

School Reorganizing Bill Given Unanimous Support by House Unit

Vote Set Tuesday On Property Tax Prohibition

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The comprehensive school reorganization bill, one of several key education measures before the state Legislature, was ready for consideration by the House today.

The bill yesterday received the unanimous approval of the House Education Committee which voted it out with a "do pass" recommendation.

The bill provides for the establishment of new administrative school districts by local committees after a vote of the people and with the approval of the state board of education.

Proponents hope it will eventually reduce the number of distressed school districts in Oregon by enabling local districts to completely re-examine their educational, boundary and financial problems.

Property Tax Vote Set
Hearings on the bill revealed some opposition on grounds it might consolidate too much power on the state level and might force some undesirable reorganizations.

Other key education bills under study would double basic school support funds, provide \$7 million for distressed district building needs and change the formula for distributing school money based on Multnomah county as a "key district."

On the tax front, Senate bill 92 which would take the state out of the property tax field was made a special order of business next Tuesday in the Senate. Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon Republican, said yesterday's 29-9 vote to take the bill from the Senate Tax Committee enabled the floor action.

Gill charged that the bill was being buried in the tax committee which is headed by Sen. Walter Pearson, Portland Democrat. Under the bill, the state could not levy a property tax except to pay off its bonded indebtedness.

Other Highlights
Korean Bonus: The house military affairs committee scheduled a hearing on a resolution proposing a maximum \$600 bonus for Korean veterans.

Consolidations: A Senate bill validating past school district consolidations despite minor illegal procedures passed the House and was ready for the governor's desk.

AF Calls Off Hunt for Its Stray Rocket

ALAMOGORDO, N. M. (AP) — The location of the remnants of an errant military rocket apparently may remain locked unknown in the colored Desert reaches of Utah.

Yesterday the 29th fleet long matador escaped remote controls operated from Holloman Air Development Center. Officials said it had about an hour's fuel left.

MEET THE LEGISLATORS



REP. SHIRLEY FIELD

One of three women in the house, Rep. Shirley Field (R), Portland, has a background few women possess. She is an able lawyer, graduate of Yale law school, and active in many fields.

For many years she has been active worker in the Young Republicans federation, both in Portland and in state-wide activities. Also member of Urban League, American Oregon Citizens' association, Governor's committee on Children and Youth and on committee on Parole and Probation, board member of Oregon Prison association, Isaak Walton League, past member of board of League of Women Voters. Has served on executive committee of Young Republican Federation and also served as Republican precinct committeewoman.

Miss Field was born February 27, 1923 in Fort Wayne, Ind., and attended public schools there. Then to Stephens college, University of Michigan, where she earned an AB degree and then to Yale law school.

Rep. Field is not married. She has been a candidate for the legislature several times, and under sub-district plan won a seat at the last November elections.

She is serving on education, labor and industries and public health and welfare committees of the house.



REP. OLE GRUBB

Rep. Ole W. Grubb, (D) Bend, has farmed during a good portion of his life, starting in North Dakota with oxen but later operated threshing machines and other power-driven equipment.

Discouraged by crop failures—drought, hail, black rust—Rep. Grubb moved to Bend in 1929. For three years he was Deschutes county commissioner and on county welfare board for 15 years. He served on Tumalo school board 12 years and for five years was justice of the peace. He has also been superintendent of Bend street department.

An indication of how busy Rep. Grubb has been since he came to Oregon is the fact that he was employed in the woods and in the sawmill of Shelvin-Hixon, also worked as a carpenter, salesman, mechanic and has done some machine work.

He is married and had nine children, oldest was a defense worker accident victim and the youngest son died of rheumatic fever. Seven children still live.

Rep. Grubb draws from his varied experience in talking in committees on various bills. He serves on the highways committee, Fish and Game and Public Health and Welfare.

Drive Slated By Groups on Heart Sunday

Young People Make Collection Plans For Area

Heart Sunday, Feb. 24, will find young people from several different organizations calling on the residents of Salem and the surrounding area soliciting funds for the Heart drive.

A door-to-door solicitation is to be made from 1 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon and those making the calls will be equipped with envelopes marked "Heart Sunday" and containing other information on the drive. Where residents are away, envelopes will be left that can be mailed to the "Postmaster" in Salem. Whether donations are made or not the young solicitors will give those persons they visit information on "six ways to help your heart."

Miss Katherine Zorn is chairman of the Heart Sunday committee and co-chairman is Miss Irene DeLisle. Mrs. Robert Parks and Mrs. Eugene Braucht are the telephone supervisors.

Young people's groups helping with the solicitation will be Cherry and Chadwick assemblies of Rainbow Girls; three groups of Junior Catholic Daughters, including St. Cecilia and Lady of LaSalette groups; Willamette and Chemeketa chapters of DeMolay; and Bethels 35, 43, 48 and 59 of Jobs Daughters.

Areas visited will include not only Salem, but South Salem, Kelso, West Salem and the Four Corners.

In addition to the Salem area collections will be made in Woodburn, Silverton, Stayton, Mt. Angel, Mill City, Mehama, Jefferson, Hubbard, Aumsville, Turner and Sublimity.

Adviser



Capt. Walker New Reserve Adviser Here

New adviser for the army reserves in the Salem area is Capt. Ansil L. Walker, coming to the Salem assignment from three years of duty with the 513th Military Intelligence group in Germany.

The captain, who prior to the assignment in Germany, was a graduate from the Army Language school at Monterey specializing in Russian, is a veteran of 18 years service with the Army. During World War II, he was in the South Pacific with the 33rd Infantry division and then on occupation duty in Japan. The Korean conflict found him in Korea with the Second Infantry division. In both wars he was an infantry company commander.

Among Walker's decorations and ribbons are the Combat Infantry badge with cluster; Silver Star; Bronze Star medal with three clusters; the Purple Heart for wounds received in Korea; and unit citation from the Presidents of the United States, Korea and the Philippines.

Coming to Salem with the captain were his wife and their two children, Johnny, 8, and Susan, 4. The Walkers have purchased a home at 424 Fir Dell Dr., and plan to remain here after his retirement.

FAR UNDER OTHERS

Portland Firm Gives Low Water Line Bid

Lord Brothers Contractors of Portland, with a bid of \$3,336,747, were lowest among six firms when bids were opened Thursday afternoon for the Stayton Island-Salem water line construction contract.

This bid was \$267,648 under the next lowest bid offered jointly by P. S. Lord Mechanical Contractors of Portland and Salem Sand and Gravel company of Salem, whose offer was \$3,604,395.

Bonds authorized by the people of Salem for the project are \$3,750,000, and a contract for the construction will not be awarded until after bids for the bonds are opened March 5.

Other bidders for the construction job, largest ever undertaken by the city, were: Morrison-Knudsen company, Seattle, \$3,604,888; N. P. Van Valkenburg company, El Monte, Calif., \$3,631,101; Kuckenberg Construction company, Portland, \$4,333,045; and Alton V. Phillips and Associates, Seattle, offered a bid that was low on only a part of the project.

Lloyd Clark, member of the engineering firm that prepared the plans, and City Manager Kent Mathewson, said the margin between the low bid and the bonds to be sold could be applied to other costs in the construction project such as added infiltration equipment, right of way and engineers' fees.

The new supply line will be a line of 54 inches diameter from Stayton Island to Turner and dropping to 48 and 42 inch on toward Salem.

Health Department

Reports County's Births, Deaths Up

Births and deaths in Marion county during January were far in excess of those that occurred during the first month of 1956, according to the monthly statistical report of the Marion County Department of Health.

In the case of deaths the ratio was approximately two to one.

Total births for January this year were 183 as against 102 for the same month a year ago. Deaths totaled 95 last month in comparison with 48 for January, 1956.

The chief cause of death during the month of January was heart disease with 43 casualties. This is almost twice the number reported a year ago. Cancer killed 16 persons as against four in January 1956 while 10 persons succumbed to appendix. Two persons were victims of automobile accidents.

Said Powell: "It's true we have not been getting along, but I thought it was worth another chance. Unfortunately June did not agree."

Both denied that any other man or woman was involved, and both said no divorce is in prospect immediately. They have two children, Pamela, 5, and Richard Jr., 6.

Salem, Silverton

Students Receive OSC Scholarships

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oran McKil-trick of Baker, and Earl McCollum of Silverton, both juniors at Oregon State College, received \$500 scholarships at the OSC School of Agriculture banquet Thursday night.

The awards were made by the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

Among those receiving outstanding students awards were Kenneth Noteboom, Salem, and James P. Madden, Malin.

Robert C. Averett, Salem, and Ronald L. Walker, Lakeview, are among the five sharing the \$500 Nutrilite Foundation scholarship.

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — The Swiss government Friday proposed a constitutional amendment to grant women the right to vote.

Meek Carries

Cahill Liberty Protest to AG

A Portland legislator who opposed the release of Otto Cahill, former Lincoln County justice of the peace, from the Oregon penitentiary carried his fight to the attorney general Thursday.

Rep. Fred Meek (R), asked Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton if Cahill, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, retained his pension rights because his one-year prison sentence had been reduced by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

Cahill was ordered freed by the Governor last Friday after serving three months. He was convicted of misappropriating \$750 from the Taft-Neilsen-Delake Water District, of which he was secretary.

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Blaze Damages Boat Owned by Salem Man

A 26-foot boat, owned by Gerald Hall, a first aid captain with the Salem fire department, was practically destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon while it was moored to a log raft at the foot of Division street.

Members of the fire department estimated the loss at about \$7,000, according to Captain Peter McCaffery.

Hall had been cruising on the river and said he tried up the boat to allow the motor to cool. When he attempted to start the motor again the fire started, apparently from a gasoline flooded engine.

Firemen from the West Salem station, unable to reach the fire otherwise, got the use of a tug from the Willard Taylor boathouse and quickly equipped it with a portable pump.

BOB'S

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Holmes Backs State Fair Transfer Move

Gov. Robert D. Holmes Thursday endorsed a bill which would place control of the state fair back under the Department of Agriculture.

"I have noted with regret and dismay that many fairs and particularly state fairs have taken on a carnival nature," the governor said. "Yet emphasis should be on agricultural production, on crops and livestock, on mineral and wood resources and on the products derived from all of them."

The governor said he had received the resignation of Dr. Earle B. Stewart, Roseburg, chairman of the State Fair Commission. Dr. Stewart, who has served on the commission since it was created by the 1951 Legislature, is serving a term to expire April 2, 1958.

Twenty-six chicken raisers petitioned the state Agriculture Department Thursday for formation of an Oregon Fryer Commission.

The commission would promote the sale of frying chickens within the state.

The department now will investigate the proposal, and probably will order a hearing.

Medics Check Ike's Cough; It Isn't Serious

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower's doctors attribute his persistent cough to inflammation of the windpipe.

Cypriot Condemned

NICOSIA (AP) — A British court Friday sentenced Francis Lambrou, a 17-year-old Greek Cypriot plumber, to death for firing a revolver at a British army warrant officer in Limassol last November. The Briton, Harold Middleton, was slightly wounded in the shoulder.

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Hearings Held On Formation Of Fryer Unit

Hearings and a grower referendum on creation of an Oregon fryer commission were requested in a petition received Thursday at the state agricultural department.

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