

New Governor Enjoys People, Shows Ability to Work Hard

Holmes Often Joins in Singing

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What kind of a man is Robert D. Holmes, who on January 14 will become Oregon's 10th Democratic governor since Oregon was given statehood in 1859 and will be the 28th man to become chief executive of the state?

First, he is a man filled with optimism and good humor, easy to meet, and one who enjoys joining his friends, be they Republicans or Democrats, in a rousing songfest.

Has Serious Side

Yet he has his serious side, as has been demonstrated by plain hard work during four sessions of the legislature as a state senator from Clatsop county.

He is a man, who after attending University of Oregon where he was president of his fraternity, Delta Tau Delta, got himself a job in a Portland newspaper, then did some selling, around Portland.

Holmes then went to Astoria where he was employed in Radio Station KAST. He performed odd jobs, saying that sometimes he swept out, became an announcer, then a salesman and finally became manager.

Joins ADA

Members of his family were all Republicans and so was he until 1948 when he changed to the Democratic party. While still a Republican, he shocked some of his friends by joining a chapter of the Americans for Democratic Action at the same time serving as president of the Astoria Rotary club.

HOW TO COAT THE PILL?

Money Problems to Overshadow All Others in 49th Legislature

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It's the problem of how to coat the pill that gives Oregon legislators such long faces these days. The pill—money—will be the overriding problem of the 49th legislative assembly which convenes here Monday.

Insurgent Democrats and Republicans may disagree over who will break the 15-15 state Senate tie, but both parties are equally eloquent when it comes to the shortage of cash.

Because of the money problem and the resulting tax problem, the things to keep an eye on in the upcoming session will be the things that cost most in the new budget: Basic school money, \$77 million; higher education, \$44 million; institutions, \$32 million; and building funds \$20 million.

Some Tax Due

Both schools and institutions are under terrific pressure from the state's growing population and both have urgent building and staff needs. The demand for all state services is constantly increasing.

The cold facts seem to be that unless the present 45 per cent surtax on income or some equally

profitable and unpleasant tax is imposed by the 1957 Legislature, part of our capital improvement or education program may go down the drain.

Take your choice: The surtax, a general sales tax, a beefed-up income tax, a state property tax or a combination.

Holmes To Have Say

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Long Faces

Should the Legislature's tax program be turned down by the people, it would require a special session of the Legislature to straighten out state finances.

A special session might be forestalled if Democrats could arrange a special election on their tax program while the Legislature still was in regular session, but this is speculative.

Where does this leave us? With faces almost as long as the legislators'.

Walks Out



WASHINGTON—Rep. Wayne Hays (D-Ohio) walks out of an executive (closed) session of the House foreign affairs committee on President Eisenhower's Middle East plan. Hays denounced the "secrecy" he said was accorded to Secretary of State Dulles—especially when Mr. Dulles' policy seems to be getting in hot water." At the time, Dulles and Adm. Arthur Radford were meeting with the committee, of which Hays is a member. (AP Wirephoto)

port last fall. He also admires Oregon senior Senator Wayne Morse.

Friend of Patterson

But as an example of his diversity, Holmes was a great friend of the late Governor Paul L. Patterson. Holmes recently said that when Patterson was president of the senate, he called Holmes into his office and told him he was placing him on the powerful ways and means committee.

"Gov. Patterson told me that he hoped the day would never come, but if the Democrats grabbed control of the state, he hoped someone like myself would be governor, and he wanted me to know what makes the state tick."

In fact, he loves to sing, says that comes from his family when back in New York state where he was born and raised, the family often gathered in the front yard in the summer and engaged in singing.

Born in New York

Holmes' parents are Christian Scientists and although he leans towards the church, in Astoria his wife, Marie, was a member of the Episcopal church and he attended services with her regularly at her church.

Brother Unsuccessful Candidate

Another brother, Hal Holmes, was an unsuccessful Republican candidate for the legislature from one of Portland's four representa-

Legislative Democrats also do not favor a general sales tax, although it will undoubtedly come up again due to recommendations from the Legislative Interim Tax Study Committee for a sales tax combined with higher exemption income tax and some property tax relief.

Possible Referral Seen

Democrats, who will hold the whip hand in the House, will probably plump for a tax program relying mainly on the personal income tax, although they have not made their plans explicit.

They might repeal the surtax and make up some of the loss by hiking regular income taxes while restoring dependency credits and personal exemptions from \$50 to \$600.

They also might consider eliminating the 50 per cent personal property tax offset in the corporation excise tax structure.

But behind all tax proposals lurks the possibility that the final plan may be delayed for referral to the people at the next general election following the session. This stems from the fact that voters in November refused to allow an emergency clause to be attached to tax measures.

Control Board Shifts Meeting

The state board of control, which usually meets on Tuesday, will hold its weekly meeting Thursday at 9:30 a.m., Gov. Elmo Smith has announced.

Milwaukie Legion Post Installation Slated Saturday

Postponed installation of the Milwaukie Post has been set for Saturday and district 2 American Legion members are urged to attend.

District Commander is Charles Johnson of Capital Post 9. Department officers of Oregon will attend and the ritual team of the Rose City Post will be in charge of ceremonies. Department Commander Don Eva and Auxiliary President Frances Grund are in charge of initiation.

The Mahton County Council will meet at 8 a.m. Friday and newly elected officers will be installed. They are Fred Laucht, Commander; Maurice Hammer, Vice-commander and Essie White, adjutant.

New State Officials Greet Each Other



Evidence that Governor-elect Robert D. Holmes enjoys meeting people is shown when he and his wife greet Secretary of State Mark Hatfield at Monday's reception following Hatfield's induction into office. From left to right are shown Hatfield, Warne Nunn, now director of motor vehicles, who will become assistant secretary of state next week, the governor-elect Holmes and Mrs. Holmes.

Legislature Members Start Arriving Here

Chambers Ready For Coming Session

As the opening of the 1957 legislature draws near, members of the senate and house will soon be moving into Salem in force.

State Representative C. Allen Tom, is the first state legislator to move here. He has moved his wife and two sons into a house at 2481 Trade street.

Rents House

He rented the house from legislator Guy Jonas who will become a member of the Marion county house delegation next Monday. He will be the only Democrat among three other Republican members of the house from Marion county.

During the past two weeks many of the legislators have been in Salem arranging for rental of apartments, motel quarters or houses to be occupied during the session.

Some years ago the majority of the members of the legislature came sans wives and engaged hotel rooms during the session. But in later years it has more and more become the custom of the solons to bring their wives and

children, placing the later in Salem public schools during the 100-day days that the legislature is in session.

Chambers Prepared

At the State Capitol the task of preparing senate and house chambers and committee rooms for the legislature is virtually completed. This task was started by former Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry and is being completed by the present Secretary of State Mark Hatfield.

It is expected that the 90 members of the 1957 legislature will all be in Salem Sunday to attend the caucuses of the two houses. The senate caucus will be held in Room 309, State Capitol, at 7 p.m. and at the same hour the house caucus will be held in the house chamber. Pat Dooley, house speaker-designate has announced.

Car, Train Collide

LEBANON (Special)—Bruises to her person and damage to her car were reported by Nellie May Kindred, 1200 Airport Rd., after a collision with a Southern Pacific train at the South Second street crossing at 9:43 p.m. Monday. Train engineer was Gordon Godney of 208 S.E. 4th St., Portland. Amount of damage was not given.

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