

SCHOOL LAWS ARE MODIFIED

County Unit Plan Made Possible

Educators Hope to Reduce Costs and Equalize Tax Burden

Salem, Ore.—(UP)—Twenty-nine measures were passed by the state legislature affecting education.

Creation of a non-high school district with a five member board, respecting operation of the county high school tuition law, was provided for one bill.

A single board will arrange for the tuition, or for transportation, of high school pupils living in non-high school territory. Under the old statutes, individual districts negotiated with the various counties for tuition expenses, causing wide cost discrepancies.

The new law was designed particularly to give people living in non-high school areas a direct voice in handling the high school education of pupils in these areas," said State Superintendent C. A. Howard.

Lowered costs of centralized teaching are hoped for from another bill that provides for discontinuance of appropriations from the county school fund for districts having less than six pupils. Districts will be required to transport pupils to adjacent larger schools except in cases where such arrangements manifestly are not practicable.

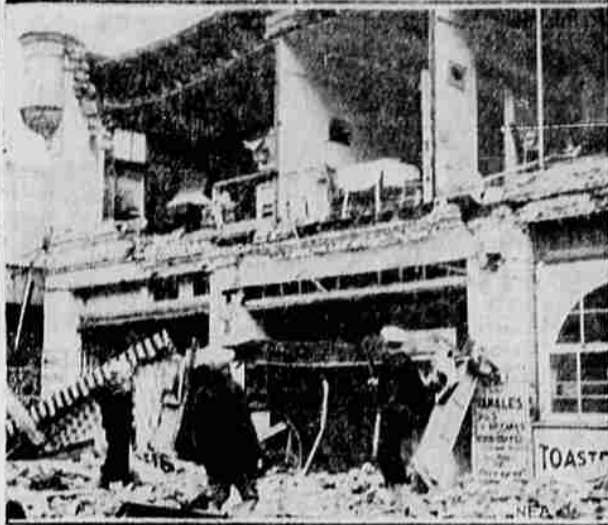
The new "county school law" is amended after the Utah county school law. It "provides for a fair equitable adjustment of the assets and liabilities of each district, and includes high schools as well as elementary schools in the county school district."

State school authorities are understood to back the new law as containing amendments that will induce other counties besides Klamath, Crook and Lincoln to vote favorably on inauguration of the county unit plan. Lowered costs from volume business, more efficient schools and a equally distributed taxation load are claimed for the county-wide system of administration as compared to a multiplicity of individual school districts.

Motorists hereafter will have no bill for reckless driving near school buildings. Vehicles passing school trucks must slow down to 15 miles an hour. The school buses hereafter will be signated, front and rear, by six inch high lettered signs saying, "school bus."

A number of bills passed by the legislature affect issuance and funding of school district warrants. Districts of the first and second classes

Some Earthquake Aftermaths



Marines on guard at a wrecked building on Long Beach's pier.



Continental Baking company plant in Long Beach, believed worst damaged structure. Of 20 men in the plant, only two were hurt.



Here is the danger that threatened pedestrians. This car was completely wrecked by falling bricks at Long Beach.

may issue funding bonds to retire lawfully issued outstanding warrants. On districts of 20,000 or more population the school board may pay interest on warrants lower than the legal rate.

One senate bill provided that school district, county or municipal corporation warrants are receivable in payment of taxes in an amount not to exceed the amount of tax levied and kept separate for special purposes such as for payment of principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness.

Another bill provided that banks are to give security for deposits of funds of school districts to safeguard against bank failures.

Becoming effective during the 1933-34 school year, another new bill provides that if a school district is unable to operate for the lawfully required 160 days it may still petition the district boundary board to secure its full apportionment from the county school fund. Petitions will be decided on their real merit, according to the new law, and will require that the district first exhaust every reasonable effort to hold school for a full term.

One of the last senate bills of the 37th legislature changed Washington's birthday to a regular school day with the same status as Lincoln's birthday. A portion of both February 12 and 22 will be devoted to commemorative exercises.

Recent changes in the state's higher educational setup caused enactment of the last of the educational measures. Under it three trustees will be appointed by the governor for the state library. Included in the number will be the chancellor of the higher educational system, replacing the president of the state university, a position no longer filled.

PRISON'S FARM IS ONE OF LARGEST

State Cultivates 700 Acres Near Salem

Salem, Ore.—(UP)—Not many of the farmers in Oregon carry on operations on the scale of the state penitentiary near Salem, the annual report of J. W. Lewis, superintendent-warden of the institution, reveals.

The state penitentiary owns nearly 950 acres of land, the report reveals, of which 700 are cultivated. The remainder is used for pasture and grounds for buildings. Four hundred acres are rented for cultivation.

The prison raises practically all the potatoes and other vegetables needed to meet the requirements of its 878 inmates, in addition to hay, grain, and other feed for the farm stock. All farm work is performed by the inmates under direction of the prison farmer.

The dairy herd consists of 49 grade Holstein cows, five heifers, 16 calves, and a registered bull. All the products are consumed at the penitentiary.

There are 569 hogs to furnish hams and bacon for the prisoners, and the poultry flock consists of 1446 chickens and 449 turkeys.

The state flax plant at the prison purchased the flax from 3611 acres in 1930, but last year, because of unfavorable business conditions, the acreage was cut to 800.

BANK EMPLOYEES GOT \$100 EACH

Brookton, Mass.—(UP)—Each of the 42 employees of the Home national bank was bequeathed \$100 in the will of the late Fred B. Howard, chairman of the board of former president of the institution.

Britain Suspends Trade Treaty Plan With Soviet

London, Mar. 21.—(UP)—Great Britain has decided to suspend trade treaty negotiations with Soviet Russia, Captain Anthony Eden, under-foreign secretary, announced in the house of commons today.

The decision was reached as a result of the arrest in Russia of six British employees of the Metropolitan-Vickers Co. Ltd., charged with plotting sabotage.

Eden said that despite repeated requests, the British ambassador, Sir Edmund Ovey, had not yet been allowed to interview the arrested men and had been unable to obtain details of the charges.

MOST OF MEIER'S PROGRAM PASSED

Only Two of Governor's Bills Defeated

Salem, Ore.—(UP)—How much attention did the legislature pay to Governor Meier's recommendations? A survey by United Press showed that all but two of the governor's recommendations were carried out.

The solons killed after bitter struggles bills requested by the executive to curb "loan sharks" and to lower local tax levies.

The small loan bills saw as much controversy as many more important measures. Finance companies and pawnbrokers succeeded in having all such measures killed. The Gordon bill to cut local taxes 20 per cent was voted down after a fight that lasted most of the session.

Here are the governor's other message recommendations and what the legislature did about them:

- 1—Asked abolition of state property tax. This will be accomplished automatically if the state accepts the general sales tax in the July 21 special election.
- 2—Urged passage of a general sales tax. House passed such a tax in the special election, but the senate killed it. In the regular session, the sales tax battle was successfully terminated in the final hour of the 90th and last day.
- 3—Recommended 5 to 20 per cent wage cuts for state employees. Bill to do this was tabled, but revived the last day after money it would have saved had already been deducted from the state budget.
- 4—Giving banking board power to regulate or suspend mortgage foreclosures in the state. No action was taken on this, but problem handled through other means, as cited in item 7 below.
- 5—Recommended legislature do not adjourn at end of regular 40 day session but stay on job until finished. This was done.
- 6—Asked legislature to memorialize congress to suspend payment of debts of federal reclamation settlers. This was done.
- 7—Urged passage of mortgage moratorium or resolution asking courts of state to use leniency in granting foreclosure decrees. Repeated attempts by Senator Brown to put through an outright moratorium bill were killed by the senate, including one submitting such question to the people for a vote. A resolution was adopted urging court leniency, however, and another urging the federal farm board to declare a three-year moratorium.
- 8—Urged memorializing congress to order investigation of the American Telephone & Telegraph company monopoly and finding some means of preventing utility crashes like the Insull affair. This was done.
- 9—Asked for lower automobile license fees. Granted.
- 10—Asked the legislature to memorialize congress to develop the Columbia river for power, canalization and reclamation. Such would be partially provided for in the grand hydro-electric bill enacted into a law. A memorial providing for interstate compacts and treaties between northwestern states on Columbia river development was passed.

New Forestry Measure Passed By Legislature

Salem, Ore.—(UP)—As the result of repeal of an old law by the legislature, only fire wardens will issue burning permits in Oregon.

Confusion formerly resulted when county judges gave burning permits," said State Forester Cronmiller. "Much expense resulted when the smoke chasers were sent out to determine the nature of smoke coming from permitted by un-publicized fires."

Another new forestry bill is similar to the federal forest service regulations relative to camp fire permits, said Cronmiller.

Under the bill, the governor is to publish a proclamation in a newspaper of statewide circulation, designating areas of high fire hazard. Trails and roads will be posted in areas where campers are required to secure permits to camp. Regulations as to smoking, building fires and carrying tools are included in the bill.

Hunters may lawfully kill elk in Wallowa, Baker and Umatilla counties and parts of Union county. An elk tax of \$2.50 will be levied.

Another forestry law will give the state authority to accept land from counties without necessity of an abstract.

An enabling act passed by both houses gives private timber owners a method of applying for loans under the reconstruction finance corporation federal statutes. The state forester was given authority to cooperate with individuals in management of woodlands in preparation of plans for protection, replacement and extension.

FIRE EXPLODED DYNAMITE

Wenatchee, Wash.—(UP)—Disaster lurked beneath the innocent appearing ground formerly occupied by a powder house near here. Two lads, Charles Dollay and Durke Spake, of Chelan, had built a fire on the site after skiing about the nearby hills. Dynamite caps, imbedded in the ground, exploded, causing injuries. Both will recover.

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Woodin and Hull Blend Informality With Power



He is tall and aquiline—a distinguished figure. His piercing eyes lighted pleasantly beneath brown brows for the correspondents as he spoke in his rich, rather different southern accent and told them that he hadn't any news about the state department because he had been so busy with domestic problems. So he could only say a few nice things by way of greeting. But the freedom with which he answered questions appeared to mean that he would speak honestly in the future.

Hull had sat through the fateful Sunday and Sunday night by Roosevelt's side. It's the secretary of state's job to issue proclamations, but men who were in the White House that day paid high tribute to Hull's splendid financial mind and his deep economic wisdom.

Stodious and Able

His mentality is one of the best in Washington. His good sense and his personal integrity has made him an idol in the more savory section of the democratic party. The best of the democratic tariff experts, he was the ablest foe of the Payne-Aldrich, Fordney-McCumber and Hawley-Smoot acts. Last year he was one of the most influential of the Roosevelt pre-convention leaders.

He wrote the first federal income tax law in 1913 and the first federal inheritance tax law in 1916. His mental power was invaluable while great fiscal and economic measures were being framed during the World War. No more studious man ever held public office.

From domestic problems this man—until recently an obscure figure in the average American mind—will turn to tackle the vital issue of the war debts and the world economic conference, worrying about Far East war clouds the while.

Aside from Roosevelt, no man has entered this administration with problems so enormous as has Cordell Hull.

CITY ASPIRES TO TITLE

Breckenridge, Tex.—(UP)—This city aspires to be known as "The City of Poplars." Trees of that species on land owned by a power company are offered residents who will transplant them.

CITY TOOK UP BARBER

Nampa, Idaho.—(UP)—This city took up barber when it offered to cancel delinquent water bills in exchange for labor by debtors. The exchange was requested by the Nampa Unemployment league.

TONIGHT

Her own son branded her with shame. She scrapped the Ten Commandments for one of her own. She gave him life—he gave her what she death.

RUTH CHATTERTON in "Frisco Jenny"

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SAVINGS AND LOAN RULINGS MODIFIED

Liquidation Funds May be Made to Yield Returns

Salem, Ore.—(UP)—A number of changes were made in handling of liquidated savings and loan association funds as the new corporation commissioner, Judge Charles A. Carey, assumed office.

Monies taken over by the commissioner may be deposited for safe keeping with the state treasurer.

Another bill was introduced to allow the state bond commission, consisting of the governor, chairman of the industrial accident commission and state treasurer, to invest funds of savings and loans in liquidation. Maturities are not to exceed ten years. Formerly, such funds were allowed to remain in comparative idleness in banks.

Laws affecting the secretary of state include a change in the state fiscal year from July 1 to June 30, instead of from October 1 to September 30.

The fee for registration of trade marks was increased from \$5 to \$10, authority given the state secretary to register badges of lodges and other organizations for a \$2.50 fee and also permission was granted the official to compile constitutional provisions and laws affecting incorporated cities and towns. The statute books are to be sold for cast.

Outstanding in legislation affecting the state labor commission was decision of the legislature to make the department self sustaining.

The department, hereafter, according to the program suggested through the governor, will collect fees on boiler inspections as a financing measure.

Other legislation affecting State Labor Commissioner Gram will widen his authority in administration of the wage collection law to cover all industries and activities. Under the measures, the commissioner has authority to collect wages if employers fail to meet.

Another labor bill reduced the licenses of employment agencies from \$250 to \$100.

PERFORM ODD OPERATION

Stockholm, Sweden.—(UP)—A remarkable heart operation, said to be the eighth one of its kind in the world, during which the patient's heart was stopped for four minutes, was performed recently at the hospital at Sabbatsberg, in Stockholm. The heart was laid bare and its beating was stopped during the four breathless and critical minutes needed for the operation, the patient thus being practically in a state of death. The operation was successful and the patient has now regained full health.

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