

Governor Sees Possibility For State Property Levy

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Unless the 1955 Legislature can develop a new tax to furnish more revenue "which this year for the first in a long time is lagging behind estimates," real property owners stand in the position of receiving a state tax levy which since 1940 has not been necessary, Governor Paul Patterson told Oregon Jersey breeders in their annual meeting in Salem Saturday.

When the State Tax Commission calculation shows a need above funds on hand, the levy automatically goes on real property and this is paid before county and city expenditures, which feature could be of tremendous importance locally, he noted.

Patterson said he was startled and surprised last year when he found he had signed and made into law bills requiring over one-half billion dollars, of which 180 millions is tax levy, during the 1953-1955 biennium. This and other post-war high budgets are whittling away at a 40 million dollar surplus which Patterson estimated would be down to three to eight millions by the end of this year.

"People of Oregon would have a minor revolution if budget cuts were attempted," Patterson observed. They would not expect state employees to be cut in wages and wish the level of state services to be maintained. Regarding penitentiary guard wage increase requests, he said he planned to proceed with caution even though someone may be given an injustice.

Commenting on the interim committee study to find new tax answers, Patterson suggested that groups come to them with positive rather than negative plans for legislation.

Oregon has a primary connecting system of roads superior to most states, the governor remarked. With a 72 million dollar fund available, Oregon will soon be the first state in the U.S. to approach the road development planned when World War II intervened.

Proper control of the All-Jersey milk program and protection of the All-Jersey trademark was stressed in the report of the milk committee submitted by John Gale, chairman. Nine other states in the U.S. now want the program. An American Jersey Cattle club representative will be in Oregon, Dec. 12, to work out details of full coverage for the U.S.

Newton Davis, chairman of the resolutions committee, joined with the milk committee in action continuing to protest against the present unfair milk pricing system which does not recognize the extra solids in Jersey milk.

The two millionth application for registry will soon be processed by the American Jersey Cattle club, announced Floyd Bates, member of the board of directors.

Eugene Fisher of Albany took first place in the youth production contest in receiving the trophy donated by the Polk county Jersey cattle club. His cow Laddy's Pansy May yielded 654

Recreation Topic of Sweet Home Panel

Sweet Home—A panel will discuss recreational facilities for Sweet Home school children in a meeting of the Long St. Parent-Teacher Association in the Long St. school Gym, at 7:30 p. m., Monday, Nov. 7.

Those who will make up the panel include Jerry Anderson, city councilman; Mrs. Larry Hobart, teacher; Alvie Leach father; Mrs. Barbara Musgrave, mother; Mike Ervin and Tamara Scott, students; Rev. Oliver Everett, minister; and a representative of Sweet Home's Civic clubs.

Guy Oliver, instructor at Sweet Home Union high will serve as moderator.

Mrs. Blaine Cobat, Long St. PTA program chairman, and principal of the Long St. schools, A. D. Cleveland, arranged the program.

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High Winds Save Pilot

Spokane (AP)—Pilot John P. Miffin says the high winds that caused his light plane to crash also probably saved his life.

Miffin, 46, operator of a flying service at Felts Field here, told the story of the crash Sunday after walking 16 miles through deep snow to safety off Mt. Spokane.

Miffin's four-place Cessna crashed on the 5,800-foot mountain Saturday morning. He escaped with cuts and bruises and walked 17 hours to

reach a cabin near Spirit Lake, Idaho. Miffin said high winds caused his plane to veer off course and he crashed into the mountain in a blinding snowstorm. But he said the same winds also braked the plane when it hit, it was going about 80 miles an hour.

Miffin is a former president of the Oregon Aviation association. Iron is about four percent of the earth's crust.

Ban on Imports Of Metals Asked

Spokane (AP)—Ending a two-day meeting here, the Northwest Mining Assn. Saturday called for federal regulation of imports of non-ferrous metals to the United States.

A declaration of policy said the government should take immediate action to guarantee

that "a fair share of domestic consumption shall be reserved for domestic producers, at a fair profit." The policy statement also called for modification of the capital gains tax, restoration of the gold standard, and more liberal tax ex-

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