

47 Tax Bills Go in Hopper; Total at 243

Assessment Supervision By State Provided in One Measure

Forty-seven bills from the Committee on Taxation were introduced in the Oregon House of Representatives today—all but three of them at the request of the State Tax Commission.

Most of them dealt with changes in procedure and administration of property and income tax laws.

They brought the total of bills introduced to 243.

One important bill would give supervisory powers to the State Tax Commission over any state, county or municipal officer performing tax assessment, collection or apportionment duties. Included would be county sheriffs, county tax supervisors and conservation commission.

Bills Defined

Another bill would establish tax supervising and conservation commissions in all counties, in addition to the present Multnomah county commission. They would be under the general supervision of the State Tax Commission.

Power to request statements of taxable real or personal property from individuals or corporations in addition to statements made to county assessors would be granted in another bill.

Other tax bills would re-define the formula for sharing costs by the counties of State Tax Commission appraisal services so that each county would pay one-half the cost; re-define merchantable timber for tax purposes, and change inventory law to permit determination of stock at the close of 12 regular periods rather than at the end of each month.

Federal Plan Eyed

Changes in income tax law would provide a graduated method of computing tax withholdings approximating liability similar to the federal withholding plan; eliminate flexible hardship exemption provisions; and enable a dependent 19 or younger to earn up to \$1,000 before losing his dependency status.

Rotarian



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Oakland Fire Kills 2 Men; \$300,000 Loss

OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI)—Pacific Gas and Electric Company officials estimated damage at \$300,000 today from an explosion and fire that killed two men and destroyed a company warehouse in downtown Oakland.

Six others were injured, two seriously they may die.

The four-alarm fire broke out shortly before 1 p.m. Wednesday. It forced 175 employees who were in the two-story, block-long building to flee.

One man rushed from the building with his hair on fire, screaming in pain. Seconds later, the building exploded in a "sheet of flame."

Assistant Fire Chief Bernard Dooley said the explosion and fire took place when a workman from a sheet metal firm uncapped a two-inch gas pipe while installing gas heaters in a ground floor office. An electric heater in a corner of the office ignited the fumes.

The dead were identified as Francis Trombley, 42, of Oakland, and C. O. Helmuth, 62, of Concord, employees of the utility.

The seriously injured were Theodore W. Erickson, 62, of Concord and Aubrey Duesbury, 63, of Berkeley.

Group Named For Project

E. A. Frank, president of the Salem Exchange club, Thursday announced appointment of a large committee that will take the responsibility of launching a junior achievement program in Salem if a decision is reached to organize it.

Members of the group are Gerry Frank, Kenneth Potts, George Martin, Dave Hoss, Coburn Grathenhorst, Tom Roberts, J. A. H. Dudd, Sid Boise, Perry Buren, Lew Wilshire, Russell Bonesteete, Kent Mathewson, Claude A. Miller, James L. Payne, Otto Skopli, Fred G. Starrett, Elmer D. Berg, Gardner Knapp, and one to be named from the United States National Bank.

PTA Group Has Buzz Sessions

DALLAS (Special)—Discussion groups involving parents, teachers and students highlighted the junior high Parent-Teacher association meeting Monday night.

Questions were prepared by students to be asked and others were answered at the buzz sessions.

Ivan Esau conducted the meeting, and Kenneth Wait, principal of the junior high school, was in charge of the discussion.

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Last Escapee Arrested for Albany Break

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ALBANY, Ore. (AP)—Earl Junior Bonney, one of four prisoners who escaped from the Linn County jail here last September, is in custody at Las Vegas, Nev., Sheriff George K. Miller said Wednesday.

He said Las Vegas police notified him that Bonney had signed a waiver of extradition and will be returned to Oregon as soon as possible.

The sheriff quoted Las Vegas police as saying a routine fingerprint check disclosed Bonney's identity after he had been jailed there on a vagrancy charge.

Bonney, at the time of the escape, was being held pending sentence to life in the Oregon state prison as an habitual criminal. He had appealed that sentence and Sheriff Miller said he was informed Tuesday that the appeal had been denied.

Daniel Condon Ott, one of the three who escaped with Bonney, later was found dead in the Willamette River near Salem. He apparently had drowned.

Ernest Loring Gibson, who was captured near Coquille after hiding out in a forest, will appear in circuit court here Thursday on a charge of assault and robbery.

James Arthur Patton is serving a 20-year prison term after being caught near Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Assets of Banks Up \$226 Million

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon's 41 state banks and trust companies had assets totaling \$226,319,915 at the end of 1956, state banking superintendent Marshall A. Case reported Thursday.

This is an increase of more than 12 million dollars over the \$212,837,805 on Dec. 31, 1955.

Loans and discounts totaled \$98,815,145 compared with \$89,450,332 for the previous year.

Report Made On Study of Water Supply

At an informal meeting Wednesday of the city council and the city advisory committee on water supply Carroll Meeks, chairman of the committee, reported that the first phase in the committee's study had been completed.

This relates to financing of the proposed new supply line from Stayton Island to Salem. Headed by Chandler Brown, a sub-committee on this phase, is preparing a report that will go to the City Council next Monday night.

It will recommend a 25-year bond issue, with call date in 1967 in event interest rates decrease between now and that date. Payments would start in 1961 with \$40,000 of the \$3,750,000 total maturing in that year. The maturities would increase annually until they reach \$250,000 a year after the present bonded indebtedness is paid off.

One purpose in meeting was to find out the policy of the city on extending water service to outlying districts not yet annexed to the city.

Mayor Robert F. White said the present policy is to extend the service if it is profitable to the city. He said the council would give the question further study for clarification.

Howell School Plans Annex

CENTRAL HOWELL (Special)—A special meeting was called by the school board of the combined Central Howell and Brush Creek districts recently when the members voted to build an additional room to handle the increase in the school's population.

It is expected that within the next five years, the school census will show approximately 100 children of school age in this district.

When the votes were counted, there were 40 for the new addition and 14 against.

Plans are being rushed so that the actual work can begin as soon as school is out for the summer. Earl Schar is clerk of the district.

Pastor Tells Education Need In Talk to Church Council

By JANET TUGMAN STONE, Capital Journal Writer

"It is the business of the church to insist we start from scratch in education," said Dr. Harold A. Bosley in an address this morning to delegates of the Convocation of Oregon Council of Churches.

Dr. Bosley, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Evanston, Ill., went on to say we must educate or perish in the business of church fellowship.

The church, he emphasized, must take on the task of educating. And, he added, every person who calls himself a Christian should be willing to study his religion and its history.

Church fellowship, he said, is fundamental to the life of the church and is the nucleus of brotherhood. Religion began in the homes of the faithful. To those people the problem of one was the problem of all. "Unity and community are the tokens of fellowship."

"Church," he said, "is fellowship in which men and people find their way again."

A student once asked the doctor, "What's in it for me—what is religion and the church?"

First, replied the minister, it is a crusade. "We must have a ministry of social conscience." The church purpose is a way of living and has no meaning unless it can be interpreted in specific problems people face.

And as far as problems are concerned, he added, the church is not the place to seek serenity—but to seek problems and to solve them—there is no peace on earth, he added "only in God."

The church, he continued, must address itself realistically to problems. "It is the business of the church to keep people disturbed about love of God and they must face the problems of the world."

"Religion," he said, "is not built like a contour chair—for comfort—it is a job."

Cub Scouts Given Awards

Cub Scouts of Pack 26 received badges and awards at a pack meeting last night at Liberty school.

Dick Smith, Jim Henry and Dennis Luke were advanced to the rank of Bear, Ricky and Berret Pierce were awarded their Bobcat badges.

Pins depicting years of service were given to Gary McClelland, 3 yrs., and Jim Henry, 1 yr. Denner Stripe went to James Moskal and assistant Denner Stripe to Dennis Luke. Arrow pins were earned by Jim Henry, John Henry, and Rick Martin.

Several of the dens won ribbons given for inspection and parent attendance. Cubmaster Ollie Abdo and his assistant Ed Martin conducted the meeting.

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Benson Urges Flexible Props For 'Long Pull'

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson said Thursday the present flexible price support system—the key plan of the Eisenhower administration farm program—should be broadened "as a long range goal."

Such broadening is needed, he said, to permit "greater freedom for prices to change."

In a speech prepared for the National Wool Growers Assn. convention here, Benson said he advocates government price supports "not as an end in themselves but as a way of providing needed stability in agriculture."

The present flexible system was adopted by Congress in 1954 upon recommendation of President Eisenhower. Replacing high, rigid supports of the Truman administration, the new floors range between 75 and 90 per cent of parity for major crops. Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices declared by law to be fair to farmers in relation to prices they pay.

Benson said price supports should be maintained "at the highest possible level that does not require excessive restriction on production and does not interfere with marketings or build up surplus stocks."

But he did not specify how much lower he thought the legal range for supports should be.

Of particular interest to wool growers was Benson's reference to suggestions that the government pay western livestock men to reduce grazing of cattle and sheep on range lands during dry periods.

Land Bank Loans Highest on Record

SPOKANE (AP)—The Federal Land Bank of Spokane reported Thursday it closed a record of 3,445 loans for \$4 1/2 million dollars last year for farmers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

President Fred A. Knutsen said this was an increase of about 2 million dollars over 1955 and the highest volume in the 40-year history of the bank.

Oregon Youth Saved; Naval Craft Collide

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—A sailor is missing and presumed drowned and three others were rescued in the collision of a Navy tug and a landing craft in San Diego Bay, the Navy reported Wednesday.

The missing man was identified as Raymond Seda Torres, 18, a seaman from Puerto Rico.

The three men who were knocked or jumped from the landing craft when it was struck by the tug Munsee Tuesday night were: Leonard F. La Rosa, 22, Seaman of Fresno, Calif.; Richard L. Gilbert, 19, fireman-engineer of Butte, Mont.; and Gordon E. Dukes, 17, bow hookman of Klamath Falls, Ore.

The rescued were picked up by the tug and other nearby Navy ships.

The Navy said the landing craft, being used as a liberty boat, was "damaged," but not sunk or capsized. The collision occurred while the liberty boat was headed for shore.

Convicts Get 18-Month Rap For Escaping

Two inmates of the Oregon State penitentiary who walked away from the institution only to be picked up a few hours later a few months ago will serve an additional 18 months for their brief period of freedom.

Benjamin J. Gaul and Ted M. Simonson are the convicts involved. They entered pleas of guilty to an escape charge before Judge George Duncan Thursday morning and were promptly returned to the institution at the end of State street.

Donald William Schnee and Charles L. R. O. Armstrong charged with uttering a forged bank check entered innocent pleas and the case was continued for trial.

A similar charge brought George Edward Tennes before Judge Duncan who gave the defendant until Monday, Jan. 28 in which to enter a plea.

Cecil Doe, whose true name is Irwin Curtis Fitzgerald, asked time in which to secure counsel. He is charged with assault and robbery being armed with a dangerous weapon. He is said to have been involved in the robbery of Erickson's Market.

Logan Walter Delp, arrested on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses a s k e d time in which to enter a plea. He is scheduled to reappear in court Jan. 28.

Disc Marathon Still Keeping Major Jailed

ROSEBURG (AP)—Mayor Arlo M. Jacklin is spending his third day in jail here while Johnny Huddleston, radio station disc jockey continues his marathon record spinning.

Jacklin agreed to stay in jail as long as Huddleston keeps on the job and the disc jockey says he expects to keep going at least until Friday noon.

The whole thing is an advertising stunt for the March of Dimes campaign here. A couple of the mayor's pals who tried to smuggle him files in a cake and loaf of bread wound up in jail, and so did Manager Harold Hickerson of the Chamber of Commerce who tried to intimidate jailers with a shotgun.

Meantime, arrangements were being made to have Douglas County's three legislators in Salem taken into custody for failing to contribute to the campaign.

Weather Table

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—24 hours to 4:30 a. m. Thursday

Max. Min. Prep.	Baker	Bend	Eugene	Klamath Falls	Lakeview	Medford	Newport	North Bend	Pendleton	Roseburg	Salem
26 3 .04	31 2 .08	41 29 .13	27 18 T	27 21 .01	40 31 T	43 31 .15	47 35 .42	41 33 .13	40 26 T		

BROTHERHOOD CHAIRMAN
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