

Grange Master Urges Maintenance Of Government Services Before Tax Cuts

(Special to Sentinel)

BEND, Or., June 2—Maintenance of essential government service, adequate projects such as reclamation and Bonneville administration, and reduction of the national debt should take precedence over cuts in taxes, declared Morton Tompkins, Master of the Oregon State Grange, in his annual message at the organization's annual convention which opened in Bend Monday.

Tompkins asserted that if the budget cuts in appropriations for Bonneville are allowed to stand, the initial impact will be felt by industry, but the full force of the blow will be felt by everyone in the Northwest in the form of increased unemployment, reduced incomes and purchasing power, and a lower level of economic activity.

Tax Opposition Asked

In his message, Tompkins asked the nearly 800 delegates to reaffirm the position of the Grange in opposition to the sales tax, pointing out that on

four previous occasions the people have refused to accept such a tax and that the present proposal is even more objectionable than any of its predecessors.

He asserted that Oregon does not need a sales tax to balance the budget; that the present proposal does not provide a dime of new revenue for schools, cities, counties or public welfare, and that it is a deliberate attempt to shift the tax load from the high income to the low income group. He also pointed out that it would hit hardest at farmers, who would be required to pay the tax on all feed purchased for livestock and poultry, and also on all equipment farmers would have to purchase.

Meet Ends Friday

The session will continue on through Friday of this week, with an address by W. M. Landess of the Tennessee Valley Authority to highlight the Tuesday morning session.

Wednesday morning the delegates heard Dr. Leo Christenson, nationally known authority on farm chemistry.

Langlois High School Holds Unusual Commencement Ceremonies This Year

One of the most unusual commencement exercises in Oregon high schools this year was recently conducted at Langlois high school. The commencement was entirely presented by the graduating class, and with the exception of Mrs. Margaret Hoffess who played the processional and recessional; the Rev. Elmer Rosenkilde, who gave the benediction and invocation; Principal Clarence Hagen and Chairman of the Board John Donaldson, it was all senior class talent.

Marjorie Cope with a four-year average of 96.7 delivered one valedictory address, and was followed by Ruth Donaldson who also had a four-year average of 96.7 who delivered the second valedictory talk of the evening.

The girls' glee club sang; the class will was read by Wayne Foster; Martha Crew read the class prophecy, and Betty Storm delivered a class poem.

Cheridah Galberth talked on the class "grumbler," and LaCretia Strain talked on the class "optimist."

Velena Zuppe delivered a talk on "Our Responsibilities," and Annabelle Strain gave the main talk of the evening on "Educate for Peace."

Miss Strain gave a clear and lucid talk on education and its power to make for peace in the world. She said that "The best weapon for peace is education."

LaCretia Strain, Velena Zuppe, and Annabelle Strain had an unusual four-year record in high school by being neither tardy nor absent in that time.

Eagles Convention Draws Many People

The district Eagles' convention Saturday and Sunday drew large crowds of Eagles from Southwestern Oregon to Coquille. Special buses were run to this city from various other towns in the district.

Special drills, initiation, and other lodge affairs were put on.

A pre-convention dance was well-attended by Eagles Saturday night in the Coquille Community building.

Mr. and Mrs. U. E. McClary returned Sunday night from a few days vacation trip at the Rogue.

Budget To Appear In Today's Paper

The 1947-48 budget for Coos county with its complete recommendations will appear in today's, June 5th, and next week's, June 12th, issues of the Sentinel.

It is the complete budget recommendation of the county budget committee as worked out by the budget group and the county court.

Though higher than last year, it is approximately half of the budget which was asked by various groups and departments in the county. The original demands on the county before paring by the budget committee stood at around \$1,000,000.00.

The hearing on the budget will be held tentatively on July 1st. If changes are made in the budget a new budget will be re-submitted to the people.

Safeway Adding Third Check-Stand

The Safeway grocery store is adding a third check-stand and cash register, Manager Eddie Neufeldt said today.

Rapid growth in business has made the addition necessary he said.

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