

### Salem Firm Escapes Tax Rolls, Charges Baum

That from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000 worth of personal property in Oregon isn't on the tax rolls was just one of the statements of Rep. David Baum of Union county when he was picturing what he called the "tax mess" before a large meeting at Mayflower hall Saturday afternoon.

A lot of timber isn't listed at all, he said, and went so far as to declare that one Salem firm with a valuation of \$150,000 had been in business 10 years without being on the tax rolls.

Baum was one of several members of the legislature who were put through a grill of questions by representative of labor, farm and a score of other organizations in a gathering sponsored by the Oregon Farmers Union.

Elaborating on the tax snarl, Baum said that assessments range from 5 to 90 per cent of actual value, although percentages of assessment are supposed to be equal.

In one Willamette valley county, he said, six canneries were given the same assessed valuation as one cannery in another county adjoining.

The Union county man said there is no disposition in the legislature to increase taxes, but that an effort is being made to equalize them and correct existing errors. He rapped merchants who hold goods on what is called consignment and to which, he said, they make no claim of ownership until after assessments have been made.

"We think we have this phase of it licked," he said. As for income taxes Baum said an effort is being made to reduce them by half a million dollars.

Legislators appearing at the meeting were each given 10 minutes to talk, which was followed by 20 minutes of questioning.

Rep. Mark Hatfield of Marion county discussed the civil rights bill, the proposed constitutional convention, initiative and referendum and the election laws.

Of the civil rights bill Hatfield said, it demands equal rights in all public places. He predicted the bill might have a rough journey through the House of Representatives.

Among other speakers were Rep. Monroe Sweetland of

Clackamas county, on development of resources and the power surcharge; Rep. Alfred Corbett of Multnomah county, on social welfare bills; Rep. Phil J. Roth of Multnomah, labor bills; Rep. Herman Chidgren of Clackamas, on agriculture; and James Morris, station manager of radio KOAC, Corvallis, on educational television. He was substitute for Senator Robert Holmes of Astoria who was unable to attend.

Organizations represented included, in addition to the Farmers Union, the Oregon State Grange, the Oregon State AFL, Oregon League of Women Voters, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Oregon Education Association, Oregon State Employees association, A. A. U. W., International Woodworkers, Salem Labor Council, Oregon Social Welfare Council, Methodist Federation for Social Action, and a large number of other groups.

Plans are under way to set up a permanent state-wide committee representing these various groups.

Part of the conference will be broadcast over KOAC, Corvallis, Monday night at 8 o'clock.

### Mt. Angel Set For Holy Week

Mt. Angel — Holy Week services in St. Mary's Catholic church began with the blessing and distribution of palms preceding the 10:30 a.m. high mass on Palm Sunday.

Holy Thursday morning, the solemn high mass will be at 9:00, followed by procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the repository. There will be continuous adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from the close of the mass on Thursday until the mass of the pre-sanctified at noon on Good Friday.

The Good Friday service from noon until 3 p.m. will include the chanting of the passion, solemn adoration of the cross, mass of the pre-sanctified, and the stations of the cross.

Holy Saturday morning, services will begin at 7 o'clock

### Travel Bureau Lists Events

Oregon state highway department's travel information division this week issued its annual schedule for 1953 events for Oregon. The list contains over 225 events, celebrations and conventions to take place in the state from April through December.

Some of the major events during the season include the Portland Rose Festival, June 10-14, with grand floral parade on Friday, June 12; Timber Carnival, Albany, July 2-4; Bend Water Pageant, Bend, July 2-5; Miss Oregon Pageant, Seaside, July 17-19; Astoria Regatta, Astoria, July 24-26; Chief Joseph Days, Joseph, July 24-26; Shakespearean Festival, Ashland, August 1-30; Astoria Salmon Derby, Astoria, August 30-September 7; Oregon State Fair, Salem, September 8-13 and Pendleton Round-Up, Pendleton, September 10-12.

Some of the outstanding events for April include the Spring Garden show, Gresham, April 9-12; Hood River Valley Blossom Festival, Hood River, April 11; St. Helens Salmon Derby, April 11-30; White Water McKenzie River Boat Parade, April 12; Blossom Route Day, Salem, April 5 (tentative); Cascade Lions Sports Show, Eugene, April 15-18; Portland Home Show, Portland Ice Arena, April 17-20; Newport Free Ling Cod Derby, April 19-June 27; and the Primrose Society Flower Show, Portland Woman's club building, April 25.

Western Oregon trout season opens April 18 and opening Pacific Coast League baseball game, Portland vs. San Diego, is scheduled April 14.

Oregon Products Week will be observed April 13-18.

with the blessing of the Easter fire, Easter candle and the baptismal water, followed by high mass beginning at 8:45 o'clock a.m. Tenebrae will be chanted at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursdays and Friday evenings.

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### Merchants in Fight to Save Penney Meters

The Downtown Salem Merchants association doesn't want penny pay time taken away from Salem parking meters, or any other change made in parking regulations that will increase the cost to the public.

A suggestion made at a recent meeting of the city budget committee that pennies be eliminated, even from the 24-minute meters, in the interest of increasing city revenue, mainly so that salaries can be increased, caused the merchants' association to make a formal protest.

A communication from Andy Foster, president of the association, says: "The board of directors of the Downtown Salem Merchants Association have gone on record as being opposed to the city's plan to eliminate the use of pennies in the parking meters, or to any other change in them which might constitute an increased charge to the public. A minute to that effect has been adopted and forwarded to the mayor of the city for his information."

**Hayesville Scouts**  
Hayesville — Hayesville Boy Scouts of troop 20 will hold a court of honor and investiture Tuesday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. at the Halbert Memorial Baptist church.

All parents of Scouts, all former Scouts, committeemen and Scout leaders of this troop are particularly invited to attend, also all others who are interested in the scouting program. Movies will be shown and refreshments will be served.

Port Royal in Jamaica in the West Indies was destroyed by an earthquake in 1692.

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### Grants Pass Wins Forensics

Grants Pass high school students won the sweepstakes trophy of the Willamette university forensics tournament by collecting 37 points.

The tournament closed Saturday afternoon and when the results were compiled it was learned that the Josephine county squad had placed first in five out of the seven divisions involved.

There were more than a score of high schools involved in the speech contests, involving some 200 students.

Representatives from Eugene high placed second with 12 points and Medford finished third with 10.

The sweepstakes winners took top honors in senior and junior debate, oratory, impromptu speaking and extemp speaking.

Placing for Salem high were George Matter who collected a first place in extemporaneous; Lucien Baker, first in humorous interpretation, and Louise Owens, Ron Anderson and Matter, who tied for third in senior debate.

The camural sword of Japan was a holy thing which required ritual purification by the smiths who forged it.

### Salem Area Timber To Be Sold in April

Portland O.S.—The Bureau of Land Management said today it would offer 42 tracts of O & C and public domain timber totalling 65,971,000 board feet for sale during April.

Value of the timber has been set at \$1,333,412.20.

Roscoe V. Bell, regional administrator of the bureau, said more than one-half of the tracts to be offered are salvage of blow-down and beetle-killed timber.

The largest offerings will be at Medford where 23,165,000 board feet will go up for sale April 12. The Salem district will have 10,380,000 board feet up for sale on that date. On April 14, five tracts with 6,635,000 board feet will be sold at Coos Bay.

### Eugene Co. Ordered to Cease Anti-Unionism

San Francisco (AP)—Campbell and McLean, Inc., Eugene, Ore., Saturday was ordered by a National Labor Relations Board examiner to stop threatening reprisals against employees for union activities.

Examiner Irving Rogovin found the firm, which handles green veneer and plywood, had engaged in unfair labor practices by demoting Winfred W. Smith, who was active in the union. The firm was directed to restore any pay Smith had lost and to reinstate him to his job as plywood patcher.

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