning, construction and operation of water-resource projects in the Columbia River Basin.

A copy of the agreement was made available Thursday by informed sources who said President Kennedy is expected to announce it soon. It deals primarily with activities of Interior's Reclamation Bureau and the Army Department's Corps of Engineers, but also recognizes the need for solution of major fish and wildlife problems.

The sources said the agreement regarding the Columbia River basin may be a spur toward getting Canadian action on the pending United States-Canadian treaty for development of the upper basin.

This country has ratified the treaty, but Canada has not because of an internal controversy over what Canada should do with its share of additional power which would be generated in this country.

**Signed Last Month**

It was explained that the agreement dividing the responsibility for water resource development in the Columbia Basin makes it easier for this country to go ahead with its own plans, which might ultimately result in proposals for a new treaty reflect changed conditions.

Canada is reported to have been informed that this country intends to move ahead with its plans for Columbia River development unless that country acts very soon on the treaty.

The agreement on division of responsibility was signed last month by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall and Secretary of the Army Elvis J. Stahr Jr.

It states that it will serve as a basis for administration recommendations for water-resource development in the areas.

The agreement stipulates that projects proposed last year by the chief of Army Engineers for construction on the Columbia River and tributaries shall be recommended for authorization by the engineers, with five major exceptions.

**Conservation Problems**

Four of the exceptions deal with the proposals for Flathead Lake outlet improvement in Montana, High Mountain Sheep Dam between Oregon and Idaho, Penny Cliffs Dam in Idaho, and the Garden Valley Division in Idaho. A recommendation for authorization of these will be delayed pending further study of major fish, wildlife and conservation problems.

The agreement also provides that Interior shall undertake any further engineering and economic studies leading to a recommendation for authorization of High Mountain Sheep Dam, or any alternatives. This shifts responsibility for development of the Middle Snake River from the Army Engineers to the Reclamation Bureau.

Public and private power interests are competing for a license to construct the High Mountain Sheep Dam in a case before the Federal Power Commission. Interior has recommended that any license be withheld until completion of studies of how to protect the salmon fishery.

## Feature Times

**FRIDAY**

FOX — Journey to the Seventh Planet, 12:30, 3:05, 5:45, 8:20, 10:50. Wild Ride, 1:35, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50.

HEILIG—The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, 6:15, 9:30.

McDONALD—Question Seven, 1:15, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:30.

McKENZIE (Springfield) — The Happy Thieves, 7:15, 10:40. One, Two, Three, 8:50.

EUGENE DRIVE IN—From Here to Eternity, 7:15, 11:25. Bell, Book and Candle, 9:45.

MAYFLOWER — The Mouse that Roared, 8. The Devil at Four O'Clock, 9:30.

MOTOR VU DRIVE IN—Blue Hawaii, 7:10. Two Rode Together, 9.

NORTH END DRIVE IN—Shane, 7. Stalag 17, 9:20.


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