



Fall Election—Maybe

Present indications are that Oregon will have a special election some time next fall. The House tax committee is working on a proposal that such an election be called if its tax program is attacked by the referendum. It seems to be a foregone conclusion around the capitol that the cigarette tax imposing a levy of three cents on every package of cigarettes will be referred. Labor and farm groups have said that they will oppose this tax if it is referred. Furthermore there have been open threats of a referendum against the new income tax measure which is designed to carry the brunt of the increase necessary to balance the state budget. If a special election is called plans are under way for submitting an alter-

native plan of revenue raising to the voters. This would involve a state sales tax with the proviso that if this measure were approved exemptions under the income tax act would be increased so that persons in the lower income brackets would pay no income tax.

Voting Date Changed

Primary elections in Oregon will be held hereafter on the fourth Tuesday in June instead of the third Friday in May if the House follows the lead of the senate which this week passed the bill by a vote of 23 to 6. Principal opposition to the measure in the senate was based on the fact that June is a vacation month and many voters will be away from home at that time and unable to take part in the election. Another objection was raised to the fact that the bill provides for election of precinct committee members at the general election which will require that voters reveal their party affiliation at that time as well as in the primary election.

Basic School Fund

Two bills which propose a new formula for distribution of the basic school fund were the subject of a lengthy hearing before the

senate committee on education Monday. Both bills provide a substantial increase in the equalization factor of the formula under which this fund is distributed. Supporters of the bills argued that it is the responsibility of the state to provide education for its youngsters and that under this theory the money should be taken from those areas in which the greatest wealth exists and distributed where the children live. Opposition to these measures came largely from Multnomah county and from eastern Oregon counties with high assessed valuations in proportion to their school populations.

No Strawberry Board

A heavy frost nipped the proposed strawberry board at a meeting called by a small number of growers, packers and advertising agents here last week. There were too many growers who didn't want any truck with such a board and were willing, if necessary, to put up the money to defeat such an organization. They claimed they would be taxed to pay all the advertising bills to sell the finished product marketed by the processors.

Proponents of the scheme said the opposing growers were uninformed concerning the proposed board and efforts to organize will be started again next year. Opponents answered that they would be prepared to fight such an attempt as they were informed as to how similar boards operated in other states and with other products.

Press Room Yack

"How come reporters?" queried a legislator in the senate press room between sessions this week. He seemed naive. His question was an encroachment upon a reporter's Socratic premises—to ask questions. And here was an august senator asking personal questions.

He started a crossfire with reporters and lobbyists, who were newsmen once upon a time. What they revealed—and they'd bet on it, was that more than half of all newspaper men got the urge to become reporters from writing for school papers.

Also that 50 per cent of all reporters have only a high school education; 25 per cent have graduated from schools of journalism and the other 25 per cent are college graduates. That 70 per cent of Western editors shy at hiring graduates from journalism schools. When looking for a reporter they scout for one who writes what the late Joseph Pulitzer called "newspaper english."

MANY PEOPLE ENJOY LONDON CONCERT

Many Coquille people enjoyed the George London concert in Coos Bay high school on Sunday which was the last of the series for the current year. Among them were Mrs. M. O. Hawkins, Misses Inez and Leah Rover, Mrs. Ray Hunsaker, Mrs. Earl Leslie, Mrs. Annie Fennell, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Earls and Frank Alvarez.

Fifteen Coquille Seniors Slate Visit To Oregon State Campus

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis—Fifteen seniors from Coquille high school will visit Oregon State college this weekend for a preview of college educational opportunities and student activities.

The program gives graduating seniors a chance to explore career possibilities in the various fields of study and to get acquainted with college life. Talks with staff members in the various schools on job prospects are part of the program.

At OSC, the senior weekend is known as "Beaver Preview" and is part of the program conducted by all state system schools. Sen-

iors are guests in the OSC living groups.

Special events include student entertainment shows, a style show, dances, boxing, and track and baseball contests.

Local seniors who have notified OSC they will participate are listed below. Others may be included since all seniors have been invited.

Students include: Daryl Atkinson, Robert Brooks, Chris Christensen, George Clayton, Paul Clayton, Virginia Cox, Dale Fisk, Ronald Finley, John Hunt, Earl Khuen, Louise Jenkins, David Morton, Jerry Russell, Ken Trahen, and Weldon Spangler.

Two More Medical Lectures Scheduled For Health Association Series

Two remaining lectures on the current series of the Coos County Tuberculosis and Health association are scheduled for April 26 and May 3, it was announced today by Mrs. Arthur Royce, Health Education chairman.

On Tuesday, April 26 in the Marshfield High visual education room, Dr. W. W. Baum will talk on "What is AMA?" On May 3 Dr. M. K. Carothers, president of the Oregon Physicians Service, will talk on "Prepaid Medical Care Programs" in the Bangor Multipurpose Room in North-Bend. Both meetings start at 8 p.m.

The meetings are open to the public, and everyone is invited to attend.

TAKE GRANDDAUGHTER HOME TO WALDPOR

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blum took their granddaughter, Deborah Jean to her home at Waldport last week. The little girl, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blum, spent two weeks here and is now busy getting acquainted with a new baby sister who was born last month.

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WORDS OF THOUGHTS



BUT LET'S FACE IT...



Mainly About People

FORMER RESIDENTS VISIT RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and son, former residents now living at Eugene, were recent guests at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Berlyn Billings.

JACK BUCKLES HAVE TWINS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Buckles of North Bend are parents of twins, a boy and girl, born April 12 at that city. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Buckles, former Coquille residents who now own and operate the North Bend Confectionery.

LOCALITES RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. R. C. Anderson and Mrs. Helen M. Anderson arrived home recently from a three week's vacation trip to Southern California where they visited friends and relatives.

TAKES FATHER HOME

Mrs. Harley Bradley drove her father, Thomas Smith to his home at Long Beach, Calif. recently. Mr. Smith had been visiting here since last fall.

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