

# House Approves Bills to Finance State Business

Salem, Ore., March 14 (AP)—Twelve appropriation bills, carrying with them a total of nearly \$19,000,000, passed the house with no difficulty today.

The bills are the second group in a series of ways and means committee measures, to finance the state government for another two years. The first group, totaling nearly \$18,000,000, passed both the house and senate this week, and are now awaiting the governor's signature.

The bills were given a "speed-up" treatment by the house yesterday after their introduction, and were placed on today's calendar.

Largest single item is a \$12,000,000 appropriation for public assistance.

**Bills Signed**

The bills, and the amounts appropriated, follow:

HB 437—Oregon state board of forestry; forest products research laboratory; state bureau of labor; wage and hour commission; department of geology and mineral industries; Rogue river coordination board; state geographic board; total—\$753,190.

HB 438—state highway fund; state game fund account; fish commission expenses; fire marshal account; motor carrier account; total—\$12,898,522, including \$1,568,795 for state police.

HB 440—For children in Doernbecher and U. of O. hospital; for expense in counties of U. of O. child guidance clinic; for crippled children; total—\$211,645.

HB 441—For educational extension and field work in agriculture; total—\$222,936.

**List Continued**

HB 442—For agricultural statistics—\$12,000.

HB 443—For eradication of disease carrying rodents—\$8000.

HB 444—For investigation and experimentation, state board of higher education; total—\$346,000.

HB 445—For state superintendent of public instruction; for vocational education; for vocational rehabilitation service; for education of handicapped children; Oregon textbook commission; Oregon state library; total—\$821,831.

HB 446—For state executive department; budget division; state defense council; committee post-war development; Willamette river basin commission; board of control and for collection for inmates in state institutions; for Sodaville mineral springs in Linn county; upkeep G.A.R. cemetery in Multnomah county; total—\$293,129.

**Public Assistance**

HB 447—Public assistance—\$12,000,000.

HB 448—For teacher expense in connection with children's farm home in Benton county; for expenses Wunne Watts school in connection with Louise Home for Girls in Multnomah county; total—\$54,445.

HB 449—Expenses state board of higher education—\$2,940,000. (\$750,000 maintenance, \$750,000 wage and cost adjustments due to

war, \$1,000,000 capital outlay, \$220,000 repair and acquisition of equipment; \$20,000 for investigating and publicizing child nutrition deficiencies.)

Grand total—\$18,982,442.

## Population Gain Of 10,000 Noted

Deschutes county's population has increased more than 10,000 in the past 25 years, according to a report appearing in the January Oregon Business Review published by the University of Oregon. The female population exceeds that of the males by nearly one and a half per cent, the report adds.

Twenty-two per cent of the population resides in the rural districts, mostly on the county's 1,047 farms, the report shows. Of the residents, 94.3 per cent are native whites. The people are housed in a total of 5,786 dwelling units, of which 3,038 are in Bend.

The report gave the county's population based on OPA figures, as 19,678 as of Sept. 1, 1944.

Logging and sawmills are shown as the principal industries of the county, a force of 2,264 being employed at this. The next is agriculture, with 1,118 employees and 448 are engaged in construction. These are figures based on a 1940 survey.

**Establishments Listed**

The same year listed 24 manufacturing establishments, making products valued at \$8,573,161.

In 1939, according to the report, retail trade by 277 establishments amounted to \$8,668,000, of which \$6,505,000 was business handled by 162 Bend firms. Thirty-six wholesale establishments in the county made annual sales totaling \$5,092,000, of which \$3,132,000 was by 21 Bend wholesalers.

In Jefferson county, according to the report, the population decreased from 1920 where 3,311 persons were noted. The OPA survey of 1944 gave that county a population of 2,500 persons. Principal industry of Jefferson county in 1940 was agriculture, employing a "labor force" of 326 out of a total of 871 employees.

**OFFICIALS' PAY RAISED**

Deschutes county officials, including the justice of the peace, are assured salary increases as a result of the signature yesterday by Governor Snell of house bills 332 and 352, according to a report today from Salem.

**FIRE IS CHECKED**

City firemen late last night were called to the home of Paul Loree, 455 East Greenwood avenue, to extinguish a flue fire. They reported no damage resulted.

## Game Officials Make Plans for Post-War Work

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Portland, Ore., March 14 (AP)—Post-war plans of the Oregon state fish and game commission are mainly directed toward returning the commission's properties to their pre-war condition in anticipation of a boom in outdoor activities after the war, Frank B. Wire, state game supervisor, declared in Portland today.

"A very heavy take" is expected after the war, the commission believes, making it necessary to restock many areas in Oregon with fish. Game has been prospering, Wire said, and has even increased in some parts of the state since the war began.

"We have had to hold open season on elk in some areas, because they had increased to the point that their concentration on state properties became a detriment to themselves as well as to grazing lands," commented the game supervisor.

**Shortages Handicap**

The usual wartime shortages of men and materials have affected the state's fish and game situation considerably. Hatchery fish numbers have had to be reduced considerably because of lack of food and manpower. Women are doing the work performed previously by men, Wire explained. Feed for game has been scarce also.

"We hope to bring our hatcheries up to date and to construct additional ones as soon as it becomes possible for us to do so," was the expression of Wire regarding post-war plans of the fish commission.

Included in the post-war program are:

1. Completion of one of the 16 existing fish hatcheries, rebuilding another entirely, repairing two more; one new hatchery probably will be built.

2. Replacement of all pens at the Pendleton game farm, repairing buildings and equipment at others.

**Would Screen Streams**

3. The screening of streams is urgently needed to prevent loss of naturally spawned fish. However, it will be impossible to screen any but the most important places. Lakes are included.

4. Barriers to the passage of fish upstream should be provided where feasible. In some instances, fishways will be constructed.

5. Public shooting grounds will be developed, it is expected, at Summer lake and Camas swale, where there is an abundance of migratory birds. The Summer lake project will require \$67,660 and the Camas swale development should cost about \$46,600.

6. The Clackamas river study, begun in 1941, would be continued, after being halted in 1942 by the army. At least five years would be required to complete the study.

**Survey Planned**

7. The Rogue river survey is only half-finished and would require \$41,525 for completion.

8. A general lake and streams survey. Eighty lakes and 4,500 miles of streams, of a total of 780 and 16,000 respectively, have been surveyed already. This work will be increased to make up time lost during the war.

## War Briefs - - -

(By United Press)

**Western Front**—American First army drives within mile of super-highway running north through Ruhr valley to Berlin.

**Eastern Front**—Red army smashes across Oder beyond captured Kuestrin on direct road to Berlin.

**Pacific**—B-29 raid burns out five square miles of Osaka; Americans seize four more villages in sweep inland on Mindanao island; marines mopping up Japanese remnants on Iwo Island.

**Italy**—Fifth army repulses counterattack on newly-won peak.

## Mercy Shooting Study Is Made

Headquarters, U. S. 14th Air Force, China, March 14 (AP)—Questioned concerning the court martial acquittal of a 14th air force lieutenant colonel charged with the mercy shooting of a doomed crew member caught in the flaming wreckage of a bomber, Lt. Gen. Claire Chennault indicated today that in his 27 years of flying he had never experienced a similar case.

The 14th air force chief, while expressing regrets for the incident, made it plain that the death of this sergeant gunner in a B-25 at the Chihkiang base was one of those rare, unfortunate incidents which sometimes occur when crews are operating under high tension.

All staff officers concerned with the court martial stated that proceedings against the colonel, who has been respected throughout this theater for consideration of his men, were handled in strictly military fashion. No effort was made to disguise the facts or influence the decision of the court martial board.

**Backed By Crew**

Further evidence indicates that no officer or enlisted man present at the scene of the bomber crash objected to the colonel firing at the doomed sergeant whose legs were pinned behind the pilot's compartment. All who expressed themselves during the rescue efforts, it was said, clamored for mercy shots.

The bomber was returning from

a mission over the Yangtze basin when it overshoot the runway and dropped 60 feet into rice fields. The terrain prevented ground crews from bringing in trucks or heavy fire fighting equipment.

**CARS ARE TAGGED**

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